



# The Knight's Shield



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

*Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism*

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## A word from: Grand Knight-Karl Sziisz



*‘Vivat Jesus’*

### YEAR 2011 – WHAT A GREAT YEAR FOR YOUR COUNCIL

Congratulations to all Brother Knights who helped accomplish so much this past year.

Your charitable works and cash contributions to help those in need continues to grow.

Our membership also has continued to grow. We are just shy of 200 members and your ability to raise funds is simply amazing. We are blessed.

Remember recruiting and fund raising are the life blood of your council. The more hands we have the more funds we raise. With these funds you can support even more charities and help more people in need.

You have spent countless hours by supporting our Church with Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of Hospitality, Religious Education Teachers, Pantry Workers, and partnering with other church groups such as Justice & Peace, Women Aware, the Youth Group, the Pantry, , and religious education teachers which helps to the continued success of our parish.

(I will try to list all charities we support in the February Newsletter.) You also support State Council and Supreme Council's programs and we are a "Council In Good Standing."

Brother Knights what a great year. I look forward to next year and wonder what new works and programs you have planned for your council.

With Great Pride  
Grand Knight  
Karl Sziisz

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# Calendar of Events

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## January 2012

January 9 Council Meeting @ John F. Kennedy 's Council 7:30p.m.  
January 14 First Degree—St. Clements of Rome—9:00 a.m.  
January 15-16 Casino Trip begins on the 15th—&— ends on the 16th  
January 18 Fourth Degree Meeting at St. Lawrence 7:30 p.m.  
January 21 Free Throw Contest, St. Peter's Lutheran School (24 mile Rd & Romeo Plank) @ 8:00 a.m.  
January 28 Officers Bowling Tournament (Bay City)

## February, 2012

February 8 District Benefit Night at St. John Vianney, at 7:00p.m.  
February 8-11 Texas Hold'em Snookers  
February 13 Council Meeting @ John F. Kennedy 's Council 7:30p.m.  
February 15 Fourth Degree Meeting at St. Lawrence 7:30 p.m.  
February 18 Major Degree —St. Therese of Lisieux— 8:00a.m.  
February 18-19 Pancake Breakfast  
February 23 Officers Meeting Stat St. Paul of Tarsus 7:30p.m.  
February 25-26 K of C Bowling Tournament (Bay City)  
February 25 Regional Free-Throw Contest at the Everest Academy, Clarkston, MI

## March, 2012

March 3 Spring Exemplification - Crystal Garden Banquet Center, Registration starts at 10:00 AM)  
March 12 First Degree—St. Paul of Tarsus  
March 17 Corporate Communion at St. Paul of Tarsus, Saturday 4:00p.m. Mass  
March 21 Fourth Degree Meeting at St. Lawrence 7:30 p.m.  
March 24 Easter Egg Hunt  
March 25 District Corporate Communion St. Isidore's 9:00 a.m.  
March 29 Officers Meeting Stat St. Paul of Tarsus 7:30p.m.  
March 30-31 MI Drive (Tootsie Roll Sale)  
March 31 Essay Contest Council Level (End of Council Level)

## April, 2012

April 1 MI Drive (Tootsie Roll Sale)  
April 19 First Degree, St. Clement of Rome 7:00 p.m.

## May, 2012

May 24-26 State Convention, Mackinac Island

## June, 2012

June 5 ICON, Hosted by St. Paul of Tarsus, 5:30p.m. Rosary followed by Mass at 6:00p.m.  
June 17 Corporate Communion St. Paul of Tarsus — 9:30 a.m.

## September, 2012

September Corporate Communion at St. Paul of Tarsus, Sunday 9:30a.m. Mass  
September 29-30 Pancake Breakfast

## October, 2012

October 5-7 Manresa Retreat Weekend

## November, 2012

November 25 Corporate Communion St. Paul of Tarsus — 11:30 a.m.

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## Please remember our deceased brothers in your prayers.

