

# St. John Vianney Council #11772

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Brothers



As I come to the end of my tenure as Grand Knight I look back at the past two years to judge our success and our areas of opportunity. We have had success with our improvement in Church activities, with our support of the Parish picnic, work we have done on the parish house, the support on painting Father Tim's home, and other activities. We also have had a successful run with the Charity Poker Fund Raisers. These areas of opportunity are increasing with membership's participation in these events. Looking back, our Council

has a membership of 180+ and we consistently have only about a 20% of those members who actively support the Council. We also have an opportunity with increasing our membership.

As we go forward in the next fraternal year, we are working to address these areas of opportunity - first, with member participation. Our Council is in need of our input. We have a substantial fund that we need to distribute to charity. This is a good problem to have and your officers are looking for your input. We have enough funds to make a major impact for one charity or help a lot of different charities with many smaller donations. We need your help. We need to know what you think and we need your suggestions on what direction should we take. This is a call for help. We have funds that need to be distributed and with the upcoming fund raiser we will have more.

Our membership director has worked very hard on trying to increase membership. This is a job that needs support. We have a very strong leader for this and we just need a few members that can make a commitment to help. If you are interested, please reach out to me or Thad.

So in closing, Brothers, we need your help. The Council can only survive with your participation. You joined for a reason; what was that reason? Ask yourself, am I involved? What can I do? Not sure? Please reach out. I am not asking for you to take a leadership role unless that is something you want to do; I am asking for your input. If you are not happy with something we are currently doing, come to a business or planning meeting and let us know. If you would like us to do more, let us know that. Let's all take a look at why we joined and take the first step to get involved. Let us all show support to our new officers who have taken on new leadership roles that we support them by giving them the input they need to be successful.

I thank all of you who have supported our Council over these past two years. I've had the privilege to represent you as your Grand Knight. You have shown me and my family what it means to be Catholic Gentlemen. May God Bless you and your families.

Vivat Jesus

Matthew J. Meagher

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### Upcoming Events

#### JUNE

6/2	Council Planning Meeting 7:30p
6/14	4th Degree @ St. Isidore 7:30p
TBD	June Officer Training
6/16	Council Business Meeting 7:30p
6/19	Happy Father's Day
TBD	Flag Retirement Ceremony
END OF FRATERNAL YEAR	

# GOLF OUTING

Brother Knights,

Our council is once again hosting our annual charity golf outing named in honor of our council’s founder Phil Tetreault. Proceeds from this event are donated to various non-profit charities along with helping to support individuals who seek vocations in the Catholic faith. This years outing will be held on Saturday August 27, 2011 at the Cracklewood Golf Club (www.cracklewood.com).

We are hopeful you will be able to help support this charitable effort. Here are just a few ways you can help,

- Come join us at this year’s event. For only \$75.00 each golfer participates in an 18-hole men and women best ball scramble with a cart, continental breakfast, hot dog & chips at the turn and a buffet lunch.
- For a charitable donation of only \$50.00 become a hole-sponsor. You will receive a professionally created personalized 18” X 24” sign which will be displayed at one of the tee boxes the day of the event.
- We are in need of items to raffle to help raise money. We appreciate any items you are able to donate.
- Cash donations are welcome.

We recognize times are tough and sincerely appreciate your consideration. If you are able to help, please contact Doug Black at (586) 709-7544.

Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Douglas Black  
Recorder - St. John Vianney Knights of Columbus



## Knights of Columbus 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.

## Sponsored Seminarians:

Our council is sponsoring the following seminarians:

- Christopher Beran
- Patrick Gonyeau
- Salvatore Palazzolo
- Paul Snyder
- Anthony Valenti



St. John Vianney, Curé of Ars, pray God to bless all priests, and to bless our seminarians now preparing for the sacred priesthood; grant them success in their studies and perseverance in their efforts. Amen.



## CHANCELLOR'S PAGE

### Brother Knights

Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed Year of the Priests – St. John Mary Vianney - from June '09 to '10. For this June, Pope Benedict's 1st Prayer intention again is about priests. While reading, I found that St. John Vianney was a very humble person that loved Christ. Like many other saints, he was a model of how to live our Christian beliefs. Below are some statements from Pope Benedict about St. John Vianney and I have included a link to a larger section of that speech.

It was an honor serving as your Chancellor – I pray for our new officers as they assume their duties.

Your Chancellor,

Michael Chopp

### POPE BENEDICT XVI'S JUNE 2011 PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Priests.** That priests, united to the Heart of Christ, may always be true witnesses to the caring and merciful love of God.

