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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Ron Thompson

Brothers,

Happy Labor Day! September is here! School is back in session. Summer is over and next month is Tootsie Roll Time.

Membership is so important! We continually need to find new members to continue our good works. Everyone needs to find their replacements.

This last month we had our annual family picnic and our officer initiations were completed by Jerome Kunert, our new District Deputy. It was open to District 9 as a whole and I personally want to thank everyone who helped out making our picnic great this year.

My Family of the month for August is Mark and Allie Bliss who hosted this years event with the help of Jeremy and Sarah Bliss, and also Anthony Bliss PGK and his wife Paula. My Knight of the month for August is Jeremy Bliss. I'm very proud of the entire Bliss family for making the picnic a truly great family event this year.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

By Ken Podgorski, PGK, DGK

Thanks to Tony Bliss for taking on the KofC picnic. Not much happening in September. The ladies appreciation dinner is Monday October 14th and we will need a host for that event not sure if I'll be able to do it this year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 1, 2019
Coffee & Donuts

Monday, September 2, 2019
Building Corporation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 8, 2019
Corporate Communion - 8:00 a.m. Mass
St. Vincent Ferrer

Thursday, September 12, 2019
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
At the Council

Shield Deadline:
Sunday, September 15, 2019
editor@kofc7239.org
(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)

Sunday, September 29, 2019
5th Sunday Rosary - 7:00 p.m.
St. Vincent Ferrer

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

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

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LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies,

We're sad to see Marianna Welsh go. She's in a better place.

Another year to look forward to just like that! I am looking forward to another great year starting in September. Our next meeting will be September 12th, Thursday, at 7:00 p.m. Hostesses will be the Officers. Remember Ladies you make our club happen! Thanks for your dedication. Can't wait to see you all again.

We need to pray for our prayer list.

Happy August 12th Birthday to Lisa Gray! Happy September 1st Birthday to Nancy Oparka!

Happy Labor Day!

Cindy Podgorski
President

COFFEE & DONUTS

Coffee & Donuts will be after the 8:00 & 10:00 masses on September 1st.



FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

By Darren Gray, FS

I've been doing the 5th Sunday Rosary for a couple of years now. And I really appreciate all of the regulars that attend. I have been getting positive feedback every time that I do it. However, it would be nice to see some new faces. The next Rosary will be this month, Sunday, Sept 29th, at 7pm at St. Vincent Ferrer.

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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, Glain A. Guilmette, Shawn Guilmette, Mike Kapolka, Russel Kreinbring, Lori Leeman, Sharon McCoy, Maggie Meister, Dennis Menard, Ed Novak, Yvette Ploskonka Ed Poplawski, Norman Podgorski, Patricia Podgorski, Callista Polasek (Meister granddaughter), Chris Peterson, Emily Ramm, 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, 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.

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09/01	Rev. John Esper
09/05	Joseph Miller
09/07	Joseph Longo
09/08	Mark Bliss
09/18	David Notarianni
09/24	Michael Lehr
09/29	Kevin Pawlowski
09/30	Michael Kapolka

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

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Coffee & Donuts Happy Birthday Nancy Oparka Rev. John Esper	2 7pm Bld. Corp. Mtg 8pm Member Mtg	3	4	5 Happy Birthday Joseph Miller	6	7 Happy Birthday Joseph Longo
8 8am Corporate Com- munion Happy Birthday Mark Bliss	9	10	11	12 7pm Ladies Auxiliary Mtg.	13	14
15 SHIELD DEADLINE	16	17	18 Happy Birthday David Notarianni	19	20	21
22	23	24 Happy Birthday Michael Lehr	25	26	27	28
29 7pm 5th Sunday Rosary Happy Birthday Kevin Pawlowski	30 7:30pm Planning Mtg Happy Birthday Michael Kapolka					

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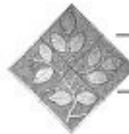
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