



The Knight's Shield



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

February, 2015

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 20

A Word from Grand Knight Bruce Arnold

Brothers, I have mentioned the two points of this month's Grand Knight's message in previous months. However, I feel they are important enough that they need to be brought up one last time before they are over.

By now you should have received a letter, or heard at a meeting, from our Membership Director, George Loewen, about the membership recruitment contest that we are currently running. This is your opportunity to recruit a new member and perhaps win a nice prize for doing so. This leads me to the first of my two main points.

Major Degree - Our council is hosting a Major Degree on Saturday, February 21, 2015. I strongly encourage our First Degree members to complete their Second Degree (Unity) and Third Degree (Fraternity) and become fully knighted in the Order. Personal letters will be sent to our more recent First Degree members inviting them to participate on this day. What better time to complete these degrees than right here at our own council?

Please keep in mind that there are no additional meetings or dues associated with these higher degrees. I truly believe that you will come away from these ceremonies with a great sense of pride and fulfillment.

Candidate registration will begin at 7:30 AM. The First Degree Ceremony will begin at 8:30 AM, and the Second Degree is scheduled for 10 AM, followed shortly thereafter by the Third Degree. Upon completion of the Third Degree we will serve lunch, at no cost, for everyone who is present. As always, a suit or sport coat and tie is considered appropriate attire when attending a degree ceremony.

Lenten fish fries begin February, 20th and run for 6 weeks. I feel obligated to include a note about this in my article because it is such a big commitment to our church and our parish members. Last year, we were very successful and we hope to build on that success. We believe the St. Paul of Tarsus fish fry can be the best in the area while maintaining our simple menu.

We decided to raise the price this year to \$9.00 for adults (children's prices stayed the same). However, we also increased the portion size of the fish from two 3 oz. pieces to two 4 oz. pieces. That's a half pound of fish, your choice of french fries or macaroni and cheese, a beverage, and dessert. I would say that is a great value for only \$9.00!

We invite you to come dine with us. Then, if you feel so inclined, and while you are already here, know that your help is always welcomed and appreciated.

Vivat Jesus,
Bruce Arnold
Grand Knight

Knights of Columbus Pasta Dinner Benefit For Vocations

The St. Paul of Tarsus Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pasta Dinner to benefit Vocations. The dinner will be held on **Saturday, February 7, 2014, after the 4:00 p.m. Mass**. Seminarians will be our guest speakers at the dinner.

Cost per person is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Children 5 and under are free.

Any questions may be referred to **Jeff Gapczynski** at 586-263-5942, or **Bruce Arnold** at 586-566-0628.

Thank You

Thank you to Jeff and Chris Gapczynski for running our annual Casino trip. It was a great success and a good time was had by all.

Thank you to Ralph Pullis and Tom Ratusznik for chairing our January pancake breakfast. We had a great turnout and the comments from our guests were wonderful. As with Phil Kwasny in the past, our pancake breakfast leadership remains in great hands.

This and That

The St. Clement Council is hosting a **district benefits night** on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 7 PM. Come hear what benefits are available to you as a member of the Knights of Columbus. St. Clement of Rome Church is located at 343 S. Main (Van Dyke) just south of 32 Mile Road.

Our council is planning a new social event. The idea came from one of our council members, to have a '**Euchre Night**' several times a year. The purpose is to get together with brother knights, along with their spouses or significant other, on a purely social setting. The cost to play euchre will be nominal (enough to cover a lite meal and beverage). Look for more details as they become available in the months ahead.

Texas Hold'em – We have secured two more sets of dates for 2015. Besides the March 9-12 dates at Ciccarelli's, we have June 24-27 at Big Beaver Tavern in Troy, and September 24-27 at The River in Shelby Township. Look for more information and sign-up sheets in the future.

