



# 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-Bruce Arnold**

Is September really already upon us? The end of the baseball season is near and the start of the football season is fast approaching. September is going to be a busy month for our council. We have quite a few things happening along with a couple of big events.

At our Monday, September 9th meeting we are scheduled to host a First Degree Ceremony. Therefore, our meeting will be at 6:30 PM. At 7 O'clock we will set up the hall and new candidates will register for the 7:30 PM Degree Ceremony. Please remember that proper attire for any degree ceremony is a sport coat and tie.

Please note the following information about upcoming Corporate Communions (yes, plural - there are two of them). The first is a District Corporate Communion held at St. John Vianney Church on Saturday, September 14th at the 5 PM Mass. Following the mass will be the district installation of officers, and dinner. Then on Sunday, September the 15th we will have our regular quarterly Corporate Communion at the 9:30 AM Mass. After mass there will be a group of Knights and their families that will go to Aurelio's Restaurant for breakfast; we hope you can join us.

Our pancake breakfast is on Sunday, September 22nd. It will also be done in conjunction with a bake sale on Saturday and Sunday. These events are big fundraisers for our council. Brother, Phil Kwasny, has done a great job of chairing these events in the past and I'm sure this one will be no different. We ask that you come have breakfast with your Brother Knights.

On that same weekend, September 21st and 22nd, we will be recruiting new members for our council. Brother, Tom Pardo, will have a table in the church's gathering area with information about the Knights of Columbus. Although Tom is our membership director, recruitment is the responsibility of the entire council. Everyone is asked to help our membership grow. Ask a fellow parishioner to join our order, and you might be surprised to find out that he had never been asked before.

Saturday, September, 28th, we will host our first Vocations Spaghetti Dinner. Our Vocations Director, Jeff Gapczynski, has arranged to have several seminarians and postulants be our guests at the 4:00 PM Mass. Following mass we will head into the social hall where we will break bread and enjoy our dinner. Tickets for this dinner will be on sale in the church's gathering area the three weekends before the dinner. Tickets will be \$8.00 for adults and children 13 and older, \$5.00 for children 6-12 and children 5 and under are free. Let's make this a very successful event and help support Vocations.

Finally, thank you to Gerry Vento for preparing the fish and chips at our last meeting. Your time and talent in the kitchen was appreciated by all!

Vivat Jesus,

*Bruce Arnold*

Grand Knight

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# Calendar of Events

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## September, 2013

September 8	Vocations golf outing @ 7:00 a.m.
September 9	Council meeting 6:30 PM (First Degree @ 7:00 PM and free will offering meal after)
September 14	District Corp. Communion, Officer Installation, & dinner @ St. John Vianney 5:00p.m.
September 15	Corporate Communion @ 9:30 p.m.
September 18	Fourth Degree meeting @7:30 p.m. (free will offering meal at 7:00 PM)
September 21	4th Degree Fall Exemplification will be held at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center located at 6015 East Ten Mile Road (E. of Mound Road), Warren 48091
September 21	Set-up for Pancake Breakfast
September 22	Newsletter deadline
September 22	Pancake breakfast@ St. Paul of Tarsus 7:00 a.m.
September 26	Officers meeting @ St. Paul of Tarsus 7:30 p.m.
September 28	Vocations spaghetti dinner 5:30 p.m.

## October, 2013

October. 6-9	Texas Hold'em at Big Beaver Tavern
October 13	District Blood Drive @ St. John Vianney 8:00a.m.-2:00p.m
October 14	Council meeting @ 7:30 PM (free will offering meal at 6:30 PM)
October 16	Fourth Degree meeting @7:30 p.m. (free will offering meal at 7:00 PM)
October 22	Newsletter deadline
October 26	First Degree Ceremony @ St. Clement of Rome 8:30a.m.
October 27	Trunk or Treat (time and details to be announced)

## **Texas Hold'em Update**

As you all know, the Texas Hold'em events that we work are our council's biggest fundraisers. The Michigan Charitable Gaming Control Board has recently made some more changes. The two changes that will effect us the most are:

- Limiting a room to just 3 charities per day.
- The implementation of the earlier closing (midnight vs 2 AM)

These changes will have an impact on the amount of money that we can earn, but more importantly may cause some poker rooms to close.

It would be in our best interest to write, email, phone, or fax our State Senators and our State Representatives. Explain to them what we do with the proceeds from charitable gaming and how the proposed changes are going to effect the Knights of Columbus and the people we help.

Senator Tory Rocca (Dist 10 Clinton Twp)  
PO Box 30036  
Lansing, MI 48909-7536  
Office 517-373-7315 Fax 517-373-3126  
Email [sentrocca@senate.mi.gov](mailto:sentrocca@senate.mi.gov)

Senator Jack Brandenburg (Dist 11 Macomb Twp)  
PO Box 30036  
Lansing, MI 48909-7536  
Office 517-373-7670 Fax 517-373-5958  
Email [senJBrandenburg@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senJBrandenburg@senate.michigan.gov)

You can find your State Representative at [www.house.mi.gov/mhrpublic/frmRepList.aspx](http://www.house.mi.gov/mhrpublic/frmRepList.aspx)

Thank you in advance for taking the time to contact our government leaders in Lansing.

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## Please remember our deceased brothers in your prayers.

