



The Knight's Shield



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

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Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 20

A Word from Grand Knight Bruce Arnold

So, here it is November already and Fall in Michigan is such a beautiful season. However, before we know it, snow and cold temperatures will be upon us. It makes me shiver just thinking about it. Let's hope the weather forecasters are correct for a change and their prediction of a mild winter is accurate.

Speaking of Fall, in early October we completed the Adopt-A-Road clean up project. Thanks to Brother Greg Csernai, who organizes this event, and 11 other Brother Knights who came to help, the job was completed in less than an hour and a half. Nice work guys!

A huge thank you to Henry Leflere and the other members who helped at The River Poker Room with our last Texas Hold'em fundraiser. Once again, a nice profit was added to our account from this great fundraiser. Please consider volunteering next year when you are asked to help. Remember, no poker experience is required.

Thank you to Ralph Pullis and Tom Ratusznik for co-chairing the last pancake breakfast. Thanks also to all the Brother Knights and spouses who helped. Our breakfasts are always well supported and appreciated by our parish. As you know the proceeds from this breakfast were donated to St. John the Apostle Church to be used to support the MCREST program they are hosting during Thanksgiving week. They were most grateful to receive this donation.

About 15 members and/or spouses received their flu shot before the start of our October meeting. Thank you to Diane and Catherine for once again making themselves available to give the shots through the Meijer pharmacy.

Past Grand Knight, Jerry Hund, will have his truck available before our November 9th meeting to accept your used clothing donations for the St. Aloysius Outreach Center in Detroit. These donations are not sold, but given to the needy in our neighborhoods. The clothing drive is just another example of "Charity" and what the Knights of Columbus stands for.

As you may recall, last year we donated gift baskets of personal care items to Holy Cross Children's Services. This year, instead of gift baskets, they are asking for sweatshirts in sizes Large, X-Large or XX-Large with team logos preferred (NO plain black sweatshirts) or gift cards from stores such as: Meijer, Target, K-Mart, etc (in either \$5.00 or \$10.00 denominations only). If you wish to donate more, please purchase multiple gift cards and not higher valued cards. You can bring the gift cards or sweatshirts to either the November 9th or December 14th meetings.

Please remember the Patterson family as they grieve the loss of Harold Patterson, a member of our council. Harold would have been 84 years old on November 2nd. May he rest in peace.

Remember to pray for the people on our prayer list.

I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving!

Vivat Jesus
Bruce Arnold
Grand Knight



Corporate Communion

Our next Corporate Communion will be on Sunday, November 16, 2015 at the 11:30 AM Mass.

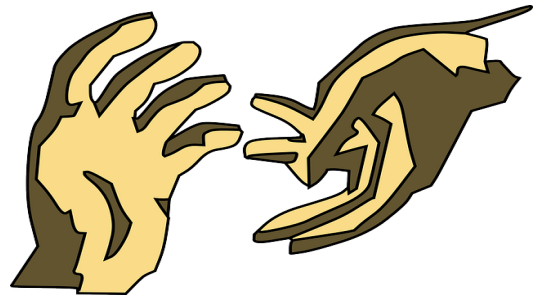
Please consider attending to celebrate the Eucharist with your Brother Knights. Sport coat and tie is preferred.



McRest

There is still one last opportunity to sign up to help work at the MCREST program held at St. John the Apostle Church on November 22-29, 2015.

They are in need of workers for most of the shifts, but especially the overnight shifts. If you haven't already done so, please consider signing up at the November meeting.



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
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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: Dialogue

That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all...even those whose convictions differ from our own..

Evangelization: Pastors

That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.



Clothing Drive

At our November meeting, we will be collecting clothing for our annual Fall drive to assist the homeless in downtown Detroit served by St. Aloysius Outreach Center. Clothing, including shoes and jackets are needed. Unfortunately, because of the economy, many women and children have found themselves homeless, and they are also in need. All of the donations will be dropped off at St. Josaphat Parish and then distributed to those in need. All items will be given to the less fortunate, so your donation will go directly go to those in need.

I would like to acknowledge the great participation by our Council and their families in the past. This drive has been a great success, and those at the Outreach Center are most grateful for your generosity. The first principle of our Order is Charity, and St. Paul of Tarsus Knights of Columbus is a shining beacon of that principle.

