



The Knight's Shield



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

August, 2015

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 20

A Word from Grand Knight Bruce Arnold

Because of the confusion with last months news-letter, (June's newsletter got printed and mailed two months in a row) some of the July newsletter will be repeated in this month's Knight's Shield. There will also be new material, so please read accordingly.

WOW !!! Has it been two years already since I first became Grand Knight? In some respects, it seems longer...and in other ways it seems much shorter. Knowing that the 2015-2016 fraternal year, which started on July 1, will be my last leading this great council, it is my hope that we can earn the "Star Council Award" this year. This means we will need to recruit 14 new members, sign up 5 new insurance members, as well as complete the requirements for our service programs. I am confident this is something we can achieve.

Do you remember why you joined the Knights of Columbus? We know it wasn't to just pay dues and attend meetings. Most likely your decision to join the Order was because you want to make a difference in other peoples lives. As you know, our first principle is charity. We can only accomplish our charitable works through the efforts of our fundraisers. And yes, that means volunteering your time to make these events successful. We never want to over work or over burden our members, but please know that however you are able help, it is so much appreciated.

Summer is a somewhat slower time in the Order. It allows us time to catch our breath before activities begin to escalate around September. We know from past experience that this is true on both the state and council levels. Once Fall arrives, we will get into the full swing of events and be looking for some new faces to volunteer at these activities.

We hope to see you supporting your council and Brother Knights.

Many thanks to Henry Leflere, our Texas Hold'em Chairperson, and everyone who helped with the June fund-raising event held at the Big Beaver Tavern. The 4 day event was quite successful, again proving that these Texas Hold'em events are still one of our best sources of income. Please consider signing up at the August meeting for the September 24-27 dates that we have scheduled at The River Poker Room in Utica.

In February of 2014 when the Immaculate Conception Icon was traveling throughout the state, Fr. Ron asked if it would be possible to procure an Icon for St. Paul of Tarsus. Thanks to our Vocations Director, Jeff Gapczynski, and the work he did with the Michigan State Council, he was able to complete this request and obtain an Icon and give it a permanent home in our church.

Thank you to the Brother Knights who volunteered to help distribute the M I Drive checks to the appropriate organizations. Delivering these checks and seeing the faces of the recipients is the rewarding part of the hard work done last March when our members, spouses and children were out in the near freezing temperatures selling Tootsie Rolls.

Please see the new updated list, in this newsletter, of churches offering the Protecting God's Children classes in the area.

Vivat Jesus
Bruce Arnold
Grand Knight

Annual Ice Cream Social

COME ONE – COME ALL to our **3rd annual Ice Cream Social** following all Masses on the week-end of August 1st and 2nd. This is a no cost event offered to all members of the parish. Please see Sal Bica, Doug Lovell, or Rich Okerhjelm if you are interested in helping. You will need to have taken the Protecting God's Children class to volunteer at this event



McRest

We are going to support St. John Anglican Church when they host the MCREST program the week of November 22–29, 2015.

The good folks at St. John will be looking for help in several different areas including: Drivers to shuttle their guests to Lakeside Mall and the Gratiot corridor, meals and meal preparation, security, laundry, over-night watch, and whatever else may come up.

We may also consider some financial help if approved by the council. This event is still in the early planning stages and more information will follow in the months to come.

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
047@gmail.com
Membership Director, Knights of Columbus



VETS COMING HOME

This organization, which helps veterans to make the transition to civilian life, is in need of kitchen supplies to give to the veterans who are making a new life. These supplies include dishes, glasses, pots and pans, kitchen utensils, cups, small appliances, silverware and anything else that can be used in the kitchen are welcome.

They also need towels of various sizes. All of these things are given to the veteran when he moves out of this organization to living on his own.

If you have any of the items listed above and you would like to donate them, please bring them to the meeting in July. Jerry Hund and I will make sure they are delivered.

Thanks,

Phil Kwasny



Monthly Prayer Intention

Universal: Volunteers

That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.

Evangelization: Outreach to the Marginalized

That setting aside our very selves, we may learn to be neighbors to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.



Protecting God's Children

I know I have repeatedly discussed taking the Protecting God's Children class and the need for a background check. I cannot stress enough the importance of completing both of these. Yes, it is a requirement to work/volunteer for any event at church that may involve children. This mandate is set by the Archdiocese of Detroit as well as every other Archdiocese throughout the country.