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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	

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## For the Good of the Order:

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

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

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

## The Lighter Side!

"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough." - Mae West

"If God answers your prayer, He is increasing your FAITH. If He delays, He is increasing your PATIENCE. If He doesn't answer, He has something BETTER for you." - Unknown

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year old children. After explaining the commandment to "honor" thy Father and Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat, one little boy (the oldest of his family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."

### **Our State Membership Motto for 2013:**

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

### **Monthly Prayer Intentions for September:**

"Value of Silence. That people today, often overwhelmed by noise, may discover the value of silence and listen to the voice of God and their brothers and sisters."

### **Important Websites:**

**K of C Supreme:** [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

**K of C Michigan State Council:** [www.mikofc.org](http://www.mikofc.org)

**Michigan District #1:** [www.michigandistrict1.com](http://www.michigandistrict1.com)

**St. Paul of Tarsus:** [www.spauloftarsus.com](http://www.spauloftarsus.com)

Our Council newsletter is now available online at the  
St. Paul of Tarsus Parish website,  
[www.stpauloftarsus.com](http://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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## **2013-2014 OFFICERS**

District Deputy – Mike Mejia	586-948-3073
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Grand Knight – Bruce Arnold	586-566-0628
Deputy Grand Knight – Dave Asaro	586-263-1767
Financial Secretary – Ray Ignatowski	586-946-0129
Chancellor – Ted Czarny	586-286-6026
Treasurer – Ray Coughlin	586-412-7178
Recorder – Jeff McDonald	810-560-5480
Warden – Tony Guido	586-201-4409
Advocate – Ken Krause	586-263-7115
Inside Guard – Joe Bono	586-263-4306
Outside Guard – Tom Gray	586-468-2165
3 Year Trustee – Karl Sziisz	586-286-5238
2 Year Trustee – Chuck Loewen	586-228-0475
1 Year Trustee - Jerry Hund	586-286-6516
Lecturer – Jim Hubbard	586-286-1658

## **Committee, Chairman & Directors**

Program Director – Henry Leflere	586-468-5122
Church Director – Angelo Garavaglia	586-412-3327
Community Director – George Loewen	586-731-5299
Council Director – Jeff Loeb	586-242-8990
Family Director – Mike Hartel	313-550-2004
Youth Director – Art Krygowski	586-469-2996
Membership Director – Tom Pardo	586-263-7285
Vocations Director – Jeff Gapczynski	586-263-5942
Pro Life Couple – Sal and Joanne Ales	586-263-3483
Field Agent – Ron Superson	586-932-2025



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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 May: **“Chris Ignatowski.”**

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 May: **“Tony Valentine ”**

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

### **Birthday Wishes to:**

Sharon Gunkelman	Sept. 1
Claudia Dombrowski	Sept. 9
Chris Gapczynski	Sept. 13
Ted Czarny	Sept. 20
Phillip Kwasny	Sept. 20
Daniel Finn	Sept. 24
Joann Ales	Sept. 28

### **Anniversary Wishes to:**

Joseph & Kathryn Ricard	Sept. 2
Ralph & Connie Culosimo	Sept. 3
Natolino & Del DiFalco	Sept. 4
Vito & Patricia Guzzardo	Sept. 10
Mike & Charlene Wojtaszek	Sept. 15
Joseph & JoAnn Phillips	Sept. 21
Gregory & Marlene Kropidowski	Sept. 24
Dave & Lorraine Asaro	Sept. 26
Paul & Mary Rose Ross	Sept. 27
Ray & Sheryl Ignatowski	Sept. 29

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

**“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**

A "BIG Thank You", to all who helped at the River Event. Our next Hold'em event will be at the Big Beaver Tavern, located at: 645 E Big Beaver Rd (16 Mile Rd.) Troy, MI 48083 (248) 680-0066, just west of Rochester Rd. On, October 6th-9th. Scheduled hours will be 12:00p.m. to 2:00a.m. but they may change to 12:00p.m. to 12:00a.m. I will keep you informed. Please help-out if you can, sign-up sheets will be at the September membership meeting or call me at 586-263-1767 or 586-291-0813.

Men's Capuchin Retreat is scheduled for September 13th-15th. Please join your fellow brothers at the annual retreat held right here in Washington Township. Cost of the retreat is \$160.00 which includes a private room with shower and all meals. Contact person is: Sal Ales @ 586-263-3483

Thank you  
*David Asaro*  
Deputy Grand Knight

## **Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale**

The pancake breakfast & bake sale are scheduled for September 22nd after the 7:30 and 9:30 Masses. The set-up for this event will be after the 4:00 mass on Saturday Sept. 21st., I will have a sign up sheet for this event at the September membership meeting.

We will also have a raffle during the breakfast and would like to have as many prizes as possible, so I'm asking all the Knights to solicit local businesses for things like dinner coupons, discounts, movie tickets, Etc... Please talk to your wives/girlfriends about providing baked items, the more we have the more we will sell. If anybody has any questions regarding this event, please call me at 586-469-1997.

Thank you in advance,  
Phil Kwasny  
Chairman

## **Pasta Dinner To Benefit Vocations**

The St. Paul of Tarsus Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pasta Dinner to benefit Vocations. The dinner will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2013 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Seminarians and postulants will be our guest speakers at the dinner.

Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 12 and under, and children 5 and under are free. Tickets will be on sale in September. **(Limited Seating Space)**

Any questions may be referred to: Vocations Director Jeff Gapczynski @ 586-263-5942, and/or GK Bruce Arnold @ 586-566-0628.

## **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.