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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE By Sam P. Lamerato

Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

On October 7th the Building Corp met at 6:15pm before our 7:00pm K of C meeting. Minutes of this meeting will be available at the November 4th meeting.

A euchre tournament fundraiser is being planned for November 16th. Darren Gray will have more details at a future meeting. The plan would be to have the tournament start after the Saturday evening mass. The Catholic Prep Bowl tickets were received and dropped off at Bishop Foley. The Athletic director thanked the Knights for the tickets.

Darren Gray, our District Deputy, gave a report on the upcoming charity Poker fundraiser. The dates for this fund raiser are October 18th through the 21st.

Darren Gray also reported on the Ladies Appreciation dinner scheduled for October 25th at 6:00pm. The dinner will be held at the K of C house.

The next building maintenance and clean-up of the K of C house and property is scheduled for Saturday, November 9th at 9:00am – noon. We hope to have a good turnout to prepare the house for the upcoming winter. The building corp. has several inside repairs planned. This work is necessary to keep the Council house in good working order. As I said before, many hands lighten the load.

Save these dates -

K of C house cleanup November 9th at 9:00am – noon.

Euchre Tournament Saturday, November 16th at 5:30pm – 10:30pm (following the 4:pm mass) in the St. Vincent social hall. Flyers will be at the church exits and sent to other councils.

K of C Christmas party and light up Christmas will be Friday, December 13th at 6:00pm. this event will take place at the Council house.

The Sunday, October 10^{th,} 9:00am mass intention was for the living and deceased members of the Knights. The Knights of Columbus also sponsored and hosted the coffee & donuts after this mass. Thank you to all the Knights who helped with this event. Fr. John acknowledged the Knights and for their donation toward the cost to cover the coffee and donuts. He also had all the Knights present at mass stand and recognized them.

The next scheduled mass for the living and deceased members of the Knights will be <u>Sunday</u>, <u>November 10th at 9:00am</u>. If you have a <u>Knights of Columbus shirt</u>, please wear it for this mass.

The September Knight of the month was Tim Oparka.

We are <u>still</u> 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.

Note – The next meeting for both the K of C and the Building Corp will be held Monday, November 4th at 6:15pm. 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! Please stay after the meeting to socialize and have a quick bite to eat.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Sam P. Lamerato Grand Knight

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LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies,

First, the Ladies Appreciation Dinner was a lot of fun. It was great seeing everyone and the food and deserts were delicious! Thank you to everyone who helped with the dinner! Next, thank you for making a donation to the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on October 26th. The walk was a success and a lot of fun!

At the October meeting, the ladies decided to make a \$25 gas gift card donation to the Pregnancy Center in Madison Heights. We also decided to make a monetary donation to the Madison Heights Animal Shelter, to help with food and supplies needed at the shelter. Some of the ladies made raffle baskets for the Euchre Tournament on November 16th. The ladies also finalized details for our Taco Night Monthly Dinner. The Taco Night Dinner is going to take place on Friday, November 15th at 6:00p.m. The cost for the dinner is \$5.00 per person. Can't wait to see everyone there!

Our next monthly meeting is Thursday, November 14th at 7:00p.m. The hostesses are Kathy Menard and Cindy Podgorski. We are also planning on having a guest speaker at the meeting from the Pregnancy Center in Madison Heights.

Reminders-please continue to bring non-perishable items to the meetings for the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry. Also, we are always welcoming new members to our Auxiliary-wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters of a knight are eligible to join.

Happy Birthday to Pat Nixon on 11/28 and Happy Anniversary to Meg and Sam Lamerato on 11/22.

Save the date! December 13th is going to be a combined Christmas Party with the Knights. More details to come soon!

Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list!

Amber Thompson-President

PROGRAM CORNER

CHRISTMAS BASKETS!!

