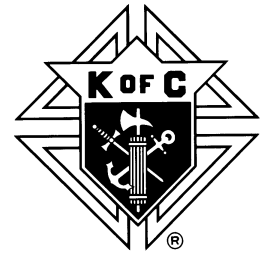




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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*By Ron Thompson*

Vivat Jesus!

I had the honor to present the Knight and Family of the Year awards at the Madison Heights Community Round Table Award Luncheon. Also Meijer was presented a plaque for their generous support of the MRAW at the luncheon, I again witnessed how so many people volunteer in the City from all of the different groups. I want to let you know that we make a difference in this community and it was recognized. Keep up the good work.

We will be holding elections during the June meeting. While this is the end of my second term, I want to tell everyone that this has been an honor to have been your Grand Knight for two years. I want to thank all the current officers for all they have done over the past two years.

State Convention this year was a great experience for myself and my wife and I will be sharing information with our new officers. We are going to be busy soon with summer programs so please attend the next meeting to VOTE for our next officers.

Lastly remember that membership is KEY and finding new members is most important to the Knights and all civic groups. We must all find our replacements.

God Bless!

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

*By Glain Guilmette, DGK*

Not a lot going on in June, other than our Election of Officers at our June Business meeting . We are also going to be having our annual Of-

ficers appreciation steak dinner. Anyone who can help with this event, please contact Ken Podgorski.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, June 6, 2016

Building Corporation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Ladies Auxiliary Potluck Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Friday, June 10, 2016

Officer Appreciation Steak Dinner  
At the Council - 5:30 p.m.  
All are welcome!

Shield Deadline: Sunday, June 19, 2016  
[editor@kofc7239.org](mailto:editor@kofc7239.org)

Officers Meeting

Monday, June 27, 2016  
7:30 p.m.

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

On behalf of the re-elected officers for next year, I would like to extend our thank you to each and every Lady member of our Auxiliary for your support and friendship throughout this past year. And a special thank you to our Officers for your past and future service: Yvette Ploskonka, Vice President, MaryLou Stema, Treasurer, Bernie Turchin, Secretary, and myself, Janice Polan, as President. Looking forward to another successful year with a great leadership team!!

Our last Ladies' meeting for this year will be on Thursday, June 9th, and will be a Pizza/Potluck Dinner and Chinese Auction. The Potluck will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. and will feature pepperoni pizzas, salad, and each Lady is asked to contribute a side dish or dessert item. If you did not attend our May meeting to sign up, or need a reminder, please contact Janice at 248/585-1573. The Chinese Auction will be held immediately following the dinner. Please remember to bring a small (but new) wrapped gift to auction off. Only Lady members and their Knight/spouse, and Officers of the Knights with their spouses, are invited to attend the Potluck.

Thank you to all the Ladies and Knights that made a contribution to our "bakeless" bake sale. It's not too late to send in your donation if you would like to participate - donations will be accepted through June 2016, and would be greatly appreciated.

Happy June birthday to Sue Landry (6/21) and Jean Witkowski (6/23).

There will be no summer meetings, but please remember to support our Knights with their ice cream social, garage sale and picnic.

Our meetings will resume in September with our Officers as hostesses. Look for details in my next article in the August newsletter. Hoping to increase our membership and invite new members to attend. Have a wonderful-relaxing-sunny summer vacation

**OFFICERS APPRECIATION DINNER**

Dinner on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. New York Steak and all the trimmings to be served by the famous gourmet chef Ken Podgorski and whatever help he can get. All are invited, not only officers. Charge for non-officers will be \$7.00. Hopefully all 2015 and 2016 current officers will be there for their free appreciation dinner in recognition for thanks for their support of our Council.

## 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](mailto: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.

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## ANNIVERSARY DINNER UPDATE

I want to thank all my friends and family of the Council that helped make the party a success. Especially thanks to all the generous members and their ladies for all the prizes donated, and a special thanks to David Hopcroft for his generous donations.

