



# The Knight's Shield



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

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**Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**

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## **A Word from Grand Knight Bruce Arnold**

It appears that we may have put another winter behind us. It sure was cold but thankfully we did not have nearly as much snow as last year. Now that spring is around the corner, we can look forward to getting out and enjoying the fresh air and green grass.

What a great turn out we had for our annual March open house pot luck dinner and awards night. We had approximately 125-130 people in attendance, bringing an amazing selection of food. Brother Francis Boylan from Holy Cross Children's Services was our guest speaker. He once again brought laughs and smiles as he told several stories about the great works done, and how many people are served by HCCS. In addition, Susan Meyer and Sandy Plichta from Abigayle Ministries were able to attend as our council presented them with a check for \$5,620.73. This was the amount collected from the recent Baby Bottle Drive. Nice job St. Paul of Tarsus; thank you to everyone who contributed and collected donations! Also in attendance, were our two District level winners of the annual Basketball Free Throw contest as well as the first and second place winners, in both age groups, of the annual Substance Abuse Awareness poster contest. Each child received recognition for their winning efforts. Lastly, Brothers Gino Gattari, Tony Valentine, and Ralph Labadie were each presented with a special recognition award for their outstanding service and dedication to our council and the Knights of Columbus. Congratulations gentlemen!

Many thanks to Henry Leflere, our Texas Hold'em chairperson, for all his efforts at our recently completed fundraiser event held at Ciccarelli's Sports Bar. There were seven people who volunteered to work this event: Henry Leflere, John Moceri, Ralph Pullis, Ted Czarny, Mike Hartel, James Kaza and George Sakorafos. Thanks to each of you! Several of these men needed to work multiple shifts. This is one of our council's biggest fundraisers, so in the future, please consider volunteering your time so no one person has to work up to three shifts.

Special thanks to Chris Gapczynski, our newsletter editor, for making this newsletter happen each month. I know from experience, that she doesn't always get all the articles in an orderly and timely fashion. Yet she still manages to compile everything, adds a few personal touches, and makes it all look very professional. To thank Chris for all her hard work we gave her a monetary donation. Chris, we hope you can put our small token of appreciation to good use.

At our Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting we will have our first round of officer nominations. The second round of nominations and elections will take place at our May meeting. As you know, this is a very important process, so please consider carefully who you would like to see in the leadership positions of your council. Remember that self-nomination is perfectly acceptable, so long as the nominee is a Third Degree member.

Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, St. Clement Council in Romeo is hosting a District Benefits Night. It is open to members and non-members. There will be speakers covering the following topics: estate planning, elder care, burial cost, insurance and long term care.

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> is our next pancake breakfast. Brothers Ralph Pullis and Tom Ratusznik will have a sign-up sheet at our April meeting for those wishing to help.

There will also be a sign-up sheet available at the next two meetings for the June 24-27 Texas Hold'em fund raiser at Big Beaver Tavern in Troy.

Vivat Jesus,  
**Bruce Arnold**  
Grand Knight

## Congratulations!!

As was mentioned in the last newsletter we had three Brother Knights receive the honor of membership in the first degree at our February major degree (my apology for not listing the names last month). They are: Richard Dutts, Douglas Lovell, and Robert Tette. We also had five first degree members; Jim Kaza, Ron Marrese, John Mocerri, Tom Ratusznik, and Vince Ursini, join our three newest members, and together, all eight completed their second and third degree. Be sure to congratulate these Brother Knights when you see them.

On Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, Andrew Callahan and Gregory Stapels completed their First Degree at St. John Vianney and became members of our order. Please congratulate and welcome these gentle to our council.

Congratulations to Henry Leflere for receiving the "Knight of the Year" award and to the Richard Miller family on being selected "Family of the Year." The officers of the council felt that these two recipients were most deserving of these awards. Please congratulate them both.

Congratulations to Sal Bica who was the winner of our first membership recruitment raffle. He won a \$50.00 gift card to J. Baldwin restaurant in Clinton Township.

The following Brother Knights each received the Michigan Shining Armor Award at the March meeting: Art Krygowski, Tony Guido, Ted Czarny, Mike Hartel, George Loewen, Ray Ignatowski, Sal Bica, Jeff Gapczynski, and Bruce Arnold. Congratulations to all of you!



## Also from the Grand Knight

I would be the first to agree that ... Yes, we are a very active council. We were an active council before our recent church, social hall, and kitchen renovations and since then, we have become even more active. Keep in mind however, that it is because we are such an active council that we are so successful!

It is truly gratifying to see 40-50 members attend a monthly council meeting and over 125 people attend the March open house pot luck dinner. It is also very rewarding to hear comments from our District Deputy and the Detroit East Diocesan Membership Director about what a vibrant and active council we have.

