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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

July/August 2012

COUNCIL OFFICERS



Pray the Rosary  
for Peace

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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,

I am looking forward to the upcoming year. I have great respect for all of my brothers and will do my best for you and our council. We need to address getting new members and meeting our insurance quotas. At our Archdiocesan meeting on July 12, our goal was set to recruit one new member per month. Besides all we do each year, lets work on these goals. I want to thank all the officers for willing to commit to the coming year.

Vivat Jesus,  
GK Jim Smiszek

### Congratulations Newly Elected Officers!!!

- Grand Knight: Jim Smiszek
- Deputy Grand Knight: Steve Betka
- Chancellor: Mitch Lenczewski
- Advocate: Don Smith
- Recorder: Jim Szewczyk
- Treasurer: Lester Ottenwalder
- Warden: John Cassidy
- Inside Guard: Marcel Van Daele
- Outside Guard: Andrew Russell
- 3 Year Trustee: Jim Burns
- 2 Year Scholarship Committee: Tony Nardozi



**Thank you Past Grand Knight Mitch Lenczewski for your fantastic leadership over the past two years and Good Luck to incoming Grand Knight Jim Smiszek!**

## Calendar of Events

- August 4 – 4:30 pm St. Isidore Corporate Communion and Installation of Officers
- August 16 7:00 pm – Council Meeting at St. Clement of Rome
- August 31 – Annual Pasta Dinner - Please bring a dessert to share!
- September 1 – 3 – Peach Festival Parking Lot Duty
- September 3 – Peach Festival Parade – Drivers needed to transport the Colors Corps to and from the float staging area
- September 8 – 11 – Texas Holdem Charity Poker at The River on Van Dyke between 22 and 23 Mile
- September 20 7:00 pm – Council Meeting at St. Clement of Rome

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### **Congratulations Families and Knights of the Month and Year!**

**June Family of the Month: Mark and Shannon Esper June Knight of the Month: Rich Borowski**  
**July Family of the Month: Paul and Kathy Wierbicki July Knight of the Month: Dan O'Brian**  
**Family of the Year: Steve and Andrea Betka Knight of the Year: Tony Nardozi**

**Also, Welcome New Brother Knights**  
**Jeff Kowalke and Paul Pizzimenti!**

**Congratulations to our Brother Knight and Seminarian, John Whittaker, who is now in the**  
**Congregation of Holy Cross – the Founders of Notre Dame University**

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### **We Need Volunteers!!!**

**Thanks to all the Brothers who helped out at the Fraternal/Social night on May 10 and the Knights who helped to paint the Agape Center. Great Job guys!!! Now we need help in painting a hallway and a couple of rooms at Austin Academy. This needs to happen ASAP! Please think about donating a day or two to help!**

**Some of the organizations benefitting from the money raised from the MI Drive are:**  
**Romeo/Washington/Bruce Parks and Recreation, Parents Who Care, and Challenger Baseball**



### **PEACH FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES**

Brothers, the upcoming Labor Day weekend is one of the busiest times of the year for us! We need help in many different areas. Some of the tasks include: setting up tables for the Italian Dinner on Friday morning, preparing and serving the wonderful dinner, and cleaning up afterwards. Also, desserts are needed – especially Peach Pies! Then, we have the parking lot duty on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday – we need at least four volunteers to cover the two church parking lot entrances from morning until evening. This is another activity that generates a good deal of income for St. Clement and the Council at no cost! Finally, we could use some help getting the float ready for the parade, shuttling the Color Corps members from the assembling area to the start of the parade and then back again at the end. Those black tuxedos and capes get a little uncomfortable on a hot summer day! Also, if any Knights and their families would like to walk alongside the float on Labor Day, they are more than welcome. Another reason to come to the next Council meeting to volunteer whatever time is best for you! If for some reason you cannot make it to one of the next meetings, call any Council officer and let him know what area you would like to volunteer for and when you can help out.



We could still use some help unloading the Forgotten Harvest Food Truck at the Agape Center on Tuesdays. Also, please think about volunteering at the next Texas Holdem in September!

Come to the next Council meeting to find out more details and sign up times for these fun events! Or call GK Jim Smiszek @ 752-2856, DGK Steve Betka @ 784-8612, or PGK Tony Nardozi @ 524-0904.

We would love to see some new faces! See the Council website at [www.kofc7018.org](http://www.kofc7018.org) for details. See the Calendar of Events at the top of this newsletter for the upcoming dates of the events.

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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: Donna Petruzzello, Pat Podolski, Gary Jenuwine, The Pytleski Family, Marcel Van Daele, Pat Raleigh's brother, Sol James, Walt Hoenle, Rocco Tenaglia, Virgil Laurain, Fr. John Dunn, Ace Cudillo, Jim Parker's friend Mr. Bach, Maureen Burns, Dave and Dawn Hribar, Al Kolitch, Gary Thomas, Nancy Gaspari, Viola Johnson, Jill Gapczynski, Tonya Ales, Jean Dey, Leonard Berlotti, Dick Kabel, Al Masko, Leslie Racz, Annette Griffiee, Chris Gamrat, Fr. Steve's brother-in-law, Brian Conlon's sister Sharon McPhee, Don Spanske, Irene Jordan, Diane Masko, Dave Kaiser, Larry Rinke, Dick Agusti, Mitch Jabczynski, Gordon McBride, Lauren DiNio – granddaughter of Dick Podolski, Howard Weiler, and Matt Mets.

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**Brothers, please send me your new or updated email address. It saves time, paper, and ink. Feel free to send me articles or topics to include in upcoming newsletters, I am always looking for new information to pass along to your fellow Brothers (no politics please).**

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

A new fraternal year is upon us. Congratulations to Jim Smiszek 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.

Have you ever heard the expression "lazy days of summer?" While the hot weather may encourage a slower paced life, in many ways summer can be the busiest time of the year. Especially for parents with school-aged children. And being busy, it's easy to forget about such things as reviewing your life insurance coverage.

The purpose of this column is to encourage you to meet with me before the end of the summer. Whether or not you have life insurance with the Order, I'll be happy to meet with you and make sure your coverage continues to meet your needs and goals. If you've had any life changes since you last bought a policy (new home, new child, new job, etc.), chances are your life insurance needs to be updated. I'll work with you to make sure you have the coverage you need at a price you can afford.

When we meet, you'll discover that the time we spend together will be time well-spent. Let's get together soon. Because summer is not only busy, it's also coming to an end.

Whatever your needs, whatever your concerns, I can help.

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, besides our **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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