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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

**January/February 2012**

### COUNCIL OFFICERS

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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!**

Hello Brothers,

I hope you and your families had a wonderful Christmas Season. As we begin this new year, I pray that the Lord blesses each of you in the next year with good health and that he continues to assist us in our mission to help others.

I want to thank all the knights whom have assisted with various events this past year. We have remained a very busy and successful council. In January, we will host a first degree ceremony on January 14th @ St. Clement and also participate in the annual Free Throw Contest both on a Council and District Level @ St Paul's on January 21. During the winter months we will also participate in the MI Drive (Tootsie Roll), Texas Hold Em Fund Raisers, Country Breakfasts, Casino Bus Trip and several other events. I encourage you to periodically check you newsletter or website for upcoming dates of events.

Thank you Mike Lynch and Tony Nardoizzi for updating and cleaning our Council Chambers. Also Thank you to Rosary Chairmen Jim Burns, Ron Stec and Norm Rumph. We participate in a significant number of rosary events. Jim Burns receives rosary requests with very little time to organize. Thank you gentlemen and all brother knights for participating in these events.

If you know of a catholic gentleman whom is interested in joining us, please invite him to a meeting. Along with assisting others, we as knights assist each other. February 8th is the District Fraternal Night. St. John Vianney will host the event @ 7:00 p.m. Please plan on attending,

I enjoy the fun and laughter we all share as brother knights. I look forward to the upcoming year.

Vivat Jesus,  
Mitch Lenczewski

## Calendar of Events

- January 14 – First Degree Ceremony at St. Clement
- January 19 – 7:00 Council Meeting at St. Clement
- January 21 – District Free Throws - St. Paul at 24 Mile and Romeo Plank
- January 23 – Right to Life Bus Trip to Washington DC
- February 5 – Country Breakfast at St. Clement after all Masses
- February 8 – Benefit Information Night at St. John Vianney at 7:00 pm
- February 16 – 7:00 Council Meeting at St. Clement
- February 18 – Major Degree at St. Therese of Liseaux
- March 3 – Exemplification at Crystal Gardens

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## Congratulations Knights and Families of the Month!!

**November Knight of the Month Dave Hribar, Family of the Month John & Betty Cassidy**

**December Knight of the Month Tony Broeren, Family of the Month Tom & Donna Petruzzello**

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## Thank You Volunteers!!!

Thanks to all of the Brothers who helped out at the Country Breakfast and the last Texas Holdem. The money raised helps to fund many of the charities we support. **We Still Need More Volunteers** to work at the upcoming events mentioned below. Contact any council officer to volunteer or come to the next meeting to sign up. We would love to see some new faces! See the Council website at [www.kofc7018.org](http://www.kofc7018.org) for details.

Special thanks to John Cassidy, chairman of the float, Jim Smiszek, chairman of the Keep Christ in Christmas Card Sales, and those who helped with those activities. Our float was in three parades and the Christmas cards sales went well at both St. Clement and Sts. John and Paul. Also, thanks to those who helped set up the hall for the Christmas party. It was another wonderful event!

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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES – Come and get to know your fellow Brothers!!!



### COUNTRY BREAKFASTS



The next Country Breakfast is coming up in a few weeks and we can always use help with cooking, serving, and cleaning up the gathering area when the breakfast is over.



### TEXAS HOLDEMS



Here is where we **really** need your help. It seems like it is always the same brothers who volunteer and some end up having to work several shifts. We have four events coming up this year. Please think about spending a few hours with us.

Come to the next Council meeting to find out more details and sign up times for these fun events! Or call GK Mitch Lenczewski @ 752-3381, DGK Jim Smiszek @ 752-2856, or PGK Tony Nardozi @ 524-0904.

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See the Calendar of Events at the top of this newsletter for the upcoming dates of the events.