It's that time of year again... our Annual Christmas Basket Campaign. I will be chairing the event this year. I am asking for your continued support and cooperation in making this project a success. If you are able to help deliver the boxes please let me know. I ask that you sign-up to purchase a specific item and deliver them to our K. of C. Hall. This will be a huge help. We understand the expense and since we need approximately 30 of each item you may want to consider joining with a fellow knight and purchase an item. I would like to provide each family with \$20 gift certificates. So any cash donation you could make would be greatly appreciated. The list of items needed is below. Please let me know which item you selected by either emailing me at craigmassman@gmail.com or leaving a message on my cell phone at 586.506.8077 so we don't have any duplicate items purchased. The food baskets will be packed during the day on Friday, December 21 and delivered on Saturday December 21 starting at 9:00 AM. If you can help deliver I would ask that you arrive at the Counsel hours between 8 - 8:30 AM

Cake mix
Can of Frosting
Jar of Spaghetti Sauce
Box of Spaghetti pasta
Can of Tuna Fish
Bag of Cookies
Mac and Cheese
Cookies
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Gift Certificates

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, November 4, 2024 Building Corp Meeting: 6:15pm Membership Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 9, 2024 Council Cleanup – 9:00am - Noon

Thursday, November 14th, 2024 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 15th, 2024 Ladies Auxiliary Taco Night– 6:00 p.m. All are Welcome!

> Saturday, November 16th, 2024 Euchre Tournament – 5:30 p.m. At St. Vincent Ferrer All are Welcome!

Shield Deadline: Sunday, November 17, 2024 editor@kofc7239.org (Usually 3rd Sunday of Month)

PRAYER LIST

Deloris Bail, Marie Bessler, Ann Brunk, Larry Bunting, Sherry Cajac, 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), Duane McLaughlin, Mary Jo Miles, Ron Ploskonka, Yvette Ploskonka, Stefanie Olszewski, Ernie Schied, Marie Szlag, Tony & Jeanette Szeliga, Matt Ventimiglia, Regis Welsh, Jean Witkowski, Ken Witkowski.

Also, please pray for the Bliss family. Paula Bliss, the wife of PGK Anthony Bliss, passed away in October after a short battle with cancer.

NOTE: I will be clearing out the Prayer List at the beginning of the year. 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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LAWS and RULES of the ORDER

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.

As a professional agent and a brother Knight, I have no greater responsibility.

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In Christ,

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Poker Update

Brothers, I want to thank everyone who came out to help with the Poker Event. This was only the 2nd week that this location did an early day set up and there are some kinks that need to be worked out. As such, we did not make very much from this event. I will give a full report at the meeting. However, I have already scheduled our Poker Events for 2025. These will be all 3-Day Events, with a Friday Night, Saturday Day, Sunday Night rotation.

A special THANK YOU to Craig Massman, FS, who worked all 4 days and covered those times when I couldn't be there early.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS 11/03 Lynn Figg, PGK 11/03 Mark Tripp 11/05 Jon Lechner 11/10 Nick Alexopoulos 11/15 Richard Salvatore 11/23 Safaa Habash 11/25 Stephen Orloski

LADIES AUXILIARY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS 11/28 Pat Nixon

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

Darren Gray, PGK, DD

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Happy Birthday Lynn Figg, PGK Mark Tripp	4 6:15pm Bldg Corp Mtg 7pm Member Mtg	5 Happy Birthday Jon Lechner	6	7	8	9 Council Cleanup 9:00am - Noon
10 Happy Birthday Nick Alexopoulos Memorial Mass – 9am at St.Vincent Ferrer	11	12	13	14 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – 7pm	15 Happy Birthday Richard Salvatore Taco Dinner at the Council – by the Ladies Auxiliary	16 EUCHRE TOURNAMENT
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Happy Birthday Rev. Safaa Habash
24	25 Happy Birthday Stephen Orloski	26	27	28 Happy Birthday Pat Nixon	29	30

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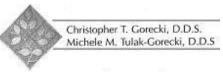
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