



# The Knight's Shield



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

June 2023

**Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**

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## A Word from Grand Knight Tom Gray

June has arrived and summer is right around the corner. School will be ending soon and graduations and wedding season is here.

We had our second round of nominations and elections at our May meeting. Below are your officers for the 2023-4 fraternal year. A huge thank you to the outgoing and incoming officers for the gift of their time and talent to lead this great council!

Grand Knight:	Vince Ursini
Deputy Grand Knight:	Gary Skarb
Chancellor:	Paul Parker
Warden:	Tony Guido
Treasurer:	Ray Coughlin
Advocate:	Ken Krause
Recorder:	Ron Marrese
Inside Guard:	Stan Labuda
Outside Guard:	Larry Bukowski
3 Year Trustee:	Tom Gray

Kurt Buhlinger and I are preparing to represent the council at the state convention on Mackinac Island this week. I will report out on the state of the order at our next meeting. Speaking of our next meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>, it is our pot luck and awards night. We will share in a meal. Then there will be an "abbreviated" meeting just to take care of business. We will then begin the awards portion. I will be sending out a sign up like last year for the pot luck so keep an eye out for it. If you cannot do the online sign up please do not hesitate to call or email me and I will put you down. Also if you are unable to bring a dish, you are still welcome to come, just let me know so we have a count for the chicken.

As my time as Grand Knight is coming to a close, I have had many people approach me with kind words. I do appreciate them; however, I want you all to know it has been my honor and privilege to serve you and this council as part of the leadership team. There is no way one person

could do the work required to make this council what it is. I will speak more on this at the pot luck dinner but for those unable to attend I wanted you all to hear it. This council has become a family to me. I truly believe that is why we call each other Brother Knights. During my three years I had some rough times, and the men and women of this council stepped up and carried on when I couldn't. Between our son passing, getting Covid (a few times), surgeries, etc. From the bottom of my heart I want to thank you all for the love and support my family has received.

God bless you and all that you do!

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Gray



## Thank You

The MI Drive has passed, and Sherri Ignatowski and I would like to thank all the people who donated food for those who worked the Drive.

Thanks so much to:

Janet Valentine  
Kathy Sakorafos  
JoAnn Phillips  
Mrs Grifka  
Jim Cosgrove  
Kurt Buhlinger  
Janice Burda  
Carol Golec

Your kindness and generosity were very much appreciated by everyone.

Sherri Ignatowski  
Chris Gapczynski

## A Prayer For Our Country

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. AMEN

## MI (Tootsie Roll) Drive



The MI Drive was held on Palm Sunday weekend. It was a huge success.

Sadly, we had only 22 volunteers. Our Council has 200+ members, so I hope to see more of you next year.

To all those who helped, you have our deepest gratitude.

God Bless You All,

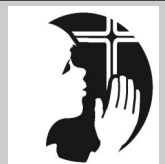
Jeff Gapczynski  
MI Drive Chairman

## Corporate Communion Masses



June 25, 2023  
7:45 am Mass

## Monthly Prayer Intention



### Intention for Church Movements and Groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may re-discover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the word.

## Vets Returning Home



Vets Returning Home will open a Resale store by June 1, 2022. They will accept clean clothing of all kinds (including children's clothing), furniture, housewares, kitchenware, bathroom accessories and large appliances. Appliance donations will be reviewed for need.

The Resale Store is located at 29523 Gratiot in Roseville about a mile north of their office location. Their telephone number is 586-285-5606, and their office location is 17955 E Eleven Mile (on the corner of Gratiot next to COSTCO).

Thanks,

Phil Kwasny

## The Lighter Side



How do you make holy water?

You boil the Hell out of it...

## Knight's Clothing



If you are in need of Knights of Columbus clothing, please contact me at 586-871-8450...or see me at the meeting.

Prices are as follows and are subject to change due to the fluctuating market. When the order is placed, I can confirm the cost.

