



The Knight's Shield



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A Word From: Grand Knight-Bruce Arnold

On the weekend of September 21st and 22nd we were very busy with the following events: pancake breakfast / bake sale, membership recruitment blitz, and selling tickets for the Vocations pasta dinner.

The pancake breakfast, bake sale and raffles were very successful, raising about \$1,740.00 for our council. Thanks to the efforts of Phil Kwasny (chairperson), Ken Grobbel, John Sweeney, and Jerry Vento (our cooks), and all of the council members that helped. We had 12 ladies working in the gathering area selling baked goods and raffle tickets, we also had several more ladies working in the hall helping with breakfast. Thank you so much for all your help. Lastly, thank you to Tom Hakim for once again donating the gift basket, Gary Skarb for the many donated items, and to all others that donated or solicited gifts for the raffle.

Our Membership Director, Tom Pardo, reported that our membership blitz generated several prospect cards and 2 form 100's (one new application and one reinstatement). We also received 2 application request to transfer into our council. Brother George Loewen gave a great talk at all four masses that weekend to help stimulate membership interest within the parish. Thank you gentlemen ... nice job.

Our Vocations Director, Jeff Gapczynski, along with Joe Bono and other volunteers were selling tickets for our first Vocations Pasta Dinner to be held on Saturday, September 28th following the 4 PM Mass. The results of that event will be available next month.

We also have a very busy schedule ahead of us. In the month of October we will be doing the following: Brother Ray Coughlin has scheduled an Adopt A Road clean up for Saturday, October 5th at 8 AM. This project usually can be completed in under 2 hours depending on how many members show up to help. I am sure Ray would not object to seeing some new faces.

Brother Dave Asaro will be heading up the next Texas Hold'em fundraiser. This event is scheduled for October 6th - 9th at the Big Beaver Tavern in Troy. At the time of this writing, there were still about 7 unfilled spots. This will leave Dave no choice but to make phone calls to complete the schedule. Brothers, your help is needed if we are going to continue doing these events. Please consider stepping up to help this important council fundraiser.

St. John Vianney will host a district blood drive on Sunday, October 13th from 8 AM to 2 PM.

Thank you to Past Grand Knight, Karl Sziisz, for arranging to have flu shots available at our October 14th general membership meeting. The shots will be available prior to the meeting and your wives are also invited to come if they wish. The cost is \$25.00 for a shot unless you are on Medicare part B then the shot is available at no charge.

I also want to thank Karl for making arrangements with Terri Konwinski, our church's Youth Director, to distribute the 25 tickets that were purchased by our council for the upcoming Prep Bowl at Ford Field. And also for arranging with Phyllis Copioli, the social worker at Erie Elementary, for the distribution of coats that our council purchased through the Coats for Kids program.

Vivat Jesus,

Bruce Arnold

Grand Knight

Calendar of Events

October, 2013

October 5	Adopt-A-Road clean up, meet in church parking lot @ 8:00 a.m.
October 6-9	Texas Hold'em at Big Beaver Tavern
October 13	District Blood Drive @ St. John Vianney 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m
October 14	Columbus Day, is observed
October 14	Council meeting @ 7:30 p.m. Flu shots and free will offering meal at 6:30 p.m. (free will offering meal at 6:30 p.m.)
October 16	Fourth Degree meeting @7:30 p.m. (free will offering meal at 7:00 p.m.)
October 22	Newsletter deadline
October 24	Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m. @ St. Paul of Tarsus, Meeting Room #1
October 26	First Degree Ceremony @ St. Clement of Rome 8:30 a.m. (coats and ties please)
October 27	Trunk or Treat St. Paul of Tarsus Parking Lot @ 2:00 p.m.

