



The Knight's Shield



St. Paul of Tarsus - Knight's of Columbus Council #11689

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Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

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A word from: Grand Knight-Karl Sziisz

Welcome Our New Pope

Let's welcome our new Pope (Jose Mario Bergoglio) with open arms and prayers. Let's pray that God will strengthen him with the will and determination to lead our church and all those who are in leadership roles to follow in the footsteps of our Lord. We pray he is able to help return to the faith all those who may have left our church.

Pot Luck Dinner

What a wonderful turn out for the pot luck March meeting. I was pleased to see so many families in attendance. It is always great to see the kids. Families will always be an important part of our councils activities.

Thank you Father Ron and Brother Francis of Holy Cross Childrens Services. Your attendance was the highlight of the evening. Our council will continue to serve our parish as we have in the past and also continue the gifts and monetary contributions to Holy Cross Childrens Services.

Welcome New Members

Brother Knights, please welcome our new members. Jerome Garrisi, Thomas Hudson, and Georgios Sakorafos completed their First Degree on Thursday, March 21st at St. Clement of Rome. Please make them and all of our new members feel welcome at our April meeting.

Easter Egg Hunt Helpers

The help was ready, the eggs were there, the candy was purchased, the eggs were filled (3,000), the Easter Bunny was prepared. Unfortunately, the weather failed to cooperate. Disappointed? "Yes!" But there is always next year. Easter should be later and once again we will be ready to watch the kids have fun! Thanks to all those who helped fill eggs, and worked on Saturday!

Vivat Jesus,

Karl Sziisz

Grand Knight

Calendar of Events

April, 2013

April 1	Tom Lawler's Birthday
April 6	4 PM Mass for the handicap with Bishop Burns
April 8	General Membership Meeting @ 6:30 PM Officer nominations for 2013-2014
April 11	Rite to Life dinner – Burton manor
April 13-14	Canned food drive after all Masses
April 14	Vocations Dinner Dance
April 17	Fourth Degree Meeting, 7:30 p.m. @ St. Lawrence 7:30 p.m.
April 25	Officers Meeting @ 7:30 PM

May, 2013

May 8	Special Olympics - Macomb County Community College (South Campus)
May 11	First Degree – St John Vianney 9 AM
May 13	General Membership Meeting @ 6:30 PM
May 16	Fourth Degree Meeting, 7:30 p.m. @ St. Lawrence 7:30 p.m.
May 23-25	State Convention

Our Council newsletter is now available online at the St. Paul of Tarsus Parish website, www.stpauloftarsus.com.
Anyone who wishes to receive their newsletter via email, instead of by snail mail,
should contact John Sweeney at (586) 215-8296 or at spotknights11689@gmail.com
Doing so would save our council a great deal of money for printing and postage.

Please remember our deceased brothers in your prayers.

Carl A. Owen	John P. Banas	John Billotti
Frank C. Kave	Catan W. Bernardo	Morris Demetsenare
Chester E. Raszkowski	Robert W. Majkowski	Conrad Leder
Robert A. Post	Alfonso Carvajal	Joseph T. Frontera
Martin W. Rosenau	Brian R. McGinnis	Gary Golec
Julius T. Abraham	Arthur J. Hug	Walter Baumgart
Clemente Truden	James Bischoff	Thomas Saura
Walter F. Kawka	Russell J. Licovoli	Guy Serafino
James P. Koss	Donald Lynch	Robert Serafino
Dominic Morello	Joseph Anthonucci	William Carron

For the Good of the Order:

Please keep the Knights, Relatives or Acquaintances of Knights below in your prayers.

Frank Aluto	Paul Gutkowski	James Petoskey *
Jackie Backes	Michelle Gutoroski	Bob Pickett
Rene Bealse	Bernard Hoste	Janet Pieske
Karin Bondra	Sharon Hoste	Tesesa Ann Plum
Denise Borycki	Tillie Hoste	Kathryn Ricard
Ron Bousson	Tom Hug*	Joe Ricard *
Michelle Boyd	Geri Isleo	Steve Sadowski
Lecia Carter	Ann Kiuzzo	Veronica Salvatore
Patrice Carter	Linda Koss	Alice Seid
Gail Clisby	Caroline Krmel	Michael Sera
Ruth Connell	Pat Labadie	Pat Shankie
Delores Dekoski	Ralph Labadie *	Norm Stephenson
Charlene Deperro	David Latosz	William Stickney
Betty DeSilvio	Mark LeFlere	Chuck Stork
Ken Dombrowski *	Amy La Perre	Mary Jane Sweeney
Barbra Draybach	Cecelia Lewinski	Mildred Tarbuck
Allan Dzwonkowski	Ken Loewen	Steve Tiell
Sue Dzwonkowski	Ron Lomasney	Fr. Drew Tomasko
Leon Eggers*	Tom Lomasney	June Vottlor
Alice A. Ellis	Dottie Malpass	Megan Wiley
Richard Emmers *	Ed Marcinkowski *	Charlene Wojtaszek
Brandon Farmer	Lynn Maron	Dean Douglas Wojtaszek
Jake Fix	Dolores Marotta	David Wozniak
Dave Gadzinski	John Marotta *	
Clarence Gajewski*	Debbie Mazzonie	
Art Gapczynaki	Vincent McInnis *	
Chris Gapczynaki	Brian McLaughlin	
Jill Gapczynski	George Meda	
Joseph Garofalo	Jane Medlewski	
Kathleen Girten	John Mero	
Fr. Lou Grandpre	Delores Moquin	
Sandy Grobbel	Un-Named (Special Intention)	
Anton Guilding	Richard Olejniczak	
Betty Gutkowski	Barb Petoskey	

NOTE: Underlined names will be removed, next month unless we hear from you, an asterisk (*) represents a "Brother Knight."

