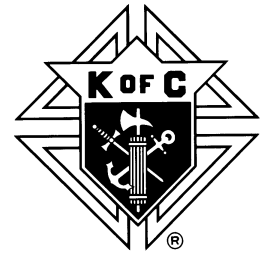




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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Glain Guilmette

Brother Knights ,

December is upon us again, which means we have a lot of work to get done.

Christmas shopping at Meijer is December 3rd at 7:00 am , wrapping will be at the Senior Center on John R.

The Christmas Baskets are going to be packed on the 16th at 9:00 am. Delivery is on Sat. the 17th at 8:00 am. Please come and help out if you can.

A list of all the parties for the MI kids should be included in this Shield .

Our Adult Christmas Party is on the 19 h at 5:30 pm. Everyone's help is needed to make this another successful Christmas season, please do all you can. Thank You !

The Light Up for Christ is on the 6th at 7:00 pm hope to see you there.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

By Ken Podgorski, PGK

Brother Knights, Merry Christmas!! This gets said every year, but December is the pinnacle of our year. All of the work that we do throughout the year comes together and goes into action this month. And, on top of it all, we get to have a little fun. See the front of the Shield for dates/times of all of the events. Also see the insert for the dates/times of all of the MRAW events. If you haven't been to one of these events, I highly recommend that you attend. It is important that every member see the good works that is done by our council. If you are planning on helping out with the food bas-

kets please give Craig a call. The Knights Children's Christmas Party is December 4th. If you have children that still want to go Contact Cindy Podgorski or Janice Polan.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Christmas Shopping for MI
Saturday, December 3, 2016 - 7:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 4, 2016

Coffee & Donuts

After 8 & 10 am Masses

Children's Christmas Party

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Monday, December 5, 2016

Building Corporation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

Thursday, December 8, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 18, 2016

After 8 & 10 am Masses

Shield Deadline:

Sunday, December 18, 2016

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Officers Meeting

Monday, December 26, 2016 - 7:30 p.m.

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LADIES AUXILIARY*By Janice Polan, President*

The Christmas holiday season is fast approaching, and as we keep busy with shopping, baking, decorating and religious events, please mark some important Auxiliary December dates on your calendar:

Sunday, 4th - Children's Christmas Party, 2-4 p.m. at the Council. Volunteers are welcome to help with crafts and food. Contact chairperson is Cindy Podgorski (Ken's wife).

Thursday, 8th - Ladies Meeting Night - This is our Christmas Potluck Dinner and Chinese Auction fundraiser in lieu of our regular meeting. Ladies' spouses and the Knights' officers/spouses are invited. Food items are still needed for the dinner. Contact Janice if you have not signed up to bring an item. Chinese auction item(s) should be wrapped or in a gift bag and preferably something nice you yourself would like to receive, ranging in cost from \$5-\$10. Ho-Ho-Ho: Feel free to wear festive clothing (santa hats, holiday shirts, jewelry, etc.) as we celebrate the Christmas holidays.

Additional dates and information for Knights' events regarding the MRAW shopping on Saturday Dec 3rd, MRAW children's Christmas parties, food basket deliveries, Christmas celebrations, etc., can be found in this newsletter.

Thank you to all that contributed a sweatshirt for Holy Cross Children's Services, and those that contribute or volunteer with the Knights' holiday food baskets and their Christmas parties for the disabled children. The spirit of Christmas lives in your hearts, and your service is truly appreciated.

Thank you to all the Ladies that contributed and or helped manage our bake sale in November, and especially to those that covered during my absence for a family wedding. I super appreciate ALL your help. We still have a few cookie kit jars available if you are interested.

Our next regular meeting will be Thursday, January 12, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. No one signed up to be the hostesses, so I am asking everyone once again to bring a small snack to share.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Paula Bliss (12/13)

Krys Higgins (12/29)

From Janice & her family to all the Ladies and their families, wishes for a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!!

