



The Knight's Shield



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

May, 2022

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 27

A Word from Grand Knight Tom Gray

Spring has arrived finally! Time to shake off the frost and get ready for some warmer weather.

We have completed our busy Lenten season. I for one am looking forward to a little rest after that! We did a lot this Lent. We had the fish fries, Easter meat sales, Easter egg hunt, and the MI Drive.

This month completes our officer election process. We will be taking a 2nd round of nominations at our May general membership meeting then having the election. If you are interested in taking on a leadership role in the council or have any questions, let me know. It is perfectly acceptable and encouraged to self-nominate for a position.

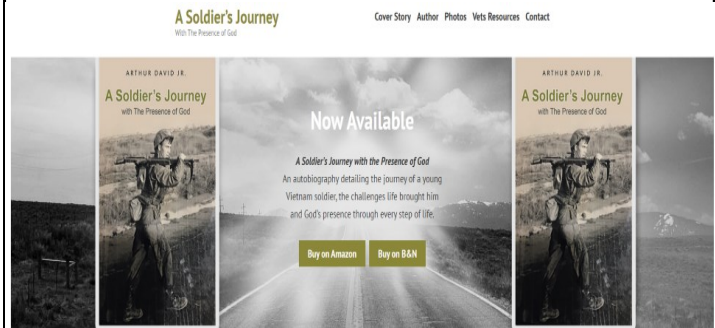
Nominations from the April Meeting:

Grand Knight:	Tom Gray
Deputy Grand Knight:	Kevin Kennedy
Chancellor:	Paul Parker
	Joe Phillips
Warden:	Tony Guido
Treasurer:	Ray Coughlin
Advocate:	Ken Krause
Recorder:	Vince Ursini
Inside Guard:	Stan Labuda
	Kurt Buhlinger
	Joe Kish
Outside Guard:	Stan Labuda
3 Year Trustee:	Rick Okerhjelm
	Kurt Buhlinger

We will be having an exemplification before our May meeting at 6pm in the social hall for two new members. If you have not attained the 3rd degree let me know and we can have you also go through the exemplification to accomplish this.

There is a webinar called "purpose driven retirement strategies" hosted by your K of C insurance agency, presenter Joe Jordan. See the flyer with this newsletter. Please let me know if you sign up for this event as we do get credit if you attend.

Arthur David is a brother knight and a fellow parishioner. He also volunteers in the pantry. He is an author and wrote the book "A Soldier's Journey" He is a Vietnam Vet and suffers from PTSD. This book is an autobiography detailing his journey and the challenges he faced. With the help of God's presence to help him through his struggles in life. 100% of the proceeds go to help other vets suffering with PTSD. They are \$15 and can be purchased through Amazon, I bought one but have not read it yet.



"A Soldier's Journey with the Presence of God" is a true story about the life of a young soldier. He served in the U.S. Army and was deployed onto the frontlines of the Vietnam War from 1967-1968. He returned home with PTSD. Through a series of life-saving miracles both at home and in the war, he was transformed into a soldier of Christ. Take this journey with him to see how Gods incredible love not only saved his life several times, but took him on a long journey of self discovery from "Lost to Loved". This is where he found and felt the true presence of God. As you travel with him through each chapter in this book, you may find yourself asking the most important question of your life: "How can I find and feel the presence of God?"

This is his real life. This is his true story.

I am going to close with a word about membership. We are currently at 25% of our goal for the year. We can still make it, we will need an effort from just a few guys to ask a friend or neighbor to join. Consider why you became a Knight and share that with someone who is not a member. Please don't deny other good men the opportunity for the camaraderie and good works that we do!

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Gray

Monthly Prayer Intention



Intention for Faith-filled young people

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

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

**IN A WORLD WHERE YOU CAN BE
ANYTHING**

BE KIND

Corporate Communion Masses



June 26, 2022

7:45 am Mass

The Lighter Side



After explaining the commandment to honor your father and mother, a Sunday School teacher asked her class if there was a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters.

