

THE SHIELD

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Sam P. Lamerato

Brother Knights,
Vivat Jesus!

On July 8th the Building Corp held their monthly meeting before our K of C meeting. Summary minutes of this meeting can be found in the Shield. With all the rain we received, the council house basement flooded several times. The floor drain backed up and caused the flooding. Thank you to all the Knights who stopped by and spent countless hours pumping out the basement and mopping up the floor. A plumber was called and tried to snake out the drain with no success. At the July 8th Building Corp meeting three topics were discussed 1) Reroofing the council house. 2) Installing a sump pump in the basement to help eliminate any more flooding issues. 3) Excavating and rebuilding the west basement outdoor entry wall which is failing. A resolution was put forth to move \$25,000.00 from the money market account to the K of C checking account to fund these improvements. Any funds left over will be returned to the money market account. This resolution will be voted on at the August Meeting.

A euchre tournament fundraiser is being considered for October or early November. Darren Gray will have more details at a future meeting. A request was made to use the social hall at St. Vincent for this fundraiser.

A discussion was held about helping to support the Madison Family Planning - Image of Christ pregnancy center. I met with the manager of the center, and she gave me a tour of the building and explained all they do to assist expectant mothers. More discussion on this will take place at the August meeting.

Save these dates - The K of C officer's appreciation steak dinner was rescheduled and will be held on Friday, August 16th at 6:00pm. The cost for non-officers and guests is \$10 per person. The picnic will be held on Sunday, August 25th at 1:00pm. Both events will take place at the Council house.

The Sunday, July 14th 9:00am mass intention was for the living and deceased members of the Knights. **The next scheduled mass for the living and deceased members of the Knights will be Sunday, August 11th at 9:00am. If you have a Knights of Columbus shirt, please wear it for this mass.**

The June Knight of the month was Ryan Thompson.

We are **still** seeking ads for the Shield, both new and renewed. If you have any leads, please pass them on to me. The yearly ad will cost \$60.00.

The August meeting for both the K of C and the Building Corp will be held Monday, August 5th. Please join us and try to contact a Knight who may need assistance with transportation to and from the meeting and offer a ride. We need their support and wisdom! Please stay after the meeting to socialize and have a quick bite to eat.

Fraternally yours in Christ,
Sam P. Lamerato
Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, August 5th, 2024

Building Corp Meeting: 6:15pm

Membership Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

**** Meeting In-Person at Council ****

**** RESCHEDULED Officer Appreciation**

Dinner/Installation of Officers **

(All are welcome)

Friday, August 16th, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

**** \$10 for Non-Officers ****

**** Council Picnic ****

(All are welcome)

Sunday, August 25th, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

Shield Deadline:

Sunday, August 18, 2024

editor@kofc7239.org

(Usually 3rd Sunday of Month)

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LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies!

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer! I am so excited to be your new president and looking forward to our meeting in September!

The Annual Family Picnic is on Sunday, August 25th at 1:00pm. I hope to see you there. **SAVE THE DATE!** Our first Ladies Auxiliary Meeting will be on Thursday, September 12th 2024 at 7:00pm. The officers will be hosting the meeting and will project the refreshments. Can't wait to see everyone there!

Happy Birthday to Lisa Gray on August 12th! Please continue to pray for those on our Prayer List.

Amber Thompson
 President

ATTENTION ALL LADIES!

The Ladies Auxiliary is having an Open House and First Meeting, on Thursday, September 12th, 2024, at the Council House, 30191 Dequindre, Madison Heights, MI 48071, at 7:00pm.

All wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of a Knight are eligible.

Light Refreshments will be served.

Please come and check us out, we are a very fun group.

Yvette Ploskonka

Hope to see you there!

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FR. JAMES B HEARY COUNCIL 7239 WITHDRAWAL \$25,000.00 FROM THE MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT FOR THE PURPOSE OF NEEDED RENOVATIONS TO THE COUNCIL BUILDING. THE FUNDS WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL GENERAL FUND AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE BUILDING CORP AS THE RENOVATIONS ARE COMPLETED. THE THREE MAIN RENOVATIONS ARE: NEW ROOF, FIXING OF RETAINER WALL TO THE BASEMENT ENTRANCE, INSTALLING SUMP PUMP INTO THE BASEMENT DRAIN. ANY REMAINING FUNDS WILL BE HELD IN THE GENERAL FUND UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR AND, IF NOT NEEDED, WILL BE RETURNED TO THE MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT.

SUBMITTED BY:

Samuel P. Lamerato, Grand Knight
 Tim Oparka, Treasurer – Building Corp.

INTERNATIONAL LEFT HANDERS DAY

Tuesday, August 13th, 2024

Brother Knights,

August is kind of a slow month. Not a lot going on, so I had to fill in the blanks. As such, I came across that August has the International Left Handers Day. And I know we have a few south paws in the group. So let's rejoice!

Here's just a little snippet from the website:

<https://nationaltoday.com/international-lefthanders-day/>

HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL LEFTHANDERS DAY

In a world dominated by right-handers, International Lefthanders Day on August 13 celebrates lefties and raises awareness on the issues faced by left-handers in their daily lives. The day was first observed by the founder of Lefthanders International, Inc. — Dean R. Campbell, in 1976. and has been celebrated every year since. From the 1600s, when left-handed people were thought of as being in cahoots with the devil, to the present day, they continue to face difficulties and challenges in accomplishing tasks.