- T-Shirts — Royal Blue printed with logo \$14
- Short sleeve polo in black or gray w/logo and name embroidered \$30
- Long sleeve polo in black or gray w/logo and name embroidered \$30
- Sweatshirts in black or gray w/logo \$30
- Stocking hats black w/logo (one size fits all) \$15
- Baseball caps black w/logo S-XL \$25

\*T-shirts must be ordered at least 12 at a time. I am currently putting an order together, so if you are interested call me.

If you had ordered any items recently and did not receive them, please contact me and I will reorder them for you. There are currently no orders at the supplier.

Joe Phillips  
586-871-8450

I have the following shirts that were ordered. If you ordered one of these and did not receive it please see me at the meeting or call me at 586.871.8450. Joe Phillips

Large long sleeve black — ROB

Extra large short sleeve black — Greg/Bill  
Large short sleeve black — James

Medium short sleeve gray — Kenneth

## E-Mail Communications



Brothers:

One of the methods we use to communicate various events for the Knights is an e-mail list. As coordinator for the list, I want to ask any of you that haven't been receiving these messages to send me an e-mail from your home account. This will give me the correct and current e-mail for you, and I will keep you on the list.

Fraternally,

George Loewen

gjl047@gmail.com

Community Director, Knights of Columbus

**You can do anything...  
Just not everything.  
But do something!**

## Knight of the Month and 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: **Rob Tusset**

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

The Family of the Month for May: **“Kevin & Tina Kennedy Family.”** In recognition of their outstanding service to the Parish.

## Council Picnic

Construction is finally all done, and we are looking forward to once again hosting the K of C Picnic at the Buhlinger Farm.

Please save the date: Saturday, August 12, 2023

More details to come as the date gets closer.



**Our State Motto  
for 2022/2023**

**“Faith and Family First”**

## The Apostles Creed

I, *your name*, Believe in, MY 22

1. God
  2. The Father Almighty
  3. Creator of Heaven and Earth
  4. And in Jesus Christ
  5. His only Son, Our Lord
  6. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
  7. Born of the Blessed Virgin Mary
  8. Suffered under Pontus Pilate
  9. Was Crucified
  10. Died
  11. And was buried
  12. He descended into Hell
  13. And on the third day He rose again
  14. He ascended into Heaven
  15. And is seated at the right hand of the Father
  16. From where He will come again to judge the living and the dead
  17. I believe in the Holy Spirit
  18. The Holy Catholic Church
  19. The communion of Saints
  20. The forgiveness of sins
  21. The resurrection of the dead
  22. And life everlasting
- AMEN!!!!!!!

## Motions Passed

Motions passed at the May Meeting:

Donation of \$500 to “Hockey has a Heart” to benefit Anthony Mastronardi

## Spring Cleaning for Your Insurance

Easter greetings! As we roll through the first full month of spring we celebrate Easter with thoughts of gratitude for the gift of new life. The Resurrection and thoughts of our Savior's sacrifice and triumph over death are fresh in our minds and hearts. The dreariness of winter and Lent fade away with April rains that seem to have their own scent. All nature seems in bloom. Trees barren not long ago are now budding and flowers begin to poke through the warming soil. For many, it's their favorite season of the year. Along with everything else going on in April, it is also Autism Awareness month. The Autism Speaks website ([www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org)) contains much more information that I can give you here. Autism has been more widely discussed and better understood in recent years. Although the TV show "The Good Doctor" portrays a doctor who has autism, those with Autism Spectrum Disorder exhibit a broad range of characteristics. Many have much less functionality than the doctor portrayed on the show. I mention this because many of us know of someone who is on this autism spectrum. If diagnosed early in childhood and intervention begun, those with autism may still live a relatively normal life. However, many with autism struggle and have other complicating medical or psychological issues and need much support during their lives. That's where the Knights of Columbus Family Fraternal Benefits may be able to help. The Family Fraternal Benefits cover a number of situations. One benefit addresses the child who is older than 60 days and younger than 18 and is uninsurable according to our ordinary underwriting practices. Many children with autism as a primary or secondary diagnosis fall into this category...uninsurable. For those children, the Order has a special family fraternal benefit that allows the issuing of an ordinary permanent life insurance policy on this uninsurable child. Some members may be unaware of this benefit, but it's great news for any parent with a child who does not qualify for life insurance. There are some other qualifiers for the parents and any other children in the family, including that the father must be a member in good standing in his council. I won't go into the others here, but this is a very worthwhile benefit, not only for those children with autism, but for any child who may be uninsurable. If you know of a Catholic family that may have a child with autism or any family with a child who is uninsurable, please reach out to me. They may be unaware of this benefit. I will be happy to contact them explain this valuable protection that is available. If you prefer, give my name and contact information to that parent so they can contact me at their convenience. As always, there is never any requirement to purchase any product, but a consultation about this benefit may bring them some small comfort. As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve you, my members. Enjoy your spring! Receive a complete [Family Needs Analysis](#) at my expense!

