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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*By Glain Guilmette*

Brother Knights,

Thank You to all the Knights Ladys family and friends who helped with our MI drive Palm Sunday weekend.

There is going to be an open forum meeting to discuss the future of our Council house on Saturday April 7th at 12:00 pm , all members of our Council are invited to attend , we need your input.

All members who have not yet paid their dues for 2018 please get them in as soon as possible or contact Darren Grey .

I wish everyone a Happy Easter.

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

*By Ken Podgorski, PGK, DGK*

This month is the Anniversary Dinner Dance at Fr. Kramer Council on Sat. April 28th at 6:00 p.m. We are also having the coffee & donuts Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup> . Anyone wanting to help should contact Jim Morrison at 248-585-2324.

Hope you had a Happy Easter.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coffee & Donuts  
Sunday, April 1 & 15, 2018  
After 8:30 & 10:30 masses

Monday, April 2, 2018  
Building Corporation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 7, 2018  
Open Forum Meeting - 12:00 Noon  
At the Council

Thursday, April 12, 2018  
Ladies Birthday Dinner - 6:00 p.m.  
Madhouse Bar & Grill  
(Stephenson Hwy, south of 14 Mile Rd.)

**Shield Deadline:**  
**Sunday, April 15, 2018**  
**[editor@kofc7239.org](mailto:editor@kofc7239.org)**

Saturday, April 28, 2018  
Anniversary Dinner Dance -- 6:00 p.m.  
Fr. Kramer Council

Officers Meeting  
Monday, April 30, 2018 - 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 12th, at 6:00 pm at Madhouse Bar & Grill (located on Stephenson Hwy just south of 14 Mile). Our "Lady of the Year" award will be presented at the dinner. Please let Janice know if you are planning to be there.

The Ladies Auxiliary are still accepting monetary donations towards the Meijer Gift Card for the K/C State Convention on Mackinac Island Basket Raffle to benefit Holy Cross Children's Services. The deadline for donations will be the end of April to allow me sufficient time to assemble the "Meijer Card in a Frame" basket prior to our May meeting.

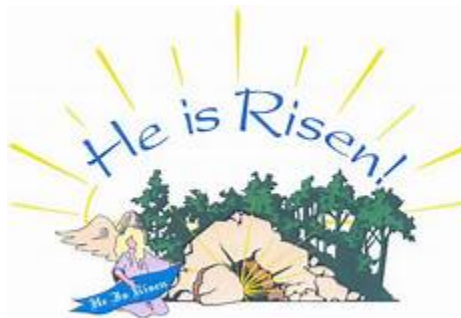
Election of Officers will be held at our May meeting. If you are interested in running for an office, or nominating one of our Ladies, please contact Committee Chair Yvette Ploskonka.

Thank you to all that participated in the Tootsie Roll Drive and/or Appreciation Potluck Dinner held on Palm Sunday. Your support is greatly appreciated. Looking forward to seeing many at the Anniversary Dinner on April 28th.

Hoping all had a blessed Easter holiday.

**COFFEE & DONUTS**

On April 1 and 15, we will host Coffee & Donuts after morning masses. Our Garage Sale will be held in August, and will need donations of items to sell. Keep us in mind.



## FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

By Darren Gray, FS

Brother Knights,

At the meeting, it was brought up that we need to start having a serious discussion about the future of our council, both from a membership standpoint and from a building standpoint. It's no secret that our membership is aging and that participation is dwindling. And with the need of some major renovations needed to the building (i.e. New roof, Windows, etc.), it is time to start the discussion on where we see the council in 5-10 years. With that, we are going to hold a series of open forum meetings. The first meeting will be held on Saturday, April 7th, at noon, at the Council. The forum is open to all members. And I cannot stress this enough, this is just a discussion. Any final recommendations will be brought to the council to vote on.

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### RESOLUTION

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT FR. HEARY COUNCIL 7239 ALLOCATE \$700.00 EACH TO TWO DELEGATES TO ATTEND THE 2018 CONVENTION ON MACKINAC ISLAND MAY 24,25 AND 26 2018**

**RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
GLAIN GUILMETTE  
NORM PODGORSKI**

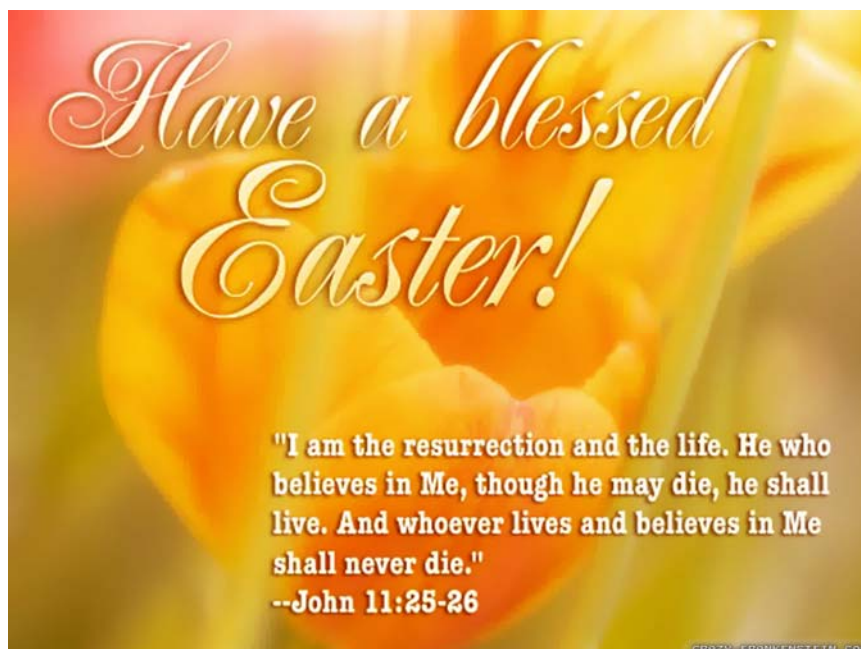
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**And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services. Also please prayer for the recently deceased, Helena Kachorek.**

**NOTE: Just a reminder. Please make sure to write names clearly so that I can add them correctly to the sick and deceased list.**

**From the Editor: The old Sick & Deceased List has been removed and replaced with an updated list from your last meeting. If you need someone added back to the list, please let us know. Thanks.**



## Knights of Columbus “BENEFITS NEWS”

### The Value of Membership Referrals#

As a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most is when one of my brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to me. This is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they were so pleased with what I helped them accomplish that they want me to help others achieve the same level of financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis that I provide.

Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they’ve never been asked and don’t know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own.

If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me or your Grand Knight. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It’s always more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don’t worry if the candidate is outside the area I serve or beyond the district of the local councils, we can make sure we put these future members in touch with the right people in their communities.

New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.55 billion to charity and provided in excess of 673 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential.

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### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04/01 Silvio Marchesi  
04/02 John Turchin  
04/04 Thaddeus Zakrzewski  
04/04 Robert Pasternak  
04/05 Richard Witkowski  
04/14 Craig Marion  
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 .  
Thanks.**

# April 2018

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

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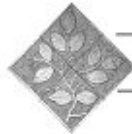
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