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: Millie Schoenherr, Mike Dey (passed) and his mother Jean, Bob Leonard, Charles Pillivant, Leonard Berlotti, Dick Kabel, Michelle Rapp, Patrick Brennan, Jason Gapczynski, Al Masko, Leslie Racz, Patrick Martino, Owen Burns, Annette Griffee, Sandy Calcaterra, Chris Gamrat, Fr. Steve's brother-in-law, Brian Conlon's sister Sharon McPhee, Don Spanske, Irene Jordan, Diane Masko, Dave Kaiser, Dan Russell, Larry Rinke, Dick Agusti, Mitch Jabczynski, Gordon McBride, Lauren DiNio – granddaughter of Dick Podolski, Howard Weiler, and Matt Mets.

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

January, 2012

For this month's column, I thought a little "Life Insurance 101" might be beneficial.

The most basic plan of permanent life insurance protection - whole life insurance - calls for premiums to be paid for your entire life, or to age 100. You may also consider another permanent life insurance product – one with guaranteed cash values – that offers a limited period of premium payments. The Knights of Columbus offers three permanent life insurance products for which premiums do not have to be paid for all of life.

"Twenty Pay Life" is exactly as the name suggests – a permanent plan with premiums payable for 20 years. After the premiums are paid for the 20 years, the plan is "paid up" and no more premiums are due. Unlike its term counterpart, however, the plan stays in force, the death benefit remains intact and the guaranteed cash value continues to grow.

Another such plan is our "Life Paid Up at 65." With this permanent product you pay premiums until you reach age 65. Then, premiums stop (just in time for retirement), but the plan remains very much in force.

Finally, the ultimate in limited pay is our Single Premium Life product. Imagine buying life insurance – permanent life insurance – and only paying one single premium? It's possible.

I have detailed information on all of these products. At your convenience, I'll meet with you and your wife to perform a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, to help determine which of our many life insurance products is right for you and your family.

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This month, I chose to pass up the opportunity to use the age old cliché about two things we must do ... although the timing should certainly bring it to mind.

This season, in most homes, is financial accounting time. I'd like to wager that, at some point in the process, someone will ask (probably you!) "Where did all our money go?" Surely, all of the money we earn finds a home somewhere ... the grocer, the mortgage, the tax man. Very little, if any, is left over for a personal bank account or other investments. Most of us consider ourselves fortunate if we've managed to pay our bills! Folks usually save what's leftover ... and for most folks, that's nothing.

The point is, whatever the amount earned, chances are good that it is spent providing for and rearing a family. Think about that for a minute. The needs of that family continue - food, shelter, clothing - even if the breadwinner suffers an untimely death. So what does income tax have to do with insurance? Simply this ... it can serve as a reminder that protection for dependents should include an estimate of the current needs for money. While it may be convenient to say "I can't afford it," that's probably not accurate -when you consider that your family will be without **any income** should you die.

With this in mind, your Order has designed a plan which guarantees to continue income to your family for as long as they will need it.

What's more, this plan will enable you to systematically save some of those dollars so difficult to account for at tax time.

As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about the one thing you I'm at 1-810-441-4988 or [james.parker@kofc.org](mailto:james.parker@kofc.org). Call me – let's talk.

**Any questions? Bring them to the upcoming benefits night at St. John Vianney on February 8 at 7:00 pm**

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Brothers, besides our **New Council Website**, [www.kofc7018.org](http://www.kofc7018.org), please check out our parish websites at [www.stclementromeo.com](http://www.stclementromeo.com) and [www.ssjohnandpaul.org](http://www.ssjohnandpaul.org)

Also take a look at the other Knights of Columbus websites – [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) and [www.mikofc.org](http://www.mikofc.org)  
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### Resolution Humor

"May all your troubles last as long as your New Year resolutions."

"He who breaks a resolution is a weakling; He who makes one is a fool."

Wife to husband: "My new year's resolution is to stop telling you what to do all the time... Here, I wrote down your resolutions for you..."

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!