



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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**March 2012 - Happy St. Patrick's Day**

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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!

It was with a great sense of sadness that we said goodbye to our Brother Knight Ed Wesolowicz. Ed was a charter member of our Council and a member of the Knights since 1946. Ed was also a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member of John Paul II Assembly. We will be memorializing Ed through a donation to the St. Cyprian Food Pantry as well as his enrollment in the memorial plaque for all departed Knights down at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Eternal rest grant unto Ed and may the Perpetual Light shine upon him. May Ed's soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

We welcomed our newest member in February. Mr. Ken Beattie agreed to join our order and went through his First Degree in February at Patrick O'Kelly Council in Dearborn. If you see Ken at any Council event, please be sure to welcome him warmly.

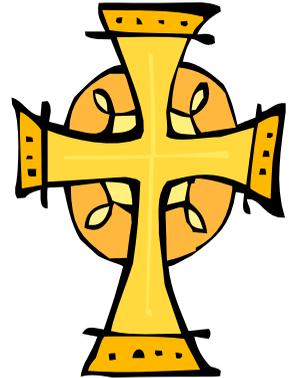
I was very proud indeed of our ability as a Council to host our third 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification Mass on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is our one opportunity during the year to host our Brother Knights at our Parish and welcome them warmly.

Coming up in March we have another busy month. We have our Euchre Night, Pancake Breakfast and MI Drive. In January we had an incredibly successful Euchre Night and Pancake Breakfast. Let's all keep our fingers crossed that we are able to repeat this performance. For those of you who have not been to many of our Council events this year, both of these events provide you with the opportunity to reconnect with the Council. Know that you will always be warmly welcomed no matter the frequency of your participation.

We are very close to our recruiting objective for the year. We now have 3 out of our objective of 4 signed up and initiated. We just need 1 more member to meet our objective. We have met our objective each year for the past several so let's make sure that we don't miss this year. Sometimes the best candidates are the closest to us. What about your son, nephew or even that gentleman that you see every week at Church but don't know his name. This is a perfect opportunity to practice the skill of "invitation".

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## Our Worthy State Chaplain



Brother Knights,

Lent is a special time of grace for us. Unlike other seasons, the time of Lent calls us to recognize more deeply our dependence on the love and mercy of God. As Knights of Columbus, we know well the charge we have to 'do' for others, especially those who are vulnerable. But in a particular way, Lent is a season, or a time, in which we allow God to 'do' in us. We call that movement of his life within us, grace. We don't create it, and we don't manage it. God's grace is a gift that draws us into his divine life. It happens to us each time we receive him in the Eucharist, each time we go to confession, each time we open ourselves to his love and mercy. This awareness of our dependence on the love of God is what disposes us to the movement of grace. Brothers, during this grace-filled season, I pray simply that you receive the outpouring of grace that God has for you. When we rejoice in that grace, we live in his light. May this season be blessed for you and your families.

Peace,

Msgr. Todd Lajiness

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# Field Agent on Benefits



## Shopping All Men Should Do

By nature, most men do not like to shop. Sure, there are exceptions, you may enjoy trips to the hardware store for a tool to help on a home project. Maybe you're a collector or you like to shop for cars. Maybe you like to find the best deal on the newest high-tech gadget for your living room.

When you do decide it's time to make a purchase, if you're like me, you want to get the best value for your money. You want the best customer service possible. Sometimes, this requires lots of research and planning. But one of the most important purchases you can make can be put into motion through a simple meeting with me, a Brother Knight.

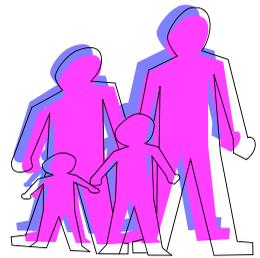
The core product offered by the Knights of Columbus is not glitzy. It's not something you can "show off" to your friends, but you can brag about it. Life insurance is something that everyone needs. If you have some life insurance, the odds are great that you need more. If you don't have any coverage, you should stop to consider all the benefits of a whole life policy. Remember, it's not about you. It's about your family.

When was the last time you shopped for life insurance? If the answer is "a long time ago" or "never", it's time for you to speak to me.

Thomas.F.Jackson@kofc.org.

