



# 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

Happy New Year to everyone. 2014 is here and our council has many new events scheduled for the upcoming year. Many of these events are focused around the use of the kitchen and our social hall. We are going to increase our pancake breakfasts from two a year to four a year. We will start having Lenten fish fries on Fridays. We have a fish fry scheduled for Saturday, January 18, 2014 following the 4 PM Mass, to ensure that we are well prepared when Lent comes. There are several other dates scheduled later in the year that include a pasta dinner and a fall harvest dinner. Needless to say, we will need a lot of help make these events a success.

**Recruitment** – So, who's responsibility is it to recruit new members into the Knights of Columbus? Is it the job of the Grand Knight? YES. Is it the job of the Membership Director? YES. Is it the job of the member that sits quietly in the third row at monthly council meetings? YES. How about the new council member that just recently joined the Knights of Columbus, is it his job? YES. Recruitment has to be everyone's responsibility. Without new members our membership will only decline.

Each year the Supreme Council sets a membership quota for every council. There are awards available for the councils that obtain those quotas. More importantly however, is the fact that it is essential that membership continues to grow, regardless of the quotas, so that we can continue to do the good works of the order.

Please welcome our newest member, John Mocerri, who completed his First Degree on November 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Isidore. John attended his first council meeting in December and has already signed up to help with the Texas Hold'em fundraiser that is scheduled in February. Also, congratulations to our Deputy Grand Knight, Dave Asaro, who was his proposer

A big thank you to Past Grand Knight, Jerry Hund, for being the chairperson at both the Children's Christmas party and for the ham and kielbasa sales fundraiser. Thank you, also, to all the other Brother Knights that helped with these events.

On Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> the Men's Club of our parish held a "Breakfast with the Bishop" and asked our council to cook the breakfast. Brothers Gerry Vento and John Sweeney did an excellent job in the kitchen. Bishop Michael Byrnes, gave a very inspirational talk to the approximately 70 men in attendance.

By now you should have received annual state raffle tickets in the mail. Our council will receive \$1.00 for each ticket that our members sell. (Be sure to fill out the stub portion completely.) This could prove to be a nice fundraiser for the council. There are incentives for selling the first and second place winning tickets, as mentioned in the letter that accompanied the tickets.

Vivat Jesus,

*Bruce Arnold*

Grand Knight

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# Calendar of Events

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## January

January 12	9:00 AM	District Corporate Communion at St. Clement of Rome
January 13	7:30 PM	Council meeting (Free will offering meal served at 6:30 PM)
January 18	9:00 AM	First Degree Ceremony at St. John Vianney (8:30 AM registration)
January 19	8:00 AM	District Free Throw Contest at St. Clement of Rome (Ages 9-14)
January 22		Newsletter deadline
January 23	7:30 PM	Officers meeting

## February

February 10	7:30 PM	Council meeting (Free will offering meat at 6:30 PM )
February 11	7:00 PM	Benefits night at St. Paul of Tarsus (See article for details)
February 15	8:30 AM	Major Degree Ceremony at St. Clement of Rome (See article for details)
February 15	5:00 PM	Pancake breakfast set up and Membership Blitz
February 16	7:30 AM	Pancake breakfast and Membership Blitz
February 16-19		Texas Hold'em at The River (Van Dyke at 22 Mile Road)
February 18	6:00 PM	Immaculate Conception Icon service
February 22	???	Regional Free Throw Contest at Everest Academy in Clarkston
February 22		Newsletter deadline
February 23	4:00 PM	State Deputy Tribute Dinner
February 27	7:30 PM	Officers meeting

## **VOCATION NEWS**

Several months ago, our Vocations Director, Jeff Gapczynski, and our Grand Knight, Bruce Arnold, met with Fr. Ron to discuss a new vocations prayer program. After sharing our ideas, along with input from Fr. Ron, we developed a schedule in which a parish family, who has volunteered in advance, will pray for Vocations.

Each week, on a rotating Mass schedule, the selected family will receive vocations prayer cards and a beautiful statue of the Holy Family to take home. They will be asked to commit themselves to pray throughout the week for additional Sisters, Deacons, Priests, Lay Ministers and married couples. The family will then return the statue and prayer cards to church by Friday, so the next selected family can receive them at the weekend Masses.

Fr. Ron was very much in favor of this program and supported it completely. We will initiate the program the weekend between Christmas and New Years, in honor of Holy Family Week.

