



The Knight's Shield



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

September, 2021

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 26

A Word from Grand Knight Tom Gray

Summer is almost over and it is time for back to school. With two teachers in the Gray household this is a busy time of year for us indeed. On behalf of my family I would also like to thank you all for the love and support you have shown us during this difficult time. It really means the world to us.

We were privileged to have Father Joe Hund visit us from New Orleans. His parish is having issues with the air conditioning and are having a raffle fund raiser. If you are interested see Jerry Hund to purchase tickets.

Our council is going to have a membership drive and a baby bottle fundraiser in September, so stay tuned for some details coming up. We will need men to work the table and do some recruiting. The baby bottle drive will be benefitting Gianna House and Abigail Ministries.

Labor Day is coming up, so here is a little piece of wisdom from Theodore Roosevelt on work. "No man needs sympathy because he has to work, because he has a burden to carry. Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."

From my family to yours, we wish you a Happy Labor Day!

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Gray

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



Monthly Prayer Intention



Universal Intention for An environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

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.

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

Corporate Communion Masses



Sunday, September 19, 2021
9:30 am Mass

The Lighter Side



A man walks into a monastery and says "I want to be monk." The abbot replies "Great! But you realize we are not allowed to talk except every ten years." The man replies "Fine."

Ten years go by and the man goes into the abbot's office. The abbot asks, "Well my son what have you to say."

The man replies "Bed's hard." The abbot remarks, "Is that it?" The man says, "Yes".

Another ten years go by and the man goes into the abbot's office and says, "Food stinks!" The abbot asks, "Is that it?" And the man says "Yes."

Another ten years goes by and the man goes into the abbot's office and says "Water's cold. I quit!" And the abbot replies, "Figures! You've been complaining ever since you got here!"

Sigh . . . there goes
another summer, Snoopy!



Celebrate

the work of our hands

Labor Day

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 August: **Ken Grobbel**

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 August: **"Rob & Paula Tusset Family."** In recognition of their outstanding service to the Parish.

Motions Passed

Motions passed at the August General Meeting:

- A motion was passed to purchase some raffle tickets for Father Joe's parish
- A motion was passed to host two hole sponsorships for the DAVL golf outing
- A motion was passed to donate the proceeds from the 50/50 raffle to Vets Returning Home



**Our State Motto
for 2020/2021**

"Rise Up and Answer the Call"

Knight's Clothing



Gentlemen:

If you need any Knights' clothing — polos, sweatshirts, tees and/or caps — please contact me at 2kish@comcast.net or 586-466-4812.

Joe Kish

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!!!!!!



Life Insurance Awareness Month

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's the one month each year that the life insurance industry coordinates a campaign aimed at educating folks about the importance of life insurance and helping them get the coverage they need. I don't want to bore you with lots of statistics, but a recent survey from LIMRA (Life Insurance Marketing Research Association) found that only 59% of Americans own life insurance and about half of those are underinsured. (Although this report didn't say it, I've got to think these percentages are pretty much the same in Canada.) So that means that 70% of the population either has no life insurance or has too little life insurance.

So, what does that have to do with the Knights? The historian, Christopher Kauffman, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book that he wrote on the 100th anniversary of our founding. That book, Faith and Fraternalism, notes on page 13, "...he [Fr. McGivney] was deeply interested in pursuing the topic of a Catholic fraternal insurance society among groups of Catholic laymen of New Haven." Then on page 35 Mr. Kauffman goes on, "...he [Fr. McGivney again] spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature...his emphasis on business was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family."

Fr. McGivney lived both the social and the financial *insecurity* of a desperate family, with the breadwinner suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings. He didn't want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament. That, and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order. Everyone who joined in those first years was insured; that was part and parcel of being in the organization. Now every member has a choice and every member should know what we do, and how we do it. Here's the process I use when I meet with families:

1. Discover – Identify & prioritize your financial goals
2. Gather Data – Collect facts & figures based on your current situation
3. Analyze – Input data, run calculations, identify shortfalls
4. Recommend – Propose a financial strategy designed to satisfy your goals
5. Implement – Choose a financial strategy and implement

6. Periodic Review – Review regularly, measure success, make adjustments

As you can tell, this is a painless process. But it can help any family, at any age, determine if they have blind spots in their coverage. It can help you avoid the pain of being underinsured. With the variety of life insurance products we offer, we can help just about any person within any budget.

I don't know about you, but I don't want to buy life insurance...I want to buy what life insurance provides: no change in lifestyle for the survivors...in the house where they want to be. It'll pay for a daughter's wedding, a child's college education and much more. What does life insurance provide? Peace of mind, security, freedom from anxiety, a safeguard from the unknown.

That's where I can help.

