



In Service to One,  
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

**February/March 2013**

### COUNCIL OFFICERS

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**BENEFITS REPRESENTATIVE: TBD**

*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,

Please consider helping with the upcoming MI drive Palm Sunday weekend. We need three more new members for Star Council. Is there a neighbor or friend you have been thinking about asking? Thank you for making our Council a success.

Vivat Jesus,  
GK Jim Smiszek

### Calendar of Events

- March 2 – Exemplification in Southgate
- March 3 – Country Breakfast at St. Clement
- March 16 – Major Degree at St. Hubert’s Council in Harrison Township
- March 16 – St. Baldrick’s Parade and Haircutting
- March 16 – 19 – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Texas Holdem at The River at Van Dyke and 22 Mile Road
- March 21 – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremony at St. Clement at 7:30
- March 22 – 24 – Tootsie Roll MI Drive for Challenged Individuals
- April 14 – Vocations Dinner Dance at Fr. James Cotter Council in Warren
- April 20 – 21 – Membership Drive
- April 28 - 30 – Casino Trip to St. Ignace and Manistique
- May 9 – 1<sup>st</sup> Affiliate Dinner for North Macomb Right to Life at Creek Center on North Avenue

### Congratulations Families and Knights of the Month!

**December Family of the Month: Tony and Kathy Nardozzi, Knight of the Month: Mike Lynch**  
**January Family of the Month: Don and Jean Campbell, Knight of the Month: Lester Ottenwalder**  
**February Family of the Month: Mitch and MaryAnn Jabczenski, Knight of the Month: Joe Martino**

## Thank You 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. 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 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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**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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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: Jackie Gunst, Andrea Betka, Bruni Bucci, Mark Lenczewski, Roseanne Rhea, Don Brown Sr., Barbara Croke, Toni Gerbe, Deacon John Wright, Larry Moderi, Shannon Esper, Mark Esper, Fr. Breck, Leonard Berlotti, Andy Zundel, Jay Cooper, Eric Stolz, Minnie Bacon, Tom Gardziola, Jerry Neault, Dale Matz, John Houbeck's daughter, Sandy Barla, John Cassidy Sr., Russ Morgan's wife, Gary Jenuwine, Pat Raleigh's brother, Sol James, Walt Hoenle, Ace Cudillo, Dawn Hribar, Gary Thomas, Nancy Gaspari, Viola Johnson, Jill Gapczynski, Dick Kabel, Annette Griffiee, Chris Gamrat, Brian Conlon's sister Sharon McPhee, Don Spanske, Irene Jordan, Diane Masko, Dave Kaiser, Larry Rinke, Dick Agusti, Mitch Jabczenski, Gordon McBride, Howard Weiler, and Matt Mets.

Please also say a prayer for Pope Benedict and the Cardinals

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An Irishman, by the name of O'Malley proposed to his girl on St. Patrick's Day. He gave her a ring with a synthetic diamond. The excited young lass showed it to her father, a jeweller. He took one look at it and saw it wasn't real. The young lass on learning it wasn't real returned to her future husband. She protested vehemently about his cheapness.

'It was in honour of St. Patrick's Day,' he smiled.

'I gave you a sham rock.'

Two Irish mothers, Kate and Lorna were talking about their sons.

Kate says, 'My Patrick is such a saint. He works hard, doesn't smoke, and he hasn't so much as looked at a woman in over two years.'

Lorna responds, 'Well, my Francis is a saint himself. Not only hasn't he not looked at a woman in over three years, but he hasn't touched a drop of liquor in all that time.'

'My word,' says Kate, 'You must be so proud.'

'I am,' announces Lorna, 'And when he's paroled next month, I'm going to throw him a big party.'

## News from our Knight of Columbus Benefits Representative

### Shopping that all men should do

By nature, most men do not like to shop. At the risk of sounding chauvinistic, that inclination seems more likely to drive our wives, daughters, mothers or other females we know. Sure, there are exceptions. Maybe you enjoy trips to the hardware store for a tool to help on a home improvement project. Maybe you're a collector or you like to shop for cars. Maybe you like to find the best deal on the newest high-tech gadget for your living room.

When you do decide it's time to make a purchase, if you're like me, you want to get the best value for your money. You want the best customer service possible. Sometimes, this requires lots of research and planning. But one of the most important purchases you can make can be put into motion through a simple meeting with me, a brother Knight.

The core product offered by the Knights of Columbus is not glitzy. It's not like a new car or a classic one. It's not like a laptop or a flatscreen television. It's not something you can "show off" to your friends, but you can brag about it. Life insurance is something that everyone needs. If you have some life insurance, the odds are great that you need more. If you don't have any coverage, you should stop to consider all the benefits of a whole life policy. Remember, it's not about you. It's about your family.

When was the last time you shopped for life insurance? If the answer is "a long time ago" or "never," it's time you speak with me. Have you considered your retirement and how you will afford to maintain your current lifestyle? Our annuities can help. Is your income protected in the event of a serious illness or injury? Are you prepared to cover the expensive costs of long-term care should you or your spouse need it? The Knights of Columbus can help provide solutions to these common situations, too.

Please schedule an appointment with me today.

### The Urgency of Buying Long Term Care Insurance

There are very few people who do not have a "long term care experience" somewhere in their family – a loved one in a nursing home facility, or a family member being cared for at home because of advancing age, a disability or both. If you have heard of or undergone this situation, you know firsthand the catastrophic effects these events can have on a family, crossing all generations.

What you may not know about is the urgency of taking action. The ability to buy long-term care insurance is based on your health. Putting the decision off, "waiting until next year" or otherwise dragging your feet can be problematic. You never know when your health could change and make you ineligible for coverage. In addition, the required premium commitment increases every year with your age.

When you make the decision to talk about LTC, come right to the Knights of Columbus. In addition to providing life insurance and guaranteed annuities to our members and their families, we also have a very competitive long-term care product. Since entering this market in 2000, nearly 35,000 LTC policies have been sold to K of C members and their wives. While some companies in this line of business have had difficulty (or stopped selling the product altogether), our product continues to perform well with no premium increases on existing policies.

I can help you select the plan that's right for you and meets your budget. I can show you several different options – facility only coverage, home care, a combination of both. Let's talk today.

Kevin Patterson  
(810) 695-6352

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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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### 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.

