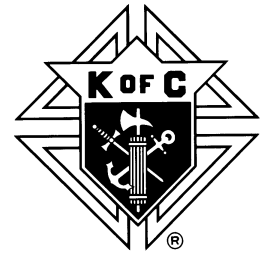




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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*By Glain Guilmette*

Brother Knights , here it is already April, that means the MI drive on the 7,8,&9th . We need every able and not so able bodied member to come out and help with our effort to raise money for our cause. Thank you to all those who have already volunteered, but we need every one to do something toward the drive, whether it's working the streets, the store fronts or the meal on Sunday.

We also have our Annual Banquet on the 29th. Hope to see all our members & friends there.

Wishing a Happy Easter to every one.

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

*By Ken Podgorski, PGK*

This month is the Anniversary Dinner Dance at Fr. Kramer Council on Sat. April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. If you don't have your tickets for the Anniversary Dinner at \$27.50 per person contact Ken Podgorski at 313-805-9918 or e-mail @ [ken.podgorski@yahoo.com](mailto:ken.podgorski@yahoo.com) and pick them up at the April Council meeting. There are 55 people signed up. We are also having the coffee & donuts Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Pancake Breakfast on April 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Vincent . Anyone wanting to help with the Pancake Breakfast or the coffee & donuts should contact Jim Morrison at 248-585-2324. The MI drive will be April 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> try to do your best and help out. Have a happy Easter.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coffee & Donuts  
Sunday, April 2, 2017

Monday, April 3, 2017  
Building Corporation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

All Aboard for the  
"Tootsie Roll Drive 2017"!  
April 7, 8, & 9, 2017  
Potluck on Sunday, April 9th  
5:30 p.m. at St. Vincent

Pancake Breakfast  
Sunday, April 16, 2017

Ladies Birthday Celebration  
Thursday, April 20, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.  
Plato's Coney Island (12 Mile/Dequindre)

**Shield Deadline:**  
**Sunday, April 16, 2017**  
**[editor@kofc7239.org](mailto:editor@kofc7239.org)**

Officers Meeting  
Monday, April 24, 2017 - 7:30 p.m.

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**LADIES AUXILIARY***By Janice Polan, President*

Happy Springtime to all. There will be no regular meeting in April. Instead, the Ladies will hold a birthday celebration for their current and active members on Thursday, April 20th, at 6:00 pm at Plato's Coney Island on 12 Mile/Dequindre. Our "Lady of the Year" award will be presented at the dinner. There is no cost per member to attend, however, to offset a portion of the cost for the Auxiliary, donations may be made towards a \$20 gift card prize for the restaurant. Please let Janice know if you are planning to be there.

Please remember to pick up Meijer store gift cards or give a monetary donation for our Mackinac Island raffle basket in support of Holy Cross Children's Services. The deadline for donations will be the end of April to allow me sufficient time to assemble the "Let's Shop at Meijer" basket prior to our May meeting.

Election of Officers will be held at our May meeting. If you are interested in running for an office, or nominating one of our Ladies, please contact Committee Chair Yvette Ploskonka.

Thank you to all that plan to participate in the Tootsie Roll Drive and/or Appreciation Potluck Dinner to be held on Palm Sunday, April 9th, for our Knights and their families. If you still need to sign up to provide a food item, please contact Janice to see what is needed. Your support is greatly appreciated. Remember to continue to support our Knights with their monthly activities.

Wishing all a blessed Easter holiday.

**IMPORTANT INFO!**

If you are receiving this newsletter by mistake and are no longer a member, please contact Norm Podgorski at (248) 546-3730 or normpod@wowway.com to be removed from the mailing list. Thanks.



**TOOTSIE ROLL WEEKEND**

Our "Tootsie Roll" weekend for the mentally impaired is approaching. It will be on April 7, 8, & 9, 2017. As you probably know, the majority of the money collected is given to the M.R.A.W. for its use throughout the year, especially at Christmas time.

We are asking all of you who are able to give us a couple hours of your time and help us collect these needed funds. Maybe you could take a box to work and set them out asking for donation, or possibly by making a small contribution to the council in memory of a loved one. We realize that due to health, work, and many other commitments, many cannot help with our collections for the fundraiser. Whatever you could do would be appreciated, not only by your council, but by the special people we eventually help.

If you would like to make a personal donation, fill out the form below and mail it, along with your check made out to KofC 7239, to our council. Please note Tootsie Rolls on the envelope.

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**Tootsie Roll Donation**

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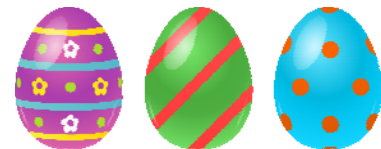
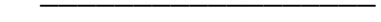
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**And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services. Also please prayer for the recently deceased, including William Rearick.**

**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”

**April 15 - tax day** - is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax savings vehicle. A secondary approach is to tout the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? **How does a retirement income that you cannot outlive - guaranteed – sound to you?**

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As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about one thing you can do to help yourself – opening a Knights of Columbus annuity. It's reasonably priced (\$300 to start), guaranteed, and controlled by someone you trust – you!

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*An Editor's Exposé*

Some of you may or may not know that I'm in still in the process of starting my photography business. All Knights members, their families, and military personnel receive 50% off my rates, so why not take advantage of this?

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### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04/01 Silvio Marchesi  
04/02 John Turchin, PGK, FDD  
04/04 Thaddeus Zakrzewski  
04/04 Robert Pasternak  
04/05 Richard Witkowski  
04/14 Craig Marion  
04/17 Francis McFall  
04/19 Timothy Kujawa  
04/22 John Hanser  
04/27 Timothy Pompo

If we missed your birthday  
or the date is wrong, please email  
me at [editor@kofc7239.org](mailto:editor@kofc7239.org) .  
Thanks.



# April 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1  Happy Birthday Silvio Marchesi
2 Coffee & Donuts Happy Birthday John Turchin	3 7pm Bld. Corp. Mtg 8pm Member Mtg	4 Happy Birthday Thaddeus Zakrzewski Robert Pasternak	5 Happy Birthday Richard Witkowski	6	7 	8 
9 	10	11	12	13	14 Happy Birthday Craig Marion	15
16 <b>SHIELD DEADLINE</b>  Pancake Breakfast	17 Happy Birthday Francis McFall	18	19 Happy Birthday Timothy Kujawa	20 6pm Ladies Dinner	21	22 Happy Birthday John Hanser
23	24 7:30pm Officers Mtg	25	26	27 Happy Birthday Timothy Pompo	28	29 6pm Anniversary Dinner
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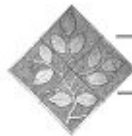
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