Also thanks for the many bottles of booze donated, even though it might have been a little too much for me. Hoping you all had a good time and might want to do it again next year. Last of all "thanks" to my daughter Janice for all her help. Couldn't have done it without her and the support of my great council.

Norm Podgorski, Chairperson

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## 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 June 5 and June 19. Keep July 18 open for the Ice Cream Social and we will be looking for donations for our August Garage Sale.



Awards Banquet from the 18th

## PRAYER LIST

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

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

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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

03 Paul Reynolds  
 03 Gary Meerschaert  
 10 Darren Gray  
 10 Michael Bernardo  
 11 Christopher Bliss  
 14 Ronnie Thompson  
 16 Rev. Robert Shafer  
 19 Gary Puchalski  
 20 James Wojciechowski  
 20 John McNulty  
 21 Mark Smith  
 23 Thai Hung Nguyen  
 24 Michael Mandarino  
 26 Paul Halkey

## Knights of Columbus “BENEFITS NEWS”

### [May is Disability Insurance Awareness Month.](#)

A Founding Notion: Protecting the Breadwinner's Income

While jobs may be safer in 2016, accidents, injuries, and illnesses that can impact your ability to work still happen. Most, in fact, do not happen on the jobsite or place of employment. Did you know that a 2011 study revealed that more than 95 percent of the long-term disability claims on file were not work related?

The Knights have always sought to protect members' families from the “loss” of a breadwinner. I'm sure you know all about Father McGivney's vision for our first, insurance program. But you may not know that Father McGivney also wanted to find a way to help members who couldn't work because of an illness. After all, the “loss” of the breadwinner does not have to mean that person's death; it can also mean the loss of the breadwinner's income.

Consider that loss for a moment. How would your family fare if a source of income suddenly stopped? Could a dual-income family manage on one income stream? What about young families with a working father and a mother who cares for the children? What if his income halted due to an accident or illness?

I've heard some people say they have coverage at work, but too many aren't sure what this coverage entails, how much income it would provide or for how long. Having this protection counts for something, certainly, but it isn't “yours”; it's provided by the company for which you work at their discretion. It could be eliminated tomorrow.

That's where a personally-owned disability income insurance product, like Income Armor, comes into play. It can offer valuable income replacement in the event of an injury or illness.. If you have a job, you must know about this coverage.

I'd like to meet with you in your home, at your convenience. I'll work with you to make sure your family is protected. As a brother Knight you can trust, I'll take the stress and worry out of the buying decision.

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### THE MUSE

*An Editor's Exposé*

Father's Day is one of the most awaited holidays in the world. It represents the day when we tell our dad how much he means to us and how lucky we are, to have him in our life. Father's Day originated in America. The first Father's Day celebration (unofficial) was held in Spokane, Washington, on 19th June 1910. Rose is the official flower for Father's Day. Wearing a red rose signifies a living father, while white one represents deceased father. It is believed that the word "Dad" dates back to as early as the sixteenth century. Happy Father's Day!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Happy Birthday Paul Reynolds Gary Meerschaert	4
5 Coffee & Donuts	6 7pm Bld. Corp. Mtg 8pm Member Mtg	7	8	9 6pm Ladies Mtg.	10 5:30pm Officers Appreciation Dinner Happy Birthday Darren Gray Mike Bernardo	11 Happy Birthday Christopher Bliss
12	13	14 Happy Birthday Ronnie Thompson	15	16 Happy Birthday Rev. Robert Shafer	17	18
19 Shield Deadline! Coffee & Donuts Happy Birthday Gary Puchalski	20 Happy Birthday James Wojciechowski John McNulty	21 Happy Birthday Sue Landry Mark Smith	22	23 Happy Birthday Jean Witkowski Thai Hung Nguyen	24 Happy Birthday Michael Mandarino	25
26 Happy Birthday Paul Halkey	27 7:30pm Officers Mtg	28	29	30		




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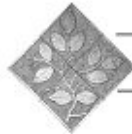
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