

# St. John Vianney Council #11772

# *Knightline News*



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## Brothers

It is now October. The Tigers are in the playoffs, the Lions haven't lost, and our college football teams are doing well. We are several months into our fraternal year with many council activities coming up. I want to thank everyone who helped out with the charity poker event last month. Because of your support we were able to raise \$3,863.00. This money will be used in part for support of local charities.

I'm asking for your suggestions and support now. We have almost 200 members in our council. Unfortunately the active membership is much much smaller. I am looking for your suggestions on how we can increase the participation. I understand we can't be at every event or function, but what can we do to get more of you active? I know I joined to make a difference, and I'm sure you did for the same reason. What is stopping more of us from doing that? Please call me, send me a note, or attend one of our meetings and give us your ideas. I would love to hear from you.

We are having a blood drive on October 16. We need help working with Red Cross on the setting up and running the event. Please see future emails for details on helping and donating blood.

On October 29 we will have a district Corporate Communion at the 5:00 PM mass and a vocations dinner after in the church hall. Please come and meet some of your brothers from our council and others in the district. If you can, please stop by the hall after and enjoy some great food. All of the proceeds go to support the men and women in the vocations.

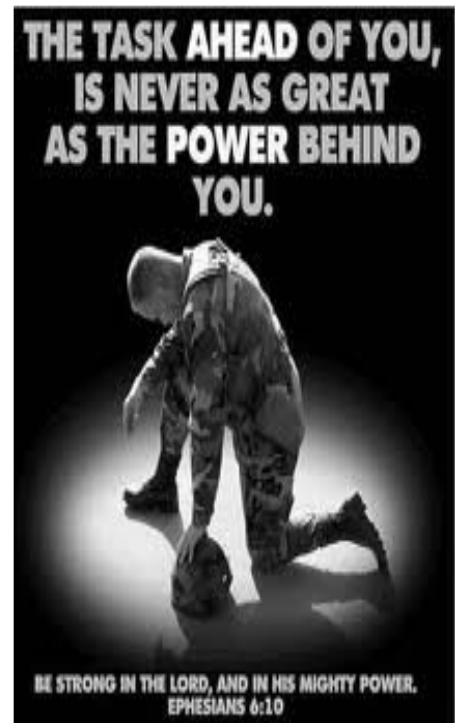
Peace, Love, and Action.

Vivat Jesus,  
Tom



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Knights of Columbus 2011-2012 Fraternal Year Calendar
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9/1/2011	7:30 PM	Planning Meeting
9/15/2011	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
9/18/2011	1:00 PM	Church Picnic (meet at 9:00 AM at church to help set up)
9/24-27/2011		Charity Poker at Snookers
10/1/2011	8:00 AM	Window Washing at Church
10/2/2011		Bagel Sales          Team A
10/6/2011	7:30 PM	Planning Meeting
10/16/2011		Blood Drive
10/20/2011	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
10/29/2011	5:00 PM	District Corporate Communion at 5:00 mass
10/29/2011	6:00 PM	Vocations Dinner in Church Hall
11/3/2011	7:30 PM	Planning Meeting
11/6/2011		Bagel Sales          Team B
11/17/2011	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
12/1/2011	7:30 PM	Planning Meeting
12/4/2011		Bagel Sales          Team C
12/15/2011	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
12/16/2011	6:00 PM	Christmas Party in Church Hall
1/5/2012	7:30 PM	Planning Meeting
1/8/2012		Bagel Sales          Team A
1/14/2012		First Degree Ceremony in Church House
1/19/2012	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
2/2/2012	7:30 PM	Planning Meeting

### 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.



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

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

Michael Davenport, colleague of PGK / Advocate Mike J. Mejia, who was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer

Donna, sister-in-law of Brother John

Joanie Dunkelberg, friend of GK Matt Meagher, who is suffering with medical issues

Monzi Edmunds, suffering from cancer

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

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

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

Margaret Russo

Alex Scapini, son of BK David Scapini who was diagnosed with a brain tumor

Dr. Todd Steggall, associate of Andy Snider, post surgery recovery

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

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 problem

Mel Wilmont, friend of Mike Chopp, diagnosed with cancer

### **Deceased Brother Knights:**

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

Mark Armstrong	Fr. John B. Baggaly	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			

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SJV BROTHER KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES  
AND LADIES AUXILLARY

FRIDAY DECEMBER 16, 2011 - 7:00 PM  
IN THE SJV PARISH HALL  
DINNER WILL BE SERVED PROMPTLY AT 7:30 PM  
MENU INCLUDES CHICKEN, PASTA, MEATBALLS&GRAVY  
MASH POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, SALAD, COLESLAW&ROLLS  
DIANE'S CHOCOLATE BUMPY CAKE  
COFFEE AND PEPSI PRODUCTS PROVIDED  
(BRING YOUR OWN ADULT BEVERAGES)