One boy, the oldest in his family, immediately answered, "Thou shalt not kill."

Thank You!!

I want to give a big thank you to all the ladies that provided food and desserts for the MI Drive. Your efforts were greatly appreciated by all.

Carol Golec
Sue Hund
Tina Kennedy
Joanne Phillips
Janet Valentine
Janice Burda
Michelle Grifka
Kathy Sakorafas

Sherri Ignatowski

MI Drive



Thank you to everyone that participated in this year's drive...the women who provided the food, and the men that collected for the drive.

We did quite well for the few workers that we had. I hope to see more volunteers next year.

Jeff Gapczynski

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 Months for April: **Ralph Colosimo.**

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 April: **“Mick & Martha Brode Family.”** In recognition of their outstanding service to the Parish.

Motions Passed

Motions passed at the January General Meetings:

- \$100 donation for Gleaners
- \$100 donation for Forgotten Harvest
- \$100 donation for SPOT Food Pantry
- \$250 donation for Song and Spirit Institute
- \$250 donation for St. Aloysius



**Our State Motto
for 2020/2022**

“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!!!!!!!



The Value of Membership Referrals

As a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most, is when one of my brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to me. This is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they were so pleased with what I helped them accomplish, that they want me to help others achieve the same level of financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis that I provide.

Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they've never been asked and don't know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own.

If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me or your Grand Knight. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It's always more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don't worry if the candidate is outside the area I serve or beyond the district of the local councils, we can make sure we put these future members in touch with the right people in their communities.

New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.62 billion to charity and provided in excess of 700 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential!

***Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense. Ask about our GUARANTEED LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES, LONG TERM CARE & DISABILITY INSURANCE**



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Protecting God's Children

St Blasé Parish (Sterling Hts)
Saturday, May 21, 2022
9:00 am

Solanus Casey Center (Detroit)
Saturday, May 21, 2022
10:00 am

St Colette Parish (Livonia)
Wednesday, June 1, 2022
6:00 pm

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish (Plymouth)
Monday, June 6, 2022
6:00 pm

Camp Ozanam (Carson ville)
Thursday, June 23, 2022
1:30 pm
St Lawrence Parish (Utica)
Thursday, June 23, 2022
6:00 pm

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

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 586-285-5605, and their office location is 17955 E Eeven Mile (on the corner of Gratiot next to COSTCO).

Thanks,

Phil Kwasny

I'm a little boy with glasses
The one they call the geek
A little girl who never smiles
'Cause I've got braces on my teeth
And I know how it feels to cry myself to sleep

I'm that kid on every playground
Who's always chosen last
A single teenage mother
Trying to overcome my past
You don't have to be my friend
Is it too much to ask?

Don't laugh at me, don't call me names
Don't get your pleasure from my pain
In God's eyes we're all the same
Someday we'll all have perfect wings
Don't laugh at me

I'm the cripple on the corner
You pass me on the street
And I wouldn't be out here beggin'
If I had enough to eat
And don't think I don't notice
That our eyes never meet



Easter Ham Sale

Below is picture of the 111 completed orders of our 2022 ham and sausage sale. Thanks to all that helped.



I lost my wife and little boy
When someone crossed that yellow line
The day we laid them in the ground
Is the day I lost my mind
Right now I'm down to holding
This little cardboard sign

So don't laugh at me
Don't call me names
Don't get your pleasure from my pain
In God's eyes we're all the same
Someday we'll all have perfect wings
Don't laugh at me

Cause I'm fat, I'm thin, I'm short, I'm tall
I'm deaf, I'm blind, he aren't we all?

So don't laugh at me
Don't call me names
Don't get your pleasure from my pain
In God's eyes we're all the same
Someday we'll all have perfect wings
Don't laugh at me

Calendar of Events

May

12	6:30 pm Meal 7:30 pm Meeting	General Membership Meeting
25-27		State Convention

June

2	7:30 pm	Council Planning Meeting
9	6:30 pm Meal 7:30 pm Meeting	General Membership Meeting
23	7:00 pm Start	Council Planning Meeting
26	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

Happy Birthday!!