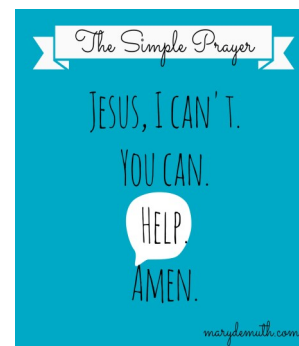


When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary
When troubles come and my heart burdened be
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence
Until You come and sit awhile with me.

You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders
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So-Called “Equality Act” Threatens Society and Religious Communities

In 1776, future president Thomas Jefferson composed a few simple words that changed the world: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.” The American fight for independence emerged from the idea of equality for all people; however, in retrospect, equality had not even begun to be realized at that time for Blacks, Native Americans, and women. Yet, the ideal remains: equality for all.

Understanding the role equality has played in the nation’s history, it may seem counterintuitive for Catholics to oppose the “Equality Act” currently before the U.S. Senate. When looking past the legislation’s name, the measure is far more dangerous than the bill’s supporters will discuss publicly.

Introduced as HR 5 by Representative David Cicilline from Rhode Island, the Equality Act would amend federal anti-discrimination laws, adding new regulations for “sexual orientation” and “gender identity and expression.” Senator Jeff Merkley from Oregon has introduced a similar Senate bill, S 393. Proponents have sought support by arguing that the bill prevents discrimination against those experiencing same-sex attraction or questioning their biological gender in housing, employment, education, and federal programs.

The Catholic Church has long taught that everyone deserves respect, compassion, and support, regardless of their affiliation. In truth, the “Equality Act” oversteps its stated intention under the guise of bringing about a more equal society. If passed, the “Equality Act” will discriminate against citizens and people of faith for their longstanding beliefs about marriage, sexuality, the nature of the human person, and the place of religion in society. As written, the legislation would encourage legal and social hostility toward religious persons and institutions, and would result in unjust changes to U.S. communities, such as:

- Requiring taxpayers to fund elective abortions, pressuring doctors and hospitals to perform abortions, and forcing many employers to cover abortions in their health insurance plans.
- Forcing girls and women to share locker rooms, showers, restrooms, and dorms with biological males who identify as a female, as well as to compete against them in school sports.
- Hindering the ability of shelters to provide safe washing or resting spaces for girls and women who have experienced trauma.
- Mandating doctors and counselors perform and promote gender transitions, as well as requiring religious organizations to pay for the procedures in their insurance

- Making it difficult for faith-based colleges to hire staff that uphold their religious mission.
- Attempting to force religious charitable or educational institutions out of the public square by making them choose between closing down services or abandoning their moral beliefs.

The Word from Lansing is a regular column for Catholic news outlets and is written by Michigan Catholic Conference President and CEO Paul A. Long. Michigan Catholic Conference is the official public policy voice of the Catholic Church in this state.

These sweeping changes are not only concerning for people of faith, but all who believe in protecting human life, upholding the truth about marriage, and ensuring religious institutions continue to serve the poor and suffering. The U.S. bishops recently joined hands with other religious organizations to demonstrate this point in a letter to Congress.

One of the most insidious provisions of HR 5 is exempting its provisions from the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), a bipartisan 1993 law that protects the free exercise of religion from government overreach. RFRA has secured protections and advanced religious tolerance primarily for minority religious communities such as Hindus, Sikhs, Muslims, Seventh-day Adventists, and Native Americans.

Earlier this year, HR 5 passed the U.S. House of Representatives by a 224-206 vote. All of Michigan’s Democratic representatives voted in favor of the measure, while all the state’s Republican representatives voted against it. It is highly discouraging that the rampant partisanship in politics today is also present on this issue. With President Biden already indicating he will sign the so-called “Equality Act” into law, the only option that remains to stop the legislation is by defeating it in the U.S. Senate.

It is critical that lawmakers hear from Catholics and people of goodwill, clarifying that such legislation is incredibly harmful to religious communities, promotes a culture of violence in the womb while dismantling religious protections for those in the medical field, and continues the effort to prevent religious agencies from providing needed service. We must also reaffirm our Christian teaching and offer respect and compassion to all persons, including those in the gay community.

Please take a moment to contact U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters. Despite their support for the bill, urge them to reconsider at WWW.VOTERVOICE.NET/USCCB/CAMPAIGNS/80967/RESPOND.

He is the Guy

He's the guy who asked to join our organization.

He's the guy who paid his dues to join.

He's the guy who stood up in front of you and promised to be faithful and loyal.

He's the guy who came to our meeting and no one paid attention to.

He tried several times to be friends, but we all had our own buddies to talk to or sit next to.

He sat down several times, but no one paid any attention to him.

He hoped very much that someone would have asked him to take part in a fund raising project or something, but no one saw his efforts when he volunteered.

He missed a few meetings after joining because he was sick and couldn't be there.

