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March 2013 - A Happy & Blessed Easter

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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!

With the recent announcement by the Holy Father, Lent this year has a special sense of reflection. We reflect on the sacrifice and humility our Pope has demonstrated. We pray that when the time comes, that we too will have the humility in ourselves and confidence in the Holy Spirit to do likewise.

I was very proud indeed of our ability as a Council to host our fourth 4th Degree Exemplification Mass on March 2nd. This is our one opportunity during the year to host our Brother Knights at our Parish and welcome them warmly. I want to thank Russ Wenner for putting it together.

I'd also like to thank Russ for setting up Corporate Communion last month. It went very well. Additionally, I'd like to thank Dan Davis for hosting us at Bob Evans. A good time was had by all.

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 having another banner recruiting year. This month we will, for the first time in our Council's history, have double digit growth in our numbers. I am continually amazed at what we can accomplish when we set our minds to it as a Council. Remember, 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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Chancellor's Chair



Excerpts from an article in the OSV Newsweekly, 10/07/2012, by Eric Sammons:
Three Branches of the Year of Faith
Knowing, Living and Sharing your Faith

Today we look at the second component of participating in the Year of Faith:
Live your faith.

Our knowledge of Christ and his Church is not merely an academic, intellectual knowledge. It is knowledge that leads to action.

St. Paul's writings are centered on the idea that to follow Christ, we must be "like Christ." This is the result of that full assent of intellect and will to Christ—we give ourselves so totally to him that we are re-made into his image. We should all have on our lips and in our hearts the words of St. Paul to the Galatians, "I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me" (Gal 2:19-20).

How do we live our faith in such a way as to allow ourselves to be transformed into images of Christ? First, by recognizing that this transformation is an act of God — a sheer grace. During this Year of Faith, we should redouble our efforts to live a sacramental life — receiving the Eucharist as often as possible and going to confession on a regular basis (at least monthly). The sacraments are the primary means by which we receive grace and are molded into Christ's likeness.

We also live our faith fully by having a deep prayer life. Most of us struggle to set aside time daily to talk to God, but this is the most important activity of the day. If a husband said he did not have time to talk to his wife on a regular basis, what kind of husband would he be? Likewise, the Christian who has no time to dialogue with God regularly is not a true Christian.

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Chancellor's Chair

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Furthermore, the Catholic tradition has a deep wellspring of devotions from which we can regularly draw. The Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Stations of the Cross—these are just a few examples of time-tested methods by which we enter into the mysteries of God and draw closer to him.

Another way we live our faith is through works of charity. The Triune Godhead consists of an eternal self-giving: the Father pours himself out to the Son, the Son returns that self-giving love, and their love is so real and abundant that it forms another person: the Holy Spirit. We are likewise called to pour ourselves out in love for others, modeling our own lives after the eternal life of God.

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St. James wrote, “Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead” (Jas 2:17). Our faith is not a mere intellectual assent — a philosophy that we accept in the classroom. No, it is the means by which we enter into the Christian life — a life lived for Christ and in Christ.

In January, I referred to a web site, www.amm.org/chss.asp. I have since learned that link is incorrect. It should be www.amm.org/chss/chss.asp. If you go into “Community Links” on our web site, click on “Catholic Home Study Services”, you will get right into the site. In addition, Our Sunday Visitor has a web site, www.osv.com, which has a link to information regarding the Year of Faith.

Next time we will take up the third part of The Three Branches of the Year of Faith, **Sharing Your Faith.**

Vivat Jesu,

Your Chancellor
Russ Wenner

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News from Our Pro-Life Couple



What can you do about abortion? Support efforts to remove abortion coverage from health insurance plans in Michigan. The Abortion Insurance Opt-Out bill will exclude abortion as a covered benefit in plans operating under the Michigan exchange required by the Affordable Care Act, as well as, all other health insurance plans. Purchasers who want abortion as a covered benefit in their insurance plan would have to purchase an optional rider, ensuring that prolife people are not paying for abortions through their own insurance plans. Ask your legislator to support H.B. 4065 and 4066. Abortion is not health care.

District 14 (Riverview and Wyandotte) Paul Clemente 517-373-0140

District 13 (Southgate) Andrew Kandrevas 517-373-0852 or 866-737-1313

District 23 (Trenton and Grosse Ile) Patrick Somerville 517-373-0854 or 866-725-2929

Southern Downriver Right to Life Annual Meeting

The March 19th meeting is open to everyone. The guest speaker is Monica Miller who founded Citizens for a Pro-Life Society. See details attached.

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SOUTHERN DOWNRIVER RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

7:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church

2799 West Road, Trenton 48183

We are pleased to announce our guest speaker, Monica Miller, the founder and Director of Citizens for a Pro-life Society. Most recently Dr. Miller led the discovery of bio-hazard waste, patient records and the remains of aborted babies in Detroit-area abortion clinic trash containers that resulted in formal investigations by Michigan state regulatory agencies and criminal charges being brought against the Woman Care abortion facilities. In 2012, after an 18-months-long effort, her group successfully kept a Planned Parenthood mega-clinic from opening in Auburn Hills, MI.

She is the author of *Abandoned—The Untold Story of the Abortion Wars* (Saint Benedict Press), published in 2012 - the historical narrative of pro-life activism - called by some the best book ever written on abortion. She is also an Associate Professor of Sacred Theology at Madonna University.