Fraternally,

Jerry Hund



Motions Passed

The following Motion was made and approved at the September officers meeting:

Motion made by Ray Coughlin and supported by Tony Guido to spend up to \$50.00 on a gift to be given to Claudia Dombrowski at her retirement reception following the 11:30 am Mass on October 4, 2015.

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

Motion made by Gino Gattari supported by Ralph Pullis to accept 2 new applications for membership - first reading.
Motion made by Joe Marheineke supported by Rob Tusset to accept 2 new applications for membership - second reading.

Motion made by Ralph Pullis supported by Joe Marheineke to pay the bills.

Motion made by Phil Mularski supported by Jim Kaza to ask all Brother Knights to say a Rosary on the Tuesday, following the Monday meeting, for the unborn and to put an end to abortion.

Motion made by Vitto Guzzardo supported by Henry Leflere to donate \$100.00 to the "Friends of the Poor Walk" on Saturday, October 17th to benefit St. Vincent de Paul.

Euchre Tournament

The next euchre tournament will be held on Saturday, December 5th at 7:00 pm in the church social hall. We will play 8 games and prizes will be awarded to the top finishers. Cost to play is \$7.50 per person and includes a light meal (pizza or subs etc.) beverage and prizes.

Sign up and pay at the November meeting or call Chuck Loewen at 586-436-6626 to reserve your spot (for those who can't make the November meeting). This event is a social event for council members and spouses only.

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 October: **"Gino Gattari."**
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 October: **"Ray Ignatowski Family."** In recognition of their out-standing service to the Council.

The Lighter Side



"Anything unattempted remains impossible." –
Ralph Waldo Emerson

"A champion is a dreamer that refused to give up." -
Unknown

The pro football team had just finished their daily practice session when a large turkey came strutting onto the field. While the players gazed in amazement, the turkey walked up to the head coach and demanded a tryout.

Everyone stood in silence as the turkey caught pass after pass and ran right through the defensive line. When the turkey returned to the sidelines, the couch shouted "You're terrific!!!" Sign up for the season, and I'll see that you get a huge bonus." "Forget the bonus." the turkey said, "All I want to know is does the season go past Thanksgiving Day?"

Corporate Communion Masses

Our next Corporate Communion Mass will be on June November 15 at the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

Below are assignments for Accolytes and Lectors:

Lectors: George Loewen & Guy Infante
Accolytes: Gary Skarb & Leonard Gutkowski

Pancake Breakfast

Our last pancake breakfast of the year will be held on Sunday, November 22nd.

Please consider signing up to help at the November meeting.

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.

Our State Membership Motto for 2015:

Our Growth Starts With...

"One Member, Per Council, Per Month"

November is Long Term Care Awareness Month

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 15 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts. If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me.

Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

***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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Holy Cross Children's Services Calendars

Holy Cross Children's Services 2016 calendars are now available and will be at the September 14th meeting. The cost of each calendar is \$25.00 and serve as a raffle ticket throughout all of 2016, with the proceeds going to support Brother Francis at HCCS.

History of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day is a national [holiday](#) celebrated primarily in Canada and the United States as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the [harvest](#) and of the preceding year. It is celebrated on the [second Monday of October](#) in Canada and on the [fourth Thursday of November](#) in the United States. Several other places around the world observe similar celebrations. Thanksgiving has its historical roots in religious and cultural traditions and has long been celebrated in a [secular](#) manner as well.

In the United States, the modern Thanksgiving holiday tradition is commonly, but not universally, traced to a sparsely documented 1621 celebration at [Plymouth](#) in present-day [Massachusetts](#). The 1621 Plymouth feast and thanksgiving was prompted by a good harvest. [Pilgrims](#) and [Puritans](#) who began emigrating from England in the 1620s and 1630s carried the tradition of Days of Fasting and Days of Thanksgiving with them to [New England](#). Several days of Thanksgiving were held in early New England history that have been identified as the "First Thanksgiving", including Pilgrim holidays in [Plymouth](#) in 1621 and 1623, and a Puritan holiday in [Boston](#) in 1631. ^{[8][9]}

Thanksgiving proclamations were made mostly by church leaders in New England up until 1682, and then by both state and church leaders until after the [American Revolution](#). During the revolutionary period, political influences affected the issuance of Thanksgiving proclamations. Various proclamations were made by royal governors, [John Hancock](#), General [George Washington](#), and the [Continental Congress](#),^[16] each giving thanks to God for events favorable to their causes.^[17] As President of the United States, George Washington proclaimed the first nationwide thanksgiving celebration in America marking November 26, 1789, "as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and significant favors of Almighty God".^[18]

