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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Sam P. Lamerato

Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

On April 8th the Building Corp held their monthly meeting before our K of C meeting.

The upcoming Corn Hole tournament was discussed, to be held April 12th at St. Vincent Ferrer Social Hall. *Badges and Bags Cornhole* will supply the equipment and run the tournament. There was a call for volunteers to work in the kitchen and run the 50/50 and basket raffle. The Ladies' auxiliary has offered to put together baskets for the raffle at this fundraiser. The fundraiser took place on April 12th and was a great success. There were 32 registered players, including several Knights, and a good time was had by all. Thanks to the volunteers in the kitchen, the raffle ticket sellers, the Ladies' Auxiliary who donated the baskets, bottle of wine donated by Darren Gray and Glaine Guilmette, Jr. who helped with the event coordination. The event had two generous sponsor donations and the overall profit was over \$300.

Saturday, May 4th is the Spring Cleanup at the Council house at 9am. The more volunteers we have the better. Please bring gloves, a rake, and wear some work clothes. We will be serving lunch to our workers.

Sunday, May 19th the 9:00am mass intention is for the living and deceased members of the Knights. The Knights will also sponsor coffee and donuts after mass. Volunteers are needed.

Nominations were taken for officers for the next Fraternal year. Darren Gray will include the nominees in his report.

The speaker at the April 8th meeting was Joe Brenner, the Archdiocesan Program Director for the Knights of Columbus.

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 May meeting for both the K of C and the Building Corp will be held Monday, May 6th. 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,

Samuel P. Lamerato
Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, May 4th, 2024
Council Cleanup
See article for details

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

Thursday, May 9th, 2024
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting/Election --
6:00 p.m.
**** Meeting at Madhouse ****

Shield Deadline:
Sunday, May 19th, 2024
editor@kofc7239.org
(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)

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LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies!

Our Charity Raffle basket at Mackinaw Island is called “Get Your Mitt-On”.

We are having the voting for Officers at our Birthday Dinner, May 9th, at the Madhouse at 6:00pm. Hope everyone will think about running for office.

Our Ladies Chinese Auction/Potluck will be held on June 13th, at 6:00pm. Please bring a 5 to 10 Dollar gift for auction. Pizza with be served and invite your husbands.

Happy May Anniversary to: Lisa and Darren Gray (4)!

Please still bring items for St. Vincent De Paul food bank.

Please pray for our Prayer List.

Happy Mother’s Day!

Cindy Podgorski
 President



Bob Pasternak and Craig Massman working the concessions



Cornhole Tournament with Dave Hopcroft manning the ticket sales

PRAYER LIST

Building Corp News

Brothers, we need your help for the Spring Clean Up, at the council, on Saturday, May 4th. We'll start at 9am and go until we're done, or we're tired. We'll have lunch available also.

Here is a list of some things that we would like to get done:

1. Clean gutters on house and garage.
2. Take Storm windows down to paint.
3. Clean and wax basement and upstairs kitchen floors.
4. Fill holes in driveway and parking areas.
5. Clean the garage inside.
6. Wash windows.
7. Fix the porch from leaking.
8. Trim bushes and trees
9. Fix upstairs windows

We'll work on what we can. The more help, the better chance we have at getting most of this done.



Prize Table from Cornhole Tournament

Deloris Bail, Marie Bessler, Ann Brunk, Larry Bunting, Randy Carlisle, Stephen Claya (John Claya's Grandson), Diane Emerick, Doug Evans, 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



ELECTION NOMINATIONS

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.

That being said, we held nominations for officers at the last meeting and will continue to hold nominations in May, with voting of new officers at the June Meeting. Below is a list of current nominees.

Please note, not all of the nominees were present at the meeting and were not able to accept or decline the nomination. If you read this and see your name on here with an asterisk (*) by it, please contact the Grand Knight (Sam Lamerato - (248) 885-1847) to accept or decline the nomination. If you wish to be nominated, please also contact the Grand Knight.

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Ken Witkowski

ADVOCATE

Glain Guilmette

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Ronnie Thompson



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 05/02 James Linn
- 05/09 Ross Doehrmann
- 05/10 David Hopcroft
- 05/11 Rev. Ralph Cahover
- 05/14 Matt Ventimiglia
- 05/16 John Raona
- 05/16 Matthew Skoglund

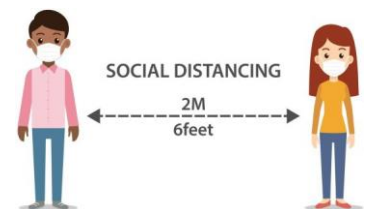
**LADIES AUXILIARY
May BIRTHDAYS**

None for May

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



Joe Miller showing off his Cornhole skills



May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Happy Birthday James Linn	3	4 Council Clean Up! 9am – at the Council
5	6 6:15pm Building Corp 7pm Member Mtg	7	8	9 7pm Ladies Aux Mtg At Council Happy Birthday Ross Doehrmann	10 Happy Birthday David Hopcroft	11 Trash Haul Away! 9am – at the Council Happy Birthday Rev. Ralph Cahover
12 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!	13	14 Happy Birthday Matt Ventimiglia	15	16 Happy Birthday John Raona Matthew Skoglund	17	18
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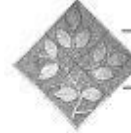
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