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In Service to All

# Knights of Columbus

## Knightslife-7018

SAINT CLEMENT OF ROME  
COUNCIL #7018  
(CHARTERED 1977)  
343 SOUTH MAIN  
ROMEO, MI 48065



Pray the Rosary  
for Peace

**June/July 2011  
COUNCIL OFFICERS**

<b>GRAND KNIGHT</b>	<b>Mitch Lenczewski</b>	<b>752-3381</b>	<b>WARDEN</b>	<b>Steve Betka</b>	<b>784-8612</b>
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*COUNCIL #7018 MONTHLY MEETINGS @ 7:00/PM, ON THE 3rd Thursday of each month*

*Food & Refreshments are always served afterwards.*

*Come in and get to know your fellow brother Knights!*

**OFFICERS MEETINGS: All officers meetings are at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month!**

Brother Knights,

Finally, the rain has stopped and the sunshine is upon us. Summer is just around the corner. I want to thank all of you for the many activities that we have participated in the last couple of months. Larry Foltran and I attended the Knights of Columbus Michigan Conference on Mackinaw Island during Memorial Day weekend. The most important item I learned from this conference is that our council ranks with the best in the State of Michigan. This is due to your dedication, efforts and commitment to Council #7018. I hope we continue to strive to be the best. Congratulations to all newly elected officers. I will be approaching the membership for committee assignments. I hope you will accept. We will be hosting the District Officer Installation on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and will need your assistance as a meal is planned after the installation. More details to follow.

I want to congratulate each and every one of you. We had a very successful year and a year to be proud of. We earned the Michigan Achievement Award for the year 2010-2011. We accomplished many other successes; too many to list in this section of the newsletter. July begins our new fraternal year. If you have any ideas for the upcoming year, please advise me. I look forward to serving as your Grand Knight for the 2011-2012 year.

Vivat Jesus,

Grand Knight Mitch Lenczewski

### Calendar of Events

- June 5 – 9:00 Corporate Communion at St. Clement – We need volunteers for coffee and donuts at 9 and 11.
- June 8 – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree ceremony at St. Isidore
- June 11 - Ordination of Eric Fedewa at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Reception at St. Lawrence afterwards.
- June 11 – Major Degree ceremony at St. Jane Frances de Chantel
- June 16 – 7:00 pm Council Meeting at Sts. John and Paul
- June 21-24 – Texas Holdem at The River on Van Dyke in Shelby Township
- July 21 – 7:00 pm Council Meeting at St. Clement





## Congratulations 2011-2012 Officers!

Grand Knight – Mitch Lenczewski, Deputy Grand Knight – Jim Smiszek, Chancellor – Jim Burns, Advocate – Don Smith, Recorder – Jim Szewczyk, Treasurer – Larry Foltran, Warden – Steve Betka, Inside Guard – Mike Lynch, Outside Guard – Andrew Russell, Trustee – Paul Wierbicki, Scholarship Committee – John Cassidy

## Welcome New Brother Knights to Our Council

Sam Manzella, Daniel O'Brien, Edward Glowicki, David Barker, and Jim Liegghio

## Congratulations Father Eric Fedewa!

Our Council seminarian Eric Fedewa will be ordained on June 11. He will celebrate a Mass at St. Clement sometime in the near future. More details to follow. We will also start supporting a new seminarian - James Houbeck.



## Knights and Families of the Month

### Knights of the Month

January - Henry Malburg, February - Jim Burns, March - Brian O'Curran

### Families of the Month

January - Jim and Andrea Szewczyk, February - Steve and Andrea Betka, March - Mike and Donna Lynch.



## Congratulations Cecil Schoenherr on becoming an Honorary Member with 25 years of continuous service!

## Thank You Volunteers!!!

Thanks to all of the Brothers who helped out at the Mother's Day Breakfast, Bowling Fund Raiser, MI Drive, and Texas Holdem. The money raised from these activities went to very worthy causes and organizations. **We Still Need More Volunteers** to work at the upcoming Texas Holdems and help with the Memorial Garden. Contact any council officer to volunteer or come to the next meeting to sign up. We would love to see some new faces!



Brothers, check out our **New Council Website**, [www.koc7018.com](http://www.koc7018.com)

If you have any articles or pictures to post, please let Brother Brian O'Curran know.