**Missionary Vocations.** That the Holy Spirit may bring forth from our communities many missionaries who are ready to be fully consecrated to spreading the Kingdom of God.

### Prayer of the Month

Jesus, Eternal High Priest, let your love flow into the hearts of your priests and transform them into living images of you. By your grace, make them true apostles of your Sacred Heart. Fulfill the promise you made to St. Margaret Mary: "I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts." May your Kingdom come to the hearts of all through the ministry of holy priests! Amen.

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What a special event considering that St. John Vianney is the Patron Saint of our Church. In a speech Pope Benedict XVI included this information about St. John Mary Vianney:

“At a close look, what made the Curé of Ars holy was his humble faithfulness to the mission to which God had called him; it was his constant abandonment, full of trust, to the hands of divine Providence.

It was not by virtue of his own human gifts that he succeeded in moving peoples' hearts nor even by relying on a praiseworthy commitment of his will; he won over even the most refractory souls by communicating to them what he himself lived deeply, namely, his friendship with Christ.”

<http://www.ewtn.com/library/PAPALDOC/b16ChrstChrch86.HTM>

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### Crossroads Pregnancy Center

Assists women and men who are involved in a crisis pregnancy  
<http://crossroadspregnancy.org/cpc/index.html>

### Abigayle Ministries

Offer hope and a future to homeless single pregnant women.  
<http://www.abigayleministries.org/>

### Priests For Life

Adoptions information.  
<http://www.priestsforlife.org/testimony/adoptionworksforeveryone.html>



## Let Us Offer Prayers For Our Brothers, Family And Friends:

Jason Breeze – pray that new medicines will stop his seizures and eliminate the need for brain surgery  
 Ron Burke, Brother-in-law of PGK / Advocate Mike J. Mejia, who has been diagnosed with 4th stage cancer  
 Jeanne Connelly, who had breast surgery  
 Paul Dalka, friend of BK Marty Hildreth, who has pancreatic cancer  
 Michael Davenport, colleague of PGK / Advocate Mike J. Mejia, who was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer  
 Donna, sister-in-law of Brother John Pray  
 Joanie Dunkelberg, friend of GK Matt Meagher, who is suffering with medical issues  
 Eva Garza – 8 yr old who is friend of daughter – one kidney removed – pray for speedy recovery  
 Terry Gery, wife of Brother Jim Gery  
 BK Tim Gonyeau who is recovering from heart surgery  
 Kay Hart, friend of BK George Stump, who has cancer  
 Kim Joseph, friend of PGK Cliff Wasmund, who has cancer  
 Eliza Kain, daughter of BK Dale Kain  
 Ken Machala, friend of PGK Carl Grew, who has lung cancer  
 Rachel McCormick who has brain cancer – pray for treatment to help & cure  
 Ted Miarka in your prayers. He was rushed back to the hospital Jan 28, 2011 for on going heart issues.  
 Samantha Meagher, daughter of Grand Knight Matt Meagher, who had surgery Sept 23, 2010  
 Ed Murphy, who has Stage III Colon Cancer, friend of Brother Mike Flaker  
 Conner O'Donnell, friend of the Matt Meagher Family, is a child with learning and other developmental issues  
 Raymond Opiola, brother of BK Thad Opiola, who has medical issues  
 Brother Jesus Plaza who is experiencing medical issues  
 Dennis Porter, friend of BK Mike Flaker  
 Walt Randall, father of BK Bruce, who had heart surgery  
 BK Dan Roche and all family members on the loss of granddaughter /daughter / sister Lauren Roche, on March 2, 2010  
 Margaret Russo,  
 Jackie Stapels, daughter of Brother Lou Stapels  
 Nicole Sulkowski, daughter of BK Brian Sulkowski  
 Brother Jim Szandzik and his family  
 Gerald Tuscany, father of Brother Pat Tuscany who is fighting cancer  
 Brother Eugene Ureel, who is having health problems  
 Brother Renato Villanueva, who is having health problems  
 Alex Scapini, son of BK David Scapini who was diagnosed with a brain tumor  
 Joseph Walega Jr., cousin of BK Rich Walega who has muscular scrolocious  
 Robert Ward, friend of BK George, who is recovering from foot surgery  
 Ernie Wasmund, uncle of Brother Cliff Wasmund  
 Irma Werthman, mother of Brother Dave Werthman who has health problems



### **Prayer List:**

If you have someone that you would like to add to our Prayer List, please email or call our GK Matt Meagher at '[grandknight@stjohnkofc.com](mailto:grandknight@stjohnkofc.com)' or (586)786-7260.

