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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Sam P. Lamerato

Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Sam Lamerato, and in 1979 my father, John Lamerato, was one of the founding members of Fr. James B. Heary, O.P. Council No. 7239. I am a lifelong member of St. Vincent Ferrer Church, and I have always been impressed by the Knights of Columbus and the good they do in our community. Once I retired, I felt I had the time to serve by joining the K of C.

I was honored to be nominated and chosen to be Grand Knight of this worthy organization.

Our Council is facing declining membership, lack of meeting attendance and reduced fundraising activities, but our Council is not alone in these challenges. As Grand Knight, I am proposing some changes to help deal with these issues.

I am proposing that our council sponsors two or three of the coffee and doughnuts after 9am masses on Sunday at St Vincent Ferrer, having Knights and literature at a table and talking to perspective parishioners about joining our Council. Reaching out to our St Vincent DePaul committee and asking what we can do to help. Current Knights who attend meetings reaching out to our inactive members and reminding them of the meeting and offering them a ride. "Be a Knight – Bring a Knight". As a fundraiser we are looking into doing a Vacation Raffle and a corn hole tournament. Stay tuned for more information on these items.

On August 20th we had our Council picnic, and many attended. There was plenty of food, desserts, and fellowship. Special thanks to Craig Massman and Darren Gray, our chefs, and Joe Miller for purchasing

the corn. Thank you as well to all of the members who contributed side dishes and desserts.

September's meeting will be a week later, September 11th, due to the Labor Day holiday. We will be serving a light meal after the September meeting and hope you can join us for some fellowship.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Sam P. Lamerato
Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, September 8th, 2023

LADIES MEET AND GREET

7pm – At the Council

Monday, September 11th

Membership Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

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Thursday, September 14th, 2023

Ice Cream Social – 6pm

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – 7pm

Shield Deadline:

Sunday, August 20, 2023

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(Usually 3rd Sunday of Month)

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LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies,

Welcome back! Looking forward to another year. Our Meet and Greet is Friday, September 8th at 7pm. Ladies, please bring wine and appetizers to share. Our next regular meeting is Thursday, September 14th at 7pm. The officers need to bring refreshments.

Happy Belated Birthday to Lisa Gray (August 12th)

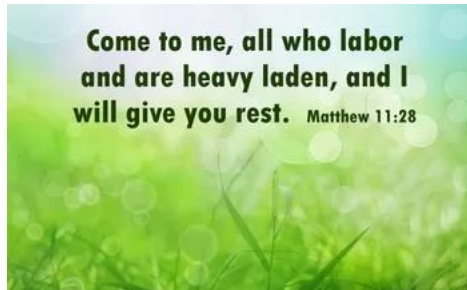
Happy September (1) Birthday to Nancy Oparka!

Please pray for our prayer list! We pray Ronnie Thompson is feeling better!

Cindy Podgorski - President



Labor Day Prayer – Published by St. Christopher’s Church August 29, 2019



On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor -in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name.

We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere.

May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity.

May our working and our resting all give praise to you until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in your Kingdom as you live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

PRAYER LIST

Ann Brunk, Larry Bunting, Stephen Claya (John Claya’s Grandson), Heather Lang, Edda Marchesi, Silvio Marchesi, Sharon McCoy (Ken Witkowski’s Sister), Ron Ploskonka, Yvette Ploskonka, Ernie Schied, Marie Szlag, Tony Szeliga, Ronnie Thompson, Matt Ventimiglia, Regis Welsh, Jean Witkowski, Ken Witkowski, Fr. Michel from Our Lady of Redemption.

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.



Knights of Columbus “BENEFITS NEWS”

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As a professional agent and a brother Knight, I have no greater responsibility.

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In Christ,

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL

By Jim Morrison, PGK

We will be holding our annual Ice Cream Social a little later this year, due to other events. The Ice Cream Social will be on September 14th, at 6pm, at the Council, before the Ladies Auxiliary Meeting. The price will be \$3.00 for those over 12 and \$2.00 for 12 and under. The usual assortments will be available. Please join us for an end-of-summer treat!!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**09/01 Rev. John Esper
09/05 Joseph 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**

LADIES AUXILIARY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09/01 Nancy Oparka

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

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy Birthday Rev. John Esper Nancy Oparka	2
3	4 HAPPY LABOR DAY!	5 Happy Birthday Joseph Miller	6	7 Happy Birthday Joseph Longo	8 Happy Birthday Mark Bliss LADIES MEET AND GREET 7pm At the Council	9 Happy Birthday Christopher Wier
10	11 7pm Member Mtg NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!	12	13	14 Ice Cream Social – 6pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – 7pm	15	16 Happy Birthday Gary Pace
17	18 Happy Birthday David Notarianni	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Happy Birthday Ricky Haranczak	27	28	29	30

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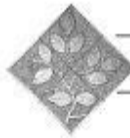
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