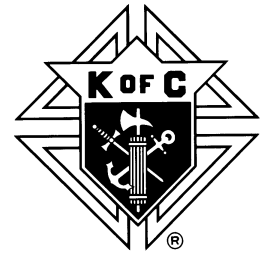




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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Glain Guilmette

Brother Knights,

Well here it is again , December, we will be assembling and distributing about 30 food boxes to the needy. If you want to donate food or help deliver the boxes please contact Craig Massman at 586-506-8077.

There will also be several parties for the Intellectually Disadvantaged, If you wish to attend or help with them please contact Mel Szlag at 248-542-7950.

There are still raffle tickets available for the Wheelbarrow of Booze , if you want tickets or wish to donate bottles of booze please contact me at 586-419-4641 or 586-949-2207.

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

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

By Ken Podgorski, PGK, DGK

Brother Knights, Merry Christmas. As we begin our busiest of all months, I ask that you consider joining us this month. December is the month that the Knights really shine. We will be shopping at Meijer for Christmas for MRAW, to pass out at the various Christmas parties planned. Please come and join us for the "Light up for Christ Night" at the council on December 5th at 7:30 pm. The Ladies Christmas potluck and Chinese Auction will be held on Thursday December 14th at 6:00 pm. ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY and CHEER RAFFLE Monday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m. Please support us with the Christmas Basket Program. The Children's Christmas party will be on Sunday December 10th from 2 – 4 pm, if going contact Cindy Podgorski or Janice Polan

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coffee & Donuts

Sunday, December 3 & 17, 2017

After 8:30 & 10:30 masses

Monday, December 4, 2017

Building Corporation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Light Up For Christ -- 7:30 p.m. at the Council

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Children's Christmas Party - 2-4 p.m.

Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Ladies Christmas Potluck & Chinese Auction

Shield Deadline:

Sunday, December 17, 2017

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Monday, December 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Adult Christmas Party & Cheer Raffle

Officers Meeting

Tuesday, December 26 , 2017 - 7:30 p.m.

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LADIES AUXILIARY

By Janice Polan, President

Our December meeting is a Potluck and "Chinese Auction". It will be held on Thursday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m. Ladies and their spouses, plus the Grand Knight and his spouse are invited. If you did not sign up at our November meeting to contribute a food item, please contact Janice to see what is needed. If you would like to participate in the "Chinese Auction", please bring a new item (ranging in price from \$5-\$10), preferably something you would like to receive yourself, and either wrap or place in a gift bag. Tickets to participate will be available at the dinner (16 tickets for \$5). Feel free to wear festive apparel as we celebrate the Christmas holiday.

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, thank you to all that contributed a sweatshirt for Holy Cross Children's Services, and to those that helped with the MRAW holiday gift shopping and/or holiday food baskets and boxes. The spirit of Christmas lives in your hearts, and your service is truly appreciated.

Happy December birthdays to Paula Bliss (13th) and Krys Higgins (29th). Wishing everyone a blessed and merry Christmas.

COFFEE & DONUTS

Coffee & Donuts will be held after the 8:00 and 10:00 am masses on December 3rd and 17th.— Fraternaly, James Morrison

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Knights are hosting a Children's Christmas Party for their families on Sunday, December 10, 2017, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Council. Children, grandchildren, nieces/nephews, ages 0-13, are invited to participate in a fun afternoon of caroling, holiday craft making, lunch/snacks, and a visit from Santa. Flyers with information and a reservation form will be available at the council (on the basement bulletin board), or you can request a copy from Janice Polan (Ladies Aux President) by calling 248/585-1573 or email janicem57.polan@gmail.com. Please be sure to turn in your reservation NO LATER than December 3, 2017.



FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

By Darren Gray, FS

None this month.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKETS

By Craig Massman

It's that time of year again... our Annual Christmas Basket Campaign. I will be chairing the event this year. I am asking for your continued support and cooperation in making this project a success. 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. The list of items needed is below. Please let me know which item you selected by either emailing me at craigmassman@gmail.com or leaving a message on my cell phone at 586.506.8077 so we don't have any duplicate items purchased. The food baskets will be packed during the day on Friday, December 15 and delivered on Saturday December 16 starting at 9:00 AM. If you can help deliver I would ask that you arrive at the Counsel hours between 8 - 8:30 AM

5 lb bag of Potatoes

Jar of Jelly

Jar of Peanut Butter

Can of Tuna Fish

Box of Macaroni & Cheese

Box of Candy Canes 1

Gift Certificates

Cake mix

Can of Frosting

Jar of Spaghetti Sauce

Box of Spaghetti pasta

Bag of Cookies

4 oz box of Cereal

MR SHOPPING/WRAPPING

Bring your family and friends and help us purchase items to be distributed to the developmentally disabled at Christmas parties. Over 600 gifts need to be purchased and wrapped that will be distributed to over 275 people during the Christmas holidays.

When: Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 7:00 a.m. sharp

Where: MEIJER on 13 Mile Road between John R and Dequindre Roads

Wrap: Venetian Club at 29310 John R north of 12 Mile Road (side entrance)

PRAYER LIST

Wayne Bessler, Sally Bliss, Callista Boleski, Bob Brunk, Bob Carlisle, Lynette Chandler, Dee Figg, Barbara Fisher, Wallis Flynn, Jessie Giszczak, Darren Gray, Glain A. Guilmette, Shawn Guilmette, Russel Kreinbring, Rachel McLaughlin, Sharon McCoy, Frank Meister, Maggie Meister, Dennis Menard, Ed Novak, Patricia Podgorski, Callista Polasek (Meister granddaughter), Sherri Primeau (Darren's mother-in-law), Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Michael Studebaker, Dennis Szlag, Ron Thompson, Donovan S. Turchin, Matt Ventimiglia, Marian Welsh, Regis Welsh, Jean Witkowski, Richard Witkowski.

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

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”

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

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/07 Frank Haranczak
12/11 Edward Castillo
12/16 John Marchesi
12/17 Dennis Menard
12/27 Ernest Scheid
12/27 Jim Morrison

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

December 2017

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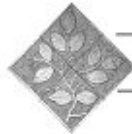
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