



The Knight's Shield



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

July, 2015

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 20

A Word from Grand Knight Bruce Arnold

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 starts 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 just to pay dues and attend meetings. Most likely, your decision to join the Order was because you want to make a difference in the lives of other people. 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 overwork or overburden our members, but please know that however you are able help, it is very 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 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.

Congratulations to the Brother Knights who were elected to an officer position or appointed as a council director. I am confident that you will fulfill your duties as best you are able. Thank you to the outgoing officers and directors for your time and dedication given to the council.

It was nice to see such a great turn out for our June 14th Corporate Communion. This has always been special to me because it offers us the opportunity to be together as a council and receive the Sacrament of Communion. We also had a nice group that went to breakfast following Mass at Aurelio's Restaurant.

Please congratulate and welcome the newest member of our Council. Michael DiGiovanni completed his First Degree on Wednesday, June 17th at St. Isidore Church. Michael's proposer was Robert (Chuck) Lomasney. Welcome to Council 11689!!

Vivat Jesus
Bruce Arnold
Grand Knight



New Prayer List Policy

Beginning with the July newsletter and the new fraternal year, beginning in July 2015, the entire prayer list will begin anew. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list please do so before the beginning of the monthly general membership meeting. Those added to the prayer list will remain on the list for two months and then be removed. If you would like to have the individual remain on the list and not be removed, please resubmit their name. This new policy will be reviewed at the general membership meeting in May and June.

This procedure will ensure that the prayer list remains current and eliminate the need to read the entire list of names each month, therefore shortening the meeting.

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, overnight 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: Politics

That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

Evangelization: The Poor in Latin America

That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal 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. 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 made and approved at our May officers meeting:

Motion by Phil Kwasny, supported by Ray Coughlin to donate \$100.00 to Turning Point in Mt. Clemens.

Motion by Ted Czarny, supported by Henry Leflere to donate \$250.00 to newly ordained Rev. Brian Mel-drum and presented to him when he presides at our 11:30 Mass on Sunday, June 14th.

The following motions were made and approved at the June general membership meeting:

Motion by George Loewen, supported by Chuck Lo-masney to pay the bills

Motion by George Loewen, supported by Rob Tusset to donate \$100.00 to The Come Walk With Me Golf Outing for a hole sponsorship.

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.

Brother John Sweeney will have his bar-b-que grille fired up and will prepare our dinner for the July meeting. Pulled pork sandwiches with sides may be on the menu, so bring your appetite and plan to attend our next meeting on July 13th. As always, the meal will be served at 6:30, and the meeting will begin at 7:30 PM.

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."**

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."**

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 Accolytes and Lectors:

Lectors: George Loewen & Guy Infante
Accolytes: 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.

Calendar of Events

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July 1		New Fraternal year begins
July 4		Independence Day
July 8	7:00 PM	Summer Diocesan meeting
July 13	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (6:30 PM free will offering meal)
July 22		Newsletter deadline
July 23	7:00 PM	Officers meeting
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
Aug 19	7:30 PM	District planning meeting at St. Isadore
Aug 22		Newsletter deadline
Aug 22	7:08 PM	Michigan State Council Tiger Night at Comerica Park
Aug 27	7:00 PM	Officers meeting



Happy Birthday!!



Bob Pastrick	July 2
Al Obrecht	July 3
Robert Tusset	July 4
Thomas Jarfas	July 5
Ronald Marrese	July 6
Gerald Grzech	July 7
Fr. Joseph Hund	July 9
Jerry Hund	July 10
Thomas Pardo	July 10
Richard Miller	July 11
Justin Cabe	July 12
Mary Russo	July 17
Joseph Mejaly	July 17
Robert Tette	July 17
Carol Serafino	July 18
Philip Mularski	July 18
Henry Kwiatkowski	July 18
Jeffrey Daris	July 18
Ken Dombrowski	July 19
Leonard Gutkowski	July 20
Richard Emmers	July 20
Dominic Carraffelli	July 22
John Filipkowski	July 23
Rosemary Schulte	July 25
Joanne Sziisz	July 25
Thomas Ratusznik	July 25
Michael Olejniczak	July 26
James Kaza	July 27
Daniel Steele	July 28
Del DiFalco	July 29
Paul Demetsenare	July 29

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!!



Jeff & Traci Czarny	July 5
John & Mary Russo	July 16
Jeff & Chris Gapczynski	July 20
Leon & Lorrayne Eggers	July 22

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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



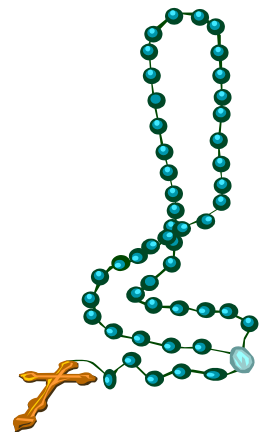
For the Good of the Order

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



Melvin Aufmuth	Anita Kubczak
Joyce Aufmuth	SK-Ralph Labadie
BK-Bruno Belline	Daniel Latosz
Krystal Bensel	Melissa Latosz
BK-Ralph Colosimo	Ken Lomasney
Rose Coppens	Ron Lomasney
Harold Culbert III	Jennifer Lowen
Michael Denomme	Lynn Maron
Barbara Fairhurst	Lucille Mejaly
Art Gapczynski	Dolores Moquin
Joseph Gapczynski	Antonina Pardo
Beverly Gattari	SK-William Parsus
Katie Rose Goebel	Marie Peever
Sandy Grobbel	Sophie Praskie
Betty Gutkowski	Timothy Regal
Monica Gutkowski	Pat Shankie
Robert Gutkowski	Dorothy Sharbo
Vito Guzzardo	Salim Taib
Rachael Hund	Joseph Tenaglia
Sue Hund	Sandra Ventimiglia
Alan Johnson	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	Michael Waller	586-201-6530
Vocations Director	Jeff Gapczynski PCGK and PDD	586-263-5942
Pro-Life	Jim Kaza	586-263-5395

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

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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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