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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*By Glain Guilmette*

Brother Knights,

It's October, time for another MI Drive, on the 6th, 7th & 8th. We need all Knights, families and friends who can to come and help us out to make this a successful Drive!!

This is our last chance this year to raise the much needed funds for the MRAW and all the good work that they do.

Our Deputy Grand Knight Ken Podgorski is chairing the annual ladies appreciation spaghetti dinner on October 16th at 5:00 pm. Anyone who wants to help him out can call him at 313-805-9918.

I hope everyone has a happy Halloween!!

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

*By Ken Podgorski, PGK, DGK*

Well here it is, October already! This is going to be a busy month. First and foremost, we will be having our M.R. Drive, October 6th, 7th and 8th. We need all able bodied members to help work the intersections as well as members to collect in front of stores and businesses. The Ladies appreciation dinner will be on Monday October 16th at 5:30 pm at the council and I will be your host and cook for the delicious spaghetti dinner, all the Ladies are free and \$ 6.00 for the Men.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coffee & Donuts  
Sunday, October 1 & 15, 2017  
After 8:30 & 10:30 masses

Monday, October 2, 2017  
Building Corporation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

October 6, 7, & 8, 2017  
M.R. Drive

Thursday, October 12, 2017  
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 16, 2017  
Ladies Appreciation Dinner - 5:30 p.m.

**Shield Deadline:**  
**Sunday, October 22, 2017**  
**[editor@kofc7239.org](mailto:editor@kofc7239.org)**

Officers Meeting  
Monday, October 30, 2017 - 7:30 p.m.

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Peter Kuester Ron Thompson

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

The next Auxiliary meeting will be on Thursday, October 12th, at 7:00 pm at the council. Due to low attendance, the Ladies decided there will not be monthly hostesses. Instead, each Lady attending our meetings is welcome to bring a small snack to share. Beverages and paper products will be provided by Janice. Our condolences to the family of Helen Zolna, a dear and active member of our Auxiliary, who passed away in late August. May the perpetual light shine upon her. Remember, to remain on our Auxiliary roster, your \$5 member dues must be paid by November. If you are not planning to return as a member, please contact one of our officers. Happy October birthdays to Maggie Meister (10th), Pat Podgorski (13th), Mary Thompson (17th), and Dee Figg (19th).

**COFFEE & DONUTS**

Coffee & Donuts will be held after the 8:00 and 10:00 am masses on October 1 and 15.— Fraternaly, James Morrison

**SIMPLE REMINDERS**

The deadline for the newsletter is usually the THIRD SUNDAY of the month; however, there are exceptions like for October when there are five Sundays. The editor is not responsible for missed or incorrect articles. I print what I receive. Please double check your articles for incorrect information before sending it to me. If you need someone added or removed from the sick/deceased list, email me your request. Occasionally, if I don't have enough articles, the printing will be held up and you may receive your newsletter late.



## FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

By Darren Gray, FS

No report this month.

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### HALLOWEEN HORROR STORIES THAT WERE ACTUALLY TRUE

Halloween is not all fun and games. Mythical stories of horrible happenings occur every year but sometimes they aren't all made up. Please be careful at anytime, but especially around the holiday that focuses on people dressing up, wearing masks, and showing up at your door.

Check out some of these true Halloween horror stories.

☆ A nine-year-old dressed in a Halloween costume was accidentally shot by a relative who thought she was a skunk.

☆ Ronald Clark O'Bryan, nicknamed The Candy Man, was executed in the US after killing his eight-year-old son Timothy by poisoning candy with cyanide on Halloween night in 1974.

☆ Three teenage girls were abducted in Woodbridge, Virginia during a night of trick or treating in 2009.

☆ Sadly, there are many Halloween horror stories where people have actually hung themselves while trying to trick their family and friends.

**Be aware. Be observant. Be vigilant.**



## PRAYER LIST

Wayne Bessler, Sally Bliss, Callista Boleski, Bob Brunk, Bob Carlisle, Dee Figg, Wallis Flynn, Jessie Giszczak, Darren Gray, Glain A. Guilmette, Shawn Guilmette, Rachel McLaughlin, Sharon McCoy, Frank Meister, Maggie Meister, Ed Novak, Patricia Podgorski, Callista Polasek (Meister granddaughter), Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Michael Studebaker, Ron Thompson, Donovan S. Turchin, Matt Ventimiglia, Marian Welsh, Regis Welsh, Don Wesierski, Jean Witkowski, Richard Witkowski.

**And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services. Also please prayer for the recently deceased, including Lenny (related to Mel Szlag), Ronald Allen, Marty Bentley, Wayne Bessler, Nan Brown, Lenoto Ventimiglia, and Helen Zolna.**

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

**From the Editor: The old Sick & Deceased List has been removed and replaced with an updated list from your last meeting. If you need someone added back to the list, please let us know. Thanks.**

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## Knights of Columbus “BENEFITS NEWS”

### Raising Awareness about Life Insurance

Each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of life insurance, its uses, its benefits, and its variations among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that more than 75 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor, even though 68 percent of them said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable. In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn.

If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family’s life insurance, retirement and long-term care needs. I’ll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones. I want to help.

Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about “making the wrong decision.” Talk with me, your agent, and, afterwards, you’ll understand that the only wrong decision was not purchasing sooner to protect your family’s future.

I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family’s needs.

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### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/01 Scott Szeliga  
10/02 Thomas Raona  
10/02 Don Wesierski, PGK  
10/03 Norm Podgorski, PGK  
10/10 Tim Oparka  
10/13 Robert Brunk  
10/15 Anthony Szeliga  
10/15 Kenneth Pasternak  
10/16 Leroy Proszkowski  
10/20 Martin Smith  
10/20 Renato Marchesi  
10/20 Douglas Evans  
10/23 Bernard Baumgardner  
10/24 Guiseppe Palazzola

If we missed your birthday  
or the date is wrong, please email  
me at [editor@kofc7239.org](mailto:editor@kofc7239.org) .  
Thanks.

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### THE MUSE

*An Editor's Exposé*

I'm looking into an affordable but permanent solution to replace missing teeth. Insurance doesn't cover dental implants; only the rich can afford them. Anyone have options for raising the funds necessary to opt for this more expensive surgery? Any help would be appreciated.

*Marianne Podgorski*

# October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Coffee & Donuts Happy Birthday Scott Szeliga	2 7pm Bld. Corp. Mtg 8pm Member Mtg Happy Birthday Thomas Raona Don Wesierski	3 Happy Birthday Norm Podgorski	4	5	6 M.R. Drive	7 M.R. Drive
8 M.R. Drive	9	10 Happy Birthday Maggie Meister Tim Oparka	11	12 7pm Ladies Mtg.	13 Happy Birthday Pat Podgorski Robert Brunk	14
15 Coffee & Donuts Happy Birthday Anthony Szeliga Kenneth Pasternak	16 5:30 pm Ladies Appreciation Dinner Happy Birthday Leroy Proszkowski	17 Happy Birthday Mary Thompson	18	19 Happy Birthday Dee Figg	20 Happy Birthday Martin Smith Renato Marchesi Douglas Evans	21
22 <b>SHIELD DEADLINE</b>	23 Happy Birthday Bernard Baumgardner	24 Happy Birthday Guisseppe Palazzola	25	26	27	28
29	30 7:30pm Officers Mtg	31 				




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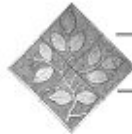
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