For those of you who couldn't attend our January meeting, you missed a very enlightening talk from our guest speaker, Ms. Sandy Plichta, from Abigayle Ministries. She spoke of the background of Abigayle Ministries and shared a couple of heartwarming stories of her experiences working there. Her talk was a great kick off for our "Baby Bottle Drive" fundraiser that we are currently running. For those of you who don't already know, Abigayle Ministries is located at 12313 Nineteen Mile Road in Sterling Heights and serves expectant mothers and mothers with newborn babies that are in need both financially and spiritually.

Major Degree at St. Paul of Tarsus

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. What better time to complete these degrees than right here at our own council?

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 who is present.

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.

Annual Casino Trip

The annual casino trip was held January 18 and 19, 2015. We went to Soaring Eagle for about 4 hours and then went on to Little River Casino in Manistee, MI.

The weather was great, so there were no road issues. Everyone had a great time. Some were successful and some were not, but fun was still had by all.

Please consider being part of this event next year. Being with your friends for those two days is time more than well spent.

Looking forward to seeing you next year...

Jeff and Chris Gapczynski

Membership Drive Contest

Members,

In an effort to create some fun and allow all of you to get involved in recruiting; we are starting a new contest. Each and every one of you is eligible to participate. The contest will run from Christmas 2014 through February 28, 2015. For every new member you recruit (completed Form 100), you will receive two entries. For every past member you bring back (reinstatement) you will receive two entries. For every transfer you get to join our council, you will receive one entry. So, what is it you can win, you ask.

We will draw winners for \$50.00 gift certificates to area restaurants at our March general membership and potluck meeting. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 in the social church hall. As you may remember, this meeting is also our family participation meeting, so all your families will be there to celebrate with the winners. The number of winners will be determined by the success of the membership drive, but we expect at least one prize to be given.

Please mark your calendars and get out there, have some fun, and recruit new members so that you are eligible for the prize.

Sincerely,
George Loewen
George Loewen
Membership Director, Knights of Columbus



Take the “Family Rosary Pledge”

Your Knights of Columbus Council, has unanimously approved a motion of support for a wonderful program called “The Family Rosary Pledge.” Information for this program can be found at rosarypledge.com. We are asking that you and your families make this pledge to say the Rosary at least once a week.

Mary was given the title “Our Lady of the Rosary” after appearing to St. Dominic in 1208 in a church in Prouille, France. Later, In 1571 Pope Pius V declared a feast in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary because of a miraculous win of the battle of Lepanto. He had asked Christians to pray the rosary for a victory. Pope Pius V sent his greatly outnumbered fleet to meet the enemy, even as the prayer warriors pleaded for Mary’s prayers by way of the rosary, and incredibly, they won.

As our Catholic faith, traditions and morals are being attacked on all fronts by a seemingly, politically correct, secular world, it is more apparent that we need Mary’s help to overcome the onslaught. Make no mistake that we are at war with a world that is becoming less God centered and more disengaged from religion and faith.

The Family Rosary Pledge is a program where families (aka prayer warriors) plead for Mary’s prayers by saying the rosary. In this way, we believe that the Rosary is our most powerful weapon for bringing life, healing, and peace to this troubled world.

We are asking you and your family to sign a pledge card agreeing to say the Rosary once a week as a family. Faithfully learning the mysteries and praying the decades together as a family helps us all ponder, on the power of prayer and how we talk to God and Mary. The Rosary is a story of our lives as well as theirs.

Please print the pledge documents form rosarypledge.com and drop it off at church in the basket by the Knights of Columbus display. Please consider recruiting as many prayer warrior families as you can from other parishes for this most important mission.

Thank You and
May God Bless You All,

Phil Mularski

Monthly Prayer Intention

Universal: Prisoners

That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

Evangelization: Separated Spouses

That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.



