

# THE SHIELD

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By *Sam P. Lamerato*

Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

On November 4<sup>th</sup> the Building Corp met at 6:15pm before our 7:00pm K of C meeting. The minutes of this meeting will be available at the **December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

The euchre tournament fundraiser planned for November 16<sup>th</sup> was postponed. This tournament will be planned for a future date.

Darren Gray also reported that the Ladies Appreciation Dinner on October 25<sup>th</sup> was well attended, and the food and desserts were delicious. Once again thank you District Deputy Darren Gray who did a fantastic job preparing the delicious feast, and thank you to **all** who brought side dishes, desserts, and refreshments. Thank you to those who set up and cleaned up.

The building maintenance and clean-up of the K of C house and property was held Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am – noon. Unfortunately, we had only had two members show up. Thank you to Bob Pasternak and Tim Oparka for what you were able to accomplish that day. The building corp. has several inside repairs planned for our January building maintenance and clean-up (date to be announced). This work is necessary to keep our Council house in good working order. As I have said before, many hands lighten the load.

Save these dates –

**K of C members meeting December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**

**K of C Christmas party and light up Christmas will be Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.** This event will take place at the Council house. **If you plan on attending, please RSVP to the Grand Knight, Sam Lamerato at 248-885-1847 no later than December 10<sup>th</sup>. This will help with the hall set-up and ordering of food for dinner.**

**Christmas food baskets will be packed on Friday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am and delivered Saturday morning December 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am drivers are needed for deliveries.**

The Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, the 9:00am mass intention was for the living and deceased members of the Fr. Heary Knights of Columbus.

**The next scheduled mass for the living and deceased members of the Knights will be Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. If you have a Knights of Columbus shirt, please wear it for this mass.**

**The October 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.

**Note – The next meeting for both the K of C and the Building Corp will be held Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm . 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

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**LADIES AUXILIARY**

Hi Ladies,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! I want to thank everyone who helped with the Taco Night Dinner. The food was delicious, everyone had a wonderful time, and the dinner was very successful!

At our last meeting, the ladies made donations towards the Madison Heights Animal Shelter, the Madison Heights Food Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul, the Knights of Columbus Christmas Baskets, and gas gift cards for the Madison Heights Pregnancy Center. We also discussed contributing to the scarves, hats, gloves, and sock drive for Rorie Grant from St. Vincent Ferrer. As a reminder, the items for the drive are up to age 16, and please bring the items for the drive to the December Christmas Party.

The ladies also approved of the change in new membership in our by-laws. We continue to welcome new members to the Auxiliary-wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters of a knight, or Catholic women interested in the Auxiliary are eligible to join.

We are having our combined Christmas Party with the Knights on Friday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m. Please bring an appetizer and a new, wrapped \$10.00 gift for the raffle.

Our next monthly meeting will be on January 9th at 7:00 p.m. and the hostesses are Kris Higgins and Marie Bessler. Happy December Birthdays to Krys Higgins (29) and Kathy Menard (29)! Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!  
Amber Thompson-President



**CHRISTMAS BASKETS!!**

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. If you are able to help deliver the boxes please let me know. 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 \$20 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](mailto: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 21 and delivered on Saturday December 21 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

- Cake mix
- Can of Frosting
- Jar of Spaghetti Sauce
- Box of Spaghetti pasta
- Can of Tuna Fish
- Bag of Cookies
- Mac and Cheese
- Cookies
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Gift Certificates

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**MRAW SHOPPING**  
 Saturday, December 7th, 2024  
 7:00am at Meijer – 13 Mile Road, Madison Hgts – WEST Entrance

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**Memorial Mass**  
 Sunday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>  
 10am Mass – St. Vincent

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Monday, December 9th, 2024  
 Membership Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
 Building Corp – 6:15pm  
**\*\* Meeting In-Person at Council\*\***

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**K of C Adult Christmas Party / Light Up for Christ**  
 (All are welcome)  
 Friday, December 13th, 2024  
 Bring \$10 Gift, Wrapped, if you want to be part of the exchange

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**Food Baskets**  
**Packing – Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am**  
**Delivery – Saturday, December 21<sup>th</sup> – 8:30am**

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**Shield Deadline:**  
**Sunday, December 15th, 2024**  
**[editor@kofc7239.org](mailto:editor@kofc7239.org)**  
**(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)**

Deloris Bail, Marie Bessler, Gene Bosetti, Ann Brunk, Larry Bunting, Sherry Cajac, Randy Carlisle, Stephen Claya (John Claya's Grandson), Diane Emerick, Doug Evans, Alexander Hopcroft, Shirley Hopcroft (Dave's Mother), Heather Lang, 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.