Michael O'Donnell	May 1
Mike Wojtaszek	May 4
Joseph Winters	May 4
Guy Serafino	May 6
James Neate	May 7
John Garravaglia	May 10
Michael Roehrig	May 11
Kenneth Krause	May 13
Owen Dueweke	May 14
John Sweeney	May 14
Anthony Radman	May 14
Charles LeMoine	May 15
Marlene Kropidowski	May 16
Michael Mayer	May 17
June Marheineke	May 18
Charles Twigg	May 18
Gary Gozdzinski	May 19
James Engardio	May 20
Jeffrey Vitale	May 20
James Rohde	May 22
Ronald Langlois	May 23
David Putvin	May 29
Dave Endres	May 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!!



George & Sue Eichorn	May 9
John & Chris Sweeney	May 11
Stan & Annmarie Labuda	May 20
Kevin & Tina Kennedy	May 24
Kenneth & Christine Krause	May 25
Thomas & Estelle Hayes	May 30

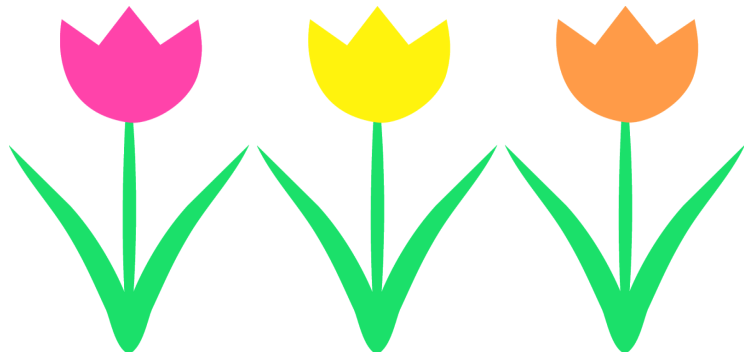
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For the Good of the Order



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

Lindsey Agan	Patricia Labadie
Carol Alexander	SK Henry Leflere
Scott Allen	BK Chuck Loewen
Dr Rob Amsler	SK Chuck Luce
Kevin Bondra	Leanne Mackay
Stanley Chmiela	BK John Minicuci
BK Ralph Colosimo	Patty Morgan
Connie Colosimo	BK Edmund Nowak
Babara Csernai	Christopher Okerhjelm
Jim Daniel	Daniel Okerhjelm
Paul DeMetsenere	Patricia Okerhjelm
Micheal Denomme	BK Bob Pastrick
BK Lino Difalco	Maryann Pearson
Del Difalco	Judy Perreau
Claudia Dombrowski	Beverly Pirrami
Rose Donofrio	BK Geno Pirrami
BK Rick Dutts	Justin Pletsch
Kim Dutts	BK Ralph Pullis & Family
BK Arnold Dzwonkowski	Esther Robidou
Christine Gapczynski	Larry Rosso
SK Angelo Garavaglia	Mary Rosso
Janet Genneni	Joanne Smail
Sandy Grobbel	PGK Karl Sziisz
Brandon Hale	William Szypa
Kevin Heatwole	Gary Tarbuck
BK Mike Hoste	Jim Tarbuck
BK Jim Hubbard	Laura Thomson
Beth Hund	Aidin Watson
Sue Hund	Bob Williams
Dan Jacks	Lynn Williams
Nancy Koldenkamp	Deacon SK Ed Wilson
Ron Krawkowski	BK Dave Wisneski
Janice Krygowski	Barney Young
SK Art Krygowski	BK Larry Young



**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 Szezyngier	March 10, 2022
Donald Lynch	May 1, 2008	George Francis	March 19, 2022
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		

**Officers of S.P.O.T.
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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	Vince Ursini	248-635-4366
Treasurer	Ray Coughlin	586-980-4483
Warden	Tony Guido	586-201-4409
Inside Guard	Joe Kish	586-822-4109
Outside Guard	Stan Labuda	586-286-1038
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
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
Articles for the June newsletter must be submitted by no later than
May 22, 2022.

