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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

**March/April 2012**

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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,

Spring is just around the corner and I hope the winter months have been kind to you. Our seminarians have written letters to us in appreciation of the support we provide them in their endeavors. We have and will continue to support our young men whom will be our future priests. Vocations are just one piece of the pie towards which the fruits of our time and hard work is spent. If you haven't had the opportunity to converse with a young priest whom has been supported by the Knights; seek one out. After your conversation, you will have a full understanding of why the Knights support Vocations.

We have many activities coming up in the near future. I will highlight just a few. The MI Drive (Tootsie Roll) event is Palm Sunday Weekend. I previously mentioned having a conversation with a new young priest. Have a conversation with a child whom is mentally impaired and I'm sure you will understand the importance of lending a hand during the MI Drive. We need your help. Please contact Chairman Marcel Van Daele. Again, another project that is appreciated in the local area. Ask Marcel about the smiling faces and appreciation from individuals and groups whom receive funding from the Knights regarding this worthy cause. You may find yourself hooked on this project.

Please assist us with Texas Hold Em. This is our most fruitful fund raiser. We would not be able to spend the significant amount of money we have in the past on Vocations, Charity and Scholarships without this event. Thank all of you whom have worked the Texas Hold ems. I hope you will continue to support this event. More than ever, I'm reaching out to Knights whom are looking to get involved with council activities. This activity is quick, fun and easy. Contact Chairman Tony Nardozi.

Election of Council Officer's is fast approaching. Please consider a position and becoming more involved in the Knights. It is truly a rewarding experience. I encourage you to read your newsletter and visit the website frequently to learn of upcoming events. Also check your weekly church bulletin for Knights of Columbus information.

Brothers, enjoy the coming months and let's have a fun and rewarding Spring.

Vivat Jesus,  
GK Mitch Lenczewski

## Calendar of Events

- March 15 – 7:00 Council Meeting at St. Clement
- March 19 – 22 – Texas Holdem at The River on Van Dyke and 23 Mile
- March 25 – Country Breakfast at St. Clement after all Masses
- March 30, 31 April 1 – MI Tootsie Roll Drive
- April 19 – 7:00 Council Meeting at St. Clement and 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremony afterwards
- April 22 – 24 – Casino Bus Trip – St. Ignace and Manistique
- May 2 – 5 - Texas Holdem at The River on Van Dyke and 23 Mile
- May 13 – Country Breakfast at St. Clement after all Masses – Moms Eat Free!!!

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### We Need Volunteers!!!

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



#### TEXAS HOLDEM



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. This is the first of four events coming up this year. Please think about spending a few hours with us.



#### COUNTRY BREAKFASTS



Thank you to all the Brothers who helped at the last breakfast. The next Country Breakfast is coming up in a few weeks and we can always use help with cooking, serving, and especially cleaning up the gathering area when the breakfast is over.

### ANNUAL K of C TOOTSIE ROLL – MI DRIVE

Palm Sunday weekend we will be out collecting at several businesses and intersections for this very worthwhile charity. We have been very successful over the past several years in raising money to help fund programs and purchase equipment for those who are challenged and in need.

**We could also use some help unloading the Forgotten Harvest Food Truck at the Agape Center on Tuesdays.**

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 Nardoizzi @ 524-0904. We would love to see some new faces! See the Council website at [www.kofc7018.org](http://www.kofc7018.org) for details.

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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: Nancy Gaspari, Viola Johnson, Jill Gapczynski, Tonya Ales, Jim and Joanne Parker, Michelle Rapp, Fr. Ken Brynart, Millie Schoenherr, Jean Dey, Leonard Berlotti, Dick Kabel, Michelle Rapp, Patrick Brennan, 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, Dan Russell, Larry Rinke, Dick Agusti, Mitch Jabczenski, Gordon McBride, Lauren DiNio – granddaughter of Dick Podolski, Howard Weiler, and Matt Mets.

Also, please pray for our Brothers “Ace” Cudillo, long time Detroit school teacher and Romeo resident, who is now in assisted living, Dave and Dawn Hribar who are both battling illness in Florida, Walter Hoenle, a new member who is recovering from a heart attack, and Jim Burns who will be going in for surgery March 7.

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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).**

## March 19 is The Feast of St. Joseph – Do you know why we wear red?

St. Joseph's Day is a big Feast for Italians because in the Middle Ages, God, through St. Joseph's intercessions, saved the Sicilians from a very serious drought. So in his honor, the custom is for all to wear red, in the same way that green is worn on St. Patrick's Day.

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

March, 2012

The Order's portfolio of top-rated products includes a variety of term and permanent plans that can be custom-tailored to meet the needs, goals and budget of every Catholic family. Among these is our Annual Renewable Term (ART) plan, which provides the maximum amount of insurance protection per premium dollar.

ART provides life insurance protection for a specific, temporary period of time. Many have likened it to "renting" life insurance protection. It is appropriate coverage when the life insurance need is temporary in nature, such as to provide mortgage protection or to cover a business loan.

Among the advantages, in addition to the economical premium, is that ART can be converted to a permanent plan of protection – with no additional underwriting required – at any time prior to age 65. In a sense, ART can be used to guarantee your insurability. If you need protection for your entire life, but the premiums for permanent insurance just aren't in the budget right now, purchasing an ART plan with the intent to convert might just be the way to go.

Who needs ART?

- Those who want to supplement permanent insurance protection
- Small business owners who want to cover the life of a key employee until retirement
- Those who need guaranteed coverage for life, but need time to budget additional premium dollars and want guaranteed conversion to a permanent plan of insurance.
- Anyone who needs life insurance for only a certain period.

I will be happy to meet with you at your convenience to discuss how Knights of Columbus ART life insurance, or any other of our top-rated portfolio of products, can help you meet your needs and goals.

April 2012

It seems like just yesterday...

Any parent reading this will quickly come up with countless ways to complete that last sentence. The point is – time flies, and tomorrow will (has!) arrive quicker than expected. Will you be ready?

If you meet annually with me, your professional Knights of Columbus agent, and address the needs that our analysis uncovers, the answer – at least financially – will be 'Yes.' During that annual visit, I'll take the time to review your needs, goals and budget. And I'll recommend a program of life insurance, long term care insurance and guaranteed income annuities that will help you rest easy at night.

Paying for college for your children may be one of your family's current needs. Or you may be concerned about a comfortable, worry-free retirement. Or about needing costly long term care that could deplete your hard-earned assets. Or about having something to leave for your children or grandchildren.

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 **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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#### FROM THE BREASTPLATE OF SAINT PATRICK

Christ be with me, Christ be within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger  
Christ in hearts of all that love me  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

