

# St. John Vianney Council #11772

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## Brothers,

It is hard to believe that Labor Day has come and gone, school has started, and it feels like summer may be leaving us. I'm not sure where I heard it but I was told once that when we are kids time moves too slow, as we get older it moves way too quick. Make sure you enjoy each day for it brings you. They truly are a gift that we get every day and need to share with others.

Fitting with this theme I would like to share a poem....

This is the beginning of a new day. You have been given this day to use as you will. You can waste it or use it for good. What you do today is important because you are exchanging a day of your life for it. When tomorrow comes, the day will be gone forever; in its place is something that you have left behind.... Let it be something good.

We have several events coming up in September and early October that we need your assistance with. The church picnic is on September 18 starting at 1:00 PM. Every year the Knights help with the set-up and clean up, as well as helping in the parking lot during the event. We will be meeting in the church parking lot at 9:00 AM to load the rental truck and take it over to the park. We need help with this and other activities this day, with many hands this work goes quick. If you know of anyone who needs volunteer hours for Confirmation or National Honor Society, this is great work.

We also have a charity poker fundraising event on September 24, 25, 26, and 27. These fundraising events are our council's largest income generators with the money used to support charities. It is one of the easiest things you can do to help out (sit, have a soda, and count out some poker chips). Please take the time to sign up for one of the slots. If everyone can take one slot it makes things so much easier.

Our worthy Deputy Grand Knight, Gary Kopp, has sent out several emails with the details and links for signing up to help. Please take the time to read and sign up.

We will also be having a blood drive on October 16. We will 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.

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



SACRED HEART  
MAJOR SEMINARY

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:

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

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

Jeffrey Gapczynski - Surgery on September 29

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



### **Prayer List:**

If you have someone that you would like to add to our Prayer List, please email or call our GK Tom Weisner [grandknight@stjohnkofc.com](mailto:grandknight@stjohnkofc.com), (248) 761-2455.

## **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			

## 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 and long-term care. 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



### 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
Outside 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	610-2273
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)	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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**Worthy GK's:**

Our district benefit night is going to be Wed. Feb 8, 2012 7pm @ St John Vianney Council

Please contact Ted Czarny who is arranging to have two guest speakers. So that you can advertise in your council and parish news papers for this great and informative event.

Thank you for all that you do!

God Bless

Jeff Dd # 24

**President John F. Kennedy,**

A Knights of Columbus member of Bunker Hill Council 62 in Charlestown, Mass., had said about the K of C Field Agents - "I can think of no more effective agent in advancing our freedom to live as we choose than the insurance sales person. This person knows the economic and human pulse of the country as few people may, for they walk all streets of American life and they sit down and talk with the youth and mature and the aged. They know our wants. They help in times of need. They build, for they help others to build. They insure the future. They are respected, and they are our friends."

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**2011-2012 Fraternal Year Budget**

As a result of our successful charity fundraisers over the past 12 months, our Council significantly improved its financial position, and in turn, allowed us to further practice our Order's first principle - Charity. This success has also brought a need to better forward-plan our finances, including other council activity expenses as well as the income we receive from our member dues. The K of C Supreme, as well as our Council's leadership, suggests that this can best be achieved by way of developing a budget.

July 1, 2011 began our new fraternal year. This, we believe, would be an opportune time to do just that. Over the past several weeks, this Council's planning group, including many of the officers, has worked hard to develop a 2011-2012 Fraternal Year Budget. This was accomplished by referring to the past 2 fraternal years' income and expenses, and comprehending any changes that have and may occur over the next 12 months. The results of this balanced budget, we feel, will give all of our brothers a better understanding of what it takes to operate our Council, as well as serve our Church, community, and youth programs in the best spirit of our Order.

These efforts, however, are only the first steps. This budget is a Council initiative, and therefore requires your review and approval. At our August 18th business meeting, we are going to present the proposed budget to all present, and address any questions or concerns you may have. We then ask that you take the time to comprehend what you've seen and heard and subsequently attend the September 15th business meeting where we will again entertain any further questions or concerns and then move to vote on the proposal.

This is an important initiative that gives all of the brother knights an oversight in the activities of our Council. Therefore, please plan to attend and participate in this and future meetings.