

# THE SHIELD

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# GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE By Darren Grav, PGK

Brother Knights, Vivat Jesus!

Our Grand Knight, Glain, is currently on his trip to Germany, so I'm filling in for the article.

As we move further into the new Fraternal Year and slowly getting back to 'normal' from the pandemic, it's time to start thinking about new ideas for the council. What are some programs that you would like to see the council do? Social Events? Dinners? Spiritual Programs? If you have any ideas/suggestions, please contact your Grand Knight, or any of the officers. Or better yet, come to one of our meetings during the month. We have two meetings each month on the first and second Mondays. All are welcome. (NOTE: The second meeting is more informal and a great time to bring forth ideas.)

And I'm sure Glain would want to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Labor Day weekend!

Fraternally, Darren Gray, PGK District Deputy

#### WHITE PAINT NEEDED

The Building Corp is looking for white paint to use at the council. If anyone has any white paint left over, laying around the house and would like donate it, please bring it up the council. WHITE PAINT ONLY please!

#### NO ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER

I do want to wish that everyone had an enjoyable summer vacation. - Fraternally, Jim Morrison

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

TUESDAY, September 6th, 2022 Membership Meeting - 7:00 p.m. \*\* Meeting In-Person at Council\*\* NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!

Thursday, September 8 10, 2022 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting -- 7:00 p.m. \*\* Meeting In-Person at Council \*\*

\*\* Planning Meeting \*\*
(All are welcome)
Monday, September 12th, 2022
\*\* Meeting In-Person at Council \*\*

Shield Deadline: Sunday, September 18th, 2022 editor@kofc7239.org (Always 3rd Sunday of Month)

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#### LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies!

I'd like to thank everyone for their prayers and support for my husband Ken.

I want to welcome the officers this year: Mary Lou Stema – Treasurer; Bernie Turchin – Secretary; Amber Thompson – Vice President; Cindy Podgorski – President.

Another year to look forward to just like that! I am looking forward to another great year starting in September. Out next meeting will be September 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, at 7:00pm. Hostesses will be the Officers. Remember Ladies, you make our club happen! Thanks for your dedication. Can't wait to see you all again.

Please continue to pray for our prayer list.

Happy August 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Lisa Gray! Happy September 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday to Nancy Oparka!

Happy Labor Day!





# **Pilgrim Icon Rosary Prayer Service**

By Darren Gray

THANK YOU!!! To all of you who showed for the Icon service last month. While I hoped for a better turnout from the parish, the turnout from the Knights was great! Thank you!

## McGuire v. Maguire: Who Founded Labor Day?





Who first proposed the holiday for workers? It's not entirely clear, but two workers can make a solid claim to the Founder of Labor Day title.

Some records show that in 1882, Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, suggested setting aside a day for a "general holiday for the laboring classes" to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that machinist Matthew Maguire, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday.

Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, New Jersey, proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York.

According to the New Jersey Historical Society, after President Cleveland signed the law creating a national Labor Day, the *Paterson Morning Call* published an opinion piece stating that "the souvenir pen should go to Alderman Matthew Maguire of this city, who is the undisputed author of Labor Day as a holiday." Both Maguire and McGuire attended the country's first Labor Day parade in New York City that year

#### PRAYER LIST

Mike Higgins, Heather Lang, Silvio Marchesi, Sharon McCoy (Ken Witkowski's Sister), Yvette Ploskonka, Ken Podgorski, Norman Podgorski, Patricia Podgorski, Ernie Schied, Marie Szlag, Jeanette Szeliga, Tony Szeliga, Matt Ventimiglia, Regis Welsh, Jean Witkowski, Ken Witkowski

**NOTE**: If you wish to have someone added to this list, please send an email to: <a href="mailto:editor@kofc7239.org">editor@kofc7239.org</a>

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

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"**

#### **Disability Insurance Awareness Month.**

A Founding Notion: Protecting the Breadwinner's Income

While jobs may be safer in 2022, accidents, injuries, and illnesses that can impact your ability to work still happen. Most, in fact, do not happen on the jobsite or place of employment. Did you know that a 2011 study revealed that more than 95 percent of the long-term disability claims on file were not work related?

The Knights have always sought to protect members' families from the "loss" of a breadwinner. I'm sure you know all about Father McGivney's vision for our first, insurance program. But you may not know that Father McGivney also wanted to find a way to help members who couldn't work because of an illness. After all, the "loss" of the breadwinner does not have to mean that person's death; it can also mean the loss of the breadwinner's income.

Consider that loss for a moment. How would your family fare if a source of income suddenly stopped? Could a dual-income family manage on one income stream? What about young families with a working father and a mother who cares for the children? What if his income halted due to an accident or illness?

I've heard some people say they have coverage at work, but too many aren't sure what this coverage entails, how much income it would provide or for how long. Having this protection counts for something, certainly, but it isn't "yours"; it's provided by the company for which you work at their discretion. It could be eliminated tomorrow.

That's where a personally-owned disability income insurance product, like Income Armor, comes into play. It can offer valuable income replacement in the event of an injury or illness. If you have a job, you must know about this coverage.

I'd like to meet with you in your home, at your convenience. I'll work with you to make sure your family is protected. As a brother Knight you can trust, I'll take the stress and worry out of the buying decision.

\*Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense.
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#### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09/01 Rev. John Esper

09/05 Joe Miller

09/07 Joseph Longo

09/08 Mark Bliss

09/09 Christopher Wier

09/16 Gary Pace

09/18 David Notarianni

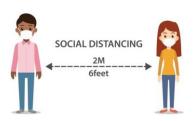
09/26 Ricky Haranczak

09/30 Michael Kapolka

#### LADIES AUXILIARY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

09/01 Nancy Oparka

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



# SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy Birthday Rev. John Esper Nancy Oparka	2	3
4	5 HAPPY LABOR DAY! Happy Birthday Joe Miller	6 Meeting – 7pm At the Council	7 Happy Birthday Joseph Longo	8 7pm Ladies Mtg Happy Birthday Mark Bliss	9 Happy Birthday Christopher Wier	10
11 NEVER FORGET	12 Planning Meeting 7pm- At the Council	13	14	15	16 Happy Birthday Gary Pace	17
18 Happy Birthday David Notarianni	19	20	21	22 Happy 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Fall	23	24
25	26 Happy Birthday Ricky Haranczak	27	28	29	30 Happy Birthday Michael Kapolka	

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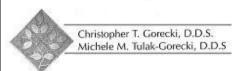
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