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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*By Glain Guilmette*

Brother Knights,  
No Grand Knight's message this month.

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## PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

*By Ken Podgorski, PGK, DGK*

Dear Brother Knights, the first thing on the calendar for January is Coffee & Donuts on Sunday, January 7, 2018. Please contact Jim Morrison if you want to help. Plans have not yet been completed for the Free Throw Contest later this month. Fr. Heary Council #7239 is holding their 39th ANNIVERSARY DINNER on Saturday April 28, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at Fr. Kramer Council, located at 7900 Bernice in Centerline (first stoplight about 3 blocks South of I696 off of the west side of VanDyke). Ticket price is \$27.50 per person. Includes two meat buffet, dessert, beer, wine, juice and soda pop, and a DJ for your dancing pleasure. Also, if you prefer It is okay to B.Y.O. B. Some hard liquor will be provided. PLEASE RESERVE THIS DATE AND HELP US CELEBRATE. FOR TICKETS CONTACT: Ken Podgorski @ (313) 805-9918 or [ken.podgorski@yahoo.com](mailto:ken.podgorski@yahoo.com) and fill out the signup sheet located on the table down stairs. I'd like to thank Janice and Cindy for putting on a very successful children's Christmas party and Emily Ramm for also helping out at the event. Also a big thanks for Tony and Paula Bliss for being Santa and Mrs. Santa at this successful event.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**\*\* Tuesday, January 2, 2018 \*\***  
Building Corporation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

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Coffee & Donuts  
Sunday, January 7 & 21, 2018  
After 8:30 & 10:30 masses

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Thursday, January 11, 2018  
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

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**Shield Deadline:**  
**Sunday, January 21, 2018**  
**[editor@kofc7239.org](mailto:editor@kofc7239.org)**

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Officers Meeting  
Monday, January 29, 2018 - 7:30 p.m.

**\*\* Find us on Facebook \*\***

**Happy  
New Year!**

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| Frank Meister    | Lynn Figg         |
| John Turchin     | Darren Gray       |
| James Malley     | and               |
| Peter Kuester    | Ron Thompson      |

**LADIES AUXILIARY**

*By Janice Polan, President*

The holidays are over and the Winter weather season continues. Our next meeting is on Thursday, January 11, 2018, at 7:00 pm at the Council. A small snack is welcome by any attendees. In the event of severe weather, you will be contacted via email and/or phone call if a decision is made to cancel any meeting.

A special thank you to Cindy & Ken Podgorski, Emily Ramm, Bernie Turchin, my husband Gene, and Tony & Paula Bliss for a very successful and magical Children's Christmas Party. Your help and support for this Knight's event was super appreciated.

Happy January birthdays to Earlene Carlisle (Jan 1), Yvette Ploskonka (Jan 9), Janice Polan (Jan 14), Marge McLaughlin (Jan 24) and Bernie Turchin (Jan 24).

Wishing all families happiness and good health in the New Year. And stay Warm!!

**COFFEE & DONUTS**

Coffee & Donuts will be held after the 8:00 and 10:00 am masses on January 7th and 21st.— Fraternaly, James Morrison

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Children's Christmas Party was held on December 10th. Everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Claus (the Bliss family). Sixteen younger children, three teens, and 29 adults attended.



## FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

*By Darren Gray, FS*

None this month.

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## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKETS

*By Craig Massman*

I am happy to report that our annual food baskets for the needy were delivered Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. We delivered 26 baskets to families in need of help. I appreciate all the help and donations from may bother Knights and Ladies Auxiliary. I would especially like to thank Regis Welsh's daughter for organizing the can food drive at Hiller elementary school and Regis's Grandson Jason for having members his hockey team come and help the brother knights carry the boxes of food. Without them it would have been a much more difficult task.

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## COMMON NEW YEARS SUPERSTITIONS & CUSTOMS

- **Kissing at Midnight:** Besides sharing a moment of celebration, we kiss those dearest to us at midnight to ensure those affections will continue throughout the year. Failing to kiss our significant others at the stroke of twelve will set the stage for a year of coldness.
- **Stocking Up:** Do not start the year with bare cupboards. Larders must be stocked up and plenty of money placed in wallets to guarantee prosperity.
- **First Footing:** The first person to enter your home after the stroke of midnight will influence the year you are about to have. Blonde and redhead first footers bring bad luck and women bring disaster down on the household. The first person to enter your home after midnight should be male, preferably good looking, and possibly bearing gifts.
- **Nothing Goes Out.** Nothing, absolutely nothing (not even garbage), is to leave the house on the first day of the year.
- **Laundry:** No laundry is to be done on the first day of the new year, lest a member of the family be washed away (die) in the coming months.
- **Food:** Eating black-eyed peas on New Years Day brings good fortune. Do not eat chicken or turkey on that day lest, like the birds in question, the diner will fate themselves to scratch in the dirt all year (bring poverty down upon themselves).
- **Loud Noise:** Make as much noise as possible, not only to celebrate but to scare away evil spirits.

## 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”

### 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 policy holders 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*

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](mailto:editor@kofc7239.org). Please put in the subject of your email: Seasonal Gift.

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### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01/01 Frank Meister  
01/04 Randall Dulceki  
01/06 Mario Rizzo  
01/09 Michael Briggs  
01/10 Joseph Palazzola  
01/12 Kennen 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](mailto:editor@kofc7239.org) .  
Thanks.**

# January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy Birthday Earlene Carlisle Frank Meiser	2 7pm Bld. Corp. Mtg 8pm Member Mtg	3	4 Happy Birthday Randall Dulecki	5	6 Happy Birthday Mario Rizzo
7 Coffee & Donuts	8	9 Happy Birthday Yvette Ploskonka Michael Briggs	10 Happy Birthday Joseph Palazzola	11 7pm Ladies Aux Mtg.	12 Happy Birthday Kenneth Jensen	13
14 Happy Birthday Janice Polan Timothy Wezner	15	16	17	18	19 Happy Birthday Richard Roeske	20 Happy Birthday Blasé Raona
21 <b>SHIELD DEADLINE</b> Coffee & Donuts	22	23	24 Happy Birthday Marge McLaughlin Bernie Turchin Ron Binienda	25	26 Happy Birthday Randall Carlisle	27 Happy Birthday Donovan Turchin
28	29 7:30pm Officers Mtg	30	31 Happy Birthday Timothy Thorn			



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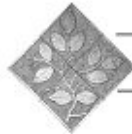
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