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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Ron Thompson

Brother Knights,

Happy Labor Day!

Due to the covid-19 pandemic we are going to keep safe and conduct business online.

We will have our September Business Meeting on Tuesday September 8, 2020 the day after our normal meeting. Meeting time is 8pm The week prior there will be the planning meeting . It starts at 7:30pm on Monday August 31.

I am hosting our meeting Virtually online. You should be able to join us by telephone call (Audio Only) or by use of the internet by using your browser or an app called Free Conference Call It works on both android and apple devices.

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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.

Let us pray for those stricken with the virus and for the ones who have lost their battle with it, and their families. Together, we will get through this.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Thursday, September 10, 2020
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting -- 7:00 p.m.

Shield Deadline:
Sunday, September 20, 2020
editor@kofc7239.org
(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)

**** Planning Meeting ****
(All are welcome)
Monday, September 28, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.
**** Meeting Online ****

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LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies,

Planning on having a September meeting on Thursday, September 10th at 7:00 P. M. The hostesses are the officers. We will follow the coronavirus guidelines of social distancing and masks. Remember if you don't feel safe don't come.

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 September Birthday! Nancy Oparka (1)!

Happy Labor Day!

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 will remain safe from the virus.

Sincerely,
Jim Morrison



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.

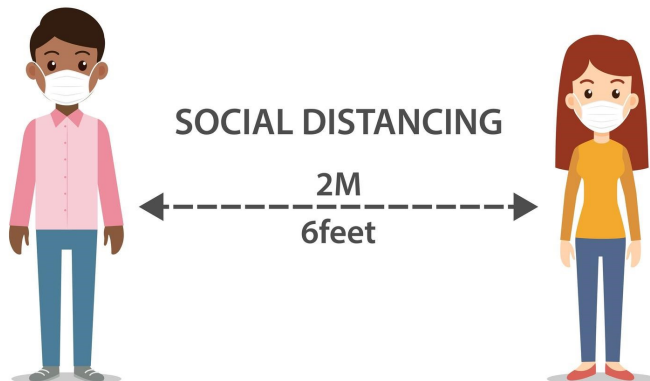
Thank you.

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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”

Life Insurance As a Gift?

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. “How morbid,” they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers – even while you’re alive. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse’s quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It’s a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

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An Editor’s Exposé

I want to take this time to personally thank the Knights of Columbus, Father Heary Council, for allowing me to put together this monthly newsletter. Who am I? Well, let me tell you a most wonderful story, friends.

I just recently turned the big Five-O. For the past thirty years, I have crafted well-written stories and published over a handful of books. One non-fiction under my own name, one fantasy novel (M.A. Donovan), two non-fiction and five fiction books (Shelby Patrick). Living the dream here.

When I’m not working my day job at Amazon, you can also find me with a camera around my neck doing photo shoots (events, portraits, pets, special occasions, products, you name it). And now I’m delving into the world of film. It’s a whole new ballpark now. You need photos or videos? Let’s talk.

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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 2020

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

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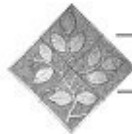
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