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December 2012 - Merry Christmas

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We welcome all membership inquiries from prospective Catholic gentlemen. For membership information at Riverview Council please contact either Deputy Grand Knight SK Lawrence Masserant at deputygk@riverviewkofc.org or Grand Knight SK Mark Lauer at grandknight@riverviewkofc.org.

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Vivat Jesu!

December brings many things, Advent, Christmas and New Year's Eve to name just a few. It is easy to get caught up in the hubbub of the season with all the various social events and our own family events that pepper our calendar.

However, Advent always reminds me not of Christmas but of the Feast of The Annunciation which we actually celebrate on March 25th. It was at this time that Mary gave her assent to become the Mother of our Lord, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Lk 1:38) This assent did not come automatically for Mary. Remember that she herself doubted how this could be, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" (Lk 1:34) But Gabriel explained to her, "The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." (Lk 1:35).

All this is nice but we are clearly not Mary so how could this apply to us? The reality is that although we are born into sin, God gave us the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation to address this. What we share with Mary is the ability to assent to God's plan.

What assents should be considering in this season of Advent? How about assenting to our families' need to spend time with us? How about assenting to spending an hour a week outside of weekly Mass in silent prayer with our Lord? How about assenting to putting in 1 hour a week for a poor family that you personally know? God speaks to us each and every moment of every day, it is our responsibility to begin listening and assenting to making him primary in our lives. Advent would be a wonderful time to start giving this a try.

On behalf of Laura and I, we wish you a blessed and happy Christmas season. "....nothing will be impossible for God." (Lk 1:37).

God Bless

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News from Our Pro-Life Couple



I read with horror the reports coming out of Newtown, Connecticut that 20 young children had been killed in their school. The rest of the nation reacted with the same horror. I wonder then, why the nation doesn't react with horror that over 2000 young lives are ended each day in our nation by abortion*. Is it because they don't have names, that we can't see their faces? We have to be the voice for those who don't have voices yet.

Please consider joining others from Downriver on the buses to Washington, D.C. in January, 2013 to be a witness against the tragedy 40 years of legalized abortion in America has wrought. The Red Eye deluxe motor coach leaves Thursday, January 24 at 6:00 pm and has you home early Saturday morning. The cost is only \$100 for an adult and \$50 for a student. For more information contact Joe Connors at (800) 295-4277 or joec@monroeplumbing.com.

If you prefer to spend your nights in a hotel bed and not a bus seat, there is a 2 Night Stay that leaves Thursday, January 24 at 7:00 am and will be back in Trenton Saturday evening. The cost of \$299 per person (double occupancy) or \$379 (single occupancy) includes 2 nights at the Courtyard Marriott Washington, D.C./U.S. Capitol and 2 breakfasts, in addition to transportation on a deluxe motor coach. Arrangements are being handled by Custom Holidays at (313) 388-0448. For more information call Marian Sylvester at (734) 675-9392.

*The CDC has just released a report that 784,507 abortions were reported for 2009

Upcoming Events:

If you can not be in Washington, you can be a witness locally. Sanctity of Life Sunday is January, 20, 2013. See the attached flyer.

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Sanctity of Human Life Ecumenical Prayer Service

**Sunday, January 20, 2013
4:00pm**

**Our Lady of the Woods Church
21892 Gudith Road, Woodhaven ~ 734-671-5720**

Speaker: Scott Anastasia

Scott Anastasia has served in professional parish ministry for over 25 years. He holds a Masters Degree in social work from University of Michigan and a Masters Degree in theology from Sacred Heart Major Seminary. He has worked as chaplain for VNA Hospice, and promoted adult catechesis as a member on the Archdiocese of Detroit RCIA Committee and diocese-wide Adult Faith Formation Committee. Scott and his wife Rachel have been married for 27 years, and have three children. He stayed home to raise the children for many years. He is currently the pastoral associate at St. Joseph Church in Trenton.

*Come join us as we pray that the dignity of each human person may be respected
and that the legal guarantee of the right to life may be fully restored.*

**Sponsored by the Catholic Churches of: Grosse Ile,
Riverview, Southgate, Trenton and Woodhaven**

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POPE JOHN PAUL II ASSEMBLY
Fourth Degree News from the Navigator



First I would like to thank all the members who attended our last two meeting on Oct 3rd & Nov7th; they did something that is going to stay with them the rest of their life. Upon being given the facts they requested, they choose unanimously, without further discussion to donate funds to Wounded Warriors Project. This project is helping them to get back on track, and deal with the trauma of serving in our war in the Middle East. Helping our military is what the Forth Degree is all about.

We are now supporting several organizations including:

Southwest Solutions (housing the homeless vets)

Archdiocese for Military Services, USA (Ministering sacraments, benefits to Catholic Service Personnel)

Our Lady of the Woods (Gift Boxes to personnel fighting overseas)

Division #1 Gift box program.

Wounded Warriors Project. (New)

I attended the Division #1 meeting on Nov. 4 th we were asked to bring some commodities for Gift boxes to our service personnel. The Ladies of Div. #1 packed 108 boxes they did a terrific job.

We received two awards at this meeting; one for the Color Corp for their activities in 2011 – 2012. The second was for our support of Guest House project.

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We want to take this opportunity to acknowledge SK Joe Kimmel and his volunteers for their super job with the Texas Hold 'Em fundraisers. Keep up the good work!

We need Color Corp volunteers, our ranks are thinning. Please consider joining. If the cost of the regalia is a problem, don't let that stop you. We can help you with that.

Our Spring Exemplification Program is scheduled for March 2, 2013 at Crystal Gardens Banquet Center – 16703 Fort St. Southgate, Mi. 48195. Our assembly quote is 8 new members; we now have possible of 3. We need to recruit harder. I have asked SK Robert Spencer, SK Richard Lambrix, SK Robert Smith to speak to their respective Councils at their next meeting on becoming a 4th degree this spring.

There was a suggestion made at the November meeting, that we have a get together for all members. It was tabled until the Dec. Meeting so all members can give their input on the planning. We would like to have it early next year.

Looking forward to seeing all our members at the December 5, 2012 meeting.

Until then May God bless you and your love ones.

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Knight of the Quarter

Brother James Fitzpatrick

Family of the Quarter



Sir Knight Michael O'Keefe

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

OUR DECEASED:

**Brother Clifford Moening
Sir Knight Edward Wesolowicz**

OUR SICK, DISABLED:

**Sir Knight Mark Lauer's Brother Richard
Sir Knight Dominic Mancini
Brother James Fitzpatrick
Brother Jim Payne
Lady Pat McGraw
Lady Jeanette Swisz
Lady Carol Korte's Brother Dale**



**Pray for all of our Military Soldiers, Living and
Deceased, and for their families.
May God keep them safe. Amen.**

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