Check out the other Knights of Columbus websites – [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) and [www.mikofc.org](http://www.mikofc.org)

The Michigan Columbian can now be found online at the State website as well as the District Deputy's report.

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## Poster Contest Winners

### 8 to 11 Year Old Division

Andre Pantalena - First Place, Morgan Mueller - Second Place, Ruby Weber - Third Place

### 12 to 14 Year Old Division

Courtney Cronin - First Place, Kayla Owens - Second Place, No third place winner



I had the opportunity to participate in the Rochester Memorial Day parade as part of the Bishop Schoenherr Assembly Color Corps. The ceremony was very moving and inspirational. There were several speeches made by VFW members, the mayor of Rochester, and the parade chairman. The Rochester HS band also provided musical support. The event made me realize the importance of the contributions made by our veterans. All were asked to make a phone call to thank a relative or friend who served. It's still not too late! God Bless those who serve and who have served to protect this great Country and our way of life!



## PRAYERS FOR OUR BROTHER'S AND THEIR FAMILIES AND OUR FRIENDS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SPEEDY RECOVERY OF OUR COUNCIL BROTHERS AND FAMILY OF OUR BROTHERS WHO ARE GRIEVING, ILL OR RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS OR SURGERY, ESPECIALLY: Fr. Nick Zakowski, Chris Gamrat, Fr. Steve's brother-in-law, Ed Theut, Brian Conlon's sister Sharon McPhee, Don Spanske, Irene Jordan, Greta Rumph, Dorothy Van Houtte, Bob Anger, Diane Masko, Paul Abromitis' father, Jim Kelly, Dawn Hribar, Dawn Kilanowski, Jim Smiszek's son Paul and step brother John Horvath, Dale Jenuwine's son, Dave Kaiser, Dan Russell, Larry Rinke, Dick Agusti, Mitch Jabczynski, Gordon McBride, Lauren DiNio – granddaughter of Dick Podolski, Keven Sands' father, PGK Dale Matz, Howard Weiler, and Matt Mets

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### News from our Knight of Columbus Benefits Representative – Jim Parker

June, 2011

There are many fine life insurance companies in the marketplace today. So why should you entrust your life insurance needs, and those of your family to the Knights of Columbus?

In their rating report on the Knights of Columbus, Standard & Poor's states that it's 'AAA' rating is based upon the following strengths: extremely strong capital, very strong competitive position, extremely strong liquidity and historically strong profitability.

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades, along with what S&P described as 'a distinct competitive advantage, a loyal customer base and a unique rapport with clients' is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney, 'Protecting Families for Generations' by means of 'life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.'

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our marketing program. Our 'Marketing Code of Ethics' is modeled after the Ten Commandments and includes statements such as 'Thou shall present honestly and accurately, all facts necessary to enable a member to make an informed decision.'

Our ethical principles for marketing are summed up by our Golden Rule: 'In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.'

That's what you can expect from me, your professional Knights of Columbus field agent. I welcome the opportunity to present to you and your wife, honestly and accurately, all facts necessary for you to make a sound life insurance decision. I will render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.

July, 2011

A new fraternal year is upon us. Congratulations to Mitch Lenczewski your newly elected grand knight, as well as all the other dedicated brother Knights who will serve in either an elected and appointed leadership position in the coming year. I'm sure you have a list of goals and objectives that you intend to accomplish during the coming year. You have my assurance that I'm eager to help.

One of these goals is surely the attainment of the Star Council award - the most prestigious award the Order offers at the council level. I'm certainly committed to helping on the insurance side, but I'll be glad to help on the membership side as well.

If you know an eligible Catholic man who might be interested in joining the Order (and who among us doesn't), he's probably just waiting to be asked. I can help you, either by approaching him myself, or by "coaching" you – transferring sales skills that you can use to recruit him and other prospects. As always, I'm at your service.

Let's get an early start on attaining those goals and objectives that are so critical to the growth of any council.

I'm at 1-810-441-4988 or [james.parker@kofc.org](mailto:james.parker@kofc.org). Call me – let's talk.

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Brothers, if you are having problems reading this attached newsletter, please let me know and I will send it out in different formats or send out information on how to download some reader software. Some final idle thoughts....

Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone.

The cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.