Ask about our **GUARANTEED LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES,  
LONG TERM CARE & INCOME DISABILITY INSURANCE**



Knights of Columbus  
**INSURANCE**  
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

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## Protecting God's Children

Online Webinar

Thursday, May 25, 2023

9:00 am

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish (Plymouth)

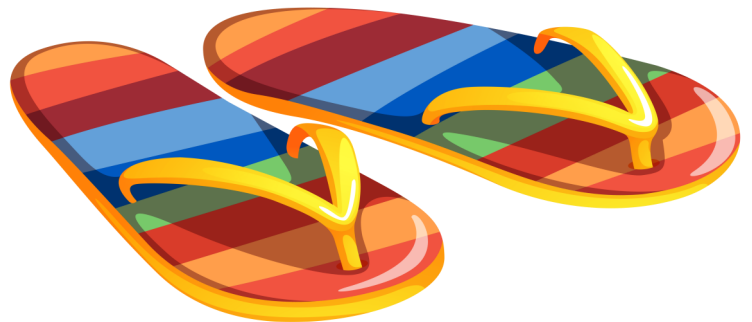
Monday, June 5, 2023

6:00 pm

## Quick Notes

If you move or have a change in phone number, please notify Financial Secretary, George Sakorafos at 586-610-3576.

Please visit our sick and shut-in Brothers. If you are unable to visit, please send a card with a note. It will be very much appreciated.





## Calendar of Events

### June

1	7:30 pm Meeting	Council planning Meeting
8	6:30 pm Meal 7:30 pm Meeting	General Membership Meeting/Pot Luck
10		Deaconate Formation breakfast/lunch
22	7:30 pm Meeting	Council Planning Meeting
25	7:45 am Mass	Corporate Communion



### **Career Opportunity:**

*The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. They offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. See the new Supreme Council website for career opportunity: <http://kofc.org/careers> . For more information, please contact, Don M. Wesley FICF, General Agent, at 888-393-7539, or [don.wesley@kofc.org](mailto:don.wesley@kofc.org)*

## Happy Birthday!!



Patricia Kwiatkowski	June 1
Larry Orzechowski	June 2
Gino Pirrami	June 2
Joshua Grifka	June 3
Alfred Ignatowski	June 3
James Lambertus	June 4
Renie Giezyng	June 5
Thomas Hakim, Jr	June 7
Jeremy Krygowski	June 8
James Grifka	June 19
Kenneth Gonko	June 22
James Daris	June 24
Joanne Nowak	June 24
Guy Infante	June 25
Mike Hartel	June 27
James Wallace	June 27
George Adamski	June 28
Kristine Kramer	June 30
Dietmar Eschbach	June 30
Anthony Pascaretti	June 30

If you'd like to see your birthday posted, please send an e-mail to Chris Gapczynski at [spotknights11689@gmail.com](mailto:spotknights11689@gmail.com), or call at 586-263-5942.

