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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Sam P. Lamerato

Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

September was a busy month for the Knights.

On September 11th we held our monthly meeting. Many topics were covered, including the upcoming ice cream social on Thursday, September 14th. We also discussed the Ladies' Appreciation Dinner that will be held October 20th at 6:00pm at the K of C house. Also discussed was the Christmas dinner, which will be held this year on Monday, December 11th at 6:00pm. Along with the Christmas dinner, we will also light up our outdoor nativity, known as Light up Christ. Please mark your calendars now to hold these dates.

Our Council is purchasing 10 tickets for the 51st annual Detroit Catholic League Prep Bowl, which supports the Catholic League and Catholic education. Discussion was held and it was decided to donate these tickets to Bishop Foley High School.

Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring coffee and doughnuts after the 9:00am mass on October 8th. Please try to attend this mass and the coffee and doughnuts afterwards. We will have brochures available and hope to inspire more membership in our worthy organization.

We will be having one mass per month said at the 9:00am Sunday mass for members of the Knights of Columbus, both living and deceased. The mass dates are October 8th, November 12th, and December 10th.

We are helping sponsor the printing of the brochures for The Eucharistic Miracles of the World presentation about Blessed Carlo Acutis, a young man who passed away in 2006 in Italy and who is on his way to become a saint. This will take place at St. Vincent Ferrer Church on October 11th at 7:00pm, followed by a brief adoration and then a reception afterwards.

We will be seeking ads for the Shield, both new and renewed. If you have any leads, please pass them on to me.

Knight of the month for August was Glain Guilmette. September Knight of the month was Darren Gray.

After our September meeting many members stayed to enjoy the light meal and socialize. We plan to do the same for the October meeting, which will be held October 2nd at 7pm. Please join us and try to contact a Knight who may need assistance with transportation to and from the meeting and offer a ride. We need their support and wisdom!

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Sam P. Lamerato
Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, October 2, 2023

Membership Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 12th, 2023

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 20th, 2023

Ladies Appreciation Dinner – 6:00 p.m.

Shield Deadline:

Sunday, October 22, 2023

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(Usually 3rd Sunday of Month)

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LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies,

We are pleased to announce two new Ladies to our club! Meg Lamerato and Kathy Menard. Welcome Ladies!

We will be donating food to the St. Vincent De Paul food bank. So if you have anything to spare, bring it to the Ladies meetings or directly to the food bank. They are located at 12 Mile and Stephenson, next to the Dollar General and are open 10am to 1pm Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Ladies are asked to bring newborn diapers and/or wet wipes to meetings by December 8th for the Heart of Christ Clinic. See below article from the State First Lady, Julie Kolomjec.

Our phone committee has expanded to Marie Bessler.

The Ladies Appreciation Dinner is Friday, October 20th. Pasta, of course.

We are planning a Friday Night Dinner for November 10th at 6:00pm. Chili cookoff!!!

Happy October Birthday to Mary Thompson (17th).

Please pray for our Prayer List. Please pray for Randy Carlisle, Stefanie Olszewski, Ron Ploskonka, and Ronnie Thompson.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 12th. Hostesses are Marge McLaughlin and Cindy Podgorski.

Cindy Podgorski - President

Let's Help Heart of Christ Clinic

The Knights of Columbus are partnering with Detroit's oldest parish to bring a new women's health and pregnancy clinic to life in southwest Detroit. The purpose of the Heart of Christ Clinic is to put the pro-life teachings of the Catholic Church into action.

How can the Knights help? At the Winter Leadership Meeting in Grand Rapids the weekend of December 8-9, 2023, we will be collecting diapers and baby wipes to help stock the shelves of the clinic. Please consider donating packages of diapers (sizes newborn to nighttime) and/or baby wipes. The most economically priced diapers can be found at your big box stores (Sam's Club, Costco, BJ's). Diapers and baby wipes can be given to your District Deputy for him to deliver to the Winter Leadership meeting.

On behalf of the babies and moms we thank you!

