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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Sam P. Lamerato

Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

On August 5th the Building Corp met before our K of C meeting. Minutes of this meeting will be available at the September meeting.

At the August 5th meeting the resolution was voted on and approved to transfer \$25,000.00 from the money market to the K of C checking account for building improvements. Any funds left over will be returned to the money market account.

To date the new sump pump has been installed and is working great. (see pictures) The three layers of old shingles were removed, and new dimensional shingles were installed with new drip edge, ice & water guard in all valleys and 6 feet up from eaves and a layer of synthetic roof felt on entire roof deck. (see before & after pictures). We were very fortunate that no additional roof boards were in need of replacement.

A euchre tournament fundraiser is being planned and several possible dates were mentioned in October or early to mid-November. Darren Gray will have more details at a future meeting. I will be checking with the administration office on the hall availability. The plan would be to have the tournament start after the Saturday evening mass.

Additional discussion was held about helping to support the Madison Family Planning - Image of Christ pregnancy center. The Ladies Auxiliary will be contacted for their input. More discussion on this will take place at the September meeting.

Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Council 3860 Dearborn MI. has requested a donation of \$75.00. The funds will be used to "Keep Christ in Christmas". This year they partnered with OUTFRONT to rent 10 poster/billboards throughout the Detroit area from December 7th – January 7th. A motion was made to support this event and seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The rescheduled K of C officer's appreciation dinner was held on Friday, August 16th at 6:00pm. Just under 30 attended and all had a great time. Thank you to the setup-crew, grill masters Darren Gray and Craig Massman and clean-up crew. Thank you to all the members who contributed delicious desserts and wonderful beverages. District Deputy Darren Gray held an Installation ceremony for the officers after the dinner.

Building maintenance and clean-up were discussed at the meeting. A schedule will be put developed to meet every other month on Saturday morning at 9:00am – noon followed by a light lunch. This work is necessary to keep the Council house in good working order. 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.**

The Sunday, August 11th 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, September 8th at 9:00am. If you have a Knights of Columbus shirt, please wear it for this mass.**

The July Knight of the month was Robert Pasternak.

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 - Due to the Labor Day holiday, the September meeting for both the K of C and the Building Corp will be held Monday, September 9th. 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,

Welcome back! I can't wait to see all of you at our first regular meeting on September 12th at 7pm. The officers are hosting and will provide the refreshments. Please bring ideas for charities, social events, and fundraisers for the upcoming year. Thank you all for your continuous dedication to the auxiliary! I can't wait to see all of the exciting things we will accomplish this year. Shoutout to Darren for another, amazing Officers' appreciation dinner. The Knights of Columbus held their annual family picnic on August 25th. It was a lot of fun and great to see everyone there.

Please bring non-perishable items, especially paper products, to the meeting in September for St. Vincent de Paul.

Happy Birthday to Nancy Oparka on September 1st!

Please pray for our prayer list and Happy Labor Day!

Amber Thompson - President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, September 9th, 2024

Building Corp Meeting: 6:15pm

Membership Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

**** Meeting In-Person at Council****

Thursday, September 12th, 2024

**** Ladies Auxiliary OPEN HOUSE ****

(All are welcome)

First Ladies Auxiliary Meeting of the Fraternal Year

7:00pm At the Council

Saturday, September 14th, 2024

Council Cleanup

9am-1pm

Shield Deadline:

Sunday, September 22nd, 2024

editor@kofc7239.org

(Usually 3rd Sunday of Month)

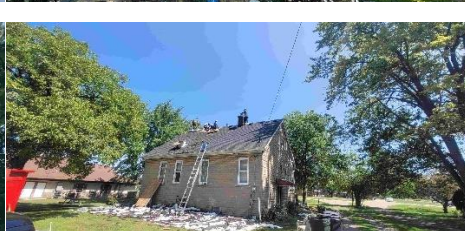
Building Corp Updates

Brothers, we have had a lot of activity at the building this last few months. The flooding issue is relatively under control with the installation of the floor sump pump in the basement. And we had a new roof put on.

At the last Building Corp meeting, we talked about continuing the Clean-up on a bi-monthly basis (every two months). The next clean up will be on Saturday, September 14th, from 9am to 1pm. If you have some time, please stop by and help with the various projects around the council. Many hands make light work.

We are also in need of a list of volunteers that can be on a call list, should an emergency come up at the council. For example, a flooding issue due to heavy rains and, by chance, the sump pump failing. The call list would only be triggered if the main people in charge of care are not available. If you would be willing to be on this call list, please let the Grand Knight or the Building Corp President know.

Here are some before/after pictures from the recent construction work.



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

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.



Knights of Columbus “BENEFITS NEWS”

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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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09/01 Rev. John Esper
09/05 Joseph Miller
09/07 Joseph Longo
09/08 Mark Bliss
09/09 Christopher Wier
09/18 David Notarianni
09/26 Ricky Haranczak

LADIES AUXILIARY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09/01 Nancy Oparka

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

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy Birthday Rev. John Esper Nancy Oparka	2 HAPPY LABOR DAY!	3	4	5 Happy Birthday Joseph Miller	6	7 Happy Birthday Joseph Longo
8 Happy Birthday Mark Bliss LADIES MEET AND GREET 7pm At the Council	9 Happy Birthday Christoper Wier <u>7pm Member Mtg</u> NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!	10	11	12 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – 7pm OPEN HOUSE!!!!	13	14 Council Clean Up 9am-1pm
15	16	17	18 Happy Birthday David Notarianni	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Happy Birthday Ricky Haranczak	27	28
29	30					

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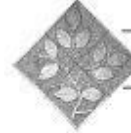
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