Valentines Day

Defiance by Saint Valentine

The pairing of young boys and girls did set the mood of the Valentine's Day Festival as we know today. But it was actually due to the efforts and daring of a priest St Valentine that the festival got its name and clearer meaning. The story goes that during the reign of **Emperor Claudius II** Rome was involved in several bloody and unpopular campaigns. Claudius found it tough to get soldiers and felt the reason was men did not join army because they did not wish to leave their wives and families. As a result Claudius cancelled all marriages and engagements in Rome. A romantic at heart priest of Rome Saint Valentine defied Claudius's unjustified order. Along with Saint Marius, St Valentine secretly married couples. When his defiance was discovered, Valentine was brutally beaten and put to death on February 14, about 270 AD. After his death Valentine was named a Saint.

According to another version of legend Valentine was killed because he attempted to help Christians escape from the Roman prison as they were being tortured and beaten there. Yet another popular version of the legend states that while in prison Valentine or Valentinus fell in love with jailer's daughter who visited him during confinement. Before his death Valentine wrote a farewell letter to his sweetheart from the jail and signed 'From your Valentine'. The expression became quite popular amongst love struck and is still very much in vogue.

By the Middle Ages, Valentine assumed the image of heroic and romantic figure amongst the masses in England and France. Later, when Christianity spread through Rome, the priests moved Lupercalia from February 15 to February 14. Around 498 AD, **Pope Gelasius** declared February 14 as St. Valentine's Day to honor the martyr Valentinus and to end the pagan celebration.

Popularity of St Valentines Day

Valentine's Day festival gradually grew in popularity amongst the masses due to the combined effect of all the above said reasons. To mark the day lovers began to exchange love notes called 'Valentines' with their sweethearts. In the beginning the trend was to send handmade cards but this was changed in the beginning of 19th century and mass-produced greeting cards caught the fancy of the people. In the course of time, Valentine's day came to be regarded as the festival that celebrates love and not just romantic love. Today, Valentine's Day cards are gifted to teachers, parents, friends, siblings and sweethearts. Popularity of Valentine's Day has spread in countries across the seven continents and is still increasing by the year.

Motions Passed

At the December officers meeting there were no motions

The resolution to donate \$1,500.00, from the proceeds of the 2015 Lenten fish fries, to St. Paul of Tar-sus, was passed when Jeff Gapczynski made the motion and was supported by Phil Kwasny.

At the January meeting the following motions were passed:

Motion by Jeff Gapczynski supported by Ralph Pullis to pay the bills

Motion by George Loewen supported by Jeff Gapczynski to accept the four applications of new members (first reading)

Motion by Jeff Gapczynski supported by Phil Kwasny to accept the four applications of new member (second reading)

Nominations of delegates to represent the council at the annual State Convention are as follows:
First delegate – Grand Knight, Bruce Arnold
Second delegate – Treasurer, Ray Coughlin
First alternate – Deputy Grand Knight, Art Krygowski
Second alternate – Chancellor, Ted Czarny

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: **"Phil Bonnette."**

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: **"Phil Mularski Family."**

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

The Lighter Side



"If you're going to be thinking, you may as well think big." - Donald Trump

"Courage is the first of the human qualities because it is a quality which guarantees all the others." - Sir Winston Churchill

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then asked, "Mom, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"

CORPORATE COMMUNION MASSES

Our next Corporate Communion Mass will be on March 14th at the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Below are assignments for Acolytes and Lectors:

Lectors: Guy Infante and Tony Valentine
Acolytes: Gary Skarb & Leonard Gutkowski

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.

Our State Membership Motto for 2015:

Our Growth Starts With...

