



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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January 2012 - Happy New Year

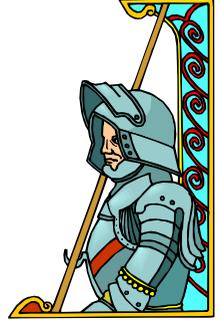
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We welcome all membership inquiries from prospective Catholic gentlemen. For membership information at Riverview Council please contact either Deputy Grand Knight SK Lawrence Masserant at deputygk@riverviewkofc.org or Grand Knight SK Mark Lauer at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

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Vivat Jesu!

As we begin 2012, we can look forward to many things. First and foremost, we look ever forward to the resurrection of our Lord and Savior on that blessed Easter morning. As Christians, Christmas would be absent meaning if it wasn't for the Easter that followed.

We also are looking forward to continued success with our Pancake Breakfasts, Euchre Nights, a newly proposed Casino night, Corporate Communion, Right to Life events, hosting of the District 1 Spring Exemplification for the Fourth Degree and, most importantly, the fellowship and friendship that results from an active Council.

With all these things to look forward to, is there any better time to re-commit ourselves to sharing our Order with others. Riverview Council is small enough to have true fraternity and fellowship but large enough to hold all of the above activities. Why not ask others that you know to join our ranks as Brother Knights? Think of the reason why you joined the Knights and use that as a "selling point" for our Council.

We are still looking for a Spring Social Event idea. So if you have any great, or not so great, ideas for us to socialize as a Council, please bring them up to me or any officer. All ideas are welcome.

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A Message from the First Lady Laura Lauer

After our December Corporate Communion on Saturday, December 10th, the Riverview Knights continued the evening with their annual visit to the home of Mark and I for fellowship, food and frivolity.

Our generous Knights always ask how they can help out with the party and this year was no exception. At my request, the Knights were asked to bring socks suitable for teen boys and young men. The socks were then distributed to three groups: Holy Cross Childrens' Services, Cass Community Social Services, and Covenant House.

Beyond the usual need for cash donations, the two items I receive the most requests for from homeless shelters and other residential facilities are socks and underclothing. These two items are such where gently used items just aren't appropriate; yet they are the two items most overlooked by donors. This year our council provided more than 125 pairs of socks to help satisfy needs throughout southeastern Michigan. THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE!!!!

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Our Worthy District Deputy Jeff Dombrowski



Gentlemen,

Now we enter yet another “new” year, and along with it the celebratory “happy” and “best wishes” greetings, and of course, the annual list of resolutions that we hope to keep...at least until the end of the month,...maybe. So, what’s your resolution? How about the weight thing? That’s always one of the favorites. Getting into shape? Reading more books? Documenting your family history? Climbing a mountain?

May I make a few suggestions? These following ideas all have one thing in common... Right to Life, local food bank, American Wheelchair Mission, 2nd responders, MI (tootsie roll) drive, coats for kids, Holy Cross Children’s Services, military seminarian program, R.S.V.P. program, Special Olympics, Free Throw Championship, Substance Abuse Awareness Poster contest, Catholic Citizenship Essay contest, Columbian Squires, 4th degree color guard, Soccer challenge, corporate communion, pancake breakfast, fish fry, K of C spelling bee, IslandFest, Giving Garden, Thanksgiving parade, bingo nights, steak roast, Chili-Knights chili contest, membership retention, Downriver Family Picnic, Surge...with Service, Knight in Shining Armor, Downriver Knights golf outing, Lady of Guadalupe Icon Service, Degree exemplification ceremonial team, blood drives, Salvation Army bell ringer, euchre night, round table coordinator, membership focus, Council officer, program director...the list goes on.

And the one thing in common? All of these have a Knights of Columbus presence. Last year we donated over \$150,000,000.00 to charities and gave over 70 million hours of volunteer service. We could have done better with a little more help. I’m not talking about those who are the “regulars”, but those who may be looking for a resolution they could keep.

How about it? A lot of options from which to choose. One event this year. A resolution you can keep.

May Christ keep and guide you and your family throughout this new year. May he give you the opportunity to give to others, as He gave to us. To help others, as He helped us. To be an example to others, as He is the perfect example to us.

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Field Agent on Benefits



Only having “through work” insurance doesn’t work

Do you know anyone whose life has been drastically changed by the recent recession and economic downturn? With unemployment numbers rising, it’s very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty now. With this uncertainty, there is a real possibility that you (or your spouse) could lose your job or change employers.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that a personally owned life insurance policy is not necessary.

Only having “through work” insurance doesn’t work. This way of thinking should be a thing of the past for many reasons. Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low for your family’s actual needs. In fact, without a detailed needs analysis, any employer-provided coverage may be completely unrelated to needs at death.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire.

With the possibility of these changes on the horizon, you could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it has and will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I’ll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you’ll know exactly where you stand.

Thomas.F.Jackson@kofc.org.