All are welcome to attend. New officers will be elected. Upcoming activities will be discussed including the Pastor Luncheon, the Fair and Parade schedule, Golf for Life Outing, Speakers and the March for Life bus trip.

Southern Downriver Right to Life

PO Box 512, Trenton, MI 48183

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Our Worthy District Deputy Jeff Dombrowski



Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord, not for men... *Col 3:23*

Brothers,

Many events have been going on in our district the past month, and more are coming up, some of which will give you the opportunity to practice the “fraternal” in our motto “charity, unity, fraternity”.

In January we had a major degree and brought in 14 new members in our district, along with advancing 20 members into the 3rd degree. That takes a bit of work, but it is important work...presenting the opportunity to a fellow Catholic gentlemen to do some of the work we are called to do by our Lord.

And we also know that if we are not growing, we’re dying. The good news is that we are growing, maybe not by leaps and bounds, but by slow, though continuous, work and effort. And I’d like to mention at this point the effort by Grand Knight Mark Lauer of Riverview council. At the State Chaplains Tribute dinner, Mark was recognized for his council’s effort in recruiting new members. For the first half of the “council” year Riverview council is at 150% of their annual quota. So congratulations to Mark and the members of Riverview council as they work towards a Double Star Award...again!

Sacred Heart and Msgr. Eppenbrock council have also added members this year, and expectations are looking real good for the rest of the year. Because of your efforts we were able to be a Star District last year, and it would be great to repeat that feat.

Many of you are aware of the situation at Fr. Hubert council. The council is not going to be closed as Fr. Rafferty of St. Mary’s has requested the presence of a K of C council at his church. FDD Rich Lambrix, as Regional New Council Development Director, is leading the effort at reestablishing Fr. Hubert as strictly a parish council at St. Mary’s, not a hall council involving several parishes. This is where your fraternal efforts are in need!

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Our Worthy District Deputy Jeff Dombrowski

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We will be having membership drives at St. Mary's in April and we will need some volunteers from our district to assist us. So I'm asking you to think about it and step out of your comfort zone for about 15 minutes and hand out prospect cards on Sunday, April 7th and 14th at St. Mary's. This is a perfect chance to give our fellow catholic gentlemen the opportunity to be Knights! I'll be asking for your help, and passing a sign up sheet, at your approaching council meetings. Of course, once those cards are signed the work isn't finished. We will be having an information night for the prospects, and then another major degree at the end of April. So think about who you'll bring into the Knights!

Also in our district Msgr. Eppenbrock and Sacred Heart councils had a fundraiser for Holy Cross Children's Services at Msgr. Eppenbrock council in Trenton. A great time and a good turnout resulted in raising \$1800.00 for HCCS. Another fine example of our fraternal aspect...councils coming together to achieve more together, than they could have separately. Don't forget, we have the 37th Annual MI Drive approaching the weekend of Palm Sunday, March 22-24. This is a tremendous way to set an example for others and to show them another way that the Knights help those in need. Opportunities abound...hence, the verse above.

Vivat Jesus!
Jeff Dombrowski
District Deputy #22

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POPE JOHN PAUL II ASSEMBLY **Fourth Degree News from the Navigator**



The Holidays are behind us now, and most of us are looking forward to spring and warmer weather, which I must confess would be just fine with me, but hold on we still have a few bright spots coming up.

March 2, 2013 is the date for our Downriver Spring Exemplification Program at Crystal Gardens Banquet Center in Southgate. A lot of good knights put in long, hard hours working to get this program started Downriver, and we need your help to show it was worth the time. We need to havr BETTER attended each year.. Our recruitment is going well, and we hope to have a lot of candidates moving up to the 4th Degree. Keep the pressure on recruiting more and come join us for this very important program.

This will be a good year for Pope John Paul II.

There will be 12 new members when its over.

8 at Crystal Gardens

2 Transfers in from other Assembly's

2 Attending the Exemplification in Lansing, due to prior commitments,

The new members are turning out for Jon Paul II, and the Color Corp needs to show solidarity by falling out in mass.

So please mark your calendars and, and do all you can to back our new members.

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

Until then May God Bless you, and your family.

Larry Vaught

Faithful Navigator

Field Agent on Benefits



Have you insured your most valuable asset?

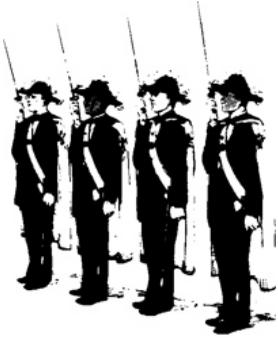
Is your income protected if you become sick or injured and cannot work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings.

I would like to show you that Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection.

If you are ill or injured, Income Armor provides monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain your standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, while your savings and retirement assets remain intact.

In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. I look forward to meeting with you.

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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:

The Holy Father during this transition time.
Jeanette Swisz - double knee surgery?
Laura Lauer's Grandmother, who recently passed away
Mike McGraw's wife, Pat, is dealing with cancer
Dominic Mancini - still recovering.
Jim and Mary Payne - are recovering from health issues.
Mark brother, Richard, is dealing with liver ailments.
Jim Fitzpatrick – recovery from a major stroke.
Daryl's Father In-Law, Fernande, with congestive heart failure
Ed Korte's wife dealing with emphysema.



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

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