

# THE SHIELD

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*By Sam P. Lamerato*

Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

On September 9th the Building Corp met before our K of C meeting. Minutes of this meeting will be available at the October 7th meeting. ***Both meetings were very well attended.***

The members discussed Coats for Kids, a motion was made to purchase two (2) cases of coats and by doing so we will receive two (2) additional cases at no charge. Motion passed unanimously.

The members discussed the Catholic Prep Bowl tickets. A motion was made to purchase ten (10) tickets at \$10.00 each for the Prep Bowl. Motion passed unanimously.

Darren Gray, our District Deputy gave a report on the August/September charity Poker fundraiser. Please see his report in the Shield.

Building maintenance and clean-up were discussed at the meeting. A scheduled K of C council house cleanup was Saturday, September 14th at 9:00am – noon. We had a good turn out and made a huge dent in the to-do list. The garage was cleaned and reorganized, a new grate was installed over the ground water run-off catch basin, a new battery was installed in the spare lawn tractor, landscaping, tree trimming and clean-up around the property was also started. This work is necessary to keep the Council house in good working order. Thank you to all the K of C and ladies' auxiliary members who were at the cleanup day! At the October meeting we will discuss the next cleanup date. As I said before, many hands lighten the load. **We cannot expect just a few members and their wives to carry the load for all of us.**

**Save these dates** – Poker charity fundraiser October 18th – 21st. This will be a day/afternoon event. We need HELP with this event. More details will be in the shield under charity poker fundraiser.

Euchre Tournament Saturday, November 16th at 5:30pm (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.

Sunday, September 8th 9:00am mass intention was intended for the living and deceased members of the Knights. **The next scheduled mass for the living and deceased members of the Knights will be Sunday, October 13th at 9:00am. If you have a Knights of Columbus shirt, please wear it for this mass. The Knights of Columbus will also be sponsoring and hosting the coffee & donuts after this mass. Help is needed before, during and after this event.**

*The August Knight of the month was Duane McLaughlin.*

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.

***Note – The next meeting for both the K of C and the Building Corp will be held Monday, October 7th. 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**

Hello ladies and Happy Fall!

At our last meeting, we discussed setting up a pet donation drive for the Madison Heights Animal Shelter and also making a donation to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in late October. We are also organizing a donation drive for the Pregnancy Center in Madison Heights, stay tuned for the information about items needed for the center. We are planning a Friday Night Dinner for November 15th, time and cost to be discussed at the October meeting. It is going to be Taco Night, and we will finalize the sign up for food/items needed at the meeting. The Ladies Appreciation Dinner is going to be this month, the date is still to be determined, and it is going to be a pasta dinner. Please continue to bring a non-perishable item to the meeting for St. Vincent de Paul.

Happy Anniversary to Bernie and John Turchin on the 1st and Happy Birthday to Mary Thompson on the 17th.

Our next meeting is Thursday, October 10th at 7:00p.m. Hostesses are Yvette Ploskonka and Meg Lamerato. We continue to welcome new members to the Auxiliary-wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters of a knight are eligible to join. We are a very fun group and would love to get to know you!

Please continue to pray for those on the prayer list!

Amber Thompson - President

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**Thursday, October 10th, 2024**  
 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting  
 7:00pm At the Council

**FRIDAY, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Ladies Appreciation Pasta Dinner!**  
 6:00pm at the Council  
 Ladies Free – Guys - \$10

**Shield Deadline:**  
**Sunday, October 20th, 2024**  
 editor@kofc7239.org  
 (Usually 3rd Sunday of Month)

## Program Corner

### LADIES APPRECIATION DINNER

We will be hosting a pasta dinner on Friday, October 20th, 6:00pm, at the Council. This dinner is for **ALL** the Ladies that help support us as Knights. Mothers, daughters, spouses, etc. are all welcome to enjoy this dinner at no cost for them. Knights, you must pay \$7.00. © Dinner will consist of pasta with meat or marinara sauce, salad, bread, garlic bread, and dessert. I will also plan to make an arrabbiata sauce, for those that like a little more spice in their life.

Now, I may have heard some rumblings that people are tired of this dinner always being pasta. Not that they don't like pasta, but just thought it might be better to change it up for next year. I'm open to ideas for next year.

Sincerely,  
Darren Gray, PGK, FDD

### CHARITY POKER UPDATE

Thank you all that helped with our first Charity Poker Event in a long time. When all was said and done, we raised \$3,882.00 for our Charity Funds Account. See the Resolution regarding the distribution of most of those funds.

Now, I'll need your help for the next one here in October. It will be held at the same location: Diccico's Lounge, from October 18<sup>th</sup> – October 21<sup>st</sup>. However, this will be a daytime event, from 11am – 6pm. I will need some 'experienced' guys to open on Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup> & Monday, the 21<sup>st</sup>, as I have some prior commitments those mornings. I'll be sending an email out asking for volunteers.

### PASSING OF REGIS WELSH

Some sad news to report. On September 14th, our 4th degree Brother Knight Regis A. Welsh passed away. On September 20th, a rosary was led by Darren Gray and a letter of condolence was read and presented to the family by the Grand Knight. Several of the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary attended the rosary and funeral mass. The 4th degree K of C color guard were present at the funeral home and presented a chalice to the family which will be engraved with Regis A. Welsh and donated to a church in the near future, The color guard was also present at the funeral mass on September 21st, they processed towards the altar and honored our brother knight as his casket passed them and proceeded to the altar.

### RESOLUTION

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FR. JAMES B HEARY COUNCIL 7239 WITHDRAWAL \$3,300.00 FROM THE CHARITY FUND ACCOUNT TO BE DONATED TO THE MRAW.**

Submitted By **Craig Massman, FS**  
**Darren Gray, PGK, DD**



### 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.

**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](mailto:editor@kofc7239.org)

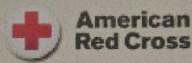
**And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services. Also please pray for the recently deceased.**

**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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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS  
10/01 Scott Szeliga  
10/10 Tim Oparka  
10/15 Kenneth Pasternak  
10/15 Anthony Szeliga  
10/20 Doug Evans  
10/20 Renato Marchesi  
10/20 Martin Smith

LADIES AUXILIARY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS  
10/17 Mary Thompson

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy Birthday Scott Szeliga	2	3	4	5
6	7 <i>6:15pm Bldg Corp Mtg</i> <i>7pm Member Mtg</i>	8	9	10 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – 7pm Happy Birthday Tim Oparka	11	12
13 Coffee/Donuts after the 9am Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer (sponsored by the Knights)  Memorial Mass – 9am at St. Vincent Ferrer	14	15 Happy Birthday Kenneth Pasternak Anthony Szeliga	16	17 Happy Birthday Mary Thompson	18	19
20 Happy Birthday Doug Evans Renato Marchesi Martin Smith	21	22	23	24	25 Ladies Appreciation Dinner Meeting – 6pm	26 Prep Bowl 9am – Ford Field
27	28	29	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN		

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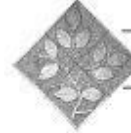
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