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May 2012 - Happy Mother'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 or Grand Knight SK Mark Lauer at grandknight@riverviewkofc.org.

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Vivat Jesu!

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! I have to say; that hearing those words sung at Easter Vigil is one of the highlights of the year for me. Laura and I routinely go to the Easter Vigil and the beauty, serenity, and wonder of that service makes me happy to be a Catholic every year.

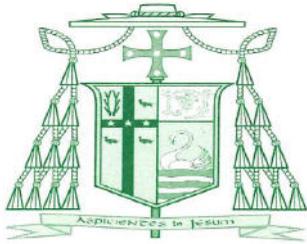
One portion of that service has to do with the welcoming of new members to the Church. Through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion we welcome each year those adults who have completed the RCIA program. As I was watching these fresh faces come into our Church, it caused me to think, when did we last feel so excited, so thrilled and so happy to be in Church? Was it last week, last month, last year or do you not even recall the last time? If it has been awhile since you've been excited to be in Church, just remember that God gave everything (his only Son) to enable us to celebrate the holy sacrifice of the Mass. It is a small request that we not only attend Mass each week to fulfill "our obligation" but instead look to Mass as a way to thank our Father for his loving sacrifice.

To give you all an update on where we stand with the recovery of our stolen funds, we have collected over \$1000 towards that appeal. The generosity of our Council never ceases to amaze me. Thanks to the generous contributors, we will be able to maintain our programs throughout the summer.

I was honored to be nominated again to be your Grand Knight for another year. May God grant me continued guidance as I lead this wonderful group of faith-filled men in Riverview. I also want to thank my fellow Officers for making my job as Grand Knight such a pleasure. We have been blessed since our inception with inspiring leaders. May we always be so blessed.

As we head into May and Mother's Day, as men, we must always remember the women in our lives. In particular, your wife, your daughters and your Mother are the three most important women in your lives. Make sure during this Month of Mary that they know for certain that you love and appreciate them.

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Dear Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus! As always, it is a great blessing for me to join you for the Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus Convention on Mackinac Island. As you know, the 2012 Convention comes at a critical time in the history of the Catholic Church in the United States.

On a number of fronts, the news has been extremely challenging for Catholics over the past year. And during difficult times, it is easy to lose sight of the critical truth that Jesus Christ is the Lord not only of our lives but of all human history. Yet our faith tells us that God in his Providence is guiding the course of events towards a victory of his design, and he is calling us *to take an active part* in shaping this victory. Among the many important works to which God calls us, I would like to invite you to consider two that are particularly urgent and timely.

First, we are all aware of a great struggle in which we Catholics and other people of faith are engaged: the struggle for religious liberty. That such a foundational liberty could face such an aggressive challenge in the “land of the free” is nearly unbelievable, and yet we need not only to recognize what is happening to our country but to stand up against this challenge with all of our strength. As you know, the now-infamous mandate of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is currently on its way to forcing churches, religious organizations, and individual employers to make an unthinkable choice: either to violate our consciences or to face devastating, government-imposed consequences.

As Supreme Knight Carl Anderson recently wrote in an article for the *National Review*, “Many religious believers...now foresee a future in which the rights of religious conscience are no longer welcomed in the public square and instead are being relegated to the tiniest of ghettos.” It would be an immeasurable loss to our great nation if this dark future comes to pass, as religion is forced to the margins of society. I invite all of you who are my brother Knights to do all that you can to take action on behalf of the cause of religious freedom. I recommend making regular use of the web sites of the Knights of Columbus, your home dioceses, the Michigan Catholic Conference, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, so that you can become better informed about the struggle for religious liberty and learn concrete ways Catholics and other concerned citizens can take action.

The second good work I would like to highlight in this letter is our need to recruit more men for the priesthood. While this need may seem largely unrelated to the threat to our religious liberty, in fact I believe that having more priestly heralds of the Gospel of Jesus Christ will be of

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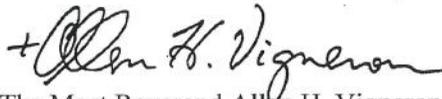
inestimable value in building the kind of culture here in the United States in which religious liberty would never be called into question in the first place.

