



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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**February 2012 - As Lent Begins**

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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](mailto:deputygk@riverviewkofc.org) or Grand Knight SK Mark Lauer at [grandknight@riverviewkofc.org](mailto:grandknight@riverviewkofc.org).

# **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**



**Vivat Jesu!**

**February is upon us and with it will come Ash Wednesday, the start of the season of Lent. It is through this season of preparation that we once again realize that without the resurrection of Easter, the birth at Christmas would have been meaningless.**

**February is also a month of opportunities. We have the opportunity to reach out to our Hispanic fellow parishioners through our Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon service on February 9<sup>th</sup>. This icon commemorates the only recognized Marion apparition in North America.**

**We also have the opportunity to welcome new members. On February 12<sup>th</sup> there will be a major degree at Fr. Patrick O'Kelly council in Dearborn. We will be welcoming at least 1 new member to our order. If you haven't had the opportunity to see the new 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, this would be a perfect opportunity to do so.**

**We have the opportunity to pray together at our Corporate Communion Mass at 9 a.m. Mass on February 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Finally, we have the opportunity to socialize, and possibly add to our riches during our Casino trip on February 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**All of these opportunities show that the K of C is not just our meetings but an active life within the Parish. We look forward to each and every month because they are indeed filled with opportunities for a community of faith which we are.**

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## Our Worthy District Deputy Jeff Dombrowski



Gentlemen,

The Knights of Columbus - Supreme Council is conducting the "Be Not Afraid!" Membership Campaign in honor of the beatification of Blessed John Paul II.

See how you can earn a Blessed John Paul II Medallion by recruiting a new member; simply click on the following link:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/membership/campaign/index.html>

Now, here we go. I previously wrote about the attacks, and I feel that word is justified here, on our faith in numerous ways. I've written about Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) which is the group of Christian lawyers who have been taking on the ACLU regarding matters of faith. See some more of what is happening to public prayer, and the name of Christ, in this country. There are some scary things going on. Go to [www.Alliancedefensefund.com](http://www.Alliancedefensefund.com) and raise your body temperature.

Looking for answers? Go to the Officers' Desk Reference. Council officers regularly face a wide variety of challenges in their roles as leaders of our Order. To assist them and to help them address other frequently recurring issues, the Supreme Advocate's Office has developed an online tool called the *Officers' Desk Reference*. This reference guide is located under the password-protected Officer's Online section of kofc.org. The *Officers' Desk Reference* contains helpful guidance on a wide range of frequently asked questions such as the proper use of the Order's trademarked name and emblem, guidance concerning member use of social communications, council tax issues, and much more. Please take some time to review this resource and to become familiar with it. Doing so will pay dividends for you and your council. The content of the *Officers' Desk Reference* is frequently updated, so check back often for new or updated information.

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**Our Worthy District Deputy**  
**Jeff Dombrowski**  
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An important aspect of the Knights of Columbus is helping others...and sometimes we have to help each other in order to be more effective in our charitable works. In the bible, in the book of James, it is written that our good works do not result in our salvation, but our salvation should result in good works, which set an example for others. Here's where you can help, and enjoy yourselves at the same time. On February 18th, Sunday, Msgr. Eppenbrock and Sacred Heart councils are hosting a Mardi Gras party at Msgr. Eppenbrock Council, with proceeds going to the wonderful organization, Holy Cross Children Services (HCCS). This is one of my favorite organizations to assist...they are effective, concerned, Christian and in need of help. Special guest speaker for the evening is Michigan Supreme Court Judge Brian Zahra. The dinner menu includes: carved beef, mandarin chicken, baked fish, mashed potatoes and gravy, rice pilaf, salad bar, rolls and beverages...and of course, a dessert bar! Email me for tickets or information...I'll bring them to you. Let's enjoy the wonderful event together by helping those much in need.

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# Field Agent on Benefits

Insurance check-up for 2012



An insurance check up can be as important as an annual physical. Unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance, long term care or disability income insurance. You also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did you take time out of your schedule last year to meet with me? If you did, thank you for seeing me and helping secure your financial future. I will be in touch with you to schedule your annual review to verify that everything is heading in the right direction.

If you didn't have a meeting with me last year, I hope you will answer my invitation this year. Schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, and I'll provide an insurance check-up that will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could be providing value for you and your family for generations?

Call me today

Thomas.F.Jackson@kofc.org.

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# News from Our Pro-Life Couple



## **March for Life Reflections**

I attended the March for Life in Washington, D.C. 2 years ago and had planned to attend this year but could not. However, after reading about the 2012 March and hearing from those that attended, I have some reflections. The weather forecast was for freezing rain in the morning but there was only drizzle during the Rally and March. Still, the attendance was over 400,000. One pro-life supporter said the numbers were so large that many could not even get to the National Mall for the Rally. At other Life events throughout the U.S. estimated numbers were up, including our prayer service at Our Lady of the Woods Church.