November

November 3	District Corporate Communion at St. Isidore (coats and ties please) @9:30 a.m.
November 10	Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Seminary @ 10:00 a.m.
November 11	Council meeting @ 7:30 p.m. (free will offering meal at 6:30 p.m.)
November 22	Newsletter deadline
November 24	Corporate Communion St. Paul of tarsus @ 11:30 a.m. Mass
November 25	First Degree registration at St. Isidore Degree ceremony scheduled to begin at 7:30 PM (coats and ties please)
November 28	Thanksgiving – no officers meeting scheduled at this time
November 30	Ham and Kielbasa Sale, before and after the 4:00 p.m. Mass

Trunk or Treat

On Sunday, October 27th from 2 PM til approximately 4 PM we will be co-sponsoring a Trunk or Treat with the Men's Club from our church. We feel this is a great way to join forces and provide an afternoon of games, activities, food, and treats to the children of our parish. It is also open to the children and grandchildren of both the Knights and Men's Club

Our time schedule should run pretty close to the following:

- 1:00 – 1:45 Set up and preparation
- 2:00 – 3:30 Families arrive to partake in game and food venues
- 3:15 – 3:30 Participants that are passing out candy from their trunks start getting ready
- 3:30 – 4:00 Trunk or Treat portion
- 4:00 – 4:30 Tear down and clean up

We are asking for your help in several ways. We plan to have approximately 8-10 different games for the children. Each game will need at least 1 or 2 volunteers to oversee. We will need 2-3 people to grill hotdogs, pass out chips and drinks to everyone (parents included). And perhaps most importantly, volunteers that will actually pass out candy from their trunks/tailgates. We need as many participants as possible to make this event successful. It is optional (but encouraged) to decorate your vehicle or come in a Halloween costume. Please keep in mind that to help work this event or even to pass out candy you must have completed the Protecting God's Children class and background check. There will be sign up sheets at the October meeting.

Please remember our deceased brothers in your prayers.

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

For the Good of the Order:

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

Joann Ales	Michelle Gutkowski	Marie Peever
Frank Aiuto	Paul Gutkowski	<u>Barb Petoskey</u>
Mario Asaro	Robert Gutkowski	BK-James Petoskey
Jackie Backes	Bernard Hoste	Bob Pickett
Norm Beaudin	Sharon Hoste	Sister Ann Plum
Bruno Bellini	Tillie Hoste	Dave Randazzo
Norm Beaudin	BK-Tom Hug	Kathryn Ricard
BK-Donald Bieschke	<u>Rachel Hund</u>	BK-Joe Ricard
<u>Kevin Bondra</u>	Tony Imbrigotta	<u>Veronica Salvatore</u>
Michelle Boyd	Dan Jerzak	Mary Schabath
BK-Joe Burdzinski	Joseph Konopka	Michael Sera
Lucille Carter	Linda Koss	Alice Serra
Patricia Carter	Caroline Krmel	<u>Lorraine Serra</u>
Gail Clisby	Pat Labadie	Pat Shankie
Ruth Connell	SK-Ralph Labadie	William Stickney
<u>Sandi DeBruyne</u>	David Latosz	Chuck Stork
Barbra Draybach	Mark LeFlere	Mary Jane Sweeney
Allan Dzwonkowski	Fr. Todd Laverty	Joesph R. Sweeney
Sue Dzwonkowski	Donald Bieschke	<u>Mildred Tarbuck</u>
SK-Leon Eggers	BK-Chuck Lowen	Troy Vestrand
BK-Richard Emmers	Ken Loewen	Gail Vitale
<u>Mark Eubanks</u>	Carol Lomasney	Megan Wiley
Jake Fix	Ron Lomasney	Charlene Wojtaszek
<u>Dave Gadzinski</u>	Tom Lomasney	Dean Douglas Wojtaszek
BK-Clarence Gajewski	Joesph Malfitano	David Wozniak
Fr. Gool Jr.	BK-Ed Marcinkowski	
Art Gapczynaki	Lynn Maron	
Chris Gapczynaki	BK-John Marotta	
Lacy Gapczynaki	BK-Vincent McInnis	
Jill Gapczynski	Brian McLaughlin	
Fr. Lou Grandpre	Delores Moquin	
Sandy Grobbel	Monica Noch	
Betty Gutkowski	Antonina Pardo	

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

The Lighter Side!

