



# THE SHIELD

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*By Glain Guilmette*

I am so thankful to all of the Knights, Ladies, Families and Friends who worked so hard to make this another successful year for our Council. Whether it was raising money for our charities or to keep our Council house going or donating their time to work on our many charities, social events, house or grounds. Again thank you!!

I am looking forward to another year of working with all of you .

January begins another year of activities beginning with the Free Throw event. I am also scheduling a Corporate Communion and Memorial Mass this month.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

*By Ken Podgorski, PGK*

Dear Brother Knights, the first thing on the calendar for January is the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 15th at St. Vincent Ferrer Church after the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. masses. Please contact Jim Morrison if you want to help. Plans have not yet been completed for the Free Throw Contest later this month.

Although the Anniversary Dinner is not until April 29<sup>th</sup>, please get your reservations in to Ken Podgorski (ph. 313-805-9918, e-mail – [ken.podgorski@yahoo.com](mailto:ken.podgorski@yahoo.com)) as soon as you can so he knows how many people to plan for. We need at least 45 people and if we don't get it by the first meeting in March, we will cancel it! Finally, I would like to wish everyone a **Very Happy New Year**.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 2, 2017  
Building Corporation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting  
Thursday, January 12, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

District Meeting - January 14 - 9 a.m.  
St. Martin DePorres Parish  
31555 Hoover, Warren MI  
Hosted by St. Piux X Council

Sunday, January 15, 2017  
Memorial Mass/Corp. Comm. - 8 a.m.  
And Pancake Breakfast  
After 8 & 10 am Masses

**Shield Deadline:**  
**Sunday, January 22, 2017**  
**[editor@kofc7239.org](mailto:editor@kofc7239.org)**

Free Throw Contest  
Friday, January 27, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.  
Page Middle School

Officers Meeting  
Monday, January 30, 2017 - 7:30 p.m.

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Ron Thompson

**LADIES AUXILIARY***By Janice Polan, President*

Happy New Year! Our next meeting is Thursday, January 12th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Council. Since no one signed up as hostesses, I am asking each Lady that attends the meeting to bring a SMALL snack to share. I will provide beverages and paper products.

In the event of inclement weather during the winter months, please be advised that I will contact ALL members via phone call AND email notice if a meeting is cancelled. Please give me a call if you have questions or need help getting to a meeting.

Thank you to Cindy Podgorski and her crew for another successful Children's Christmas Party in December. Hoping everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year holiday season. Remember to continue to support our Knights and be sure to check the newsletter for upcoming events that may be scheduled.

Happy birthday to: Earlene Carlisle (1/1), Yvette Ploskonka (1/9), Janice Polan (1/14), Bernie Turchin (1/24), and Marge McLaughlin (1/24).

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

There will be no Coffee and Donuts on January 1 since that is New Year's day. The Pancake Breakfast will be January 15. Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and wish everyone a very Happy New Year. Stay safe and keep warm.

**RESOLUTION 2016**

**WE MADE A MOTION THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE A \$100 PER MONTH INCREASE IN RENT PAYMENT TO THE BUILDING CORPORATION DUE TO INCREASE IN TAXES, INSURANCE, AND UTILITIES.**

**SIGNED,****RANDY CARLISLE****JIM MORRISON****BOB PASTERNAK**

A decorative graphic with the words "Happy New Year" in a stylized, cursive font. The text is white with a red outline and is set against a red, cloud-like background.

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

By Darren Gray, FS

By now, you should have received the 2017 Membership Dues billing. For those that have mailed in your payment, I will be sending out the cards shortly. If you do not receive your card by January 8th, please contact me.

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### WINTER IS A KILLER: SIMPLE STEPS TO STAY SAFE

#WinterSafety

[http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/winter\\_safety.html](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/winter_safety.html)

On average, weather-related vehicle crashes kill 6,253 people and injure more than 480,000 each year, according to the Department of Transportation. Most of these accidents occur when the roadways are wet, snowy or icy. When the weather takes a turn for the worse this winter, take precautions if you have to be out on the roadways. Whether there is a coating of snow or ice on the roadways, or the asphalt just looks wet, SLOW DOWN! If the temperature is near freezing, drive like you're on ice - you may be!

While dangerous road conditions are one of the most deadly hazards during winter, it's not the only threat you may encounter. Other winter hazards include brutal cold, heavy snow and ice, dangerous flooding, extreme wind, and treacherous fog.