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### Deceased Brother Knights:

Please keep the following deceased Brother Knights and their families in your prayers:

Mark Armstrong	Fr. John B. Baggarly	James M. Breen	Fr. John E. Beez	Carl F. Cory
Maxwell J. Dranberg	Dennis R Dezio	Earl L. Diegel	William V. Evans	John Harrida
Chester Kata	Walter R. Krygowski	David Mattingly	George G. Pastorek	George J. Payne
James Prain	Fr Francis D. Rabaut	Daniel Roguz	John Sinshack	Leroy Slawick
Phillip A. Tetreault	Teddy Witkos			

## What if Your Last Paycheck Was Your Last Paycheck

As I am sure most of you know, the Order has what some would call a limited product line. We sell life insurance, retirement annuities, and long term care insurance. It is not because we can't or couldn't sell a variety of other products and services; rather it is because we believe in being very good – not just good but very good – at what we do, and no one who tries to be all things to all people can be very good at everything. You've heard the phrase "jack of all trades, master of none"? Not us. We're the masters of what we do.

So it isn't very often that we get to share the excitement of a brand new product with you, but this is one of those times. Effective April 1, the Order now offers our client base a disability insurance product, known as Income Armor. Fundamentally, this product offers monthly payments to the insured to replace income lost when the insured is unable to work due to accident or illness. It is a critical form of insurance that protects your paycheck. It is clearly in keeping with our mission: insuring our members and their families against financial risk. Risk of death, yes...risk of inadequate retirement income, yes...risk of catastrophic costs associated with long term care, yes...and now, insurance against the loss of income that a disability would bring.

The first question you may ask yourself is "what are the odds of me becoming disabled and ever needing paycheck protection?" Here's your answer: nearly one in four men can

expect to suffer a disability that keeps them out of work for 90 days or longer at some point during their working years. For women, the odds are worse: one in three. And are you ready for this? One in every seven workers can expect to be disabled for five or more years before retirement. Troubling statistics. Basically, if you do not currently own paycheck protection in the form of disability insurance, and you have a job, you need it.

So the question becomes where do you get it? From the Knights of Columbus, a source where you can go to get the protection you need from a strong, stable, consistently steady financial institution.

Your future is my concern. 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



### 2010-2011 Officers:

District Deputy	Jeff Gapczynski	263-5942
Grand Knight	Matthew Meagher	786-7260
Deputy Grand Knight	Tom Weisner	677-0886
Financial Secretary	George Stump	786-0938
Treasurer	Gerald Meagher	781-0391
Chancellor	Mike Chopp	786-1163
Recorder	Doug Black	781-4118
Advocate	Michael Mejia PGK	948-3073
3yr. Trustee	Len Kujawa	677-3711
2yr. Trustee	Ron DeVriendt	255-5488
1yr. Trustee	Ted Miarka	263-4353
Warden	Marty Hildreth	248-413-9554
Inside Guard	George Barthel	786-1789
Outside Guard	Rick Dipirro	810-341-0137
Outside Guard	Bruce Randall	677-9296

### Committee Chairmen and Directors:

Program Director	Tom Weisner	677-0886
Council Chaplain	Fr. Tim Mazur	781-6525
Church Director	Joe Cirrione	677-7418
Council Directors	Pat Tuscany	786-1685
Community Director	Jesus Plaza	677-5772
	Dave Werthmann	677-2066
Family Director	Fred Polega	786-3999
	Ray Pierce	677-5675
Youth Directors	John Pray	566-3820
	Ed Hughes	566-8476
	Chuck Gietzen	677-2505
Right to Life Couple	George and Susan Papagni	677-1116
	Dave and Carol Roland	781-5631
Membership Director	Thad Opiola	610-2273
Insurance Field Agent	Ted Czarny	286-6026
Parish Council Liaison	Need Help	
Newsletter/Web/Photo	Dominic Grillo	786-7014
Admin. Comm. Liaison	Gary Kopp	873-6906
Publicity Director	Vito Pianello	532-8859
Bagel Committee	Matt Meagher (Team A)	786-7260
	Thad Opiola (Team B)	510-0702
	Paul Leidal (Team C)	677-0197
Charity and Donations	Al Woznicki	786-5397
	Doug Black	781-4118
	Marty Hildreth	248-413-9554
Degree Team	Cliff Wasmund	781-4729
Widows Web	Bruce Randall	677-9296
	George Stump	786-0938
Knights Daughters	Need Help	



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