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News from Our Pro-Life Couple



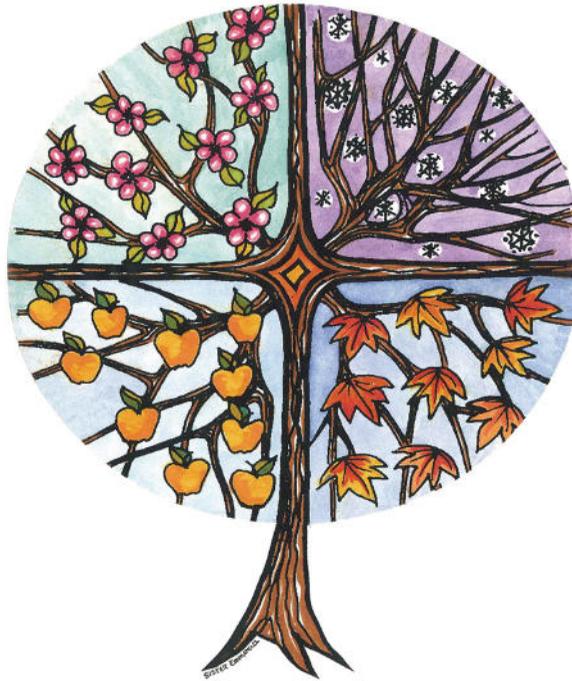
January 22, 2012 marks the 39th anniversary of the Supreme Court decisions that made abortion legal through all 9 months of pregnancy for any reason.

There are still seats available on the buses heading to Washington D.C. for the annual March for Life which will be held on Monday, January 23. Make this a late Christmas gift to your children or grandchildren and accompany them to the march. The majority of marchers are teens or young adults and it is a strong affirmation to be with others upholding the value of life, contrary to what our young people see and hear in the media. It is also a wonderful opportunity to march in solidarity with brother knights from councils around the country.

Two buses are going from the Downriver area: a red eye that leaves Sunday evening and returns in the early hours of Tuesday morning, and one that leaves Sunday morning with an overnight stay at a Comfort Inn, also returning early Tuesday. For more information contact Marian Sylvester at (734) 675-9392. Forms were also attached to an earlier K of C newsletter.

If you cannot travel to Washington, consider attending the Sanctity of Life Prayer Service presented by St. Cyprian and the other churches of our working group. It will be held Sunday, January 22 at our Lady of the Woods at 4 pm. Pray for the unborn and for those marching in Washington. See the attached flier for more information.

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Sanctity of Human Life
Ecumenical Prayer Service
Sunday, January 22, 2012
4:00pm
Our Lady of the Woods Church
21892 Gudith Road, Woodhaven ~ 734-671-5720

Speaker: Kay Duford

Kay Duford is currently serving as Pastoral Minister at St. Cyprian Parish. Kay has served in professional ministry in the Catholic Church for 26 years. She holds a Pastoral Ministry degree and Applied Addiction Education Certification from Madonna University and is certified as a Master Catechist by the Archdiocese of Detroit. Kay is involved in funeral ministry, education, worship and many other areas of parish life. In addition to parish ministry, Kay has done retreat work and high school campus ministry. Kay and her husband, Don, have been married for 46 years and they have three grown children and five grandsons.

*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, Trenton and Woodhaven**



POPE JOHN PAUL II ASSEMBLY

Fourth Degree News from the Navigator

Happy New Year!

During this New Year 2012 I hope many of you will make a resolution to get more involved with your council and most definitely with Pope JP II Assembly. We need you even if it is only for one project or activity that we conduct. We can use your ideas on how to do more for veterans and our active duty military personnel. How about joining the Color Guard? *Please get your annual dues to Faithful Comptroller SK Joe Kimmel by Jan. 31st.*

At our Dec. meeting we approved a \$100 donation to AOD for the purchase of the new Roman Missals given to all the priests of the AOD from the Knights of the archdiocese. We also approved a donation of \$500 to SK Deacon Steve Mattea of Pope JP II Assembly and All Saints council to assist him in purchasing vestments he will need after his ordination next spring. An amount not to exceed \$100 was approved to pay ½ of the cost for a Papal Flag for the All Saints Council hall.

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, if you need few. All information regarding the exemplification can be found at the www.michigandistrict1.com web site and clicking on the [Forms] tab on the opening page. Master SK Cliff Wasmund has asked that we solicit local businesses or organizations to purchase an ad for the program book used for the exemplification. You can access the ad form at the same location as mentioned previously.

Contact Information: If you have a new e-mail address, telephone, 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

Jan 6	Brother Gordon Graham
Jan 8	Brother Donald Matt
	Brother Jacob Grove
Jan 11	Sir Knight Donald Smith
Jan 17	Lady Julia Anne Fallstich
Jan 27	Brother Edward Korte
	Lady Fernande Bartl
Feb 11	Lady Debra Mancini
Feb 13	Brother Richard Grabowski
Feb 28	Lady Elizabeth Matt

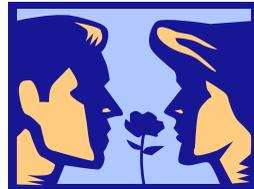
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Family of the Quarter

Brother Carl Baltosiewick

Anniversaries



There are no Anniversaries in the Month of January

Feb 11 Brother Donald & Lady Elizabeth Matt

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

OUR DECEASED:

Brother Clifford Moening

OUR SICK, DISABLED:

**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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