



The Knight's

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



March 2012

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

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A word from: Grand Knight-Karl Sziisz

M.I. DRIVE FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY MARCH 30 & 31, APRIL 1st

The M.I. Drive is one of the most important fund raisers for the Knights of Columbus and our Council. The eight local organizations we support annually need our council's full effort to continue these charitable works. Please help us man the streets and businesses these three days.

We have always had a core group of Knights who volunteer year after year and work very hard no matter what the weather to gather funds. These Brother Knights can use all the help you can offer to help cover the streets and businesses these three days. Your presence around our community is also a great way to let people know what we are all about; helping others through our charitable works.

We must maintain our presence at all of our authorized locations at all times to achieve our Goals.

Please be prepared at our March general meeting for the following:

- Sign up for the hours you can work.
- Leave us with your cell phone number.
- Take our cell phone number. (Call us if you need supplies, relief or lunch break.)
- Meals will be available at church all three days.
- Starting & ending times will be posted.
- Collection canisters, aprons, and Tootsie Rolls will be available at the church hall.

Many of our Brother Knights have manned certain locations for many years. I would like to continue this at this time as they are recognized by many motorists, customers, and business owners. Others will be assigned to locations as they are needed unless you have a previously assigned location!

I'm hoping to work with a record number of volunteer Knights during this year's M.I. Drive.

Thank you in Advance,

**Karl Sziisz
Grand Knight**

Calendar of Events

March, 2012

- March 3 Spring Exemplification - Crystal Garden Banquet Center, Registration starts at 10:00 AM)
March 12 Council Meeting @ John F. Kennedy 's Council 7:30 p.m. First Degree—St. Paul of Tarsus
March 17 Corporate Communion at St. Paul of Tarsus, Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass
March 17 & 18 Canned Food Drive for S.P.O.T. Food Bank—all Masses— sponsored by S.P.O.T –K. of C.
Ham & Kielbasa Sales—Church
March 21 Fourth Degree Meeting at St. Lawrence 7:30 p.m.
March 24 & 25 Ham & Kielbasa Sales—Church
March 25 District Corporate Communion St. Isidore's 9:00 a.m.
March 29 Officers Meeting Stat St. Paul of Tarsus 7:30 p.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 9 **Council Meeting and Pot-Luck Dinner @ John F. Kennedy 's Council 6:30 p.m.**
April 18 Fourth Degree Meeting at St. Lawrence 7:30 p.m.
April 19 First Degree, St. Clement of Rome 7:00 p.m.
April 19 Rite to Life Dinner—Burton Manor in Livonia, MI
April 22 Vocation Dinner Dance @ 4:00p.m.
April 26 Officers Meeting Stat St. Paul of Tarsus 7:30 p.m.

May, 2012

- May 10-13 Texas Hold'em—Snookers—Volunteer's Needed!
May 14 Council Meeting @ John F. Kennedy 's Council 7:30 p.m.
May 24 Fourth Degree Meeting at St. Lawrence 7:30 p.m.
May 24-26 State Convention, Mackinac Island

June, 2012

- June 5 ICON, Hosted by St. Paul of Tarsus, 5:30 p.m. Rosary followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m.
June 17 Corporate Communion St. Paul of Tarsus — 7:45 a.m.

September, 2012

- September Corporate Communion at St. Paul of Tarsus, Sunday 9:30 a.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.

Our Council newsletter is now available online at the St. Paul of Tarsus Parish website, 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 Doing so would save our council a great deal of money for printing and postage. Thank you in advance.

Please remember our deceased brothers in your prayers.