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# News from Our Pro-Life Couple



As Catholics, it is more important than ever to recognize the recent threats against our religious freedom and take steps to insure that freedom is not lost. Some recent Pro-Life news follows:

## **Seven States Sue to Block Obama Mandate**

The attorneys general of seven states— Florida, Michigan, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas—joined a school, two women, a charitable group, and a major Catholic insurer in asking a federal judge to block an Obama administration mandate that requires religiously-affiliated universities, hospitals, and charities to pay for health insurance that covers sterilization and contraception.

## **District of Columbia Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act**

Legislation was introduced in the House on January 23, 2012, by Congressman Trent Franks (R-Az.), as H.R. 3803, and currently has 130 cosponsors. It was introduced in the Senate on February 13 by Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah), as S. 2103.

In this bill, Congress would declare that at least by 20 weeks after fertilization, an unborn child has the capacity to experience pain — and, on that basis, the bill would prohibit abortions within the District of Columbia (except when acute physical problems endanger the life of the mother) from that point on (from the beginning of the sixth month, in layperson’s terminology).

## **Peaceful Protestors Arrested**

A small group of pro-lifers knelt to pray outside the White House in February to protest the Abortion Mandate including Priest for Life’s Associate Director, Fr. Denis Wilde, OSA, Obama’s Secret Service police were quickly dispatched to “break up” the prayer group. When the group didn’t obey this unconstitutional order they were arrested, handcuffed and taken to jail.

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# POPE JOHN PAUL II ASSEMBLY

## Fourth Degree News from the Navigator

At our Feb. meeting we approved \$75.00 for a gift basket for the HCCS drop auction held at the March 3, 2012 Fourth Degree Exemplification at Crystal Gardens in Southgate. We also discussed attending another Toledo Mud Hens game in June. It is still not too late to offer your services helping out with the **Texas Hold'em Tournament** on Feb. 28 thru Mar. 2. If we have three men per shift working it makes the task much easier for all. Call S.K. Joe Kimmel to sign up for a time slot, 3.5 hour shifts from 3:30pm to 2:15am each day. WE NEED YOU!!!

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. "I'm attempting to prick your conscience." Is it working?

We lost one of our assembly's Sir Knights on Feb. 2, **S.K. Edward Wesolowicz** of Riverview Council #13980. Ed had been a member of the Order since 1946 and became a S.K. in 1957. I had never met Edward, but from speaking with the family he exemplified everything a Sir Knight should be. Please remember to say a prayer for the repose of the soul of Ed Wesolowicz. The family did not request a KofC presence at Ed's funeral from either the council or assembly. I would ask that each of us let our families know our wishes in regards to having the council come and pray the Rosary of Our Lady or performing the "Chalice Presentation" for a departed Sir Knight. I don't know about you, but I want and need all the prayers I can receive. Plus, I have never heard any of those paying their respects to a departed brother complaining about being there.

**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

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| <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>                 |
| <b>Apr 10</b> | <b>Lady Casilda Sabolboro</b>            |
| <b>Apr 14</b> | <b>Brother William Bryan</b>             |
|               | <b>Lady Eileen Wilson</b>                |
| <b>Apr 16</b> | <b>Brother Gerald Solak</b>              |
| <b>Apr 18</b> | <b>Lady Cynthia Masserant</b>            |
| <b>Apr 26</b> | <b>Sir Knight William Neubecker, PGK</b> |

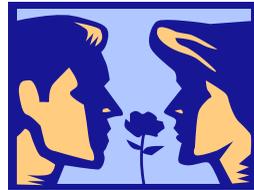
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## Family of the Quarter

*Brother Carl Baltosiewick*

## Anniversaries



- Mar 20**    **Brother Daniel, PGK & Lady Jeannette Swisz**  
**Mar 27**    **Brother Gordon & Lady Marsha Graham**  
**Mar 31**    **Sir Knight Dominic & Lady Debra Mancini**
- Apr 4**     **Brother Gerald & Lady Donna Solak**  
**Apr 30**    **Brother Michael & Lady Patricia McGraw**

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## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

### **OUR DECEASED:**

**Brother Clifford Moening  
Sir Knight Edward Wesolowicz**

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

**Archbishop Hepner, Gaylord  
Fr. Puzio, Fr. Saylor Council  
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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