## Happy Anniversary!!



Henry & Patricia Kwiatkowski	June 3
John & Gina Mocer	June 3
Mike & Kathy Roehrig	June 6
Paul & Susan Parker	June 8
Fr Joseph Hund	June 10
Mike & Karla Hartel	June 18
Mike & Kristine Kramer	June 19
Chuck & Janet Loewen	June 19
Art & Janice Krygowski	June 23
Mike & Joan Lombardo	June 26

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## For the Good of the Order



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

Carol Alexander	Mark Kwasny
Kevin Bondra	Patricia Labadie
SK Frank Burda	John Lechene
Janice Burda	Katie Lechene
Susan Buria	Peggy Lewis
Eric Burns	BK Chuck Loewen
Connie Colosimo	SK Chuck Luce
BK Ralph Colosimo	Leanne Mackay
Grant Crater	Ronald McGraw
Sherri Czarny	BK John Minicuci
Micheal denomme	Patty Morgan
Claudia Dombrowski	Mary R Olejniczak
Kelly Ellis	Ed Peoples
Rochelle Everhart	Judy Perreau
Christine Gapczynski	Justin Pietsch
BK Gregory Gapczynski	BK Geno Pirrami
Sk Angelo Garavaglia	Esther Robidou
Jannet Gennani	SK Georfge Sakorafos
BK Ken Gonko	Kurt Scharapimski
Christopher Hageman	Joanne Smail
Jill Hageman	PGK Karl Sziisz
Barb Hickner	William Szya
Katie Hickner	Gary Tarbuck
Brandon Hale	Jim Tarbuck
William Hedges	Laura Thomson
BK Mike Hoste	Bob Williams
Beth Hund	Lynn Williams
Sue Hund	Deacon Ed Wilson
Kevin Kehoe	BK Dave Wisneski
SK Art Krygowski	Barney Young
Janice Krygowski	
SK Phil Kwasny	
David Kwasny	



# Please Remember our Beloved Deceased Brother Knights



Carl A. Owen	March 5, 1997	Thomas Hayes	September 9, 2018
Frank C. Kava	October 3, 1998	Anthony Valentine	September 16, 2018
Chester E. Raszkowski	August 8, 2000	Lawrence Novak	November 19, 2018
Robert A Post	August 1, 2001	Joseph Roehrig	January 8, 2019
Martin W. Rosenau	September 24, 2001	Joseph Marheineke	January 10, 2019
Julius T. Abraham	October 8, 2001	Giuseppe Riera	January 21, 2019
Clemente Truden	December 7, 2001	Clarence Gajewski	February 3, 2019
Walter W. Kawka	December 25, 2002	Paul Ross	May 25, 2019
James P. Koss	May 4, 2003	George Trapp II	July 14, 2019
Dominic Morello	March 12, 2005	Neil Norat	November 25, 2019
John P. Banas	April 16, 2005	Ben Candela	December 27, 2019
Catan W. Bernardo	June 13, 2006	Robert C. (Chuck) Lomasney	May 15, 2020
Robert W. Majkowski	June 28, 2006	Alton Obrecht	August 17, 2020
Alfonso Carvajal	March 11, 2007	Joseph Hopersberger	August 19, 2020
Brian R. McGinnis	October 24, 2007	Leon Eggers	November 18, 2020
Arthur J. Hug	January 17, 2008	Guido Fracassa	January 19, 2021
James Bischoff	February 11, 2008	Ronald Serefino	November 22, 2021
Russell J. Licovoli	April 2, 2008	Donald Szlezzyngier	March 10, 2022
Donald Lynch	May 1, 2008	George Francis	March 19, 2022
Joseph Anthonucci	November 18, 2008	Natalino DiFalco	April 21, 2022
John Billotti	May 20, 2009	Henry Leflere	December 11, 2022
Morris Demetsenare	July 9, 2009	Joseph Kish	December 13, 2022
Conrad Leder	September 5, 2009	Raymond Ignatowski	February 12, 2023
Joseph T. Frontera	September 7, 2009		
Gary Golec	April 4, 2010		
Walter Baumgart	August 15, 2010		
Robert Serafino	January 16, 2012		
Guy Serafino	March 7, 2012		
Thomas Saura	April 3, 2012		
Frank Gaal	January 12, 2012		
William Carron	July 8, 2012		
Gregory Kropidlowski	May 11, 2014		
Vincent McInnes	August 16, 2014		
Joseph Ricard	September 22, 2014		
Albert Johnson	January 22, 2015		
Joseph Godell	February 5, 2015		
Raymond Dawson	February 25, 2015		
Michael J. Francis	February 28, 2015		
Donald Duff	July 30, 2015		
Harold Patterson	October 20, 2015		
William Galbraith	November 22, 2015		
Donald Badowski	March 16, 2016		
Fr. Louis Grandpre	February 20, 2016		
John Marotta	March 26, 2016		
Ralph Labadie	March 27, 2016		
Reginald Topolewski	June 28, 2016		
James Kaza	September 26, 2016		
John Russo	March 15, 2017		
Ed Marcinkowski	August 30, 2017		
Ross Vizzaccerro	September 6, 2017		
Joseph Bono	September 28, 2017		
Bruno Belline	January 28, 2018		
James Lisuzzo	February 1, 2018		
Harry Motta	February 26, 2018		
Carl R. Maron	May 9, 2018		
Ken Dombrowski	June 8, 2018		
William F. Gowland	August 31, 2018		