Also, please pray for the Deceased: Charles Hamilton, Edda Marchesi, Regis Welsh, Fr. Bob Williams. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**NOTE:** I will be clearing out the Prayer List at the beginning of the year. If you wish to have someone added to this list, please send an email to: [editor@kofc7239.org](mailto: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.**



**BROTHER KNIGHTS PLEASE HELP  
THIS EVENT SPONSORED BY YOUR MADISON HEIGHTS KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS FR. JAMES B HEARY COUNCIL 7239. ALL PARTIES ARE  
LOCATED IN MADISON HEIGHTS**

Bring your family and friends and help us purchase items to be distributed to the developmentally disabled at Christmas parties. Over 200 gifts need to be purchased and wrapped that will be distributed to over 100 students during the Christmas holidays. All shoppers will receive shopping lists with items to purchase. Items will be taken to the Fr. Heary Council where you will wrap the gifts you purchased that will be delivered to 4 parties for the mentally impaired. Shopping is:

**When:** Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 7:00 a.m. sharp  
**Where:** MEIJER at 13 Mile Road east of John R – west entrance  
**Wrap:** Knights of Columbus Fr. Heary Council #7239 at 30191 Dequindre Road

Any Questions, call Mel Szlag at 248-542-7950

**2024 CHRISTMAS EVENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED  
SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FR. JAMES HEARY  
COUNCIL # 7239 MADISON HEIGHTS (MI = MENTALLY IMPAIRED)  
ALL PARTIES ARE IN MADISON HEIGHTS**

**Christmas Shopping At MEIJER In Madison Heights - 118 MI**

Date: Saturday, December 7, 2024 from 7:00a.m till 9:00a.m.  
At: 13 Mile Road East Of John R Road In Madison Heights  
Task: Purchase approx, 200 items/gifts for distribution at Christmas parties – HELP AT MEIJER 7:00am SHARP  
Contact; Ying Zang (Meijer), Mel Szlag (K of C)

**Christmas Wrapping At Fr. Heary Council In Madison Heights – 118 MI**

Date: Saturday, December 7, 2024 from 7:30a.m till 11:00a.m.  
At: 30191 Dequindre Road South Of 13 Mile Road in Madison Heights  
Task: Wrap, tag, box over 150 items/gifts for distribution at Christmas parties  
Contact: Mel (K of C) – 248-542-7950, 248-376-9144

**Christmas Party For Pre-Primary Impaired/Transition – 15 MI**

Date: Friday, December 13, 2024 from 9:30a.m till 11:30a.m.  
At: Simonds Elementary Learning Center at 30000 Rose in Madison Heights  
Task: Distribute individually wrapped gifts, provide Santa at 10:00am  
Contact: Marne

**Christmas Party For Early On Children – 33 MI**

Date: Friday, December 13, 2024 from 11:30a.m till 12:30p.m.  
At: Lessinger Elementary Early Childhood at 30150 Campbell in Madison Heights  
Task: Distribute individually wrapped gifts, Provide Santa at 11:30am  
Contact: Rachael

**Christmas Party For Special Needs Children – 9 MR**

Date: Friday, December 13, 2024 from 12:30a.m till 2:00p.m.  
At: Edmonson Elementary (special needs) 621 Katherine in Madison Heights  
Task: Distribute individually wrapped gifts, Provide Santa at 12:30am  
Contact: Rachael

**Lamphere Center And Page Christmas Party - 54 MI**

**Lamphere Cognitively/Emotionally Impaired – 7 MI (new)**

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024 from 11:00a.m till 2:00p.m.  
At: 29685 Tawas Street in Madison Heights  
Task: Distribute individual wrapped gifts, DJ, dinner, entertainment, Santa  
Eat at 11:15am, DJ at 12:30, Santa at 1:00pm  
Contact: Christie (Lamphere), Mel (K of C) 248-542-7950  
HELP NEEDED TO DISTRIBUTE FOOD AT THE BUFFET AT 11:15am



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

12/05 Jeffery Rossetto  
12/06 Frank Marchesi, Jr.  
12/11 Edward Castillo  
12/21 Nicholas Woodward  
12/27 James Morrison  
12/27 Ernie Scheid

**LADIES AUXILIARY  
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

12/29 Krys Higgins  
12/29 Kathy Menard

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

# December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 <b>Happy Birthday</b> Jeffery Rossetto	6 <b>Happy Birthday</b> Frank Marchesi, Jr	7 <b>MRAW Shopping/Wrapping</b> Meijer – 13 Mile – 7:00am
8 <b>Memorial Mass – 9am at St.Vincent Ferrer</b>	9 <b><u>6:15pm Bldg Corp Mtg</u></b> <b><u>7pm Member Mtg</u></b>	10	11 <b>Happy Birthday</b> Edward Castillo	12	13 <b>Adult Christmas Party / Light Up for Christ!</b>  <b>6pm at the Council</b>	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 <b>Food Basket Packing – 9am at the Council</b>	21 <b>Food Basket Delivery – 8:30am at the Council</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Nicholas Woodward
22	23	24	25 <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b>	26	27 <b>Happy Birthday</b> James Morrison Ernie Scheid	28
29 <b>Happy Birthday</b> Krys Higgins Kathy Menard	30	31 <b>New Year's Eve!</b>				

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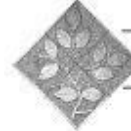
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