So... You Don't Have The Time?

In today's world, men face multiple commitments to their spouse, children, workplace, community and Church. Every day these responsibilities seem to grow, while the time to meet them seemingly dwindles. Imagine if you were told, that if you could give just 24 hours a year to the Knights of Columbus, you would make a positive difference for your family, community and Church.

Below is an illustration of just how little time it takes to be an active member of the Knight of Columbus. Even with this minimal commitment you can be an important part of our council and reap the benefits membership offers to you and your family.

- 12 hours reading the weekly parish bulletin, Columbia magazine, and surfing our local, State and Supreme Council web sites.
- Four hours a year attending, with your family, our corporate Communion at St. Paul of Tarsus parish.
- Four hours a year enjoying (again, with your entire family) a council social function such as a dinner, pancake breakfast, picnic, etc...
- Two hours a year on council-sponsored Church, community, council, family, youth or pro-life projects of your choosing.
- Three hours a year attending a council meeting. (Who knows, you might even come back for more!)

That's only 24 hours a year, which practically any man can fit into his schedule. When you look at the time commitment of joining the Order in this way, it doesn't seem very intimidating at all.

Once you've become an active member and see how rewarding being a Knight is, you'll want to dedicate more time to this, to being a Knight! There are 8,760 hours in a year. By giving just 24 of those hours, you can be a better Catholic, father, husband and man. Think of the difference the Knights of Columbus can make in our communities if you join us.

Don't you have the time —only 24 hours— to make a difference in YOUR life?"

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A Prayer for April:

Lord forbid that I
should fear to change
for the better or
be so pleased with myself and
the things which surround me
that I feel no need
for a higher life.
Make me dissatisfied if
I am not trying to grow
in truth and
to live in noble deeds.
Amen.

Important Websites

K of C Supreme: www.kofc.org
K of C Michigan State Council: www.mikofc.org
Michigan District #1: www.michigandistrict1.com
St. Paul of Tarsus: www.spauloftarsus.com

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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Knight of the Month & Family of the Month

The Knight of the Month is selected by the Board of Officers, as a Knight who exemplifies in his daily life the principles of Catholic Life, and is instrumental to the success of our Council, Church, and Community.

The Knight of the Month for March: **“Tom Pardo.”**
In recognition of his exemplary service to the Council.

The Family of the Month is selected by the Board of Officers as a Family who exemplifies in the principles of Catholic Family Life, and who contribute to the success of our Council, Church, and Community.

The Family of the Month for March: **“Joe Marheineke Family.”**
In recognition of their out-standing service to the Council.

Birthday Wishes to:

Ray Ignatowski	4-01
Tracy Czarny	4-01
Nancy Czarny	4-03
Jeanette Badowski	4-06
Janet Valentine	4-07
Jeff Gaczynski	4-09
Albert Valenti	4-12
Mary Guiseppe	4-21
Joe Ricard	4-23
Joseph Bono	4-26
Janet Baldick	4-27

Anniversary Wishes to:

Greg & Barbra Cserna	4-06
Ales & Joann Salvatore	4-07
Phillip & Pat Bonnette	4-11
Karl & Joanne Sziisz	4-14
Joe & Catherine Bono	4-15
Tony & Janet Valentine	4-26
Donald & Jeanette Banowski	4-28

“May God Grant to these couples many more years of
Health and Happiness!”
Congratulations from the Council.

If you'd like to see your birthday or anniversary posted, please send an email to John Sweeney at spotknights11689@gmail.com

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Deputy Grand Knights Report

A big "Thank You" to Ralph Pullis who has secured a set of dates for our council to have a Texas Hold'em event on October 6th thru 9th at Big Beaver Tavern in Troy. We will have sign up sheets available a couple of months before October. Also, we have our name on a waiting list at the River in Utica and Five Star Lanes in Sterling Heights. If a set of dates does become available it may be on short notice, in which case, I will be making phone calls to fill the needed time slots.

At the April 8th and May 13th meetings we will be accepting officer nominations, with officer elections at the May meeting. Please consider who you would like to see as a council officer. Also, it is perfectly acceptable to self nominate if there is an office that you would like to run for. One requirement is that all officers must be a Third Degree member.

Special Olympics – There will be a sign up sheet at the April 8th meeting for anyone wishing to help with the Area Summer Games in May. We need about 6 Knights to help support this event. These games are at Macomb County Community College (South Campus) in Warren.

Bruce Arnold
Deputy Grand Knight

The "Knight of the Year" & "Family of the Year" for fraternal year 2012-2013 have been announced.

Each month, a Brother Knight is selected as the "***Knight of the Month***" in recognition of their service to the Church, Council and Community. Council 11689's "***Knight of the Year***" is selected from these twelve worthy Knights. The Knight of the Year for 2012-2013 is:

"Jeffery Loeb"

The "***Family of the Year Award***" is given to a council family whose contributions to the Church, council and community are above and beyond the norm and whose daily family life promotes the development and nurturing of the Catholic Family. For their years of service to God, at the parish of "St. Paul of Tarus" they are being acknowledged in a blessed way. The Family of the Year for 2012-2013 is the:

"Arthur Krygowski Family"

Monthly Prayer Intentions for April:

"That the prayerful and public celebration of the faith may be a source of life for the faithful."

Quick Notes

- If you move or have change phone numbers, notify Financial Secretary, Ray Ignatowski @ 586-946-0129.
- Please visit our sick and shut in Brothers, if you are unable to visit, send a card with a note.