Julie Kolomjec



PROGRAM CORNER


LADIES APPRECIATION DINNER

We will be hosting a pasta dinner on Friday, October 20th, 6:00pm, at the Council. This dinner is for **ALL** the Ladies that help support us as Knights. Mothers, daughters, spouses, etc. are all welcome to enjoy this dinner at no cost for them. Knights, you must pay \$7.00. © Dinner will consist of pasta with meat or marinara sauce, salad, bread, garlic bread, and dessert. I will also plan to make an arrabbiata sauce, for those that like a little more spice in their life.

Now, I may have heard some rumblings that people are tired of this dinner always being pasta. Not that they don't like pasta, but just thought it might be better to change it up for next year. I'm open to ideas for next year.

Sincerely,
Darren Gray, PGK, FDD

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PRAYER LIST

Ann Brunk, Larry Bunting, Randy Carlisle, Stephen Claya (John Claya's Grandson), Heather Lang, Edda Marchesi, Silvio Marchesi, Sharon McCoy (Ken Witkowski's Sister), Ron Ploskonka, Yvette Ploskonka, Stefanie Olszewski, Ernie Schied, Marie Szlag, Tony Szeliga, Ronnie Thompson, Matt Ventimiglia, Regis Welsh, Jean Witkowski, Ken Witkowski.

Also, please pray for the soul of Irene Raczynski, the mother-in-law of Doug Evans, who passed away in September.

NOTE: I have cleared out the Prayer List for the new year, except for those who have been added at the last meeting. If you wish to have someone added to this list, please send an email to: editor@kofc7239.org

And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services. Also please pray for the recently deceased.

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



**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN**

Knights of Columbus “BENEFITS NEWS”

LAWS and RULES of the ORDER

The laws and rules of our Order, as well as state (provincial) laws, specify that the Knights of Columbus may accept insurance applications only from Knights of Columbus members. As a member, you may apply for insurance on yourself, your wife and your dependent, minor children.

The Order’s Board of Directors has taken action, though, to assure that a brother Knight’s widow maintains the right to purchase additional insurance for a limited time. This can be of great benefit and comfort to those we leave behind.

This “right to apply” is available only to the widows of insured members. If a member has not availed himself of our top-rated life insurance program, or purchased an annuity or long-term care policy, Disability Insurance, this benefit is not available to his widow.

But if the member was an insured member, his widow has the right to apply for additional insurance on her life and on the lives of the member’s minor children. This right can be exercised for up to one year following the Order’s receipt of proof of the insured’s death.

Know two things. First, I’ll assist your widow and children in any way possible if you should die, both with your Knights of Columbus insurance and any other life insurance you may have. Second, I’ll provide them my best professional advice and service, to assure that they continue to have adequate insurance protection.

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL UPDATE

By Jim Morrison, PGK

I want to thank all of those that came to the Ice Cream Social last month. We have ice cream and toppings left over plus cherries and Redi-Whip which was overlooked. Perhaps we can use them after our meetings and/or the Ladies Appreciation Dinner.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

**10/01 Scott Szeliga
10/10 Tim Oparka
10/15 Kenneth Pasternak
10/15 Anthony Szeliga
10/20 Doug Evans
10/20 Renato Marchesi
10/20 Martin Smith**

LADIES AUXILIARY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/17 Mary Thompson

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

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy Birthday Scott Szeliga	2 <i>7pm Member Mtg</i>	3	4	5	6	7
8 <i>Coffee/Donuts after the 9am Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer (sponsored by the Knights)</i> Memorial Mass – 9am at St. Vincent Ferrer	9	10 Happy Birthday Tim Oparka	11 <i>The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Presentation – 7pm at St. Vincent Ferrer</i>	12 <i>Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – 7pm</i>	13	14
15 Happy Birthday Kenneth Pasternak Anthony Szeliga	16	17 Happy Birthday Mary Thompson	18	19	20 Happy Birthday Doug Evans Renato Marchesi Martin Smith <i>Ladies Appreciation Dinner Meeting – 6pm</i>	21
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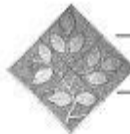
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