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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	Michelle Gutkowski	Bob Pickett
Frank Aiuto	Paul Gutkowski	Sister Ann Plum
Lorraine Asaro	Robert Gutkowski	Kathryn Ricard
Mario Asaro	Bernard Hoste	BK-Joe Ricard
Jackie Backes	Sharon Hoste	Don Ricksiedler
Norm Beaudin	Tillie Hoste	Veronica Salvatore
Bruno Bellini	BK-Tom Hug	Mary Schabath
BK-Donald Bieschke	Dan Jerzak	Michael Sera
Kevin Bondra	Joseph Konopka	Alice Serra
Michelle Boyd	Caroline Krmel	<u>Pat Shankie</u>
BK-Joe Burdzinski	Pat Labadie	Vicki Slicker
Ron Burke	SK-Ralph Labadie	Patti Smith
Lucille Carter	Annette Lalama	William Stickney
Patricia Carter	Melisa Latosc	Chuck Stork
Gail Clisby	Mark LeFlere	Joesph R. Sweeney
Ruth Connell	Ken Loewen	Mildred Tarbuck
William Ditratani	Carol Lomasney	Troy Vestrand
Allan Dzwonkowski	Ron Lomasney	Gail Vitale
Sue Dzwonkowski	Tom Lomasney	Megan Wiley
SK-Leon Eggers	Joesph Malfitano	Charlene Wojtaszek
BK-Richard Emmers	<u>BK-Ed Marcinkowski</u>	Dean Douglas Wojtaszek
Jake Fix	Lynn Maron	David Wozniak
BK-Clarence Gajewski	BK-John Marotta	Alana Zalac
Art Gapczynski	BK-Vincent McInnis	
Chris Gapczynski	<u>Sandra McKay</u>	The Typhoon Victims in the Philippines
Jill Gapczynski	Brian McLaughlin	<b>NOTE:</b> <u>Underlined names</u> will be removed next
GK Jerry Garisy	Delores Moquin	month, unless we hear from you.
Beverly Gattari	Monica Noch	
Fr. Lou Grandpre	Lacy Otteman	(BK) "Brother Knight" (SK) "Sir Knight."
Sandy Grobbel	Antonina Pardo	
BK Joseph Godell	Marie Peever	
Fr. Gool Jr.	Barbra Petoskey	
Betty Gutkowski	BK-James Petoskey	

## **The Lighter Side!**

"There are three types of people in this world: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who wondered what happened." - Mary Kay Ash

“Watch your thoughts; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits.

Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.” - Frank Outlaw

The pastor parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. He put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times.

If I don't park here, I will miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with a note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

## **Our State Membership Motto for 2014:**

**"One More Thing, Per Month!"**

## **Monthly Prayer Intentions for January:**

**"That Christians of diverse denominations may walk toward the unity desired by Christ."**

### **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)

### **Good Faith Quote for the New Year**

"Every man should be born again on the first day of January.

Start with a fresh page.

Take up one hole more in the buckle if necessary, or let down one, according to circumstances;

but on the first of January

let every man gird himself once more, with his face to the front, and take no interest in the things that were and are past".

[Henry Ward Beecher](#) (1813 - 1887) Nineteenth century American clergyman and speaker

**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](mailto:spot-knights11689@gmail.com)**

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

## **2013-2014 OFFICERS**

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Recorder – Jeff McDonald	810-560-5480
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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 –	



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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: **“Jeff Gapczynski.”**

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: **“Jeff Loeb Family.”**

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

### **Birthday Wishes to:**

Donald Badowski	January 01
Guido Fracassa	January 02
George Francis	January 06
Lorrayne Eggers	January 07
Phil Bryant	January 15
Donald Duff	January 15
Joseph Frontera	January 16
Ken Grobbel	January 17
Harold Meerschaert	January 19
Vito Guzzardo	January 21
Donald Badowski	January 23
William Carroll	January 30
Kim Murphy	January 31

### **Anniversary Wishes to:**

“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](mailto:spotknights11689@gmail.com)

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## **Deputy Grand Knights Report**

St. Clement of Rome, in Romeo, (Van Dyke at 32 Mile Road) is hosting our next district corporate communion at their 9 AM Mass, on Sunday, January 12, 2014. This is a chance to share the Eucharist with other Brother Knights within our district.

St. Clement of Rome is also hosting this year's annual Free Throw Contest on Sunday, January 19, 2014 at 8 AM. The contest is open to boys and girls ages 9-14. The winners from each council will compete against the winners from the other councils in our district. Those winners will then be invited to compete in the regional competition at the Everest Academy, in Clarkston, on February 22, 2014.

St. John Vianney will hold a First Degree Ceremony on Saturday, January 18, 2014. Registration is at 8:30 AM with the degree scheduled to start at 9:00 AM.

St. Clement of Rome will be hosting a Major Degree Ceremony on Saturday, February 15, 2014. The First Degree is scheduled for 8:30 AM. The Second Degree is scheduled for 10:00 AM with the Third Degree to follow shortly thereafter. This is a great opportunity for any of our members, who have not completed their second and third degrees, to do so.

Our council is hosting a benefits night, for the district, on Tuesday, February 14, 2014 at 7 PM in our social hall. We have an attorney and our insurance general agent, Don Wesley, scheduled as our guest speakers. This benefits night is designed for members, spouses, and even prospective members. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

God Bless You,  
David Asaro  
Deputy Grand Knight

### **A New Year's Prayer**

Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again  
Thank you for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us  
A mighty flame  
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God  
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.  
Amen

### **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.