## Officers of S.P.O.T. K of C Council #11689

District Deputy	Dan Nowakowski	586-722-8225
District Warden	Ed Perkins Harry Barriger	586-940-0148 810-488-2724
Chaplain	Fr. John Kiselica	586-228-1210
Grand Knight	Tom Gray	586-265-9885
Deputy Grand Knight	Kevin Kennedy	586-206-0150
Chancellor	Paul Parker	586-805-1120
Financial	George Sakorafos	586-610-3576
Recorder	Vince Ursini	248-635-4366
Treasurer	Ray Coughlin	586-980-4483
Warden	Tony Guido	586-201-4409
Inside Guard	Stan Labuda	586-286--1038
Outside Guard	Dan Steele	586-634-5249
1 Yr Trustee	PGK Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
2 Yr Trustee	Rich Miller	586-465-6933
3 Yr Trustee	Kurt Buhlinger	810-794-0833
Advocate	Ken Krause	586-263-7115
Lecturer	Frank Burda	828-400-1816
Program Director	Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
Church	Rich Okerhjelm	586-469-2996
Community	PGK George Loewen	586-731-5299
Council	Gary Skarb	586-612-3329
Family	Ron Marrese	586-481-1168
Youth	PGK Art Krygowski	586-322-9411
Membership	Phil Mularski	586-876-9060
Field Agent	Dale Jacks	586-419-0276
Vocations	PCGK & FDD Jeff Gapczynski	586-337-5942
Pro-Life Chairman	Sal Ales Leon Berdy	586-263-3483 586-201-1990
Communications	Phil Kwasny	586-469-1997
Webmaster	Ken Dudley	586-553-2007



We realize that when illness strikes, it may be difficult to attend our meetings. Please let any member know if another Brother Knight or his family should be added to our prayer list at each meeting.

To place articles in the newsletter contact:

Chris Gapczynski at (586) 263-5942 or at

[spotknights11689@gmail.com](mailto:spotknights11689@gmail.com)

Articles for the July newsletter must be submitted by no later than

June 22, 2023.

K of 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.michigan district1.com](http://www.michigan district1.com)

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

SPOT Knights: [www.spotknights.com](http://www.spotknights.com)

Our Council newsletter is now available on-line on the St. Paul of Tarsus Parish website, [www.stpauloftarsus.com](http://www.stpauloftarsus.com).

Anyone who wishes to receive their newsletter via the Internet instead of by regular mail should contact Chris Gapczynski at 586-263-5942 or at [spotknights11689@gmail.com](mailto:spotknights11689@gmail.com). Doing so would save our Council a great deal of money for printing and postage.