The Left-Handers Club was founded in 1990 with the mission statement to keep members up to date with developments and to serve as a bridge between the views of left-handers and manufacturers. The club also provides help and assistance to those who require it, and they continuously conduct research on left-handedness and new items that can offer lefties increased ease of use. The number of members has been increasing with participants from all over the world since the club's formation. As of now, the club is highly regarded and revered as a pressure group representing all left-handers.

Continuing the tradition created by Campbell, the Left-Handers Club launched International Lefthanders Day as a part of their organization on August 13, 1992. The aim was to create awareness of the advantages and disadvantages of left-handedness. The holiday is now celebrated worldwide, with 20 regional events taking place in the U.K. alone to commemorate the day, including sports matches and parties. Some of the greatest people in history were/are left-handed, like Mother Teresa, Barack Obama, Walt Disney, Bill Gates, Charlie Chaplin, Mark Zuckerberg, and Albert Einstein, to name a few.

From your Left-Handed Editor



PRAYER LIST

Deloris Bail, Marie Bessler, Ann Brunk, Larry Bunting, Sherry Cajac, Randy Carlisle, Stephen Clay (John Clay's Grandson), Diane Emerick, Doug Evans, Alexander Hopcroft, Shirley Hopcroft (Dave's Mother), Heather Lang, Edda Marchesi, Silvio Marchesi, Sharon McCoy (Ken Witkowski's Sister), Duane McLaughlin, Mary Jo Miles, Ron Ploskonka, Yvette Ploskonka, Stefanie Olszewski, Ernie Schied, Marie Szlag, Tony & Jeanette Szeliga, Matt Ventimiglia, Regis Welsh, Jean Witkowski, Ken Witkowski.

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.



BUILDING CORP UPDATES

Lots of activity going on with the Building Corp these days. Right now, we need to have some serious updates to the council in order to continue to use it. Please see the resolution that is desperately needed to be able to get the new roof in place and issues with the plumbing finally resolved. Along with the retaining wall repairs.

Below are the current Hall Rental Guidelines that we voted on by the Building Corp. If you are renting the building, please adhere to these guidelines or future requests may be rejected.

Knights of Columbus

Fr. James B. Heary Council #7239

Hall Rental Guidelines/Checklist

1. For rental requests, please contact: Randy Carlisle: Cell: 248-703-4136 or Ronnie Thompson: Cell: 248-561-3360
2. Hall Rental can only be by a member, or spouse, of the Council. No exceptions.
3. Highly Suggested donation fee to the council is \$100 per day of rental.
4. NO Smoking/Vaping anywhere inside the building.
5. A calendar of taken dates will be posted downstairs, on the corkboard.
6. Tables/Chairs may be used but must be put back in their original locations at the end of the event.
7. If you use any of the paper goods, condiments, etc. Please replace them.
8. Beverages in the fridge may be used, but must be paid at the rates posted on the fridge. Place the money in the box in the fridge.
9. If you plan to use the gas grill, it is recommended that you bring your own propane. We can not guarantee that there is propane in the tanks in the garage.
10. If you use the outside tents, tear down tents and return to the garage at the end of the event.
11. No decorations should be taped/tacked to the walls.
12. Any dishes/cookware used needs to be cleaned, dried and put back at the end of the event.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 08/01 Edward Adams
- 08/08 Shawn Guilmette
- 08/09 Regis Welsh
- 08/15 John Claya
- 08/15 Martin Peklo
- 08/18 Ron Bertolini
- 08/19 James Green
- 08/22 Paul Palmer
- 08/25 Ricardo Moreyra
- 08/25 Kenneth Witkowski
- 08/26 Christopher Gorecki
- 08/30 Charles Hamilton

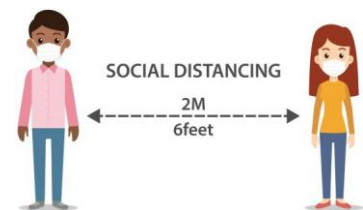
LADIES AUXILIARY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 08/12 Lisa Gray

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

End of Event Checklist:

1. Turn thermostat down to 60 degrees.
2. Empty garbage cans and put new bags in cans.
3. Take garbage out to the outside cans.
4. Put back tables and chairs in their original locations.
5. If using grill, clean the grates and put the grill back in the garage.
6. Close/Lock garage.
7. Make sure oven/stove is off, if used.
8. Turn off lights.
9. Close/lock all outside doors.
10. If you borrowed a key, please return the key within 48 hours of event.



AUGUST 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy Birthday Ed Adams	2	3
4	5 <i>6:15pm Building Corp 7pm Member Mtg</i>	6	7	8 Happy Birthday Shawn Guilmette	9 Happy Birthday Regis Welsh	10
11	12 Happy Birthday Lisa Gray	13	14	15 Happy Birthday John Claya Martin Peklo	16 STEAK DINNER 6:00pm	17
18 Happy Birthday Ron Bertolini SHIELD DEADLINE	19 Happy Birthday James Green	20	21	22 Happy Birthday Paul Palmer	23	24
25 Happy Birthday Ricardo Moreyra Kenneth Witkowski COUNCIL PICNIC 1pm at the council	26 Happy Birthday Christopher Gorecki	27	28 Happy Birthday James O Palmer	29	30 Happy Birthday Charles Hamilton	31

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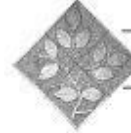
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