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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Sam P. Lamerato

Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

On May 6th, the Building Corp help their meeting before our K of C Meeting.

Saturday, May 4th was the Spring Cleanup at the Council house at 9am. *Unfortunately, we only had 5 volunteers including myself show up.* I would like to personally thank the following Knights-Randy Carlisle and his wife Earlene (Ladies' Auxiliary member) Robert Pasternak and Joe Miller. Randy and Earlene prepared lunch after the work was completed.

Motion was made and passed unanimously to donate \$200.00 to the CSA campaign.

Another motion was made and passed to donate \$60.00 to the May 19th coffee and donut reception after mass.

We had a lengthy discussion regarding the Corn Hole fund raiser. We were approached by the owners of the Badges and Bags corn hole if we would be interested in hosting a corn hole league. The league would take place on Tuesday evenings and run for 6 weeks. Badges and Bags would run the event and we would be responsible for the hall, kitchen and raffles. All food sales and raffle proceeds would be ours. More details to follow.

Another possible fundraiser that was brought up at the meeting was a euchre tournament. Darren Gray will have more details at a future meeting.

Sunday, May 19th the 9:00am mass intention was for the living and deceased members of the Knights. The Knights also sponsored the coffee and donuts after this mass. I would like to thank all who volunteered for the setup and clean up. Father John thanked us for our support. I would also like to thank Bernie Turchin (Ladies' Auxiliary) for her training on the setup and clean-up.

The Knights of Columbus state conference will take place on Mackinac Island May 22-24, 2024. Ron Thompson will be attending this year. Sadly, I had to cancel my attendance this year to attend an out-of-town funeral for a good friend. The check was returned to the treasurer. Both alternates were called, and neither could attend.

A second call for nominations was taken for officers for the next Fraternal year. No additional members were nominated. The voting will take place at the June 6th meeting.

We are still seeking ads for the Shield, both new and renewed. If you have any leads, please pass them on to me. The yearly ad will cost \$60.00.

The June meeting for both the K of C and the Building Corp will be held Monday, June 3rd. Please join us and try to contact a Knight who may need assistance with transportation to and from the meeting and offer a ride. We need their support and wisdom!

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Sam P. Lamerato
Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, June 3rd, 2024
Building Corp Meeting - 6:15 p.m.
Membership Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
**** Meeting In-Person at Council****

Thursday, June 13th, 2024
Ladies Auxiliary Potluck/Chinese
Auction -- 6:00 p.m.
**** At Council ****

Shield Deadline:
Sunday, June 16, 2024
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(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)

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LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies,

We pray that Lisa Gray has a speedy recovery! Along with her Family.

I am pleased to announce Janice Polan “Lady of the Year!” Congratulations to Janice for such an outstanding job she does.

I would like to announce and welcome the Officers. Amber Thompson-President; Cindy Podgorski- Vice President; Bernie Turchin- Secretary; Mary Thompson-Treasurer. Congratulations Officers! Congratulations to Amber our new President!

As your President these past years I've been honored to work with such a wonderful group of Ladies. Love you all!

We still need donations for St. Vincent DePaul food bank.

Please pray for our Prayer List.

Our next meeting is the Chinese/Potluck June 13th at 6:00 P.M. at the council. Please bring a 5-10 dollar gift to raffle and bring your husbands.

Happy June Anniversaries to: Amber and Ryan Thompson (9); Mary and Ronnie Thompson (16); Earlene and Randy Carlisle (24)!

Happy Father's Day!

Cindy Podgorski
 President



OFFICER ELECTION TIME!

Brother Knights, as mentioned, we need your help to add some life into the council. The last several years have been hard on the council. COVID has thrown a wrench into the works of many organizations, the Knights included. Our council has also lost several active members over the last couple of years, may their souls rest in peace.

We should be thankful for the men that have stepped up to accept the nominations for the Officer Position. Below is a list of current nominees.

There is still time to be nominated, prior to our June Meeting. If you wish to be nominated, please contact the Grand Knight.

