



The Knight's Shield



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

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Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 19

A Word from Grand Knight Bruce Arnold

Where does the time go? When I was a young boy I had an Aunt that always said "Time waits for no one." At the time, I never understood what she meant ... now it's all too clear. Before we realize it, 2015 will be here.

Our second annual Trunk or Treat was a big success. Thank you to everyone who came out to participate. This year's event was bigger than last year's and certainly has the potential to become even bigger. To continue to grow this event, we will need more involvement from other parish members and other church groups.

On Sunday, November 8, 2014 six Brother Knights and their spouses attended the annual Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Our three deceased Knights were honored during the Mass by having their names placed on a plaque. Also attending were nine members of Greg Kropidlowski's family along with Carol Golec. Following the Mass we had a delicious breakfast.

Thank you to everyone who came out to help with our November pancake breakfast. A special thank you to Brother Phil Kwasny for once again chairing this event. Phil has informed me that this was his last breakfast as chairperson and will retire from that position. Several names have been mentioned as possible replacements as chairpersons.

Our Coats for Kids program was well received by the needy children at Erie Elementary. Thirty coats were distributed to children who might otherwise not have had a warm coat this winter. The remainder of the coats were given to Darlene Seifert, our food pantry coordinator. She assured me that there are clients

who are in need and that the coats will be put to good use.

Our Holy Cross Children's Services gift baskets were a huge success. Our council collected over 20 baskets and exceeded the challenge set by St. Isidore Council. We also collected many hats, scarves, and gloves along with some sweatshirts. Well done gentlemen!

Be sure to order your Christmas hams and kielbasas on the weekend of November 29-30 or December 6-7. We are again featuring the fine products from the Dearborn Company.

We had a very nice turn out at our November 16th corporate communion, filling three rows of pews in the church. We also had five members of the Color Corp present.

January starts the second half of our fraternal year. Look for a mailing from our Membership Director, George Loewen, announcing a new idea in membership recruitment. It could be rewarding to sponsor a new knight under this program.

From my wife and I, to all Brother Knights and their families – **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

Vivat Jesus,
Bruce Arnold
Grand Knight



Thank You

Thank you to Jerry Hund for chairing the clothing drive to benefit the needy people at the St. Aloysius Outreach Center in Detroit. Once again his truck was filled as he, along with George Sakorafos, Mike Hartel, and Ralph Pullis went to Detroit to make the delivery. Thanks for taking time out of your day to help the less fortunate.

Thanks also to Jeff Gapczynski, George Sakorafos, and Ralph Pullis for bringing all of the Christmas decorations from the garage into the church so the decorating can be done.

A special thank you to Phil Kwasny for all his years of chairing our pancake breakfast. Phil, you always did a great job!

Thank you to Jerry Hund for once again chairing this year's ham and kielbasa sales. This is a great fund raiser for the council.

Thank you to Deputy Grand Knight, Art Krygowski for passing out over 85 posters to the students in the religious education program for this year's annual K of C Poster Contest. Hopefully we will have a lot of them returned to be judged to determine our winners.

Council Dues are Due

Yes, it's that time of the year again when your membership dues are to be paid. The annual dues are \$30.00 with an optional \$5.00 for the "Take Five" program (support for Holy Cross Children's Services) and an optional \$12.00 for the "Fr. McGivney Chair of Life Ethics" program (support for Pro-Life through Sacred Heart Major Seminary).

This and That

You should have received your State Raffle tickets in the mail. Once again this year they are offering all cash prizes. The council receives a \$1.00 rebate for every ticket that we sell. Also there are incentives for both the council and the ticket seller that sells the first and second place winning tickets. Please be sure to fill out the stub portion correctly.

Brothers, Art Krygowski, Phil Mularski, and Gary Skarb have been working really hard to recruit our youth so that we can start a Squires Circle. They held an informational meeting on Wednesday, November 19th in the social hall. It appears that there is enough interest to perhaps start a Squires Circle at St. Paul of Tarsus. Ask your 10-18 year old sons or grandsons if they may be interested in becoming a Squire. Additional information to come in the near future.

You should start seeing the "**Keep Christ in Christmas**" billboards around town that our council helps support. There are 10 billboards randomly placed throughout Detroit and suburbs. In our neighborhood, look for them after December 2nd at: Groesbeck, North of 15 Mile Road – Groesbeck, North of Elizabeth Road – Hoover, North of Avondale – Groesbeck, South of Harrington – and at the corner of Little Mack and Homeland. This was a joint effort with all the councils in the Detroit Dioceses designed to remind everyone of the true meaning of Christmas.

Our council is hosting a Major Degree on Saturday, February 21st. A Major Degree is when a First, Second, and Third Degree are all held on the same day. For all you gentlemen who are members in the First Degree, I strongly encourage you to complete the Unity and Fraternity Degrees and become fully knighted. You should also know that membership in the Third Degree is required should you ever decide to run for a council office. What better time to complete these degrees than right here at our own council.