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K of C Michigan State Council: www.mikofc.org

Michigan District #1: www.michigan district1.com

St. Paul of Tarsus: www.stpauloftarsus.com

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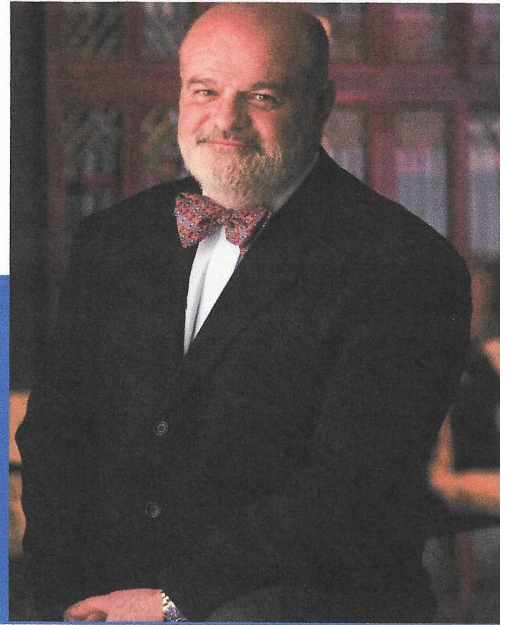
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Joe Jordan Presents

Purpose Driven Retirement Strategies



Join us for an informative online presentation by award-winning author, financial thought leader, and brother Knight Joe Jordan.

Joe will show you the keys to a prosperous retirement without losing sight of your faith and values. His message has helped boomers & seniors with successful retirement strategies that go beyond just ROI (Return on Investment) and deal with ROL (Return on Life).

In “Purpose Driven Retirement Strategies” Joe will discuss the two fundamental questions you will face when planning for retirement: 1) How will you spend your time? 2) How are you going to pay for it?

You're cordially invited to join our new webinar where Joe will be your guide to devising a meaningful and secure retirement strategy!

Register today to reserve your spot.
Time: 7:00 - 8:00PM EST

Registration link: KofCWesleyAgency.org LIVE EVENT Tab
Date: April 27, 2022

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
DETROIT ARCHDIOCESAN VOCATIONS LEAGUE

29TH ANNUAL
VOCATIONS DINNER
FEATURING

POLISH



FOOD

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022

Cocktails: 3pm | Dinner: 4pm
Zuccaro Banquet & Catering
46601 Gratiot Ave. | Chesterfield Twp., 48051

Donations: \$45 per person | \$85 per couple | \$425 for table of 10
All proceeds go to fund scholarships for the seminarians and postulants.

FEATURING:

50/50 Raffle
Gift Card Raffle
Guest Speaker
State Chaplain Fr.
PAUL BALLIEN

Reservations to: Jeff Gapczynski | (586) 337-5942

P.O. Box 380763 Clinton Twp., MI 48038

Questions to: Larry Frontera | (586) 306-3450

Knights of Columbus Fifth 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 29 and 30.

All campers will need to reserve their own site. Go to: www.michigan.gov/dnr

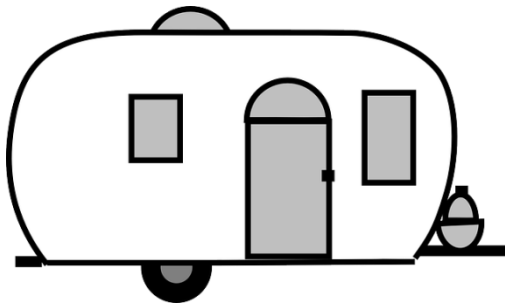
We are suggesting, for the majority of our council campers, to try and select a site in the North end of the Riverfront North Loop. You can of course pick a site wherever you prefer.

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 (mhartel15054@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.