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

For the Good of the Order:

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| Joann Ales | Pat Guzzardo | Paul Plum |
| David Asaro | Janet Herrmann | Addison Puma |
| Jackie Backes | Bernard Hoste | Kathryn Ricard |
| Sandy Backes | Sharon Hoste | Joe Ricard |
| Diane Bezzi | Tillie Hoste | Joe Roehrig |
| Denise Borycki | Fr. Art Jacoby | Mary Ruggioli |
| Michelle Boyd | Linda Koss | Fr. Cliff Ruskowski |
| Joy Chaney | Caroline Krmel | Mary Ryan |
| Gail Clisby | Pat Labadie | Steve Sadowski |
| Ralph Colosimo | Ralph Labadie | Veronica Salvatore |
| Gloria Cuffar | <u>Stanley Leonard</u> | Baby Kylie Schmidt |
| Rudy Cuffar | Mark LeFlere | Michael Sera |
| Claudia Dombrowski | Cecelia Lewinski | Guy Serafino |
| Ken Dombrowski | Ron Lomasney | Bonnie Slaughter |
| Allan Dzwonkowski | Hughena Malfitano | Todd Stanisky |
| Sue Dzwonkowski | Jim Marheineke | Dolores Steinberger |
| Leon Eggers | Dolores Marotta | <u>Norm Stephenson</u> |
| Rich Emmers | John Marotta | William Stickney |
| Barbara Fairhurst | Debbie Mazzone | Chuck Stork |
| Douglas Field | Vincent McInnis | Nancy Supanich |
| Rick Fields | Brian McLaughlin | Michael Supanich |
| Jake Fix | Jane Medlewski | John Sweeney |
| Dave Gadzinski | George Mejaly | Mildred Tarbuck |
| Tom Galli | Lucille Mejaly | Fr. Drew Tomasko |
| Art Gapczynaki | John Mero | John Young |
| Jill Gapczynski | Delores Moquin | Traci Whightman |
| Bev Gattari | Leonora Obrecht | Megan Wiley |
| Kathleen Girten | Sharon Obrecht | Charlene Wojtaszek |
| Pam Golobach | Richard Olejniczak | Dean Douglas Wojtaszek |
| Fr. Lou Grandpre | James Petoskey | David Wozniak |
| Paul Gutkowski | Bob Pickett | NOTE: <u>Underlined names</u> will be removed, next month unless we hear from you. |
| Michelle Gutoroski | Janet Pieske | |

Birthday Wishes to:

Texas Hold'em Update

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| Jim Murphy | 01 |
| Jacqueline Fracassa | 03 |
| Patricia Saura | 03 |
| Sheryl Ignatowski | 08 |
| JoAnne Phillips | 10 |
| Karl Sziisz | 11 |
| Chris Ignatowski | 13 |
| Gayle Bieschke | 24 |
| Donald Husovsky | 24 |
| Chris Sweeney | 26 |
| George Loewen | 28 |

I want to thank everyone that helped with the last Texas Hold'em that was just completed at Snookers'. A special thank you to those that worked more than one shift and in the case of Dave Asaro, three shifts. Again, we had another very successful event with \$6,036.00 being raised for our council. After license and expenses we netted \$5,696.00. This is our second largest profit ever.

One thing that needs to be mentioned. Don, the owner of Snookers', has asked that the workers should refrain from alcoholic beverages while working their shift. I have to agree, that this is the best policy, given the fact that we are dealing with large sums of money.

Anniversary Wishes to:

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| Bill & Renie Giezyng | Mar-16 | 10 years |
| James & Janet Baldick | Mar-25 | 27 Years |

"May God Grant to these couples many more years of Health and Happiness!"

The next set of dates that we have are Thursday, May 10th – Sunday, May 13th. The start time for the May dates are at 1:00pm which means the shifts will be a little longer. The shift times will be 1:00pm – 6:00pm (opening), 6:00pm – 10:00pm, and 10:00pm – 2:00am (closing). I will have a sign up sheet available during the March and April meetings. I hope you will consider working one of these shifts. The work is not difficult and is always much welcomed and appreciated.

Congratulations from the Council. We would like to include all our wedding anniversary dates in our newsletters. Please email our editor and he will compile the dates for publishing

Texas Hold'em Chairmen, Bruce Arnold

Congratulations are in Order

On Saturday, February, 18th St Therese of Lisieux hosted a Major Degree Ceremony. John Garavaglia received the honor of membership into the Knight of Columbus receiving his First, Second and Third Degrees. Also, nine additional members of our council received the honor of membership in the Second and Third Degree. They are: Paul DeMetsenare, Joseph Ennis, Guy Infante, Kenneth Krause, Neil Norat, Richard Okerhjelm, Anthony Pascaretti, Dean Pascaretti, and John Wargo. When you see any of these Brother Knights be sure to congratulate them.