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take." - Wayne Gretzky

"If you are going through hell, keep going." - Sir Winston Churchill

By the time Bobby arrived, the football game had already started.

"Why are you so late?" asked his friend.

"I couldn't decide between going to church and going to the football game.

So I flipped a coin." said Bobby.

"But that shouldn't have taken very long." said the friend.

"Well, I had to flip it 35 times."

Our State Membership Motto for 2013:

"One New Member, Per Council, Per Month."

Monthly Prayer Intentions for October:

People In Despair: That those feeling so crushed by life that they wish to end it, may sense the nearness of God's love.

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

Our Council newsletter is now available online at the St. Paul of Tarsus Parish website, www.stpauloftarsus.com.

Anyone who wishes to view our newsletter via the Internet, instead of by snail mail, should contact John Sweeney at (586) 215-8296 or at spot-knights11689@gmail.com

Doing so would save our council a great deal of money for printing and postage.

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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 September: **“Tony Guido .”**

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 September: **“The George Mejaly Family.”**

In recognition of their out-standing service to the Council.

Birthday Wishes to:

Greg Kropidowski	Oct. 1
Catherine Finn	Oct. 4
Richard Olejniczak	Oct. 4
Janice Krygowski	Oct. 6
John Billotti	Oct. 7
Ray Coughlin	Oct. 7
Ken Cichowski	Oct. 11
Reginald Topolewski	Oct. 13
Tony Valentine	Oct. 13
James Baldick	Oct. 22
Denise Jarfas	Oct. 25
Brian McCarty	Oct. 25
Elaine Kwasny	Oct. 26
Giovan Candela	Oct. 27
Gino Gattari	Oct. 28
Edmund Nowak	Oct.30
Greg Csernai	Oct. 31

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

Anniversary Wishes to:

Leonard & Betty Gutkowski	Oct. 1
Phil & Elaine Kwasny	Oct. 1
George & Lucille Mejaly	Oct. 6
Jim & Kim Murphy	Oct. 7
Bruce & Claudia Anrold	Oct. 12
Angelo & Carol Garavaglia	Oct. 25

**“May God Grant to these couples many more years of
Health and Happiness!”**

Congratulations from the Council.

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Deputy Grand Knights Report

Congratulations to Hank Lefiere and John Russo, who have completed their exemplification into the 4th Degree. We welcome them to, St. John Neumann Assembly # 478.

Any 3rd Degree member who would like to become a 4th Degree member, the next Exemplification will be in Spring of 2014. Date to be announced.

If any 4th Degree member would like to join Color Corp our Council will pay for 1/2 the cost of your regalia. Please think about joining, it is a honor to represent the Knights of Columbus at functions.

Texas Holdem on October 6th - 9th. Thanks to all who have signed up, but we still need, Seven (7) more people. **Please call me @ (586) 263-1767 if you can help out.** Thanks & God Bless

Thank You,

David Asaro

Deputy Grand Knight

Our Food Pantry Needs Donations

In a recent newspaper article, Diane Seifert, St. Paul of Tarsus Food Pantry Coordinator, was quoted as saying "We just don't have enough food." She also said "... Now that we've grown to 200 families, we need to start getting food from other sources."

In an effort to help with this need, Deputy Grand Knight, Dave Asaro, has volunteered to organize a fall food drive. We will contact the Macomb Daily, Fraser-Clinton Chronicle, and Macomb Township Chronicle asking them to publish a story appealing to the public to bring food or monetary donations to our church. Donations will be accepted between the hours of 2 - 6 PM on Saturday and 8 AM - 2 PM on Sunday. We should be able to accomplish this food drive with as few as 8-10 workers. (The dates for this event are not set, but we are thinking an early November timeframe).

Also, we recently received a "Red Bag" from the Michigan Supreme Council for a food collection program. Grand Knight, Bruce Arnold, will bring the "Red Bag" to the October, 14th general membership meeting where he will be able to explain how the program will work.

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.