As the old saying goes "**Many hands make light work.**" This council is blessed with several Knights who volunteer regularly for most events, and for that, we are truly grateful. However, there are many times we simply need more help! We, as a council, need more volunteers to work all of our events, including Texas Hold'em fundraisers, fish fries, M I Drive, Easter egg hunt, pancake breakfast, ham and kielbasa sales, trunk or treat, Vocations pasta dinner, etc. Remember the second principle of our order is **UNITY**. Please consider doing your part to help whenever help is needed.

## M I Drive

The annual M I Drive is Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 27, 28, and 29 (Palm Sunday weekend). We can always use more help selling Tootsie Rolls to support the mentally impaired. If you don't want to go into the streets, there are many store fronts that we work as well. Our thanks go to Brother Joe Roehrig for once again chairing this event.

## Monthly Prayer Intention

### Universal: Creation

That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

### Evangelization: Care for the Suffering

That rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbors who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.



## 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. Ronald on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM  
St. John Vianney on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM  
St. Blase on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM

Go to [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) to register

## Motions Passed

The following motions were approved at the February officers meeting:

Motion by Henry Leflere – supported by Ray Ignatowski to pay \$100.00 to Chris Gapczynski for newsletter editor at March meeting.

Motion by Karl Sziisz supported by Ray Ignatowski to donate \$ 500.00 to Holy Cross Children's Services at the March meeting.

Motion by Henry Leflere supported by Ray Ignatowski to send \$200.00 to the State of Michigan for the June Texas Hold'em license.

Motion by Karl Sziisz supported by Ted Czarny to donate \$100.00 to the Jack and Jilly's Bowl for Congenital Heart fundraiser.

Motion by Ray Coughlin supported by Karl Sziisz to donate \$250.00 to both St. Aloysius and the Song and Spirit Institute.

The following motion was approved at the March meeting:

By consent a motion was made and supported to to pay the bills.

## 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

## **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 January: **"Ralph Colosimo."**

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 January: **"Joe Roehrig Family."**

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

## **CORPORATE COMMUNION MASSES**

Our next Corporate Communion Mass will be on June 14th at the 7:45 a.m. Mass.

Below are assignments for Accolytes and Lectors:

**Lectors:** Jeff Loeb & George Loewen  
**Accolytes:** Gary Skarb & Gary Gozodzielski

## **Our State Membership Motto for 2015:**

Our Growth Starts With...

**"One Member, Per Council, Per Month"**

## **The Lighter Side**



"The harder you work, the luckier you get." - Gary Player

"When you feel like giving up, remember why you held on for so long in the first place." – Unknown

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother across the country in California. The Bible had been carefully boxed and was ready to be mailed when the postal clerk asked the lady, "Is there anything breakable in here?"

"Only the Ten Commandments," answered the lady.

## **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.

## **This and That**

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> is also the final fish fry of Lent. Chances are, we will be short staffed because volunteers will be spread in different directions. If your schedule permits, consider helping at either or both of these events. If you have not previously signed up and want to help, just show up and you can help where needed..

On Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, we held our annual Easter egg hunt. The event was attended by many children and their families. Each child received plenty of eggs filled with candy, and a small gift from the council. Bill Giezyng once again played the role of the Easter bunny creating photo opportunities for the parents. Many thanks to everyone that helped fill eggs on Friday evening and to everyone that helped on Saturday. A special thank you to Ray & Lorri Coughlin and Rich & Lisa Miller for co-chairing this event. The children really seemed to enjoy themselves.

## Calendar of Events

April 2	2-6 PM	Ham and kielbasa pick up
April 2	2-? PM	Set up chairs in the social hall for Easter Masses
April 5		Easter
April 13	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (6:30 PM free will offering meal)
April 14	7:00 PM	Benefits night at St Clement of Rome (rescheduled)
April 18	9:00 AM	First Degree Ceremony at St. Paul of Tarsus (8:30 AM Registration)
April 18	5:00 PM	Pancake breakfast setup
April 19	8-11 AM	Pancake breakfast
April 19	3:00 PM	DAVL dinner
April 22		Newsletter deadline
April 23	7:00 PM	Officers meeting
April 26	9:30 AM	District corporate communion at St. Isidore
May 11	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (6:30 PM free will offering meal)
May 18	7:30 PM	First Degree Ceremony at St Clement of Rome (7 PM registration)
May 21-23		Annual state convention
May 22		Newsletter deadline
May 28	7:00 PM	Officers meeting