This and That

The schedule is for registration to begin at 7:30 AM and the First Degree to begin at 8:30 AM. That will be followed by a Second Degree scheduled for 10 AM, followed shortly by the Third Degree. There will be a short break in between each degree.

Upon completion of the Third Degree, we will serve lunch for everyone that is present. As has been done in the past we will bill back the other councils attending based on the number of people that stay to eat lunch. We will be looking for some help on that day with registration, set up, coffee and donuts, clean up, etc. We will have a sign up sheet at the January meeting.

The December officers meeting will be held on Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 PM

At our January meeting we will show a movie. It is a documentary of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Michael McGivney. We would ask that you please keep any conversations as low as possible, so that those watching the movie can hear it. The movie will start at 6:30 PM (1 hour running time) when it ends we will start our meeting.

Baby bottle drive – Fr. Ron has given us the go ahead to do another baby bottle drive. I did have several members step forward that were interested in chairing this event. We will try to do the drive perhaps as early as January of 2015.



Teach Your Children Well

(Please contact me to receive 'Six Great Reasons to Have Insurance on Children')

Raising children is probably the hardest job you'll ever take. It requires you to wear more hats than you ever thought possible. Cook, chauffeur, nurse, counselor and many more... and that's often in one morning. One of the most important roles you accept as a parent is that of a teacher. Before they even get to school, you'll teach your children so much, and before they get out into the world, you'll instill values that they will carry with them.

Sometimes the values you want to impart (respect, compassion, accountability, financial responsibility, etc.) often run counter to what our instant-gratification driven society values. So, we strive to teach by example.

This is one good reason to carry enough life insurance to protect your family. This one simple act can show what you value. You'll show them that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they're provided for even if you're not around. You'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

It will teach them about priorities. Sure, it may not sink in at the time, especially if any of the sacrifices made prevent them from filling what they see as their immediate "needs" (really things they want, not need, like the newest DVD, video game or article of clothing). In the long run, they will learn from what you do and what you don't do. Only you can choose the lessons you will teach.

Let's meet to review your existing coverage. My needs analysis, provided free, will help teach you where your coverage may be lacking. We can plan today to secure your family's future and set in motion lessons that will last a lifetime.

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Pancake Breakfast

As recently announced at the November Council meeting, I am retiring from the Chairmanship of the Pancake Breakfast. My age is catching up with me and it is time for someone younger to take over. There are a lot of people who have helped me over the years with both the set-up and with working the breakfast.

I want to thank the cooks, particularly Ken Grobbel, who was cooking when Gary Golec was in charge...all the servers, the clean-up guys and the ladies who not only helped wrap hundreds of eating utensils, but also helped serve during the breakfast. Thanks to Bev Gattari, Lucille Mejaly and Joann Sziisz for running the bake goods sale. Thanks to Janet Valentine for setting up and tending the coffee. Thanks to Carol Golec for preparing 12 lbs. of strawberries for the pancake topping for each breakfast. I'm sure I have missed some names, and for that, I apologize.

Whoever takes on the chairmanship can be assured of the same level of support that I had.

Thanks for all your support.

Phil Kwasny

Annual Casino Trip

The bus for the casino trip is about half full as of this newsletter.

If you've never come with us on this trip, you might want to consider a weekend of fun with your brother knights and their wives. We always have a great time.

The flyer is attached on the back of the cover page of the newsletter. If you have any questions, call Jeff Gapczynski at 586-263-5942.

Motions Passed

Resolution – A Resolution was made by Gary Scarb and supported by George Loewen to donate \$250.00 per week, from the proceeds of the 2015 Lenten Fish Fries, (\$1,500.00 total) to St. Paul of Tarsus.

Motions – The following motion was made and approved at the October officers meeting.

Motion by Phil Kwasny supported by Chuck Loewen to earmark the November 2014 and January 2015 pancake breakfast proceeds to support the MI Drive.

The following motion was made and approved at the November meeting.

Motion by George Loewen supported by Jeff Gapczynski to pay the bills.

Monthly Prayer Intention

Christmas, hope for humanity: That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will.

Parents: That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.



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 November: **"John Mocerì."**

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 November: **"Greg Csernai Family."**

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

CORPORATE COMMUNION MASSES

Our next Corporate Communion Mass will be on March 15th at the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Below are assignments for Accolytes and Lectors:

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

Our State Membership Motto for 2014:

Our Growth Starts With...

"One Member, Per Council, Per Month"

The Lighter Side



"Don't bother people for help without first trying to solve the problem yourself." - Colin Powell

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference." - Reinhold Niebuhr (The Serenity Prayer)

A woman goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards. "What denomination?" asked the clerk. "Oh, good heavens! Have we really come to this?" said the woman. "Well, give me 50 Catholic and 50 Methodist ones."

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.

