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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Ron Thompson

Brothers,

We need your help this year with the Tootsie Roll Drive. I urge every member to help in any way that they can to support this year's **Columbus Weekend Annual MI Tootsie Roll Drive Friday October 11th, Saturday the 12th and Sunday October 13th**. If you can't hit the streets, we will have some other locations where you can be on post. If you can't help in any in those areas, then I ask that you consider a monetary donation. If you can't physically help this year please consider making a donation. Drivers are also needed for collecting from workers in the streets. We also need workers to count the donations.

If all able brothers were able to **help just a couple hours we could have a record collection this year**, think about it and if you have some time to help us with this act of charity. Help Gods special people who need our support.

I mentioned this last month that we should always be recruiting new members. With more active members we will be able to do more! E-membership is a great way to introduce catholic men to join the order. These men can then become active to help us with the drive this month. I have asked some men already to do this. Time is important to all of us. Time management is what makes us unique. You can help when you have the time. Soon we will be helping with coats for kids, food baskets, and other charitable programs. Will you help put a coat on a kid? Can you help by donating food for families? Can help in any way with ongoing church programs? Lets all work together and help out where we can.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

By Ken Podgorski, PGK, DGK

Well here it is, October already! This is going to be a busy month. First and foremost, we will be having our M.R. Drive, October 11th, 12th and 13th. We need all able bodied members to help work the intersections as well as members to collect in front of stores and businesses. The Ladies appreciation dinner will be on Friday October 18th at 5:30 pm at the council and all the Ladies are free and \$ 6.00 for the Men. Jim Morrison is hosting that event.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, October 7, 2019
Building Corporation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 10, 2019
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
At the Council

M-R Drive
October 11, 12, & 13
At the Council

Shield Deadline:
Sunday, October 20, 2019
editor@kofc7239.org
(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)

** Planning Meeting **
(All are welcome)
Monday, October 28, 2019 - 7:30 p.m.

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LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies,

Welcome to the new VP Mary Thompson! Looking forward to working with you and all the returning officers this year and, especially, all the Ladies! What a great Auxiliary!

We have started the year for donations to Project Hope; the Rosary; JDRF; and to help people who are suicidal- what a great start! Plus, we will be donating \$25 for Ladies funerals to Fr. Solanus besides the \$10 mass card.

Now we need to prepare for the Children's Christmas Party.

The MR Drive is October 11-13. Help if you can.

Don't forget to come and enjoy the Ladies Appreciation Dinner of spaghetti hosted by Jim and Dorothy Morrison on October 18th-Friday at 5:30 P.M.

We need to pray for our prayer list.

Happy October Birthdays to Pat Podgorski (13th), Mary Thompson ((17th), and Dee Figg (19th)!

Our next meeting is October 10th at 7:00 P.M. The hostesses are Pat Podgorski and Janice Polan.

Happy Halloween!

Cindy Podgorski
President

COFFEE & DONUTS

No coffee & donuts this month. The Ladies Appreciation dinner will be on Friday, October 18 from 5:30pm to 7:00 pm. Ladies are free and gents are \$6.00. The menu will be spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and deserts. Coffee, wine and water will be available.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

By Ron Thompson, G.K.

All members, I want you to know that every member had a reason for joining this council. I am asking for voluntary information to update our records. Please email me at gk7239@mikofc.org with your current email address, other contact information, marital status, wife's name, number of children, year of their birth to keep their age up to date, your occupation, and your anniversary. Are there things you would like to see us doing, like habitat for humanity, helping seniors with small jobs around their home, game night at the council. Hobbies? Finally why did you join the Knights of Columbus?

Thank you for being a member

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

By Darren Gray, FS

No report this month.

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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

Cindy Bertolini, Clarence Bessler, Don Bessler, Shirley Bliss, Callista Boleski, John Brehmer, Mary Brehmer, Holly Bush, Bob Carlisle, Paige Chamberlain, Madeline Ford, Wallis Flynn, Jessie Giszczak, 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, 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, Joyce Perpault, Emily Ramm, Marian Welsh.

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



Knights of Columbus “BENEFITS NEWS”

“SEPTEMBER IS LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS MONTH”

Raising Awareness about Life Insurance

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's the one month each year that the life insurance industry coordinates a campaign aimed at educating folks about the importance of life insurance and helping them get the coverage they need. I don't want to bore you with lots of statistics, but a recent survey from LIMRA (Life Insurance Marketing Research Association) found that only 59% of Americans own life insurance and about half of those are underinsured. (Although this report didn't say it, I've got to think these percentages are pretty much the same in Canada.) So that means that 70% of the population either has no life insurance or has too little life insurance.

So what does that have to do with the Knights? The historian, Christopher Kauffman, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book that he wrote on the 100th anniversary of our founding. That book, Faith and Fraternalism, notes on page 13, "...he [Fr. McGivney] was deeply interested in pursuing the topic of a Catholic fraternal insurance society among groups of Catholic laymen of New Haven." Then on page 35 Mr. Kauffman goes on, "...he [Fr. McGivney again] spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature...his emphasis on business was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family."

Fr. McGivney lived both the social and the financial insecurity of a desperate family, with the breadwinner suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings. He didn't want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament. That, and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order. Everyone who joined in those first years was insured; that was part and parcel of being in the organization. Now every member has a choice and every member should know what we do, and how we do it. Here's the process I use when I meet with families:

1. Discover – Identify & prioritize your financial goals
2. Gather Data – Collect facts & figures based on your current situation
3. Analyze – Input data, run calculations, identify shortfalls
4. Recommend – Propose a financial strategy designed to satisfy your goals
5. Implement – Choose a financial strategy and implement
6. Periodic Review – Review regularly, measure success, make adjustments

As you can tell, this is a painless process. But it can help any family, at any age, determine if they have blind spots in their coverage. It can help you avoid the pain of being underinsured. With a variety of life insurance products we offer we can help just about any person within any budget.

I don't know about you, but I don't want to buy life insurance...I want to buy what life insurance provides: no change in lifestyle for the survivors... in the house where they want to be. It'll pay for a daughter's wedding, a child's college education and much more. What does life insurance provide? Peace of mind, security, freedom from anxiety, a safeguard from the unknown.

That's where I can help.*Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense. Ask about our GUARANTEED LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES, LONG TERM CARE & DISABILITY INSURANCE

In Christ,

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/01	Scott Szeliga
10/02	Thomas Raona
10/03	Norm Podgorski, PGK, FDD
10/10	Timothy Oparka
10/15	Anthony Szeliga
10/15	Kenneth Pasternak
10/16	Leroy Proszkowski
10/20	Martin Smith
10/20	Renato Marchesi
10/20	Douglas Evans
10/23	Bernard Baumgardner

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy Birthday Scott Szeliga	2 Happy Birthday Thomas Raona	3 Happy Birthday Norm Podgorski	4	5
6	7 7pm Bld. Corp. Mtg 8pm Member Mtg	8	9	10 7pm Ladies Auxiliary Mtg. Happy Birthday Tim Oparka	11 M-R Drive	12 M-R Drive
13 M-R Drive Happy Birthday Pat Podgorski	14	15 Happy Birthday Anthony Szeliga Kenneth Pasternak	16 Happy Birthday Leroy Proszkowski	17 Happy Birthday Mary Thompson	18	19 Happy Birthday Dee Figg
20 SHIELD DEADLINE Happy Birthday Martin Smith Renato Marchesi Douglas Evans	21	22	23 Happy Birthday Bernard Baumgardner	24	25	26
27	28 7:30pm Planning Mtg	29	30	31 		

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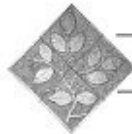
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