Separate of the class, you will need to go to the church offices and tell them you want to have a background check. Spouses are also encouraged to complete these requirements.

This 3 hour class is very informative and a real eye-opener. Please take the class!

Here is list of upcoming classes in the area:

St. Lawrence on Tuesday, August 8th at 6 PM
 St. Thecla on Saturday, August 22nd at 9 AM
 St. Kieran on Thursday, October 8th at 6 PM
 St. Paul of Tarsus on Saturday, October 17th at 10 AM

Go to virtusonline.org to register

Motions Passed

The following motions were approved at the July 13th general membership meeting:

Jeff Gapczynski made a motion, supported by Rob Tusset, to accept the applications of two new members – First reading

Joe Marheineke made a motion, supported by Karl Sziisz, to accept the applications of two new members – Second reading

Jeff Gapczynski made a motion, supported by Phil Kwasny, to pay the bills

Jeff Gapczynski made a motion, supported by Rob Tusset, to pay not more than \$500.00 to support the Youth Group Pancake Breakfast

Motion by Gino Gattari, supported by Joe Phillips, to send \$200.00 to the State of Michigan for the September Texas Hold'em license

Motion by Art Krygowski, supported by Ray Ignatowski, to donate \$400.00 to the St. Paul of Tarsus Vacation Bible Experience.

This and That

Congratulations to Brother Joe Marheineke for receiving the status of "*Honorary Life Member.*" This distinction is given to Brother Knights who are at least 70 years old and have been a member in good standing for over 25 consecutive years.

Our council deserves recognition for their great work with the clothing drive!. Thank you to Jerry Hund for organizing the clothing drive. He, along with Ted Czarny, Mike Hartel, and Rich Okerhjelm, delivered the clothing that was donated at last month's meeting to St. Josephat Church for the St. Aloysius Outreach Center in Detroit. It took two trucks to haul this load. Thanks also to all who made the donations to this very worthy cause.

Saturday, August 15th is the **Feast of the Assumption of Mary.** Assumption Grotto in Detroit will once again be celebrating this feast with a Mass in the Grotto. Several members of our council attended last year's event and nothing but positive remarks on how beautiful the evening was. At 6 PM the Rosary will be recited, followed by Mass at 7 PM. Then after Mass a candlelight procession will take place, while walking throughout the Grotto, singing the Ave Maria. For any Brother Knights and families interested in attending, Assumption Grotto offers a free shuttle service from St. Veronica Church in East Point. (Bring mosquito repellant for use after the sun goes down).

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 June: **"Steve Kargenian,"** and for July: **"Rob Tusset."**

In recognition of his exemplary service to the Council.

The **Family of the Month** is selected by the Board of Officers as a Family who exemplifies in the principles of Catholic Family Life, and who contribute to the success of our Council, Church, and Community.

The Family of the Month for June: **"Rich Olejniczak Family"** and for July: **"Ken Grobbel Family."**

In recognition of their out-standing service to the Council.

CORPORATE COMMUNION MASSES

Our next Corporate Communion Mass will be on June September 20 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

Below are assignments for Acolytes and Lectors:

Lectors: George Loewen & Guy Infante

Acolytes: Gary Skarb & Leonard Gutkowski

Our State Membership Motto for 2015:

Our Growth Starts With...

"One Member, Per Council, Per Month"

The Lighter Side



"When God pushes you to the edge, trust Him fully, because only two things can happen. Either He will catch you when you fall or he will teach you how to fly." - unknown

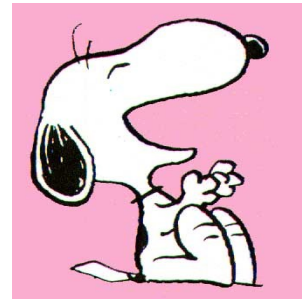
"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." - Francis of Assisi

A wife went to the police station with her next-door neighbor to report that her husband was missing. The policeman asked for a description.

She replied, "He's 35 years old, 6 foot 4 inches tall, dark eyes, dark wavy hair, an athletic build, weighs 195, is soft spoken, and is good to the children."

The next-door neighbor protested, "Your husband is 5 foot 4 inches, chubby, bald, has a big mouth, and is mean to the children."

The wife replied, "Yes, but who wants HIM back?"



