



# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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**May 2013 - 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](mailto:deputygk@riverviewkofc.org) or Grand Knight SK Mark Lauer at [grandknight@riverviewkofc.org](mailto:grandknight@riverviewkofc.org).

# *GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE*

Vivat Jesu!

I would like to congratulate our new officers-elect:

Grand Knight	Don Smith
Deputy Grand Knight	Larry Masserant
Chancellor	Russ Wenner
Treasurer	Joel Sylvester
Advocate	Mike O'Keefe
Recorder	Gerry Solak
Warden	Bill Wilson
Inside Guard	Jim Fitzpatrick
Outside Guard	Al Korte
Outside Guard	Frank Dolence
Trustees	Carl Baltosiewich
	Ed Korte
	Ken Hibbard



Please keep all of these fine Catholic gentlemen in your prayers as we head into our new fraternal year. I have indeed been proud of what we have accomplished as a council during my term as Grand Knight. I have every confidence that we will continue this great tradition under our new Grand Knight. We have been blessed since our inception by great leaders. We continue that tradition with the above group of officers.

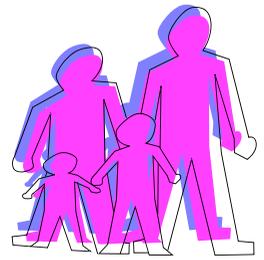
May is known as the “Month of Mary”. We do well to remember the Blessed Virgin each and every time we pray the Rosary, attend Mass or honor the women in our lives. It is also indeed fitting that Mary is the patron of our nation. Wasn't it Mary who freely gave of herself to become the Mother of God? Isn't it appropriate that the freest nation on earth honors Mary by selecting her as our patroness? Those who believe in the “randomness of history” theory of how things came into being have no explanation for the consistency found in God's plan for the Earth, our nation and ourselves.

Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you!

Please remember the women in your life this month as well. Whether they be our wives, Mothers, daughters or others, we, as men, owe much to the women in our lives and they deserve daily honor.

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# News from Our Pro-Life Couple



Thank you to the council for sending Joel and me to the April K of C Respect Life dinner. David Bereit , the National Director of 40 Days for Life, was the speaker and he told several stories about 40 Days for Life campaigns, many of them involving Knights of Columbus. One story could be any of ours. Having prayed in front of the abortion clinic in Southgate a few years ago, I understand how that can be out of one's comfort zone. It certainly was for me. So I could identify with the knight he told about in Kalamazoo who had signed up to participate, but really didn't want to. The day he went to fulfill his obligation was cold and rainy. He thought "Maybe I can just sit here in my car and pray. God will still hear me." While he was sitting there another man pulled up and got out of his car with his umbrella. The first man rolled down his window and said "I'm here for 40 Days for Life, too. Why don't you just climb in and we can pray together where it is warm and dry." The second man said, "I signed up to pray in front of the clinic and I think I really ought to do that out here." The first one begrudgingly got out and joined him. After they had prayed for a while, a woman went into the clinic. Within minutes she came back out and went over to the men. In tears she said, "All the way here I prayed to God to give me a sign if I shouldn't have an abortion. Then I saw the two of you praying. I am not going to abort my baby."

This spring, one 40 Days for Life campaign focused on the American Family Planning clinic in Dearborn. I know some of the Knights who were among those praying there daily. We heard at the dinner that the clinic was closing on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Wonderful things happen when you step out of your comfort zone with God by your side.

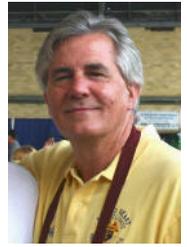
Marian Sylvester

## UPCOMING EVENT

Southern Downriver Right to Life is sponsoring its annual Pastors' Luncheon Tuesday, May 7 at TV's Grand Event in downtown Trenton. Barbara Listing, the President of Right to Life of Michigan, is the main speaker. Christina Boettcher, who competed in the recent Right to Life High School Oratory Contest, is the youth speaker.

Lunch is open to everyone for \$12. Doors open at 11:30. Contact Suzanne Petre at 734 675-3302 or [smpetre@comcast.net](mailto:smpetre@comcast.net) to reserve a seat or for more information.