Another way of putting the matter is to say that neither the decline in priestly vocations nor the recent attacks on religious liberty have happened in isolation from a culture which has increasingly turned against faith in God and against institutional religion, particularly the Catholic Church. As it has been with the disease, however, so it can be with the cure: the more we can do to increase the number of men willing to say “yes” to God’s call the priesthood, the more the saving Gospel will be proclaimed in a culture starving for this Good News, even among those who don’t recognize their hunger. And the more the Gospel is proclaimed, the better our society will become, because the truth of Jesus Christ is not meant only for Sunday, only to be heard inside our churches, but is the deepest truth about every human life and serves to build up and to ennoble every culture.

Of course, the Knights of Columbus have long been on the front lines of encouraging priestly vocations, and for that I am most grateful. Even so, I encourage you to redouble your efforts, and to think of creative new ways to help men hear God’s call and to say a wholehearted “yes” in response, working whenever appropriate with your diocesan vocation directors and pastors so as to achieve the best possible results in this absolutely vital work. Please also pray, begging Our Lord that his Sacred Heart will be moved to empower our efforts and inspire the hearts of the men we invite to consider a vocation to the holy priesthood.

Finally, I want to assure you of my prayers for you and the members of your families. Entrusting all of you to the care of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Immaculate Conception, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Allen H. Vigneron". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the beginning.

The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron
Archbishop of Detroit

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Field Agent on Benefits



LTC answers tough questions

Did you know the average stay in a nursing home lasts three years and that cost could quickly surpass \$200,000? How would you pay for this? How would this affect your family? Can your family handle the responsibility and do you want to place that burden on them? Are you relying on government subsidies to take care of you?

Do you want peace of mind and security? Do you want to maintain your dignity and choice of care options? Do you want to preserve your lifetime earnings/savings? Have you minimized the risks against your estate?

Yes, I know there a lot of questions here, and many are difficult to answer. But I can help provide some insight into one of the best options available to you and your wife through the Order.

Long-term care insurance can protect you against the ever-rising costs of care. An LTC policy can keep the burden of care off of your family. This allows your wife to remain your wife and not become your caregiver (or you to remain her husband and not patient or caregiver). With an LTC policy, you remain in control of your dignity and how and where you get care.

The Knights of Columbus can serve as a valuable resource for long term care planning, providing answers to questions you might have and affordable coverage options tailored to your needs.

Contact me to learn more today.

Thomas.F.Jackson@kofc.org.

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News from Our Pro-Life Couple



34th Annual Respect Life Dinner

I wish all of the members of the Riverview Council could have been at the Respect Life Dinner in April. Michael Clancy was the key speaker. In 1999 he was at Vanderbilt University to photograph a procedure being pioneered there: corrective surgery on Samuel Armas, a baby with spina bifida still in its mother's womb at 21 weeks gestation. As the doctor neared the end of the surgery the baby reached out. As the doctor lifted the hand it grasped the doctor's finger. Michael shot 4 quick frames and was obstructed from taking more photos. The doctor claimed that he staged the picture. One photo was printed in USA Today and scooped a piece that Life Magazine was running. While the initial concern was that the baby came out of anesthesia too early, the true impact of the photo has been its effect in the pro-life movement. The picture brings home the argument that this is not a clump of cells or tissue but a viable life that reacted to human touch. That photo was used in England in a failed campaign to ban abortions after 20 weeks gestation. The event has been recreated in television shows. And it has changed the life of Michael Clancy. Unable to work as a newspaper photographer because he has been labeled a pro-life activist, he has traveled the world telling his story and showing the photo that has opened the minds of many who were neutral about or supported abortion.