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Carl A. Owen  
Frank C. Kave  
Chester E. Raszkowski  
Robert A. Post  
Martin W. Rosenau  
Julius T. Abraham  
Clemente Truden

Walter F. Kawka  
James P. Koss  
Dominic Morello  
John P. Banas  
Catan W. Bernardo  
Robert W. Majkowski  
Alfonso Carvajal

Brian R. McGinnis  
Arthur J. Hug  
James Bischoff  
Russell J. Licovoli  
Donald Lynch  
Joseph Anthonucci  
John Billotti

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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  
Jackie Backes  
Sandy Backes  
Diane Bezzi  
George Bock  
Denise Borycki  
Joy Chaney  
Gail Clisby  
Gloria Cuffar  
Rudy Cuffar  
Allan Dzwonkowski  
Sue Dzwonkowski  
Leon Eggers  
Douglas Field  
Rick Fields  
Jake Fix  
Dave Gadzinski  
Tom Galli  
Art Gapczynaki  
Jason Gapczynski  
Carol Garavaglia  
Kathleen Girten  
Pam Golobach  
Fr. Lou Grandpre  
Ken Grobbel  
Paul Gutkowski  
Pat Guzzardo  
Raelene Guzzardo

Janet Herrmann  
Bernard Hoste  
Sharon Hoste  
Tillie Hoste  
Fr. Art Jacoby  
Linda Koss  
Caroline Krmel  
Pat Labadie  
Ralph Labadie  
Cecelia Lewinski  
Ron Lomasney  
Hughena Malfitano  
Jim Marheineke  
Dolores Marotta  
John Marotta  
Thelma Marotta  
Debbie Mazzone  
Brian McLaughlin  
Jane Medlewski  
George Mejaly  
Lucille Mejaly  
John Mero  
Delores Moquin  
Leonroa Obrecht  
Sharon Obrecht  
Richard Olejniczak  
Nancy Parmentier  
James Petoskey

Bob Pickett  
Janet Pieske  
Paul Plum  
Kathryn Ricard  
Joe Ricard  
Fr. Cliff Ruskowski  
Veronica Salvatore  
Baby Kylie Schmidt  
Michael Sera  
Guy Serafino  
Bonnie Slaughter  
Todd Stanisky  
Norm Stephenson  
William Stickney  
Chuck Stork  
Fr. Drew Tomasko  
Karen Wemsley  
Traci Whightman  
Megan Wiley  
Charlene Wojtaszek  
Dean Douglas Wojtaszek  
David Wozniak

**NOTE:** Underlined names will be removed, next month unless we hear from you. Thank You.

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 receive their newsletter via email, instead of by snail mail, should contact John Sweeney at (586) 215-8296 or at [spotknights11689@gmail.com](mailto:spotknights11689@gmail.com) Doing so would save our council a great deal of money for printing and postage. Thank you in advance.

### Sending Birthday Wishes to:

Guido Fracassa	2nd
George Francis	6th
Lorrayne Eggers	7th
Phillip Bryat	15th
Donald Duff	15th
Joseph Frontera	16th
Kenneth Grobbel	17th
Harold Meerschaert	19th
Vito Guzzardo	21st
Donald Badowski	23rd
William Carroll	30th
Kim Murphy	31st

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

### Anniversary wish to:

Jerry & Lady Sue Hund	22nd
Thomas & Patricia Saura	28th

If you'd like to see your Anniversary posted, please send an e-mail to John Sweeney at [spotknights11689@gmail.com](mailto:spotknights11689@gmail.com)

### The Interest Rate on a new Knights of Columbus Retirement Annuity is... **3.00% for deposits on monies received by 12/31/2011.**

A new annuity carries a lifetime minimum guaranteed

Interest rate of at least 1.5%.

To open a K of C Annuity for as little \$300.00 or to add to an existing plan, call me today.

Ted Czarny F.I.C.F.  
K of C Field Agent  
586 286-6026

### Prayer for Vocations

O God, who wishes all people to be saved, touch with grace the hearts of many young men and women, moving them to offer themselves as candidates for the priesthood and religious life.

Inspire fathers and mothers and all members of Christian families to become aware of the great need for religious vocations.

Endow all people with reverence for these sacred callings that they may encourage many to serve God and mankind in the ranks of religion...These blessings we ask through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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### CLIP ON NAME BADGE ORDER FORM

Our Council will be taking orders, **cost is: \$10.00 Paid in advance**

To order: Complete this order form and bring it to either the **January of February membership meeting** with your money (cash or check) and place order with Jerry Hund.

Name as you want it to appear on the name badge: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print Name)

They will be black with white lettering.



## **2011-2012 OFFICERS**

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Communications	Phil Kwasny	586-286-1414
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Pro-Life Couple	Sal & Joanne Ales	586-263-3483



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OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

## **Knight of the Month & Family of the Month**

**December's Knight of the Month — Jeff Gapczynski  
&  
Family of the Month — John & Chris Sweeney**

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.

### **DISTRICT BENEFITS NIGHT**

St. John Vianney will host a District Benefits Night on February 8, 2012 @ 7:00pm All are welcome; (Guest Speakers, so, MARK YOUR CALENDER) They need our support.