# Our Worthy District Deputy Jeff Dombrowski



Brothers All!

How often do we try something, maybe half-heartedly, and when we're finished we think..."well, that was a waste of effort". But when we step back and think about it we just *know* that with some determination, this thing we were doing, would have turned out right and we would have felt really good about it. I like the saying; "*why is there never enough time to do it right, but always enough time to do it over?*" So, what's my point here? All councils should be having a membership blitz drive during April, and to encourage us, Supreme has offered \$9.00 per new member to the recruiting council, and 1000 points, instead of 500, to the recruiting member. Now, maybe the Supreme inducements will bring some new members into our councils. But I'm not sure if that will hold true. But that's not the story here.

What I found out though, and it was an eye opener for me, is just how effective a membership blitz can be, when applying the right effort, which was done at St. Mary's church. I've written about the development of the new church based council at St. Mary's...the Fr. Hubert council that was on the verge of being closed. For the weekends of April 6-7 & 13-14, Knights from various councils volunteered their time to help grow the new council at St. Mary's. For 15 minutes prior to mass and immediately after mass, these fine gentlemen simply handed out prospect cards and information pamphlets to every man entering the church for mass. Sometimes they had to answer a question or two, but after handing out the cards they then went to mass, and after mass they collected the completed prospect cards...and their day was done. We also made flyers for the church paper, and Fr. Jim Rafferty made announcements from the pulpit.

The results? We now have 21 form 100's filled out by new prospective members who will be attending the major degree on May 4<sup>th</sup> at All-Saints Council in Taylor!

Approximately 60 members of the old council have stepped up and want to be involved in a new, active council.

Gentlemen, this was not difficult work. It took some organization and planning prior to the blitz, and volunteerism and determination during the blitz. This can be done at all of our parishes, but you need to step up, make the plans, put them into action and give other Catholic gentlemen the opportunity to do works of faith!

Remember, as it is said in James 2:26 *For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.*

And before I close, I want to thank all of those brother Knights, especially Regional New Council Development Director Rich Lambrix, and Diocesan Membership Director Bob Walters, for giving of their time and efforts in accomplishing this worthy goal. This could not have happened without them.

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# Field Agent on Benefits



## ***Don't assume you can't afford Disability Income Insurance***

One of the biggest mistakes you can make regarding disability insurance is to assume you can't afford it or you won't qualify. Before you make that assumption, do some basic research and apply for coverage through the Knights of Columbus. The Order's Income Armor product gives you options that can help you fit this critical protection into your risk management budget.

For example, here are two ways you can reduce your premium:

1. Choose a two-year or five-year maximum benefit period.

Depending on your age, the best option is probably a policy that pays benefits until you reach age 67. But a two-year or five-year maximum benefit period would cover many types of partial or total disabilities you might encounter in your working life.

2. Choose a longer elimination period.

An elimination period is the number of days a total disability must exist before benefits begin to accrue. Typical elimination periods are 30, 90, or 180 days. Choosing a longer elimination period lowers the policy's premium. But be sure you have enough set aside in your business's contingency fund to account for the longer gap.

As your professional insurance agent, running a small business and the challenges of risk management are two of my specialties. Let's talk about how to protect your business income, your retirement needs, and your family's financial future.

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## Knight of the Quarter

*Brother Dan Davis*

## Family of the Quarter



*Sir Knight Donald Smith*

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## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

### **OUR DECEASED:**

**Brother Clifford Moening**  
**Sir Knight Edward Wesolowicz**

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

Mark's Brother Richard – Liver condition  
Dan Swisz - recovering from double knee surgery.  
Dominic Mancini - still recovering.  
Jim and Mary Payne - recovering from health issues.  
Jim Fitzpatrick – recovering from a major stroke, and wife Gloria.  
Ed Korte's wife dealing with respiratory illness.  
Jim's wife Pat – health issues  
Don's Mother Jennie – respiratory problems  
Passing of Charles Walters (Bob Walters' Brother)  
Passing of Thomas Matt (Don Matt's Brother)  
Passing of Patricia Davis



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

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