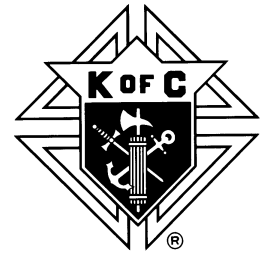




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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*By Glain Guilmette*

Brother Knights ,

September is a pretty quiet month for us.

We had a First Degree Exemplification August 15th. I want to thank all those who participated in the Degree. We initiated one new member.

Thank you also to all those who set up, ran , and helped take down our annual garage sale.

Thanks to everyone who worked on and attended the Picnic. A great time was had by all.

The MR drive will be in October ! We need all the help we can get. Please even if you can only give an hour of your time , come out and help!

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## PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

*By Ken Podgorski, PGK*

I am once again your new Program Director. If you have a program you are responsible for and want me to put it in *The Shield*, please send me an email – [ken.podgorski@yahoo.com](mailto:ken.podgorski@yahoo.com)

Picnic was a success. Thanks to my Dad, Janice and Cindy and anyone else who helped. Not sure how the Garage Sale went, but I'm sure it was good.

Coffee and Donuts is Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> after the 8 & 10 am Mass.

Pancake Breakfast is September 18<sup>th</sup> . All help is welcome. I'm sure there will be no complaints from Jim Morrison.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

**\*\* NOTE DATE CHANGE \*\***

Building Corporation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

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Coffee & Donuts

Sunday, September 4, 2016

After 8 & 10 am Masses

At St. Vincent Ferrer Hall

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Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, September 18, 2016

After 8 & 10 am Masses

At St. Vincent Ferrer Hall

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**Shield Deadline:**

**Sunday, September 18, 2016**

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

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Officers Meeting

Monday, September 26, 2016

7:30 p.m.

**\*\* Find us on Facebook \*\***

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Peter Kuester	Ron Thompson

**LADIES AUXILIARY**

*By Janice Polan, President*

Welcome back, Ladies, to another exciting year. Looking forward to our monthly meetings and Council events

Our first meeting is on Thursday, September 8th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Council. Our hostesses will be our new and returning officers: Janice Polan (Pres), Yvette Ploskonka (VP), Bernie Turchin (Sec'y) and MaryLou Stema (Treas). Please bring ideas for charities, social events, and fundraisers; AND remember to bring your \$5 annual dues. We are looking to increase our membership, and welcome all Council Knights' spouses, daughters, granddaughters and/or female relatives age 18 or older. Come join the fun!

Thank you to all that attended the summertime events, especially those Ladies that contributed items and/or time to our first trial of managing the clothing sales at the Knights' garage sale. Your participation was greatly appreciated.

Happy September birthdays to Nancy Oparka (9/1) and Helen Zolna (9/24).

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**LADIES AUXILIARY BAKELESS BAKE SALE**

*By Janice Polan, Ladies Auxiliary President*

Just a note of thanks and recognition to the following families that made a donation to our "bakeless" bake sale last May/June. Your contributions made our fundraiser a success and was greatly appreciated.

Bessler, Carlisle, Haranczak, Higgins, Huminski, KaPolka, Landry, Lesniak, Olszewski, Oparka, Ploskonka, Podgorski, Polan, Welsh and Zolna

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**COFFEE & DONUTS, PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEWS**

*By Jim Morrison, PGK, FDD*

September 4 is the Coffee & Donuts and September 18 is the first Pancake Breakfast of the school year. Hope you will join us for the breakfast and we always have need for help with cleanup. If you didn't come out to check the items we had in our Garage Sale, you missed some good deals.

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

*By Darren Gray, FS*

Brother Knights, communication is the key to a healthy council. And in today's hi-tech world, email is the easiest way to get important, timely messages out to our membership. And because people change their email addresses from time to time, it is important to keep our records updated. In order to make sure I have your most recent email address available, I am asking **ALL** members to please send an email to [fs7239@mikofc.org](mailto:fs7239@mikofc.org) from your current email address. Along with the email, please include your current home phone number and your current cell phone, if available. If you don't send me an email, I will assume that your email address is no longer active and update our records accordingly.

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### Installation of New Officers For the Upcoming Fraternal Year



## PRAYER LIST

Daryl Anders, Valeria Alexander, Jerry Beauchamp, Sue Bessler, Bea Boutillier, Mike Briggs, Nan Brown, Ann Brunk, Bob Brunk, Bob Carlisle, Mark Carlisle, Lynette Chandler, Betty Cookets, Sandy Coons, Bob Cox Noah Cranston, David Dinkins, Pat Edoff, Dee Figg, Lynn Figg, Barbara Fisher, Jodi Flynn, Wallis Flynn, Frederick Greaves, Mary Jane Guc, Natalie Hunt, Steve Karam, Ed Kanigowski, Cathy Krenzer, Robert Lebioda, Aldo Marchesi, Silvio Marchesi, Chris McCoy, Roger McCoy, Sharon McCoy, Frank McFall, Rachel McLaughlin, Catherine Meadows, Carol Miller, Ron Miller, Laurie Minda, Louis Mouyianis, Jim Palmer, Leona Peklo, Andrea Pena, Ken Piana, Ron Ploskonka, Ed Poplawski, Judie Schanbeck, Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Gena Staszek, Michael Studebaker, Mark Smith, Lori Stack, Mary Thompson, Donovan Turchin, Tyler Tupiak, Ann Tupiak, Ron Tarnowski, Lee Ventimiglia, Matt Ventimiglia, Ilene Wagely, Marian Welsh, Regis Welsh, Ted Wilk, Jean Witkowski.

**And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services. Also please prayer for the recently deceased: Cheryl Latson and Lorraine Bessler.**

**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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## Knights of Columbus “BENEFITS NEWS”

### Life Insurance as a Gift?

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. “How morbid,” they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers – even while you’re alive.. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse’s quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It’s a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

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### THE MUSE

*An Editor’s Exposé*

It’s back to school season, which means learning to share the road. A few precautions go a long way towards safety. Don’t block the crosswalk when stopping at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic. Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, or in residential areas. Never pass a bus from behind if it is stopped loading/unloading children. If its yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic MUST stop.

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### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09/01 Rev. John Esper  
09/04 Mel Szlag  
09/05 Joseph Miller  
09/07 Joseph Longo  
09/08 Mark Bliss  
09/18 David Notarianni  
09/24 Michael Lehr  
09/29 Kevin Pawlowski  
09/30 Michael Kapolka

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



# September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy Birthday Nancy Oparka Rev. John Esper	2	3
4 Coffee & Donuts Happy Birthday Mel Szlag	5 Happy Birthday Joseph Miller	6 7pm Bld. Corp. Mtg 8pm Member Mtg	7 Happy Birthday Joseph Longo	8 7pm Ladies Aux. Happy Birthday Mark Bliss	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Shield Deadline! Pancake Breakfast Happy Birthday David Notarianni	19	20	21	22	23	24 Happy Birthday Helen Zolna Michael Lehr
25	26 7:30pm Officers Mtg	27	28	29 Happy Birthday Kevin Pawlowski	30 Happy Birthday Michael Kapolka	



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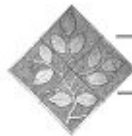
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