"Life After 40"

For 40 weeks, from April 17 until the 40th memorial of Roe on January 22, Right to Life of Michigan is asking each of us to celebrate the development of human life. Make a pledge to be a voice for the voiceless and share one fact each week about life in the womb. Tell your family and friends, and share this information using email and social networks. After 40 weeks, a baby is born and after 40 years of Roe, life begins again. For more information go to www.rtl.org

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Upcoming events

May 8: Southern Downriver Right to Life is sponsoring a Pastor's Lunch at TV's Grand Event in Trenton (the former Grand Hotel.) The lunch is open to everyone at a cost of \$12. The speaker will be Monsignor Robert McClory, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia of the Archdiocese of Detroit. He will be addressing religious freedom issues raised by the recent Health Care mandates from the Federal Government. Reserve your place by calling 734 692-2543 or emailing jmc101439@yahoo.com

June 9: Run/Walk for the Unborn at Sacred Heart Church on Grosse Ile.

September: Watch for news about the 2nd Golf for Life Outing

October 4: Downriver Respect Life Dinner at Crystal Gardens

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



At our April meeting nominations were opened for election of new officers for 2012-13 fiscal year beginning on July 1st. **Please plan on attending and participating at our meeting on May 2nd** and voting for the candidates of your choice. Nominations will be accepted for all positions prior to the election. Those nominated and accepting thus far are: **Navigator** – Larry Vaught; **Capt.** – Joe Olson; **Pilot** – Jack Potestato; **Admiral** – Rich Lambrix FDD, PGK, PFN; **Comptroller** – Joe Kimmel; **Scribe** – Rick Butkowski PGK; **Purser** – Mike Ferguson; **Inner Sen.** - Frank Galley Jr. & George Lee; **Outer Sen.** - Tony Teglash; **Trustee** – Stan Dyl PGK & Terry Cauley PGK.

We have another Texas Hold'em tournament coming up at the Electric Stick in Westland on June 8th thru 10th at our last event we netted a little over \$2,200 in the 4 days. SK Joe Kimmel has again offered to chair this fund raiser. **Please give Joe a call to offer your services (734) 379-4296.** If you are able to count by fives and add a one or two occasionally - (*poker chip denominations*) - and able to count money you are qualified to assist. We ask everyone to work (3) hour shifts, hence we need (9) individuals per day. We have over a (100) members in the assembly; therefore no one should need to work more than one shift. So please give us a hand. The hours of service currently are from 5:30 pm. to 2:00 am., although there is a possibility that could change. The management of the Electric Stick could ask us to alter the times based on the participation of their clientele.

If you have any suggestions for “**Sir Knight of the Year**” for 2011-12, please contact me with your suggestion. I currently have someone in mind, but will consider suggestions.

Vivat Jesus

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Knight of the Quarter



Sir Knight Donald Smith



Birthdays

May 2	Lady Jeannette Swisz
May 7	Sir Knight Carl Baltosiewich Brother Robert Kroll
May 8	Brother Talib Talbot
May 10	Sir Knight Mark Lauer
May 23	Lady Gloria Fitzpatrick
Jun 5	Brother Brent Curry
Jun 8	Brother Frank Dolence
Jun 14	Lady Marge Roskoski
Jun 15	Sir Knight David Jaskula
Jun 18	Sir Knight Russell Wenner
Jun 30	Sir Knight Frank Jaskula Lady Mary Payne

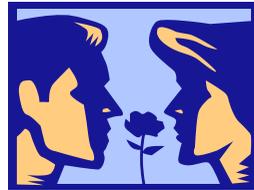
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Family of the Quarter

Brother Renato Sabolboro

Anniversaries



- May 2** **Brother Robert & Lady Francine Kroll**
May 5 **Brother Joel & Lady Marian Sylvester**
May 12 **Brother Jacob & Lady Rachel Grove**
May 21 **Brother Brent & Lady Mary Jane Curry**
May 25 **Brother Renato & Lady Casilda Sabolboro**
- Jun 7** **Sir Knight Albert & Lady Deborah Holton**

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

OUR DECEASED:

**Brother Clifford Moening
Sir Knight Edward Wesolowicz**

OUR SICK, DISABLED:

**Sir Knight Dominic Mancini
Sir Knight Robert Spencer
Lady Jeannette Swisz
Lady Mary Payne
Lady Mary Jane Curry and Children**



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

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