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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Ron Thompson

Brother Knights,

During the past year with the pandemic we all have had our lives affected. Our meetings have gone virtual as well as not getting together for socialization. Virtual socialization has been a great way to keep in touch and meeting thus far.

This Month of November will continue in the same way. Our next business meeting will continue to be virtual and I feel that we need to continue to discuss the cost of mailing out the Shield as it can be found online. It can also be emailed out as an option. Emailing a link to be able to get to the shield or our web page seems to be another option in the future. The Bylaws state that the Shield is to be sent out in the mail. I believe that making this change is a necessity.

Please update your contact information with the financial secretary. fs7239@mikofc.org.

Please come and join us at this month's business meeting.

Grand Knight
Ronnie Thompson

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

By Ken Podgorski, PGK, DGK

Due to the Coronavirus, any upcoming events scheduled will be cancelled. Stay tuned with the Shield for information.

Bless those who risk their lives to help their community. Police, fire, doctors, nurses, EMTs, store associates, Amazon workers, and anyone else still working to make our daily lives better during this worldwide crisis.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, November 2, 2020
Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
**** Meeting Online / Phone Call-In ****

Thursday, November 12, 2020
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting -- 7:00 p.m.
**** Meeting Online ****

Shield Deadline:
Sunday, November 15, 2020
editor@kofc7239.org
(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)

**** Planning Meeting ****
(All are welcome)
Monday, November 30, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.
**** Meeting Online ****

**** Find us on Facebook ****

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LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies,

We're so happy to have Marie Bessler back with the Ladies! Welcome back Marie!

We had a real crazy October meeting online. We never intended for Mary Lou to feel like we didn't want her as Treasurer. She does a real good job and of course we voted her back in as Treasurer. Thank-you Mary Lou! We love you! So, the officers are: Mary Lou Stema-Treasurer, Bernie Turchin-Secretary, Yvette Ploskonka- Vice President, and Cindy Podgorski- President. All of you do a great job and I'm looking forward to working with you and serving you. Each member is so important to the Ladies Auxiliary!

I will be scanning the agendas and an updated roster and sending them to all the Ladies before the November online meeting. I will send the Ladies the agenda and updated roster in the mail to the Ladies without computers.

Planning on having an online virtual meeting on Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. Mary Thompson will send an email before the meeting to join. This time people without computers can join. Meaning phone calls can join in so we're hoping Mary Lou and Stefanie will join the meeting with their phones. I'm not sure how that works but I think Mary Thompson will call you to join in with your phones. So, stay by your phones during the meeting time and date.

If you haven't paid your yearly dues you can send Mary Lou \$5 in the mail.

We will be discussing charities at our November meeting, etc. Looking forward to seeing you all again!

We need to pray for our prayer list. We need to ask God to help us through this plague.

Happy November Birthday! Pat Nixon (28)!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Cindy Podgorski
President

CHAIRMAN NEWS

I don't have any activities planned for this month. I pray that everyone stays safe from the flu and the virus throughout the year.

Sincerely,
Jim Morrison

RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT FR. HEARY COUNCIL 7239 APPROPRIATE \$3,000.00 FROM THE MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT TO BE USED FOR GENERAL EXPENSES THROUGH THE END OF THE 2020 FRATERNAL YEAR.

**RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DARREN GRAY, PGK, FDD, FS
CRAIG MASSMAN**



FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

By Craig Massman

None this month..

SUPREME CHAPLAIN MONTHLY CHALLENGE

“Amen, I say to you,

whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Gospel for Nov. 22, Mt 25:40) St. Teresa of Calcutta observed that in the poor we can see Christ in a distressing disguise. Quite frankly, it can be difficult to see Christ in some of those who suffer. But we, by virtue of our baptism, are Christians on a mission: We are called not to ignore those who suffer, but to attend to their physical and spiritual needs. May we, my brother Knights, strive to recognize the face of Christ — however obscured it may seem — in the faces of the poor and suffering around us and respond to them with Christ’s love and compassion. Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to find a way to directly serve the poor, the sick, the needy or the imprisoned in some way, such as by serving in a soup kitchen. Second, I challenge you to join with your brother Knights in the Faith in Action Food for Families program to help feed the hungry in your midst. Questions for Reflection: Why is it so difficult at times to see Christ in every human person? What obstacles exist in your life that prevent you from being more aware and attentive to the serious needs of others? How can serving others help you see Christ in them?

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKET

By Craig Massman

Not sure if we will be able to do our Annual Christmas baskets this year due to Covid-19 and the kids not being in school. I hope to have more information for the December newsletter.

NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE UPDATES

By Marianne Podgorski, Editor

Just a reminder that any articles are due by the third Sunday of each month. I have an autoresponder set up to notify people via email when the Shield deadline is coming up. If you would like to be added to this notification, please drop me a line. Despite my best intentions, articles continue to be arriving in my inbox later than the deadline. Due to my increased hours working for Amazon, I have limited availability to work on the newsletter so I would appreciate everyone adhering to the deadline. Thanks to those that already do. If in doubt, send your article in early. It helps a great deal.

If you have been to the website lately, you will notice we are using the Knights of Columbus template. I would like to update the officer’s page. Everyone listed there should have a head shot photo as well as a brief bio, which may include how long you have been a knight or why you joined the knights or any other information you would like visitors to know about you. Please send your pictures and bio’s directly to me and I will update the page. In its current state, the council site looks unfinished.

Thank you.

PRAYER LIST

Clarence Bessler, Paula Bliss, Shirley Bliss, Callista Boleski, John Brehmer, Mary Brehmer, Holly Bush, Bob Carlisle, Paige Chamberlain, Dee Figg, Madeline Ford, Wallis Flynn, Jessie Giszczak, Paul Gray, Charlie Hamilton, Joanne Hamilton, Drew James, Mike Kapolka, Russel Kreinbring, Lori Leeman, Sharon McCoy, Maggie Meister, Dennis Menard, Rick Miller, Ed Novak, Yvette Ploskonka Ed Poplawski, Norman Podgorski, Patricia Podgorski, Callista Polasek (Meister granddaughter), Chris Peterson, Richard Salvatore, Ernie Scheid, Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie’s daughter-in-law), Dennis Szlag, Mel Szlag, Christine Tallman, Brenda Thomas, Donovan S. Turchin, John Turchin, Debbie Vaughn, Matt Ventimiglia, Greg Vetten, Regis Welsh, Jean Witkowski, Richard Witkowski.

And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services. Also please pray for the recently deceased, Don Bessler, Cindy Bertolini, and Terese Lamerato.

NOTE: Just a reminder. Please make sure to write names clearly so that I can add them correctly to the sick and deceased list.



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An Editor’s Exposé

I want to take this time to personally thank the Knights of Columbus, Father Heary Council, for allowing me to put together this monthly newsletter. Who am I? Well, let me tell you a most wonderful story, friends.

I just recently turned the big Five-O. For the past thirty years, I have crafted well-written stories and published over a handful of books. One non-fiction under my own name, one fantasy novel (M.A. Donovan), two non-fiction and five fiction books (Shelby Patrick). Living the dream here.

When I’m not working my day job at Amazon, you can also find me with a camera around my neck doing photo shoots (events, portraits, pets, special occasions, products, you name it). And now I’m delving into the world of film. It’s a whole new ballpark now. You need photos or videos? Let’s talk.

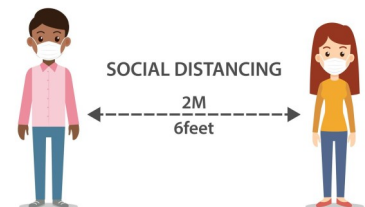
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/03 Charles Tiffany
11/03 Mark Tripp
11/03 Lynn Figg
11/09 Russell Joyce
11/11 Mike Higgins, PGK
11/15 Richard Salvatore
11/25 Stephen Orloski
11/26 Dave Soltis
11/27 Aldo Marchesi
11/29 Christopher Pasternak
11/30 Richard Waligora

**If we missed your birthday
or the date is wrong, please email
me at editor@kofc7239.org .
Thanks.**



NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 8pm Member Mtg	3 Happy Birthday Charles Tiffany Mark Tripp Lynn Figg	4	5	6	7
8	9 Happy Birthday Russell Joyce	10	11 Happy Birthday Mike Higgins	12 7pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	13	14
15 SHIELD DEADLINE Happy Birthday Richard Salvatore	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Happy Birthday Stephen Orloski	26 Happy Birthday Dave Soltis THANKSGIVING	27 Happy Birthday Aldo Marchesi	28 Happy Birthday Pat Nixon
29 Happy Birthday Chris Pasternak	30 7:30pm Planning Mtg Happy Birthday Richard Waligora					

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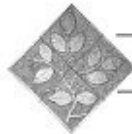
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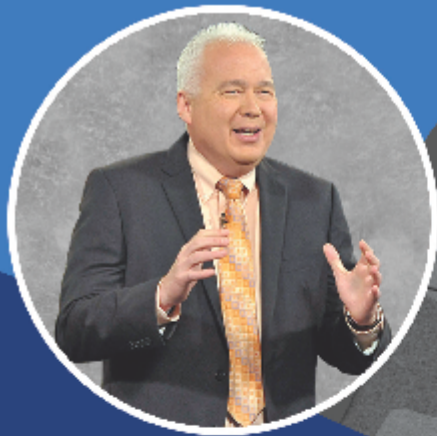
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WHERE	Virtual
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