No one asked him at the next meeting where he had been.

I guess it didn't matter very much to others whether he was there or not.

The next meeting, he decided to stay home and watch TV.

The following meeting, he attended, but no one asked him where he was for the last meeting.

You might say he's a good guy or a "good family man" who holds a responsible job who loves his community and country.

You know who else he is? HE'S THE GUY WHO NEVER CAME BACK.

It amuses me how the heads of organizations and the members discuss WHY the organization is losing members.

It amuses me to think that we spend so much time looking for NEW members when he was there all the time.

All we needed to do was make him feel needed, wanted and WELCOMED.

Protecting God's Children

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish (Plymouth)
Wednesday, September 1, 2021
6:00 pm

Sacred Heart Parish (Dearborn)
Thursday, September 9, 2021
6:00 pm

St Matthias Parish (Sterling Hts)
Saturday, September 11, 2021
10:00 am

Shrine of Jesus, The Divine Mercy,(Clinton Township)
Saturday, September 11, 2021
10:00 am

St William Parish (Walled Lake)
Saturday, September 11, 2021
2:30 pm

St Mary Parish (Milford)
Saturday, September 18, 2021
9:00 am

Bishop Kelle Catholic School (Lapeer)
Saturday, September 18, 2021
10:00 am

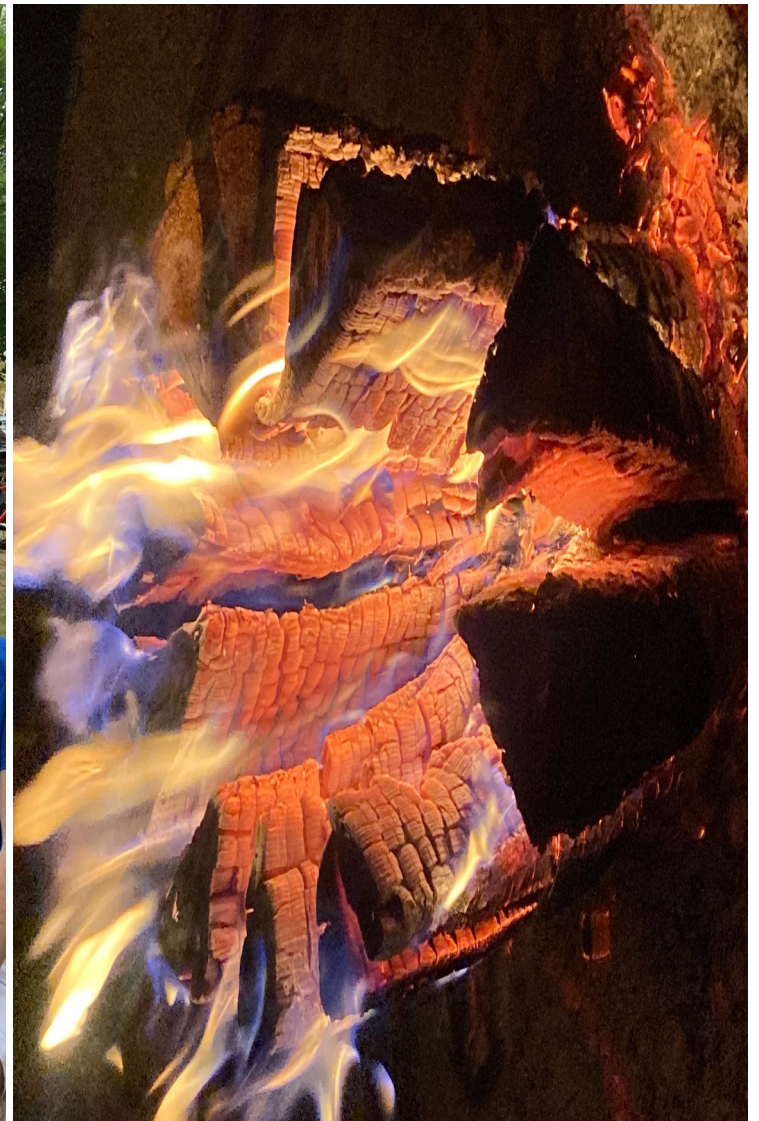
Our Lady of the Laakes Parish (Waterford)
Thursday, September 23, 2021
6:00 pm

St. Regis Parish (Bloomfield Hills)
Thursday, September 23
6:00 pm

Sacred Heart Major Seminary (Detroit)
Friday, September 24, 2021
12:30 pm

Immaculate Conception Parish (Ira Township)
Tuesday, September 28, 2021
6:00 pm

Annual Campout



Calendar of Events

September

9	7:30 pm Start	General Membership Meeting
19	9:30 am Mass	Corporate Communion
23	7:00 pm Start	Council Planning Meeting
27-30	11:30 am to 6:30 pm	Poker at Ciccarelli's

October

14	7:30 pm Start	General Membership Meeting
24		Trunk or Treat
28	7:00 pm Start	Council Planning Meeting



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

Happy Birthday!!



