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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Ron Thompson

Brother Knights,

This is my last report to you as your Grand Knight. I want to thank everyone for all of the support that you have given me over the last two years, especially my officers and the Ladies Auxiliary. Without your help, my term would have been a lot harder.

We will be having a new District Deputy, Thanks to Worthy Past District Deputy Harry Deneweth and we welcome our own member Darren Gray, who is our next new District Deputy. Please give support to our new Grand Knight Glain Guilmette and all of the new officers. If you are asked to accept an appointed office, please do so. We need every ones support this coming fraternal year.

I am very happy with the progress that we have made as a Council, but there is still more to be done. I will continue to work with the new officers to help in any way that I can to keep the Council moving forward. If we make Star Council again this year, it will not come as easy again. New members will not just fall into our laps, we did add some new, very active members and there is potential for more in the near future. And as you know, we have lost Brother Knights this last year, please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Lastly, I also believe Membership is key and we must find our replacements for the future of our order. Let's set the bar for one new member per month this fraternal year and years to come.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

By Glain Guilmette, DGK

Well here it is July already , this month is the Ice

Cream Social. All are welcome . The cost is \$3.00 per person , unless you are 12 or under.

We are still having the Coffee and Donuts. Check with Jim Morrison for dates or if you want to help.

If you have items for the Garage Sale next month, please bring them in when you can or contact an officer for when to deliver them.

Finally, Happy Independence Day to everyone .

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Building Corporation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

**** NOTE THE DATE CHANGE ****

Monday, July 18, 2016

Ice Cream Social - 5:30 p.m.



Shield Deadline: Sunday, July 17, 2016

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Officers Meeting

Monday, July 25, 2016

7:30 p.m.

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LADIES AUXILIARY*By Janice Polan, President*

Happy 4th of July to all the Ladies and their families. Remember to check the newsletter for summer events to support our Knights - Ice Cream Social, Garage Sale and Picnic in August.

Please keep the following families in your prayers on the passing of Ladies Auxiliary Member Cathy Lesniak and Knight Robert Stack. May the perpetual light shine upon them.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Are you a Knights' wife, daughter, sister, or female relative and are still looking for that "social" group to join? I would like to extend an invitation to please consider our Ladies Auxiliary. Membership is only \$5 per year, with monthly meetings and social events from September to June. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Council. The Ladies assist the Knights and participate with their events/activities, hold bake sales, a Children's Christmas Party, potluck dinners, Holy Cross Children's charitable raffles and baskets, help needy families for holidays - and the Ladies get together for social and fun activities throughout the year. For further information, or a membership form, please contact President Janice Polan at jpolan@aol.com or telephone 248/585-1573, or attend an upcoming Knights' summer event to talk with any of our officers. Current officers for the 2016-17 year are Janice Polan, President, Yvette Ploskonka, Vice President, Bernie Turchin, Secretary, and MaryLou Stema, Treasurer. Our regular meetings will resume in September and we are looking to increase our membership this next year - come join in the fun!

Summer Birthday to remember and celebrate: Genny Palazzola (Aug 12)

THANK YOU

A special thank you to all the brother Knights and Ladies who attended or sent their prayers to my brother-in-law Robert Stack's funeral. Your well wishes were greatly appreciated.

Norm Podgorski

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

By Darren Gray, FS

Brother Knights, communication is the key to a healthy council. And in today's hi-tech world, email is the easiest way to get important, timely messages out to our membership. And because people change their email addresses from time to time, it is important to keep our records updated. In order to make sure I have your most recent email address available, I am asking **ALL** members to please send an email to fs7239@mikofc.org from your current email address. Along with the email, please include your current home phone number and your current cell phone, if available. If you don't send me an email, I will assume that your email address is no longer active and update our records accordingly.

INDEPENDENCE DAY DECLARED

Independence Day has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but it dates back to the American Revolution (1775 -- 1783). In June 1776, representatives of the 13 colonies struggled with the weighing decision to declare their independence from Great Britain. On July 2, Continental Congress voted in favor of it and two days later, they adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson.