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 January newsletter must be submitted by no later than **December 15, 2014.**

Calendar of Events

Dec. 6	3:00 PM	Ham and kielbasa sales – before and after 4 PM Mass
Dec. 7	7:30 AM	Ham and kielbasa sales – before and after all Masses
Dec. 8	7:30 PM	General meeting (free will offering dinner at 6:30 PM)
Dec. 18	7:00 PM	Officers meeting
Dec. 19	3-6 PM	Ham and kielbasa pick up
Dec. 22		Newsletter deadline
Dec. 25		Christmas Day – No officers meeting – see Dec. 18
Jan. 1		New Years Day
Jan. 10	5:00 PM	Pancake breakfast setup
Jan. 11	8-11 AM	Pancake breakfast
Jan. 12	7:30 PM	General meeting (free will offering dinner at 6:30 PM)
Jan. 17	9:00 AM	First Degree at St. Clement of Rome (8:30 AM registration)
Jan. 18-19		Casino trip (Depart Kroger's parking lot at 7:00 AM – Return Monday)
Jan. 22		Newsletter deadline
Jan. 22	7:00 PM	Officers meeting
Jan. 24	8:00 AM	District Free Throw competition at St Clement of Rome
Jan 24-25		K of C Bowling tournament



Happy Birthday!!



Pat Loewen	December 1
Angelo Garavaglia	December 1
Pat Bonnette	December 2
Patrick Blanc	December 2
Paul Faba	December 2
Arthur David, Jr.	December 4
Paula Baumgart	December 5
Ellen Francis	December 6
Ralph Pullis	December 8
Patricia Guzzardo	December 9
Steven D'Onofrio	December 9
Clarence Gajewski	December 10
Sandy Grobbel	December 11
Eugene Chelsey	December 11
Michael Koss	December 12
George Schulte	December 14
Kathleen Sakorafos	December 19
Natalino Difalco	December 20
Georgios Sakorafos	December 21
Larry Young	December 21
John Marotta	December 27
Sherri Czarny	December 27
Thomas Gray	December 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!!



There are no anniversaries for the month of December

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



Please Remember our Beloved Deceased Brother Knights

Carl A. Owen	March 5, 1997
Frank C. Kave	October 3, 1998
Chester E. Raszowski	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
Joseph Ricard	September 22, 2014
Vincent McInnes	



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For the Good of the Order

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



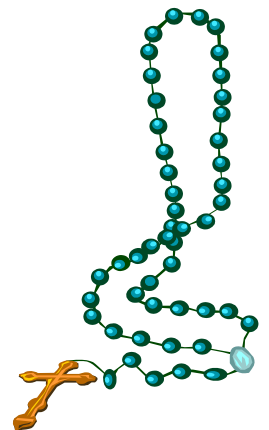
Joyce Afmuth
Mel Afmuth
Joann Ales
Frank Aiuto
Jackie Backes
Don Badowski
Norm Beaudin
Aric Bekaert
Bruno Bellini
Kevin Bondra
Michelle Boyd
Jean Cassidy
Gail Clisby
SK-Ted Czarny
Signe DeClark
Michael Denomme
Ken Dombrowski
Dan Drowski
Allan Dzwonkowski
Sue Dzwonkowski
SK-Leon Eggers
BK-Richard Emmers
Barbara Fairhurst
Sam Filliccia
Jake Fix
Jim Furman
Dave Gadzinski
Art Gapczynski
Chris Gapczynski
Angelo Garavaglia
Carol Garavaglia
Beverly Gattari
BK-Joseph Goddell
Betty Gutkowski
Michelle Gutkowski
Paul Gutkowski
Robert Gutkowski
Bernard Hoste, Sr.
Bernard Hoste, Jr.
Judy Hoste
Sharon Hoste
BK-Tom Hug

Edward Hund
Sue Hund
Andrew Johnston
Steve Kargenian
Caroline Krmel
Pat Labadie
SK-Ralph Labadie
Melissa Latosc
Mark Leflere
Carol Lomasney
Ron Lomasney
Tom Lomasney
Ed Marcinkowski
Lynn Maron
BK-John Marotta
Brian McLaughlin
Dolores Moquin
Jill Nelson
Mark Nelson
Monica Noch
Antonina Pardo
Marie Peever
Barbra Petoskey
BK-James Petoskey
Bob Pickett
Joan Pfaff
Sr. Ann Plum
Sophie Praski
Kathryn Ricard
Mary Lou Richards
Kevin Rowley
Veronica Salvatore
Doreen Scott
Michael Sera
Alice Serra
Dorothy Sharbo
Levi Sparks
Chuck Stork
Joseph R. Sweeney
Mildred Tarbuck
Megan Wiley
Lynn Williams

Robert Williams
Dean Douglas Wojtaszek
Robert Worden
David Wozniak
Alana Zalac

NOTE: Underlined names will be removed next month, unless we hear from you.

(BK) - "Brother Knight"
(SK) - "Sir Knight"



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Outside	Gerry Vento	586-263-7333
1 Yr Trustee	Chuck Loewen	586-228-0475
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3 Yr Trustee	Tom Gray	586-468-2165
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**May there be
Peace on Earth
And
Good Will
Toward
All Men**

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

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