In modern times the President of the United States, in addition to issuing a proclamation, will "[pardon](#)" a [turkey](#), which spares the bird's life and ensures that it will spend the duration of its life roaming freely on farmland.^[19]



Calendar of Events

Nov 6		Deacon Marc's birthday
Nov 8	9:00 AM	Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Major Seminary
Nov 9	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (6:30 PM free will offering meal)
Nov 12	7:30 PM	First Degree at St. Isidore (7:00 PM registration)
Nov 15	11:30 AM	Corporate Communion
Nov 19	7:00 PM	Officers meeting
Nov 22		Newsletter deadline
Nov 22	8:30 AM	Pancake breakfast
Nov 22-29		MCREST at St. John the Apostle Church
Nov 26		Thanksgiving
Dec 5-6		Ham and kielbasa sales – after all Masses
Dec 11-12		Ham and kielbasa sales – after all Masses
Dec 14	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (6:30 PM free will offering meal)
Dec 17	7:00 PM	Officers meeting
Dec 22		Newsletter deadline
Dec 23	TBD	Set up chairs in social hall for Christmas Masses
Dec 23		2-6 PM Ham and kielbasa pick up in social hall
Dec 24		Christmas Eve
Dec 25		Christmas Day

Happy
Thanksgiving



Happy Birthday!!



Rev. Joseph Hund	November 1
Janet Loewen	November 1
Vito Guzzardo	November 1
Scott Ignatowski	November 3
Paula Tusset	November 4
Bruce Arnold	November 5
Mitchell O'Connor	November 5
Henry LeFlere	November 7
Norman Pfaff	November 10
Sal Ales	November 11
Guiseppe Riera	November 11
Leonard Sokolowski	November 11
Alan Giroux	November 12
Timothy Treloar	November 13
Connie Colosimo	November 17
Christine Krause	November 18
Leon Eggers	November 19
James Cosgrove	November 23
George Mejaly	November 24
Michael Currie	November 25
Beverly Gattari	November 26
Mike Kramer	November 27
Joseph Hoppersberger	November 27
Michael Kramer	November 27
Patricia Labadie	November 28
Carol Garavaglia	November 29
Anthony Guido	November 29
Dennis Werth	November 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!!



Daniel & Catherine Finn	November 9
Richard & Patricia Okerhjelm	November 26
Donald & Gayle Bieschke	November 26
Gino & Beverly Gattari	November 26

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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
Donald Duff	July 30, 2015
Harold Patterson	October 20, 2015



For the Good of the Order

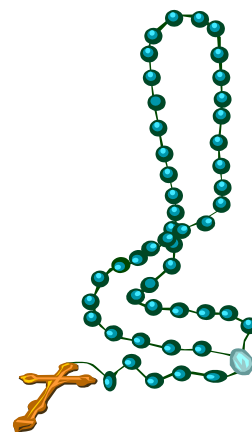
**Please keep the Knights, Relatives or Acquaintances of Knights
below in your prayers.**



Michelle Abrams
Joann Ales
Joyce Aufmuth
Melvin Aufmuth
Sal Bica
Caroline Boggs
Kevin Bondra
Lacus Carlson
Lauri Classen
Gail Clisby
Connie Colosimo
Ted Czarny
Paul Demetsenare
Mike Denomme
James Diehl
Del DiFalco
BK-Guida Fracassa
David Gadzinski
BK-Bill Giezyng
Andrea Huddas
Ed Hund
Rachael Hund
Sue Hund
BK-Ray Ignatowski
Alan Johnson
Caroline Krmel

Anita Kubczak
Denny Kubczak
Daniel Latusz
Melissa Latusz
Chuck Loewen
Janet Loewen
Barb Mocer
John Mocer
Pete Mocer
Dolores Moquin
Patricia Okerhjelm
Richard Okerhjelm
SK-William Parsus
Veronica Salvador
Candace Schmidt
Zachary Shevsky
Dan Steele
Roseann Steele
Larry Stefani
Joanne Sziisz
Karl Sziisz
Sandra Ventimiglis
Lynn Williams
Robert Williams

NOTE: BK = Brother Knight
SK = Sir Knight



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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:

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Articles for the December newsletter must be submitted by no later than November 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.

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