If any other members of our council are interested in obtaining their Second and Third Degrees and need more information, please feel free to contact me at 586-566-0628. Below is a schedule for Major Degrees that are coming up in our area.

3/18/12 at Council 4188 in Clawson. First Degree at 10:00am and Second and Third at 11:00am.

4/22/12 at Council 3797 in Roseville. First Degree at 10:00am and Second and Third at 11:00am.

6/09/12 at Council 13340 in Sterling Heights. First Degree at 9:00am and Second and Third at 10:00am.

Bruce Arnold, DGK

2011-2012 OFFICERS

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| District Deputy | Jeff Gapczynski | 586-263-5942 |
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| Trustee (2-year) | PGK Ken Grobbel | 586-412-9466 |
| Trustee (3-year) | PGK Jerry Hund | 586-286-6516 |
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Committee, Chairman & Directors

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| Program Director | Henry Leflere | 586-468-1595 |
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| Community Director | Guy Serafino | 586-468-0307 |
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| Communications | Phil Kwasny | 586-286-1414 |
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| Vocations Director | PCGK J. Gapczynski | 586-263-5942 |
| 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

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 January was: **“David Asaro.”**

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 February was:

“Michael Stickney Family.” In recognition of their out-standing service to the Council.

The Interest Rate on a new Knights of Columbus Retirement Annuity is...

2.75% for deposits on monies received by 3/31/2012.

- A new annuity carries a lifetime minimum guaranteed Interest rate of at least 1.5%.
- Deposits to Annuities with a minimum guaranteed interest rate of 3.5% will receive 3.5%.
- Deposits to Annuities with a minimum guaranteed interest rate of 3.0% will receive 3.0%.
- To open a K of C Annuity for as little \$300, or to add to an existing plan, call me today.

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

Annual Capuchin Retreat

April 20,21 & 22

The Annual Retreat will be held in Washington, MI
The cost of the Retreat is \$160.00 per person.

For further information

Please contact: Sal Ales

Sal can be contacted at: 586-263-3483

Let Me Help Simplify Your Life

That's probably the exact opposite of what you may think happens when a representative of a life insurer comes to your home. Most people, inundated by too much information, think that a discussion about their financial future with a professional advisor leaves them with more questions than answers. That may be true under some circumstances, but not with the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus made a decision some time ago that we could not and would not be all things to all people. We decided to focus on what we do best and excel at those items. We offer you life insurance (whole life and term), fixed annuities, long-term care and Disability Insurance. I won't be discussing 20 or 30 ways you can take action to prepare for the future. I will sit with you and your wife, gather some very basic information, draw a conclusion with you, and propose a solution for you that fits within your budget. This can all be accomplished in a couple of appointments in your home (yes, we still make house calls!) that shouldn't take all that long.

The cynics may say that our offerings simply cannot solve every situation. Well, if you're investing money in equity-based offerings such as variable life insurance or mutual funds, that's true. We don't sell those products. But I am hard-pressed to find a situation where the products we do have can't help you. Whole life insurance, for example, is a beautiful product that has to be seen to be believed. Once seen, you'll agree. There really isn't much it can't do.

So if you are avoiding a conversation because you fear it may leave you more confused than ever, let me simplify your life. No rocket science...no complex formulas...no PhDs required. I make it simple, easy to understand, cost efficient and helpful. And it all comes with the financial strength of your organization serving as a backdrop.

Call me today for more information about the power of ensuring a secure future for those you love.

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

Our Annual Pot-Luck-Dinner Monday, April 9th

Our annual Pot Luck Dinner will be held at our April meeting at:
the John F. Kennedy Council, 33320 Kelly Rd.
The council will supply our delouses chicken, potatoes, gravy and beverages.

We ask that everyone attending bring a dish to pass,
All are welcome!

There will be a short meeting at approximately
6:30p.m. with dinner to follow.
Thank you, Grand Knight Karl Sziisz

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