## Happy Birthday!!



Raymond Ignatowski	April 1
Conrad Bagans	April 1
James Carnaghi	April 2
Nancy Czarny	April 3
Gary Skarb	April 6
Jeffrey Gapczynski	April 9
Valerie Cosgrove	April 9
Ronald Perfetto	April 11
Albert Valenti	April 12
Salvatore Bica	April 14
Michael Finn	April 16
Jerome Garrisi	April 17
Michael Francis, Jr.	April 18
Albert Watanabe	April 20
Joseph Bono	April 26
Timothy Kropidowski	April 30

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

## Happy Anniversary!!



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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 Kropidowski	May 11, 2014
Vincent McInnes	August 16, 2014
Joseph Ricard	September 22, 2014
Albert Johnson	January 22, 2015
Joseph Godell	February 5, 2015



# For the Good of the Order

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



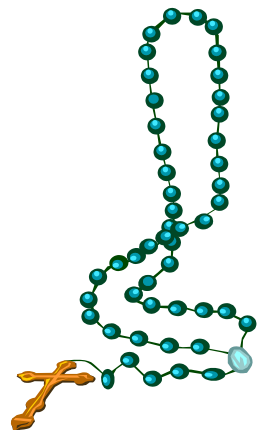
Joyce Aufmuth  
Mel Aufmuth  
Joann Ales  
Jackie Backes  
Leo Backes  
BK-Don Badowski  
Norm Beaudin  
BK-Bruno Bellini  
Brian Boggs  
Caroline Boggs  
Cressie Boggs  
Kevin Bondra  
Michelle Boyd  
Gail Clisby  
BK-Ralph Colosimo  
Michael Denomme  
BK-Ken Dombrowski  
Allan Dzwonkowski  
Sue Dzwonkowski  
SK-Leon Eggers  
BK-Richard Emmers  
Barbara Fairhurst  
Sam Filliccia  
Jake Fix  
Jim Furman  
Dave Gadzinski  
Art Gapczynski  
Chris Gapczynski  
Joseph Gapczynski  
SK-Angelo Garavaglia  
Carol Garavaglia  
Beverly Gattari  
Sandy Grobbel  
Betty Gutkowski  
Michelle Gutkowski  
Robert Gutkowski  
Bernard Hoste Sr.  
Bernard Hoste Jr.  
Judy Hoste  
Sharon Hoste  
Gerry Hoste  
BK-Tom Hug  
Linda Hughes  
Edward Hund

Edward Hund  
Sue Hund  
Andrew Johnston  
Eugene Kabala  
Marie Kabala  
Caroline Krmel  
Anita Kubczak  
Pat Labadie  
SK-Ralph Labadie  
Mark Leflere  
Melissa Latosz  
Mark Leflere  
Jennifer Loewen  
Carol Lomasney  
Ron Lomasney  
Tom Lomasney  
BK-Ed Marcinkowski  
Lynn Maron  
BK-John Marotta  
Peter Mashara  
Brian McLaughlin  
Peter Moceri  
Shari Moceri  
Dolores Moquin  
Jill Nelson  
Mark Nelson  
Monica Noch  
Nicholas Okerhjelm  
Antonina Pardo  
Marie Peever  
Barbra Petoskey  
BK-James Petoskey  
Joan Pfaff  
Sr. Ann Plum  
Sophie Praskie  
Kathryn Ricard  
Mary Lou Richards  
Kevin Rowley  
Veronica Salvatore  
Doreen Scott  
Michael Sera  
Alice Serra  
Brian Skarb  
Joann Smail

Chuck Stork  
Mildred Trabuck  
Brian Thorson  
Dominic Ursini  
Lindsay Whiteman  
Megan Wiley  
Lynn Williams  
Robert Williams  
Charlene Wojtaszek  
BK-Robert Worden  
David Wozniak  
Clarissa ??  
Howard ??

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

(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	Tom Gray	586-468-2165
Advocate	Ken Krause	586-263-7115
Lecturer	Jim Hubbard	586-286-1658
Program	Henry Leflere	586-468-1595
Church	Angelo Garavaglia	586-412-3327
Community	George Loewen	586-731-5299
Council	Gary Skarb	586-286-1040
Family	Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
Youth	Art Krygowski	586-469-2996
Membership	George Loewen	586-731-5299
Field Agent	Don M. Wesley	888-393-7539
Vocations Director	Jeff Gapczynski PCGK and FDD	586-263-5942
Pro-Life	Sal and Joanne Ales	586-263-3483



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 May newsletter must be submitted by no later than **April 20, 2015.**

### Important Websites

**K of C Supreme:** [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

**K of C Michigan State Council:** [www.mikofc.org](http://www.mikofc.org)

**Michigan District #1:** [www.michigandistrict1.com](http://www.michigandistrict1.com)

**St. Paul of Tarsus:** [www.stpauloftarsus.com](http://www.stpauloftarsus.com)

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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.