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Ron Bertolini

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Bob Pasternak

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Ken Witkowski

ADVOCATE

Glain Guilmette

TRUSTEE (3 Year)

Ronnie Thompson

OFFICERS APPRECIATION STEAK DINNER

I know that the steak dinner is usually in June, but due to scheduling issues again, we need to push this event out to July. I don't have a firm date yet, but please see the July Shield for details.

Darren Gray, PGK, DD

PRAYER LIST

Deloris Bail, Marie Bessler, Ann Brunk, Larry Bunting, Randy Carlisle, Stephen Claya (John Claya's Grandson), Diane Emerick, Doug Evans, Lisa Gray, Alexander Hopcroft, Shirley Hopcroft (Dave's Mother), Heather Lang, Edda Marchesi, Silvio Marchesi, Sharon McCoy (Ken Witkowski's Sister), Mary Jo Miles, Ron Ploskonka, Yvette Ploskonka, Stefanie Olszewski, Ernie Schied, Marie Szlag, Tony Szeliga, Matt Ventimiglia, Regis Welsh, Jean Witkowski, Ken Witkowski.

NOTE: I have cleared out the Prayer List for the new year, except for those who have been added at the last meeting. If you wish to have someone added to this list, please send an email to: editor@kofc7239.org

And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services. Also please pray for the recently deceased.

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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The laws and rules of our Order, as well as state (provincial) laws, specify that the Knights of Columbus may accept insurance applications only from Knights of Columbus members. As a member, you may apply for insurance on yourself, your wife and your dependent, minor children.

The Order’s Board of Directors has taken action, though, to assure that a brother Knight’s widow maintains the right to purchase additional insurance for a limited time. This can be of great benefit and comfort to those we leave behind.

This “right to apply” is available only to the widows of insured members. If a member has not availed himself of our top-rated life insurance program, or purchased an annuity or long-term care policy, Disability Insurance, this benefit is not available to his widow.

But if the member was an insured member, his widow has the right to apply for additional insurance on her life and on the lives of the member’s minor children. This right can be exercised for up to one year following the Order’s receipt of proof of the insured’s death.

Know two things. First, I’ll assist your widow and children in any way possible if you should die, both with your Knights of Columbus insurance and any other life insurance you may have. Second, I’ll provide them my best professional advice and service, to assure that they continue to have adequate insurance protection.

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In Christ,

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THANK YOU

As most of you know now, my family was involved in a car accident on our way to Florida to visit my parents. We hydroplaned on I-75 in Kentucky. The accident was bad enough to total the car and Lisa did have some injuries, but by the grace of God we all walked away and it could have been so much worse. Lisa is healing up nicely and is back to work. I just wanted to thank you all for the kind words and prayers.

Darren Gray, PGK, FDD

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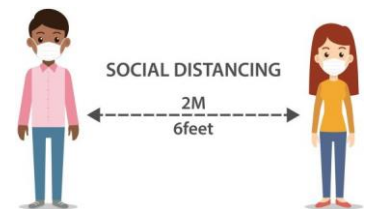
JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 06/10 Darren Gray
- 06/11 Christopher Bliss
- 06/14 Ronnie Thompson
- 06/16 Samuel Lamerato
- 06/20 James Wojciechowski
- 06/23 Rev. Thai Hung Nguyen

LADIES AUXILIARY JUNE BIRTHDAYS

None for June

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



JUNE 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 <i>7pm Member Mtg</i> OFFICER ELECTIONS!!!	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Happy Birthday Darren Gray	11 Happy Birthday Christopher Bliss	12	13 Ladies Auxiliary Potluck/Chinese Auction 6:00pm at the Council	14 Happy Birthday Ronnie Thompson	15
16 Happy Birthday Samuel Lamerato SHIELD DEADLINE HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	17	18	19	20 Happy Birthday James Wojciechowski	21	22
23 Happy Birthday Rev. Thai Hung Nguyen	24	25	26	27	28	29
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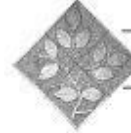
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