Did you know John Adams believed July 2 to be Independence Day and declined invitations to appear in celebration on the 4th? Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826 -- the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.



EVENTS

There will be no Pancake Breakfast in June, July or August. However, Coffee & Donuts will be after the 8:00 & 10:00 masses on July 3 and July 17. Keep July 18 open for the Ice Cream Social and we will be looking for donations for our August Garage Sale.

PRAYER LIST

Valeria Alexander, Jerry Beauchamp, Sue Bessler, Bea Boutillier, Mike Briggs, Nan Brown, Ann Brunk, Bob Brunk, Bob Carlisle, Mark Carlisle, Lynette Chandler, Betty Cookets, Noah Cranston, David Dinkins, Dee Figg, Barbara Fisher, Jodi Flynn, Wallis Flynn, Lisa Gray, Frederick Greaves, Mary Jane Guc, Natalie Hunt, Steve Karam, Ed Kanigowski, Cathy Krenzer, Robert Lebioda, Aldo Marchesi, Silvio Marchesi, Chris McCoy, Roger McCoy, Sharon McCoy, Frank McFall, Rachel McLaughlin, Catherine Meadows, Carol Miller, Ron Miller, Jim Palmer, Leona Peklo, Andrea Pena, Ken Piana, Ken Podgorski, Ed Poplawski, Judie Schanbeck, Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Michael Studebaker, Mark Smith, Lori Stack, Donovan Turchin, Tyler Tupiak, Ann Tupiak, Ron Tarnowski, Lee Ventimiglia, Matt Ventimiglia, Ilene Wagely, Marian Welsh, Regis Welsh, Jean Witkowski.

And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services. Also please prayer for the recently deceased: Robert Stack, Catherine Lesniak, and Bill Meister.

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

07/01 Carmollo Mandarino
 07/01 Lee Sharp
 07/03 Mel Szlag
 07/09 Gordon Szlag
 07/13 Donald Bessler
 07/13 Ron Ploskonka, PGK, FDD
 07/16 Warren Broglin
 07/19 Michael Studebaker
 07/31 Rev. Steven Koehler

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

Knights of Columbus “BENEFITS NEWS”

ONLY HAVING INSURANCE “Through Work” DOESN’T WORK.

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Do you know anyone whose life or career has drastically changed during these years of economic downturn? It’s very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty. Maybe there’s a possibility that you (or your spouse) could change employers, or even lose your job.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

But only having “through work” insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family’s actual needs. In fact, a detailed needs analysis that evaluates your specific situation, will likely show that any employer-provided coverage falls short.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection. At the very least, it will definitely be more expensive.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I’ll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you’ll know exactly where you stand.

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

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An Editor’s Exposé

Sorry for the late newsletter this month but only one person sent in their article by the deadline. I work two jobs and have a busy schedule so if the articles aren’t sent in on time, then I can only do the newsletter when I’m available. Being even a day late throws my timing off. Also, it would help a great deal when writing your articles to not make them look “pretty”. Only bold-face important parts you want to stand out; italicize when necessary; do not use ALL CAPS for your entire article; and use colored fonts sparingly. Thanks.

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July 2016

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3 Coffee & Donuts Happy Birthday Mel Szlag	4 	5 7pm Bld. Corp. Mtg 8pm Member Mtg	6	7	8	9 Happy Birthday Gordon Szlag
10	11	12	13 Happy Birthday Donald Bessler Ron Ploskonka	14	15	16 Happy Birthday Warren Broglin
17 Shield Deadline! Coffee & Donuts	18 ICE CREAM SOCIAL	19 Happy Birthday Michael Studebaker	20	21	22	23
24	25 7:30pm Officers Mtg	26	27	28	29	30
31 Happy Birthday Rev Steve Koehler						




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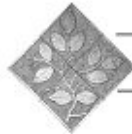
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