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Fr. Solanus Center Capuchin Visit As announced at the March General Meeting, many Knights expressed an interest in visiting the Fr. Solanus Center in Detroit. I have been in contact with the Center and they are excited that our Knights of Columbus Chapter will be visiting. The date of the visit is set for Friday, June 2, 2023. We will leave between 9:30 - 10:00 am. If you are interested St. Paul of Tarsus has a mass that morning at 8:30 am since it is the first Friday of the month so you can attend mass before we leave. The cost of the visit and lunch will be based on the number of attendees. A sign-up sheet will be at the April and May general meetings. Or you may email me if you plan on attending. Please include your name, email and the name of your spouse or significant other if they will be attending with you. Also, I need to know, if you are driving or hope to drive with another Knight so we can set up carpooling.

The Solanus Center is located at 1780 Mount Elliot St., Detroit, MI 48207.

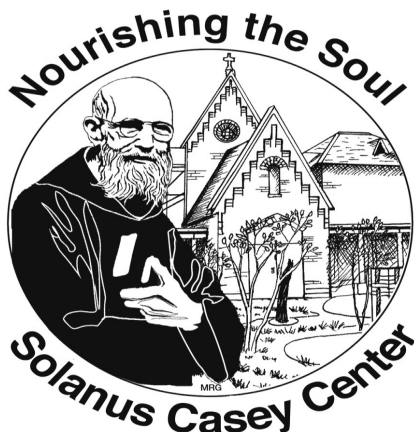
My email is krause2house@yahoo.com

Highlights of the trip will include:

- Possible visit to the Distribution Center (clothing and food) This is where the 1000 coats were donated to earlier in the year. Or the Soup Kitchen.
- A visit to Fr. Solanus indoor grave site.
- A tour of the Fr. Solanus Center detailing Fr. Solanus Life.
- Prayer time inside St. Bonaventure Chapel
- A possible talk by one of the Brothers at the Center.
- Private Confession
- Lunch at on the Rise Bakery.
- Time to browse the gift shop
- Website for the Solanus Casey Center <https://www.solanuscasey.org/about-the-solanus-casey-center/>

The link below is often given to students visiting the Center. It is a scavenger hunt sheet designed to get them to experience the different displays and information that is available throughout the Solanus Casey Center. This will give you an idea of the many things you will learn about Fr. Solanus, the Capuchins, and many other important individuals in our Faith

[https://www.solanuscasey.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Scavenger hunt\\_NEW\\_.pdf](https://www.solanuscasey.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Scavenger hunt_NEW_.pdf)



# Knights of Columbus Sixth Annual Camping Trip

This summer we will camp along the shore of the beautiful St. Clair River at Algonac State Park for the weekend of Friday and Saturday July 28 and 29.

All campers will need to reserve their own site. Go to: [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

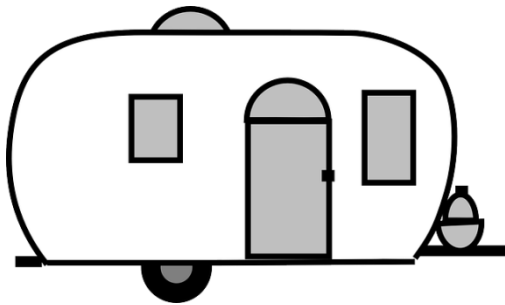
We are suggesting, for the majority of our council campers, to try and select a site in the **South** end of the Riverfront Loop. You can of course pick a site wherever you prefer.

The sooner your reservation is made, the more choices you will have for sites.

We will have a pot luck dinner on Saturday evening around 7PM.

Even if not camping, you are welcome to stop by and visit. Especially plan to join us for the pot luck! Due to limited parking at the campsites, guests will need to park in the Day Use area. If necessary, we can come and pick you up there.

This is a great opportunity to get to know your Brother Knights and their families!



If you have any questions, please contact Mike Hartel or Ken Krause.

Please send Mike Hartel ([mhartel5054@wowway.com](mailto:mhartel5054@wowway.com)) an email after you make your reservation or let Mike or Ken know if you plan to attend the pot luck so you can be updated on the event.