Nobody knows more about these weather hazards than NOAA's National Weather Service. Here is what we recommend you do this winter:

#### 1. Know Your Risk

Check [weather.gov](http://weather.gov) every morning before you leave home. It may be sunny in the morning but snowing in the afternoon. Be prepared.

#### 2. Take Action!

Prepare for an emergency. Write a [family communications plan](#) so that everyone in your life knows how to stay in touch. Also, assemble an [emergency supplies kit](#) for your home. Make sure you have 72 hours of food, water and other necessary supplies in your kit.

During a snow emergency, stay off the roads to allow emergency crews uninterrupted access to treat the roads, and if you must travel, allow extra time. Follow [weather.gov](http://weather.gov) to get the latest forecast information and expected conditions.

#### 3. Be A Force of Nature

You're an inspiration. Let people know that you have an emergency supplies kit and family communications plan - doing so will inspire others to action. Share your preparedness story on social media. Help the National Weather Service build a [Weather-Ready Nation](#).

## PRAYER LIST

Daryl Anders, Valeria Alexander, Jerry Beauchamp, Sue Bessler, Bea Boutillier, Mike Briggs, Nan Brown, Bob Carlisle, Mark Carlisle, Lynette Chandler, Betty Cookets, Sandy Coons, Bob Cox Noah Cranston, David Dinkins, Pat Edoff, Dee Figg, Lynn Figg, Barbara Fisher, Jodi Flynn, Wallis Flynn, Frederick Greaves, Mary Jane Guc, Charles Hamilton, Charles Hansel, Natalie Hunt, Gregory Karam, Steve Karam, Ed Kanigowski, Cathy Krenzer, Heather Lang, Robert Lebioda, Aldo Marchesi, Silvio Marchesi, Chris McCoy, Roger McCoy, Sharon McCoy, Frank McFall, Duane McLaughlin, Rachel McLaughlin, Catherine Meadows, Carol Miller, Ron Miller, Laurie Minda, Jim Palmer, Leona Peklo, Andrea Pena, Ken Piana, Ron Ploskonka, Marty Polini, Ed Poplawski, Judie Schanbeck, Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Walter Sionina, Gena Staszek, Michael Studebaker, Mark Smith, Mary Thompson, Donovan Turchin, Tyler Tupiak, Ann Tupiak, Ron Tarnowski, Lee Ventimiglia, Matt Ventimiglia, Ilene Wagely, Marian Welsh, Regis Welsh, Ted Wilk, Jean Witkowski.

**And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services. Also please prayer for the recently deceased, including Patricia Edoff, Ted Huminski, Susan Scarchilli, and Lori Stack.**

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



## Knights of Columbus “BENEFITS NEWS”

### “UPDATE YOUR BENEFICIARIES”

#### UPDATE YOUR BENEFICIARIES

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take, for example, the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it may very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your policies should be updated to reflect your spouse as beneficiary. Maybe you’ve had children since, who are not named on the policies.

Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary, an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – that is, the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I’ll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family’s needs.

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### THE MUSE

*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. 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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#### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01/01 Francis Meister, PGK  
01/04 Randall Dulecki  
01/06 Mario Rizzo  
01/09 Michael Briggs  
01/10 Joseph Palazzola  
01/12 Kenneth Jensen  
01/14 Timothy Wezner  
01/19 Richard Roeske  
01/20 Blasé Raona  
01/24 Ronald Binienda  
01/26 Randall Carlisle  
01/27 Donovan Turchin  
01/31 Timothy Thorn

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



# January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy Birthday Francis Meister Earlene Carlisle	2 7pm Bld. Corp. Mtg 8pm Member Mtg	3	4 Happy Birthday Randall Dulecki	5	6 Happy Birthday Mario Rizzo	7
8	9 Happy Birthday Michael Briggs Yvette Ploskonka	10 Happy Birthday Joseph Palazzola	11	12 7pm Ladies Aux. Happy Birthday Kenneth Jensen	13	14 9am District Mtg. Happy Birthday Timothy Wenzel Janice Polan
15 8am Memorial Mass Pancake Breakfast	16	17	18	19 Happy Birthday Richard Roeski	20 Happy Birthday Blasé Raona	21
22 <b>SHIELD DEADLINE</b>	23	24 Happy Birthday Ronald Binienda Bernie Turchin Marge McLaughlin	25	26 Happy Birthday Randall Carlisle	27 7pm Free Throw Happy Birthday Donovan Turchin	28
29	30 7:30pm Officers Mtg	31 Happy Birthday Timothy Thorn				



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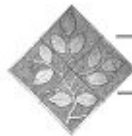
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