COFFEE & DONUTS, PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEWS*By Jim Morrison, PGK, FDD*

December 4 will be Coffee & Donuts and December 18 will be Pancake Breakfast. There is always need for help with clean up with the Pancake Breakfast.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKETS

By Craig Massman

Just to give everyone an update on the Christmas Baskets. The kids at Hiller elementary will be conducting a can food drive again for us this year. We will be packing the boxes the morning of December 16th Friday, and delivering the baskets on December 17th Saturday. I will need drivers that Saturday morning. I would like the drivers to arrive around 8 AM so we can get their vehicles loaded and give them maps to their deliver sites. We will start delivering around 9 AM. I am working on getting some young help to carry the baskets for the drivers. I still need the following items.

Cake mix	Can of Frosting	Jar of Peanut Butter
Jar of Spaghetti Sauce	Box of Spaghetti pasta	Can of Tuna Fish
Bag of Cookies	Gift Certificates	

I ask that you sign-up to purchase a specific item and deliver them to our K. of C. Hall. This will be a huge help. We understand the expense and since we need approximately 30 of each item you may want to consider joining with a fellow Knight and purchase an item. I would like to provide each family with \$15 worth of gift certificates in \$5 increments. For those families with a large number of members I would like to provide extra gift certificates. So any cash donation you could make would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know which item you selected by either emailing me at craigmassman@gmail.com or call me on my cell phone at 586 506 8077.

SHOPPING FOR THE MI

Please help shop and wrap gifts to be distributed to the developmentally disabled during the Christmas holiday season. Over 800 items need to be purchased. Shopping will be at MEIJER on 13 Mile Road between John R and Dequindre roads. Wrapping will be done at the Senior Citizens Center on John R north of 12 Mile Road located on the east side of John R.

Meet at MEIJER on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016 at 7:00am SHARP. Bring family and friends. If you have any questions, please call Mel Szlag at 248-542-7950.

Also, help is needed to serve the mentally impaired on Wednesday, December 21 at the Lamphere Center located on 29685 Tawas at 12:00pm sharp, and at St. Vincent Ferrer on Saturday, December 17 at 12:00pm sharp. Chicken dinners will be served.

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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 Bob Germaine, Ted Huminski, Louis Mouyianis, Pierce Polasek, and Barbara Rossi.

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



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Knights of Columbus “BENEFITS NEWS”

“LTC Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle”

NOVEMBER IS LONG TERM CARE AWARENESS MONTH

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 15 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me. Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

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An Editor's Exposé

Just a reminder. Please make sure to send in your articles on or before (preferably) the deadline each month. I currently work two jobs and have certain days I can work with the newsletter. Plus, don't forget the holidays are upon us and the copy center is closed on certain days. This month, we had to call almost everyone ON the deadline because I had only received one article for the newsletter. We are all adults and should somehow make a note of the deadline and not have to be reminded constantly. Late articles will not go in; however, sometimes things happen and please don't get upset with me if your newsletter comes after the first of the month. If articles are sent in on time or early, hopefully everyone will receive their newsletter as scheduled. Thank you.

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/07 Frank Haranczak
12/11 Edward Castillo
12/16 John Marchesi
12/17 Dennis Menard
12/24 William Dixon
12/27 Ernest Sheid
12/27 Jim Morrison, PGK,
FDD

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



December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 7am MI Shopping
4 Coffee & Donuts 2pm Children's Christmas Party	5 7pm Bld. Corp. Mtg 8pm Member Mtg	6	7 Happy Birthday Frank Haranczak	8 7pm Ladies Aux.	9	10
11 Happy Birthday Edward Castillo	12	13 Happy Birthday Paula Bliss	14	15	16 Happy Birthday John Marchesi	17 Happy Birthday Dennis Menard
18 Pancake Breakfast SHIELD DEADLINE	19	20	21	22	23	24 Happy Birthday William Dixon
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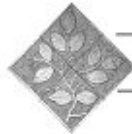
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