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE GAMES AND GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN  
WE HEARD SANTA CLAUS WAS GOING TO BE IN THE AREA  
SO WE ASKED HIM TO STOP BY

PLEASE COME - BRING YOUR FAMILIES - ENJOY AN EVENING WITH YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS  
YOUR COUNCIL IS COVERING THE COST BUT WE NEED AN ACCURATE COUNT FOR THE CATERER  
MAKE THE PLAN - SAVE THE DATE - MAKE THE CALL

< IMPORTANT-PLEASE RSVP BY DEC.7, 2011 >

PLEASE Call or email Gerry Meagher with the number in your party attending and ages of your children (and boy or girl)

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**2011-2012 Officers:**

District Deputy	Jeff Gapczynski	263-5942
Grand Knight	Tom Weisner	248-761-2455
Deputy Grand Knight	Gary Kopp	540-7591
Financial Secretary	George Stump	786-0938
Treasurer	Gerald Meagher	781-0391
Chancellor	Andrew Snider, PGK	786-0026
Recorder	Doug Black	781-4118
Advocate	Matthew Meagher, PGK	781-0391
3yr. Trustee	Danny Champine	286-3067
2yr. Trustee	Len Kujawa	677-3711
1yr. Trustee	Ron DeVriendt	255-5488
Warden	George Barthel	786-1789
Inside Guard	Bruce Randall	677-9296
Outisde Guard	Rick Dipirro	810-341-0137

**Committee Chairmen and Directors:**

Program Director	Gary Kopp	873-6906
Council Chaplain	Fr. Tim Mazur	781-6525
Church Director	Joe Cirrioncione	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	
Insurance Field Agent	Ted Czarny	286-6026
Parish Council Liaison	Andy Snider	
Newsletter/Web/Photo	Dominic Grillo	786-7014
Admin. Comm. Liaison	Gary Kopp	
Publicity Director	Vito Pianello	532-8859
Bagel Committee	Matt Meagher (Team A)	786-7260
	Thad Opiola (Team B)	
	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	



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

September 29, 2011

Dear Brother Knights:

This past weekend, our Council participated in the Snookers Charity Poker Room (SCPR) as a council fundraiser. Many brothers participated to make this another successful fundraiser for our council. After visiting with a few Brothers, I would like to share some thoughts regarding our participation in this event.

As volunteer requests went out, it seemed the time slots were especially difficult to fill. This event had unfilled slots nearly to the end.....crunch time! I certainly understand that family, church, school, career and other events take precedence and certainly make for tight schedules. We all do our best to keep our priorities balanced.

Other personal concerns may make someone reluctant to volunteer. For Brother Knights who haven't volunteered, perhaps you and I have both struggled with these issues. Some may not be comfortable with activities in a poker room. I struggled with this as well.

Poker is gambling, some players win, some players lose. Correct! Poker is a game of chance! I, as a matter of personal choice, do not play poker nor have any desire to do so. Those who play do so as a matter of their own personal choice. Do I play games of chance? Of course, I have purchased a lotto ticket or occasional bingo card. I have even been known to buy a ticket to win a \$10,000 jackpot in a raffle that some say has pretty good odds!

As a Council, we have a mission to serve our community in a beneficial manner. However, this service requires financial support. If we merely view our participation at SCPR as a fund raising opportunity, it provides a great benefit to our council.

Last weekend, our council raised \$3,827, accomplished through 88 man/hours of effort. Simple math.....we earned \$43.49 per man/hour! (Annualized, that is \$86,980 a year!) When compared to other fund raising efforts....it is easy to see how our participation with SCPR benefits our council. How many ... bake sales / pancake breakfasts / car shows / wine tasting events / art auctions / candy bars .....does it take to earn our council \$3,827 in 88 man/hours? (At a typical \$0.50 (50 cent) margin, we need to sell 7,654 candy bars to yield the same result!) Our participation with SCPR is an extremely efficient fund raising method for our council.

Keep in mind, at this event you do not socialize with the patrons. It is all strictly business! The Floor Managers are extremely professional and courteous. Floor Managers are there to help you, verify the counts, and keep the activities moving forward smoothly.

If you can count cash, count chips (up to 20!) and type on a laptop, you have all the skills necessary to be a success! All work is done in pairs; one person does the buy/sell counts, the other records the transactions on a laptop. (Personally, I prefer to do the buy/sell counts, having my Brother Knight do the data entry.)

Another great benefit.....it is a great way to spend a few hours with a Brother Knight. The conversation is pleasant, lively and a great way to get to know someone.

Thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts. Please do not misinterpret my intentions. I have absolutely no intention of changing the direction of someone's moral compass. I do hope to pique the interest of Brother Knights who have considered volunteering and haven't yet had the chance. Give it a try, invest a few hours, enjoy the experience and make the decision for yourself. I think you'll find it a worthwhile value for your time and an especially worthwhile advantage for your.....OUR.....council.

I am open to any questions any Brother Knight may have.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Hahn  
SJV K of C 11772  
Charter Member