### **GENERAL METTING TEMPORARY LOCATION**

Our monthly meetings will be held at John F. Kennedy Council 5460 located at 33320 Kelly Road, Clinton Township, just east of Groesbeck Highway. Day and time as always the second Monday of the month, dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. This location will be used until construction at St. Paul's is completed.

### **CASINO BUS TRIP (LITTLE RIVER)**

January 15-16 Little River Bus Trip is not filled. Seats are available. January is a good month to get away for a fun filled two days.

**Remember this is a fund raiser for  
Casey the Teddy Bear.**

To place articles in the newsletter contact:  
John Sweeney at: 586 215-8296 or  
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Articles for the February newsletter must be submitted by no later than **January 26, 2012.**

### **MAJOR DEGREE at ST. THERESE LISIEUX**

On February 18, 2012, at 8 a.m. there will be a major degree at St. Therese Lisieux. Any first degree Brother Knight can make their second and third degree at this time. It's as close and convenient as possible. Please take advantage of the location.

***“Truly, I am honored to be your compassionate mother...there [at the church] truly will I listen to your cry and sadness in order to remedy and cure all their various troubles, miseries and pains.”***

– Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego

### ***A Mission from the Virgin***

On Saturday, December 9, 1531, while on his way for religious instruction, Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, an Indian and recent convert to Christianity, heard singing coming from the top of Tepeyac hill. Suddenly, the singing stopped, and a woman’s voice called out to him: “Juantzin, Juan Diegotzin.” Ascending the hill, Juan Diego found himself before a beautiful woman adorned in clothing that “shone like the sun.” The woman introduced herself as “the immaculate Mother of God” and explained the reason for her appearance: she came to request a church to be built there, and she wanted Juan Diego to take her request to the head of the Church in Mexico, Bishop Juan de Zumárraga. The task would not be easy. Like many New World missionaries, Friar Zumárraga was suspicious of supposed visionaries, fearing it was indigenous idolatry. Skeptical of Juan Diego and the Virgin’s message, the bishop sent him away, but promised to listen again at a later time.

### ***Dignity of a Messenger***

Dejected, Juan Diego returned to the Virgin and begged her to send someone more esteemed than himself. The Virgin listened tenderly but responded firmly, insisting that Juan Diego be her messenger. The following day (December 10th), Juan Diego returned to the bishop and recounted the many details of the apparition. This time, the bishop requested that Juan Diego return with evidence of the miraculous appearance. To be sure Juan Diego was being honest, the bishop sent two men to follow Juan Diego. But after trailing him for some time, the men lost sight of him, and told the bishop that Juan Diego was a fraud deserving punishment. Meanwhile, Juan Diego arrived at Tepeyac hill and told the Virgin of the bishop’s request; she in turn asked Juan Diego to come back the following day, when she would give him the requested sign for the bishop.

### ***Promises of Hope***

Returning home, Juan Diego was met with sad news: his uncle Juan Bernardino had become deathly ill. Instead of going to Tepeyac hill, the next day (December 11th) Juan Diego found a doctor, but nothing could be done. So on Monday, December 12, Juan Diego put on his tilma (cloak) for warmth and went to find a priest. Hoping to avoid any delays, he took a different path so as to avoid the Virgin. But as he neared Tepeyac, she descended from the hill, asking what was wrong. She then reassured the sorrowful Juan Diego by declaring her motherhood and promising that his uncle was already healed. Hearing this, Juan Diego asked for the sign for the bishop, and went to the hilltop as she instructed him. There – in this barren, wintery spot – he found a garden of sweet-smelling flowers; he picked the flowers and brought them back down to the Virgin, who arranged them in his tilma. Juan Diego then set out for the bishop’s house.

### ***More than Flowers***

When Juan Diego arrived, the servants refused him entry, but eventually let him enter when they could not take the flowers from his tilma. Before the bishop, Juan Diego recounted the Virgin’s words and the miracle of the flowers. When Juan Diego opened his tilma and flowers fell out, an even greater miracle was revealed: on the tilma’s surface was the Virgin’s image. The bishop and those in the room fell to their knees, admiring and praying, and the bishop asked to be shown the place for the Virgin’s church. With his mission fulfilled, Juan Diego returned home to find his uncle completely healed, just as the Virgin had promised. Even more, the Virgin had appeared to Juan Bernardino, too, and had told him her name: “the Perfect Virgin Holy Mary of Guadalupe.” Two weeks later, the day after Christmas, her chapel was completed, and the tilma with its image was placed above the altar.