Quick Notes

If you move or have a change in phone number, please notify Financial Secretary, Ray Ignatowski at 586-946-0129.

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.

Update Your Beneficiaries

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take, for example, the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it may very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your policies should be updated to reflect your spouse as beneficiary. Maybe you've had children since, who are not named on the policies.

Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary, an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – that is, the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family's needs.

***Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense.**

**Ask about our GUARANTEED LIFE INSURANCE,
ANNUITIES,
LONG TERM CARE & DISABILITY INSURANCE**

In Christ,

**Don M. Wesley, FICF –
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E-mail: Don.Wesley@KofC.org**

24th Annual DAVL Golf Outing

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Saturday, September 19, 2015

Sycamore Hills

48787 North Avenue

Macomb Twp, MI 48042

586-598-9500

Registration/Driving Range	6:30 am
Continental Breakfast	6:30 am
Tee-off	7:30 am
Lunch	At the Turn
Dinner	1:30 pm in the Clubhouse

Golfers will be added on a first come, first served basis with a capacity of 216 golfers

**Cost is only \$95 per golfer or \$380 per foursome.
Special pricing of only \$75 for any Bishop, Priest,
Seminarian or Deacon.**



Calendar of Events

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Aug 1-2		Ice Cream Social – following all Masses
Aug 8	6:30 AM	Pancake breakfast for youth group
Aug 10 7	:30 PM	General membership meeting (6:30 PM free will offering meal)
Aug 15	7:00 PM	Feast of the Assumption of Mary at Assumption Grotto – 6 PM Rosary
Aug 16	7:00 AM	Come Walk With Me Golf Outing at Cracklewood
Aug 19	:30 PM	District planning meeting at St. Isidore
Aug 22		Newsletter deadline
Aug 22	7:08 PM	Michigan State Council Tiger Night at Comerica Park
Aug 27	7:00 PM	Officers meeting
Sept 12		Fourth Degree Exemplification at DeCarlos
Sept 12		National Day of Remembrance of Aborted Babies
Sept 14	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (6:30 PM free will offering meal)
Sept 19	7:00 AM	DAVL Golf Outing at Sycamore Hills
Sept 19	7:00 PM	Euchre Night in the social hall (nominal fee to be determined)
Sept 20	9:30 AM	Corporate Communion
Sept 21	7:30 PM	First Degree Ceremony at St. Isidore (7:00 PM registration)
Sept 22		Newsletter deadline
Sept 24-27	11AM-6PM	Texas Hold'em at The River
Sept 24	7:00 PM	Officers meeting
Sept 27	8:00 AM	Pancake breakfast



Happy Birthday!!



Ralph Labadie	August 3
Donald Bieschke	August 4
Michele Lombardo	August 7
Gregory Stapels	August 7
Bill Giezyng	August 9
Norino Bommarito	August 12
August Oliveri	August 13
James Hubbard	August 13
Ernie Everly	August 14
Kenneth Czarny	August 14
Thomas Hug	August 16
Steven Knott	August 20
Joseph Marheineke	August 24
Mark Mazzone	August 24
Susan Valenti	August 26
Bernard Fredal	August 27
Thomas Kalkman	August 27
Daniel Marotta	August 29
Paul Ross	August 30

If you'd like to see your birthday posted, please send an e-mail to Chris Gapczynski at spotknights11689@gmail.com, or call at (586) 263-5942.

Happy Anniversary!!



George & Patricia Loewen	August 2
Albert & Susan Valenti	August 12
Ted & Sherri Czarny	August 16

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Please Remember our Beloved Deceased Brother Knights

Carl A. Owen	March 5, 1997
Frank C. Kave	October 3, 1998
Chester E. Raszkowski	August 8, 2000
Robert A. Post	August 1, 2001
Martin W. Rosenau	September 24, 2001
Julius T. Abraham	October 8, 2001
Clemente Truden	December 7, 2001
Walter F. Kawka	December 25, 2002
James P. Koss	May 4, 2003
Dominic Morello	March 12, 2005
John P. Banas	April 16, 2005
Catan W. Bernardo	June 13, 2006
Robert W. Majkowski	June 28, 2006
Alfonso Carvajal	March 11, 2007
Brian R. McGinnis	October 24, 2007
Arthur J. Hug	January 17, 2008
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