Claudia Dombrowski	September 9
Matthew Magnotte	September 9
Michael Greschak	September 11
Thomas Hayes	September 12
Chris Gapczynski	September 13
Andrew Wise	September 13
Carl Catanese	September 16
Paul Young	September 18
Eric Sienkiewicz	September 19
Ted Czarny	September 20
Phillip Kwasny	September 20
Brandon Lewandowski	September 21
Daniel Finn	September 24
Robert Anderson	September 24
Michael Burke	September 27
Gregory Bendzinski	September 30

If you'd like to see your birthday posted, please send an e-mail to Chris Gapczynski at spotknights1168@gmail.com, or call at 586-263-5942.

Happy Anniversary!!



Ralph & Connie Colosimo	September 3
Lino & Del Difalco	September 4
Robert & Paula Tusset	September 9
Vito & Patricia Guzzardo	September 10
James & Valerie Cosgrove	September 15
Mike & Charlene Wojtaszek	September 15
Joseph & Joann Phillips	September 21
Mike & Cindy Essad	September 29
Ray & Sheryl Ignatowski	September 29

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For the Good of the Order



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

Lindsey Agan	Stege Lecreshia
Carol Alexander	SK Henry Leflere
Bruce Arnold	Peggy Lewis
Kevin Bondra	SK Chuck Loewen
Janice Burda	Diana MacArthur
BK Ralph Colosimo	Leanne Mackay
Jim Daniel	Ronald McGraw
BK Paul DeMetsenare	Bob Montpetit
Micheal Denomme	Carol Montpetit
Del Difalco	Dallas Nichols
BK Lino Difalco	Edmund Nowak
Claudia Dombrowski	Daniel Okerhjelm
Rose Donofrio	Patricia Okerhjelm
Rich Emmers	BK Rick Okerhjelm
Betty Jo Fauann	Paul Parker & Family
Chris Gapczynski	BK Bob Pastrick
Jill Gapczynski	Maryann Pearson
SK Angelo Garavaglia	Judy Perreau
BK Tom Gray & Family	Beverly Pirrami
Sandy Grobbel	Larry Rosso
Barbara Hubbard	Mary Rosso
BK Jim Hubbard	Lila Roudabush
Ray Huddas	Joanne Smail
Dan Jacks	PGK Karl Sziisz
Fred Kendall	William Szypa
Rick Kleczyski	Gary Tarbuck
Nancy Koldenkamp	Jim Tarbuck
Ron Krawkoski	Laura Thomson
SK Art Krygowski	Bob Williams
Janice Krygowski	Lynn Williams
Patricia Labadie	Deacon SK Ed Wilson
John Lechene	BK Dave Wisneski

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		
Russell J. Licovoli	April 2, 2008		
Donald Lynch	May 1, 2008		
Joseph Anthonucci	November 18, 2008		
John Billotti	May 20, 2009		
Morris Demetsenare	July 9, 2009		
Conrad Leder	September 5, 2009		
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		

CELEBRATE FALL!

Support classical education as
Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of
Guadalupe enters its second year



CHESTERTON ACADEMY
OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Enjoy music, auction, and 50/50 raffle.
Food, drinks, and ice cream available for purchase

Friday, September 17

6:00pm

Rec Bowl

(open air venue)

40 Crocker Boulevard,
Mount Clemens, MI 48043

\$10 suggested cover charge



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The Same Old Guys



**Officers of S.P.O.T.
K of C Council #11689
District #1**

District Deputy	Dan Nowakowski	586-722-8221
District Warden	TBD	
Chaplain	Fr. Jerry Slowinski	586-228-1210
Grand Knight	Tom Gray	586-265-9885
Deputy Grand Knight	Phil Mularski	586-876-9060
Chancellor	Kevin Kennedy	586-206-0150
Financial	George Sakorafos	586-610-3576
Recorder	Rob Tusset	586-477-0232
Treasurer	Ray Coughlin	586-980-4483
Warden	Tony Guido	586-201-4409
Inside Guard	Joe Kish	586-822-4109
Outside Guard	Vince Ursini	248-635-4366
1 Yr Trustee	Rick Okerhjelm	586-469-2996
2 Yr Trustee	PGK Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
3 Yr Trustee	Paul Parker	586-805-1120
Advocate	Ken Krause	586-263-7115
Lecturer	Frank Burda	828-400-1816
Program Director	Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
Church	Angelo Garavaglia	586-412-3327
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	586-263-5942
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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

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

September 22, 2021.

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Michigan District #1: www.michigan district1.com

St. Paul of Tarsus: www.stpauloftarsus.com

SPOT Knights: www.spotknights.com

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