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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Glain Guilmette

Brother Knights,

The Free Throw competition was good this year. We awarded Regional medals to four students, they were boys 11 12 and 14 years old and one girl. Thank you to Darren Grey for chairing the event and his son and Jim Morrison for helping out.

February is going to be a fairly uneventful month other than the Officers Bowling Tournament on the 10th.in Lansing.

We are going to need a lot of help for our MI drive in March, if you can help in any way please contact me at 586 -419-4641.

I wish all my Brother Knights and their family's a very happy Valentine's day.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

By Ken Podgorski, PGK, DGK

Brother Knights, Please remember to RSVP if you are planning to attend the 39th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, April 28, 2018 @ \$27.50 per person with open bar and buffet dinner. Ken Podgorski needs to have a count soon. If you are going, please RSVP to: KEN PODGORSKI at 313-805-9918, or ken.podgorski@yahoo.com. Anyone wanting to help with the Coffee & Doughnuts on Sunday Feb. 4th please contact Jim Morrison at 248-585-2324. I am also looking for someone to cook the Corned Beef/Cabbage Dinner for our Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner in March.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, February 5, 2018
Building Corporation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

Coffee & Donuts
Sunday, February 4 & 18, 2018
After 8:30 & 10:30 masses

Thursday, February 8, 2018
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Shield Deadline:
Sunday, February 18, 2018
editor@kofc7239.org

Officers Meeting
Monday, February 26, 2018 - 7:30 p.m.

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Happy
Valentine's
Day

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LADIES AUXILIARY

By Janice Polan, President

Our regular meeting will be on Thursday, February 8th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. All attendees are welcome to bring a small snack to share. Please bring ideas for our April birthday celebration, fundraisers, and the Mackinac Island raffle for Holy Cross Childrens' Services.

Remember to support the Knights at their Anniversary Dinner in April. Reservations for the dinner can be made by contacting Ken Podgorski. (see details in the newsletter). Also, donated raffle prizes for the dinner would be appreciated.

Happy birthday to: MaryLou Stema (2/11), Cindy Podgorski (2/16), and Stefanie Olszewski (2/18).

Sending wishes for a Happy St. Valentine's Day.

COFFEE & DONUTS

Coffee & Donuts will be available after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM masses on February 4 & 18. — Fraternally, James Morrison

MEMORIES LAST A LIFETIME...

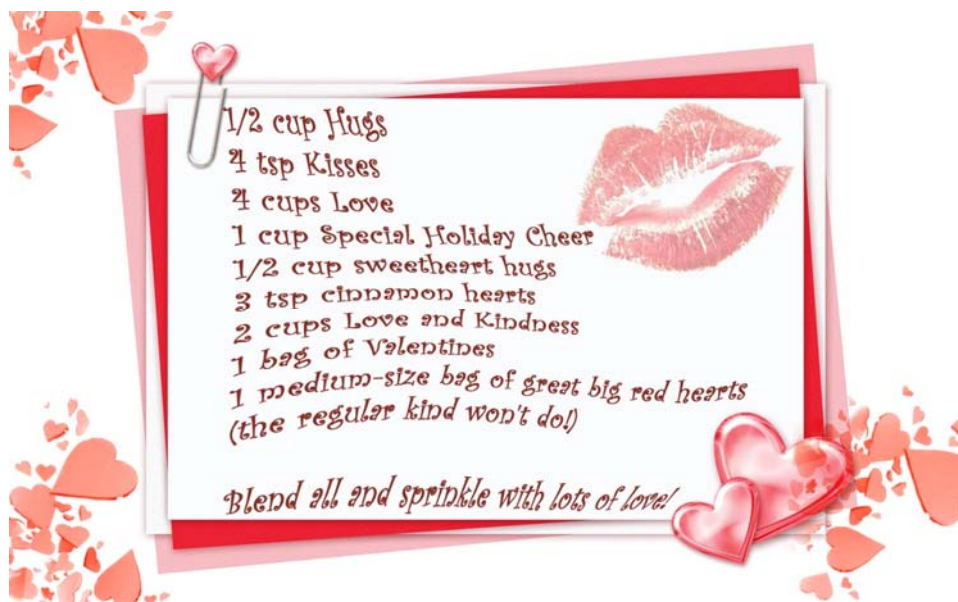
I just thought I would share with you some photos from a Valentines Day shoot I did. Anyone in need of pictures from an awesome photographer? Contact Marianne at 248-747-3762 or check out my portfolio at www.risingstormphotography.com. Thanks.



FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

By Darren Gray, FS

None this month.



VALENTINES DAY BY THE NUMBERS

- 62% of adults say they celebrate the holiday.
- 448 million dollars are spent on candy the week before February 14.
- 58 million pounds of chocolate candy are bought during Valentine's Day week.
- 36 million heart-shaped chocolate boxes are sold for the holiday
- 150 million Valentine's Day cards and gifts are sent each year
- 23% of adults say they purchase flowers or plants on Valentine's Day: 39% of these are women, 61% of these are men
- Men shell out an average of \$150 as opposed to women, who sell out about \$74.
- The top flower shop picks in order of sales are: mixed flowers, red roses, other roses, other flowers, and plants.
- U.S. towns with LOVE-LY names: South Heart, ND; Rose City, MI; Romeo, MI; Valentine, NE; Loveland, OK; Romance, AR; Loving, NM; Valentine, TX; Darling, MS; Love Valley, NC; and Lovejoy, GA
- 174,000 gallons of sparkling wine are sold throughout the week.

PRAYER LIST

Wayne Bessler, Sally Bliss, Callista Boleski, Bob Brunk, Bob Carlisle, Lynette Chandler, Dee Figg, Barbara Fisher, Wallis Flynn, Jessie Giszczak, Glain A. Guilmette, Shawn Guilmette, Russel Kreinbring, Rachel McLaughlin, Sharon McCoy, Frank Meister, Maggie Meister, Dennis Menard, Ed Novak, Norman Podgorski, 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”

Insurance check-up for 2018

Can you believe it will soon be 2018? I hope that 2017 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. It's said that time flies, and the older we get, the more that statement seems true. As we review the past year and prepare to welcome a new one, we wonder where the time goes.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for 2018. If I may, I'd like to make two suggestions regarding your resolutions. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. Writing a resolution down is the first step towards achieving it. Whether your goal is to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The “insurance check-up” that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – **guarantee**. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's (as they say in the credit card commercials) priceless.

**Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense.*

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In Christ,

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02/01 Francis LaPointe
02/06 Frederick Greaves
02/07 Ralph Merkel
02/08 Ibezi-Eneno Alexander
02/08 Louis Longo II
02/10 Joseph Marchesi
02/10 Edward Novak
02/10 Craig Massman
02/13 Timothy Morton
02/21 John Brehmer
02/23 William Hughes
02/24 Kevin Gruse
02/25 Scott Wesierski

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

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An Editor's Exposé

As most of you may or may not know, I am an author (with seven published books), a photographer, and a virtual assistant (personal or business). The holiday season is nigh upon us. Are you looking for a unique seasonal gift? Why not request a customized short story from me, or a personalized signed copy of one of my books? If you like mysteries, suspense, thrillers, or yes, even horror or science fiction or fantasy, then you will enjoy my creative worlds, and so will your recipient. Email me for details at editor@kofc7239.org. Please put in the subject of your email: Seasonal Gift.

Marianne Podgorski

February 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 Happy Birthday Francis LaPointe	2 	3
4 Coffee & Donuts	5 7pm Bld. Corp. Mtg 8pm Member Mtg	6 Happy Birthday Frederick Greaves	7 Happy Birthday Ralph Merkel	8 7pm Ladies Aux Mtg. Happy Birthday Ibezi-Eneo Alexander Louis Longo II	9	10 Happy Birthday Joseph Marchesi Edward Novak Craig Massman
11 Happy Birthday Mary Lou Stema	12	13 Happy Birthday Timothy Morton	14 	15	16 Happy Birthday Cindy Podgorski	17
18 SHIELD DEADLINE Coffee & Donuts Happy Birthday Stefanie Olszewski	19 	20	21 Happy Birthday John Brehmer	22	23 Happy Birthday William Hughes	24 Happy Birthday Kevin Gruse
25 Happy Birthday Scott Wesierski	26 7:30pm Officers Mtg	27	28			



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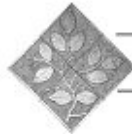
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