For the Good of the Order

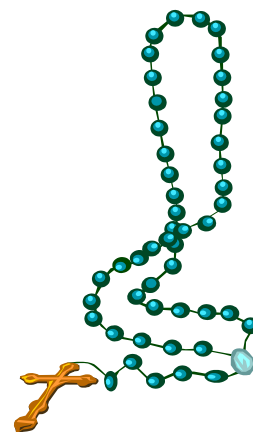
**Please keep the Knights, Relatives or Acquaintances of Knights
below in your prayers.**



Joyce Aufmuth
Melvin Aufmuth
BK - Bruno Belleni
Krystal Bensel
Ken Blodgett
Kevin Bondra
BK - Ralph Colosimo
Rose Coppens
Harold Culbert, III
Michael Denomme
Barbara Fairhurst
Charlene Gagnier
Art Gapczynski
Joseph Gapczynski
Beverly Gattari
Katie Rose Goebel
Sandy Grobbel
Betty Gutkowski
Monica Gutkowski
Robert Gutkowski
BK—Vito Guzzardo
Rachael Hund
Sue Hund
Alan Johnson
Caroline Krmel
Anita Kubczak
SK—Ralph Labadie
Daniel Latusz
Melissa Latusz
Jennifer Loewen

Ken Lomasney
Ron Lomasney
Joan Lybeer
Lynn Maron
Patricia McNett
Lucille Mejaly
Peter Mocerì
Dolores Moquin
Mike Nosis
Patricia Okerhjelm
Antonina Pardo
SK - William Parsus
Marie Peever
Sophie Praski
Timothy Regal
Pat Shankie
Dorothy Sharbo
Zachary Shevsky
Brian Skarb
Loretta Suwal
Joanne Sziisz
Salim Taib
Mildred Tarbuck
Joseph Tenaglia
Sandra Ventimiglia
Tony Vittorini
Lynn Williams
Robert Williams
Charlene Wojtaszek
David Wozniak

NOTE: BK = Brother Knight
SK = Sir Knight



**Officers of S.P.O.T.
K of C Council #11689
District #66**

District Deputy	Mike Mejia	586-948-3073
District Warden	Tom Weisner	248-761-2455
Grand Knight	Bruce Arnold	586-566-0628
Deputy Grand Knight	Art Krygowski	586-469-2996
Chancellor	Ted Czarny	586-286-6026
Financial	Ray Ignatowski	586-946-0129
Recorder	Mike Hartel	586-995-8564
Treasurer	Ray Coughlin	586-412-7178
Warden	Tony Guido	586-201-4409
Inside Guard	Joe Bono	586-263-4306
Outside	Gerry Vento	586-263-7333
1 Yr Trustee	Chuck Loewen	586-228-0475
2 Yr Trustee	PGK Karl Sziisz	586-286-5238
3 Yr Trustee	Steve Kargenian	586-746-9073
Advocate	Ken Krause	586-263-7115
Lecturer	Jim Hubbard	586-286-1658
Program	Henry Leflere	586-468-5122
Church	Angelo Garavaglia	586-412-3327
Community	George Loewen	586-731-5299
Council	Gary Skarb	586-286-1040
Family	Richard Okerhjelm	586-263-0544
Youth	Art Krygowski	586-996-2221
Membership	George Loewen	586-731-5299
Field Agent	Donald Wesley	888-393-7539
Vocations Director	Jeff Gapczynski PCGK and PDD	586-263-5942
Pro-Life	Jim Kaza	586-263-5395

Euchre Tournament

Euchre Night – On Saturday, September 19th the council will hold our first euchre tournament. Starting time is scheduled for 7 PM. The cost (somewhere in the \$6-8 range) has yet to be determined, but will include a lite meal, beverages, and a small prize fund. The format will be tournament style with a random draw for partners. Plan to sign up at the August 10th meeting.

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

spotknights11689@gmail.com

Articles for the July newsletter must be submitted by no later than June 20, 2015.

Important Websites

K of C Supreme: www.kofc.org

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

Michigan District #1: www.michigandistrict1.com

St. Paul of Tarsus: www.stpauloftarsus.com

Our Council newsletter is now available online at the St. Paul of Tarsus Parish website, www.stpauloftarsus.com.

Anyone who wishes to view our newsletter via the Internet instead of by regular mail, should contact Chris Gapczynski at 586-263-5942 or at spotknights11689@gmail.com. Doing so would save our Council a great deal of money for printing and postage.



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