One thing that surprised me 2 years ago and gave me hope for the future was the number of young people at the March. From what I read and heard, it was the same this year. The Downriver affiliates of Right to Life sponsored a bus and sent 40 people to the March including 2 church youth groups. The second largest group that I noticed 2 years ago was the K of C councils.

Next year will be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision that legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy. Let us do all we can to end this travesty so that we do not spend more than 40 years wandering in the desert of legalized abortion. Know the candidates' stand on abortion and vote for those who support life, support your local pro-life organizations and attend their events, join the Life Issues Committee at St. Cyprian and pray, always, for an end to abortion. And, if abortion is still legal next year, make plans to have the Riverview Council attend the March in Washington as a group.

Marian Sylvester

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# **POPE JOHN PAUL II ASSEMBLY**

## **Fourth Degree News from the Navigator**

If you haven't submitted your dues for 2012 you are delinquent. *Please get your annual dues to Faithful Comptroller SK Joe Kimmel soon, so we save the postage for more worthwhile charitable efforts.*

At our Jan. meeting we approved a \$100 for an ad in the program book for the March 3, 2012 4th Degree Exemplification at Crystal Gardens in Southgate. We also made a \$125 donation to the Military Scholarship Fund supreme has set up to help increase the number of military chaplains in our armed services. If you would like to make an individual donation to this fund through the assembly you may do so by sending a check made out to the assembly with Military Scholarship written on the memo line.

The 4th degree spring exemplification will be Saturday March 03, 2012 at Crystal Gardens in Southgate. Please ask your Third Degree brother knights to join the Patriotic Degree. We have plenty of Forms 4 available. You will need to act soon as the deadline for sending in the forms to the Master of District #1, SK Clifford Wasmund is mid-February. All information regarding the exemplification can be found at the [www.michigandistrict1.com](http://www.michigandistrict1.com) web site and clicking on the [Forms] tab on the opening page.

It is not too early to start thinking about nominations of officers for the assembly, as the elections will be held in May. Please consider taking an active role in taking a position as an officer or speak to one of our sir knights that you know would be a good leader. We have all been given talents by our Creator and they should be utilized.

Texas Hold'em Fund Raiser - We have a date for our fund raiser Feb. 28 to Mar. 1, 2012 at the Electric Stick. We need workers to help from the hours of 3:30 pm to 2:00 am in the morning. Contact me or SK Joe Kimmel, if you are able to help. We would like to have 3 Sir Knights per shift and with enough volunteers we would hope to work no more than 2 or 3 hour shifts. Our responsibility is to collect money, distribute poker chips, and record transactions. There will be a sign up sheet at the Feb. meeting. Please step forward and help with this as all monies will be going to the various charities we support.

Contact Information: If you have a new e-mail address, telephone number, etc and have not given the information to our comptroller, SK Joe Kimmel, please do so.

Vivat Jesus



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## **Knight of the Quarter**

*Brother Russ Wenner*



## **Birthdays**

|               |                                   |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Feb 11</b> | <b>Lady Debra Mancini</b>         |
| <b>Feb 13</b> | <b>Brother Richard Grabowski</b>  |
| <b>Feb 28</b> | <b>Lady Elizabeth Matt</b>        |
| <b>Mar 10</b> | <b>Brother Daniel Swisz</b>       |
| <b>Mar 14</b> | <b>Lady Denise Smith</b>          |
| <b>Mar 30</b> | <b>Sir Knight Dominic Mancini</b> |
|               | <b>Lady Rachel Grove</b>          |

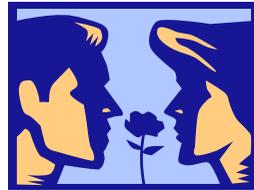
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## Family of the Quarter

*Brother Carl Baltosiewick*

## Anniversaries



- Feb 11      Brother Donald & Lady Elizabeth Matt**
- Mar 20      Brother Daniel, PGK & Lady Jeannette Swisz**
- Mar 27      Brother Gordon & Lady Marsha Graham**
- Mar 31      Sir Knight Dominic & Lady Debra Mancini**

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## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

### **OUR DECEASED:**

**Brother Clifford Moening**

### **OUR SICK, DISABLED:**

**Sir Knight Ed Wesolowicz**  
**Sir Knight Larry Masserant**  
**Sir Knight Dominic Mancini**  
**Sir Knight Robert Spencer**  
**Lady Mary Payne**



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

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