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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!

We begin this month with the celebration of the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God on January 1st. We recall once again Mary's assent during the annunciation to become the Mother of Jesus Christ even though she, at that time, didn't understand all that would entail. She did understand that she was assenting to put her will in God's hands and allow his will to become her own. This incredible act of faith is revealed to us in scripture so that we can see a model of faithfulness to God's will.

We also begin this month halfway through our Fraternal Year. When I look back on the first half I am grateful for the incredible successes we have had. We have welcomed 6 new brothers and 2 other transfer members into our Council. We have had incredible success at all of our fund raising activities and have put those funds to good use through support of our seminarians, the Food Pantry and other worthy causes. We have supported many Parish events and even had the chance to socialize after both our Corporate Communion.

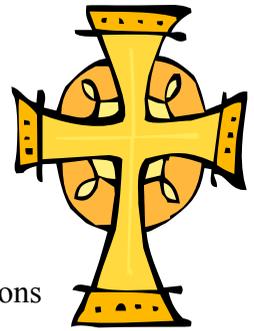
As we look forward into the second half of the Fraternal Year, we hope to welcome even more members. This will only happen if we all re-commit ourselves to finding those fine gentlemen of our community who could contribute to our Council. We also hope for continued success with our various activities. We continue to look for new ideas on activities and have time in the calendar to try a few before the year is out. If you have any new ideas, let me our any other Officer know and we will consider it.

From Laura and I, we wish all of our members a blessed New Year.

God Bless

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Chancellor's Chair



Three Branches of the Year of Faith

Knowing, Living and Sharing your Faith

Excerpts from an article in the OSV Newsweekly, 10/7/2012, by Eric Sammons

How does the Year of Faith impact the average pew-sitting Catholic? What should we do to celebrate and participate in this Year of Faith?

In his apostolic letter (Porta Fidei) announcing the Year of Faith, Pope Benedict XVI mapped out some important principles regarding faith. He wrote, “There exists a profound unity between the act by which we believe and the content to which we give our assent.” In other words, we cannot give our assent to the Catholic faith without some knowledge of that faith. Faith is more than intellectual assent; it includes a intellectual understanding of our faith. The Pope continued, “Confessing with the lips indicates in turn that faith implies public testimony and commitment”---by making that act of faith (“confessing with the lips”) we are naturally making a public testimony for others to witness. So, participating in the Year of Faith can be broken down into three main components:

- (1) **Know your faith**
- (2) **Live your faith**
- (3) **Share your faith**

Today, let us look at the first component; **Know your faith**. Our generation has seen a great crisis of faith in the Church. Today more than 10 million Americans are former Catholics, and approximately one in every three people who grow up Catholic ends up leaving the Church. There are many reasons for this exodus, but most observers agree that a lack of sound catechesis has been one of the primary causes of this tragedy. I had a friend who told me that in the 1970s the only two things he learned in eight years of CCD were “be nice and don’t do drugs.” This type of content-free catechesis was all too common, and it had heartbreaking consequences. In calling the Year of Faith, Pope Benedict is first and foremost urging Catholics to know their faith. Who is Jesus Christ? What is the Trinity? How many sacraments are there and what do they do? What is the role of Mary in salvation history? In order to have that deep, ongoing encounter with Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church, one must continually grow in knowledge of the Faith.

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Chancellor's Chair

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The Catechism is a perfect foundation for the building of this knowledge. The Catechism eloquently explains the Catholic faith by weaving the doctrines of the faith with the Scriptures and patristic sources. It serves, along with the Bible, as the first place to start when growing in knowledge of the Catholic faith. A Scripture sharing group is another good place to start to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith.

The internet is full of sources to assist us in growing our faith. Here is one that I recently found: Catholic Home Study Service, www.amm.org/chss.asp. It offers free courses and is sponsored by the Missouri Knights of Columbus. The courses offered include: We Believe: A Survey of the Catholic Faith; We Worship: A Guide to the Catholic Mass; We live: To Know, Love, and Serve God; We Pray: Living in God's Presence; The Search for Happiness; A Catholic Guide to the Bible; The Privilege of Being Catholic; The Catechism Handbook; Christ's Mother and Ours. I have not taken any of these courses so I cannot comment on their content. I have included the listing to illustrate what is out there.

Next time we will look at the second main component of participating in the Year of Faith: **Live your faith.**

Vivat Jesu,

Your Chancellor
Russ Wenner

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News from Our Pro-Life Couple



January 22nd will be the 40th anniversary of the Roe v Wade court decision that made abortion legal in all 50 of the United States. The innocent lives lost from abortion can be remembered by lighting a luminary on the evening of January 21st and letting it burn through the night. Luminaries will be available in the Gathering Space after masses on the weekends of January 12/13 and 19/20 for a free will donation.

Several events and prayer services are being held Downriver on Sunday, January 20, 2013:

St. Cyprian is participating in the prayer service at 4:00 at Our Lady of the Woods, Woodhaven. See the attached flyer.

There is a March for Life at 1:00 from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (10th and Superior, Wyandotte) followed by a prayer service at 1:30 at the Mt. Carmel Cemetery (9th and Northline.)

There is a March for Life at 2:00 followed by a Rally at 2:30 at the First Presbyterian Church of Trenton (2799 West Road.)

Marian Sylvester

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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



I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year

We have a small break until Lent starts, and we want to touch on a couple of items that came up in our December Meeting.

One of those topics was an in-house meeting of all our Knights / Ladies to get to know each other better. The form of function is wide open at this time. Perhaps a coffee/donuts or sit down dinner, or refreshments/hors d'oeuvres would work. We feel we have a great Assembly and can do more in our community with more ideas and suggestions from all of our members. We have asked Gary Patrick to form a committee out of the three Councils associated with Pope John Paul II; Riverview, Msgr. Eppenbrock, and All Saints. If you would like to help on this project please let us know.

We are also having a Texas Hold-Em this January; SK Joe Kimmel will be looking for help to run this.

The up coming Exemplification on March 2, 2013 recruitment is still on. Our goal is 8 new members for the 4th degree, to date we have 3 ready to go and 1 almost completed. WE NEED YOU to do all you can in your power to help us meet this goal.

We are planning to have a small presentation from the Right to Life representative from Council # 13475 Grosse Ile before our scheduled Jan. 2nd 2013 meeting; we will advise you if this works out.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting; January 2, 2013 6:15 pm officers meeting, then general meeting at 7:00 pm.

Until then May God Bless you, and your family.

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Knight of the Quarter

Brother Gerald Solak

Family of the Quarter



Brother Edward Korte

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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 and Lady Mary 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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