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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Ron Thompson

Brother Knights,

Due to the pandemic we are still meeting virtually. Same links as last month. This month we will be conducting our business meeting and will discuss an important Resolution. Please read the resolution. Times are tough on at the moment and dinners, and other social events will hopefully return. The meetings are a way to at least see or hear with each other. I Hope to see you at our monthly meeting, on the 1st Monday of the month in October.

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, October 5, 2020
Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
**** Meeting Online / Phone Call-In ****

Thursday, October 8, 2020
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting -- 7:00 p.m.
**** Meeting Online ****

Shield Deadline:
Sunday, October 18, 2020
editor@kofc7239.org
(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)

**** Planning Meeting ****
(All are welcome)
Monday, October 26, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.
**** Meeting Online ****

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

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LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies,

We're so sad to hear that Amber's mother passed away. Condolences to her and her family.

We had a real nice September meeting online. It was good seeing you Ladies even if it was online. Amber Thompson received The Lady of the Year award! She does such a good job with the Children's Christmas Party. We discussed voting of officers which we will be doing for October. Mary Thompson wants to step down as the Vice President so someone needs to run for VP. Of course, anyone who wants to run for any office is available. Yvette will be calling the Ladies about running for office. We also are sending our \$5 dues to Janice to put in the bank account. Plus, another dollar for raffles we can't hold online.

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

Planning on having an online virtual meeting on Thursday, October 8th at 7:00 p.m. Mary Thompson will send an email right before the meeting to join. We will be discussing upcoming officers, 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 October Birthday! Pat Podgorski (13), Mary Thompson (17), and Dee Figg (19)!

Happy Halloween!

Cindy Podgorski
President

CHAIRMAN NEWS

I don't have any activities planned for this month. However I do want to wish everyone and their families have remained in good health.

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 Darren Gray, FS

None this month..

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.

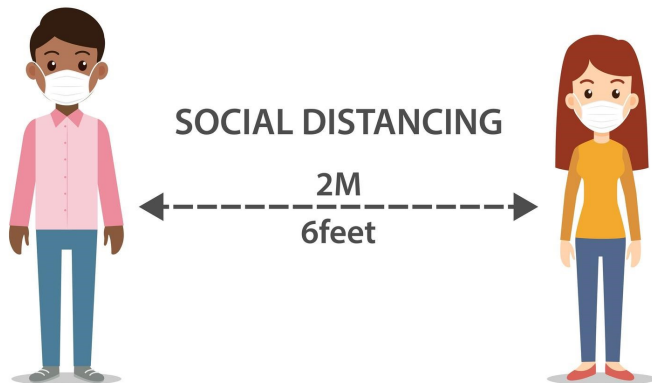
Thank you.

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, 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.



Knights of Columbus “BENEFITS NEWS”

“September is Life Insurance Awareness Month”

September is 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.

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/01 Scott Szeliga
10/02 Thomas Raona
10/03 Norm Podgorski, PGK
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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An Editor's Exposé

Due to COVID-19, we can't get out and do the things we used to do. Because of this, I am offering "social distancing" photos as follows:

\$15 — Porch Portraits
Pet Portraits — Starting at \$20
School Pictures — Starting at \$25

All sessions will be outside
(weather permitting).
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Marianne Podgorski



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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 8pm Member Mtg	6	7	8 7pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	9	10 Happy Birthday Tim Oparka
11	12	13 Happy Birthday Pat Podgorski	14	15 Happy Birthday Anthony Szeliga Kenneth Pasternak	16 Happy Birthday Leroy Proszkowski	17 Happy Birthday Mary Thompson
18 SHIELD DEADLINE	19 Happy Birthday Dee Figg	20 Happy Birthday Martin Smith Renato Marchesi Douglas Evans	21	22	23 Happy Birthday Bernard Baumgardner	24
25	26 7:30pm Planning Mtg	27	28	29	30	31

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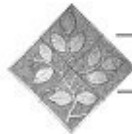
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