"One Member, Per Council, Per Month"

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

Feb 7	5:30 PM	Vocations pasta dinner
Feb 9	7:30 PM	General meeting (free will offering dinner at 6:30 PM)
Feb 10	7:00 PM	Benefits night at St. Clement Council in Romeo
Feb 18		Ash Wednesday
Feb 20	4-7 PM	Fish fry
Feb 21	7:30 AM	Major Degree (see the Grand Knight's article for a complete schedule)
Feb 22		Newsletter deadline
Feb 26	7:00 PM	Officers meeting
Feb 27	4-7 PM	Fish Fry
Feb 28	4:00 PM	State Chaplain's Tribute Dinner
March 5		Fr. Ron's Birthday
March 6	4-7 PM	Fish Fry
March 7		Fourth Degree Exemplification at DeCarlo's in Warren
March 9-12		Texas Hold'em at Ciccarelli's Sports Bar and Theater
March 10	6:30 PM	Mass
March 10	7:30 PM	Pot luck dinner – open house and awards nights
March 13	4-7 PM	Fish Fry
March 14-15		Ham and kielbasa sales following each Mass
March 14	4:00 PM	Corporate Communion
March 20	4-7 PM	Fish Fry
March 21	9:00 AM	First Degree Ceremony at St. John Vianney
March 21-22		Ham and kielbasa sales following each Mass
March 22		Newsletter deadline
March 26	7:00 PM	Officers meeting
March 27-29		M I Drive
March 27	4-7 PM	Fish Fry



Happy Birthday!!



Raymond Mitten	February 2
Joseph Godell	February 3
Benedict Soave	February 6
Ross Vizzaccero	February 8
Joe Phillips	February 9
Don Porchia	February 11
Cindy Essad	February 12
Robert Lomasney	February 12
Phil Bonnette	February 14
Ron Serafino	February 15
Dave Asaro	February 16
Lawrence Brady	February 16
Jeffrey Loeb	February 17
Steve Kargenian	February 19
August Miele	February 19
Michael Stickney	February 20
Lance Vechinski	February 21
Charles Modzinski	February 22
Jerry Featherstone	February 22
Ralph Colosimo	February 25
Nick Perfili	February 25
Joan Pfaff	February 25

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

Happy Anniversary!!



George & Rosemary Schulte	February 5
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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



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Anyone who wishes to receive their newsletter via the website, instead of by mail, should contact Chris Gapczynski at 586-263-5942. Doing so would save the Council a great deal of money for copying and postage.
Thanks for your support.

For the Good of the Order

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



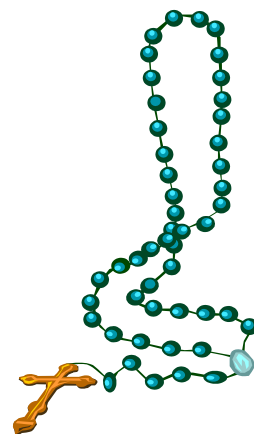
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Jackie Backes
Leo Backes
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Norm Beaudin
BK-Bruno Bellini
Brian Boggs
Caroline Boggs
Cressie Boggs
Kevin Bondra
Michelle Boyd
Gail Clisby
Ralph Colosimo
Helen Cybulski
Signe DeClark
Michael Denomme
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
SK-Angelo Garavaglia
Carol Garavaglia
Beverly Gattari
BK-Joseph Goddell
Sandy Grobbel
Betty Gutkowski
Michelle Gutkowski
Robert Gutkowski
Bernard Hoste Sr.
Bernard Hoste Jr.
Judy Hoste
Sharon Hoste
BK-Tom Hug
Linda Hughes

Edward Hund
Sue Hund
Sue Hund
Andrew Johnston
BK-Steve Kargenian
Caroline Krmel
Pat Labadie
SK-Ralph Labadie
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 Mocer
Shari Mocer
Dolores Moquin
Jill Nelson
Mark Nelson
Monica Noch
Nicholas Okerhjelm
Antonina Pardo
Marie Peever
Barbra Petoskey
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Joan Pfaff
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Sophie Praski
Kathryn Ricard
Mary Lou Richards
Kevin Rowley
Veronica Salvatore
Doreen Scott
Michael Sera
Alice Serra
Levi Sparks
Chuck Stork
Mary Jane Sweeney
Mildred Tarbuck

Lindsay Whiteman
Megan Wiley
Lynn Williams
Robert Williams
Dean Douglas 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"



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District #66**

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Program	Henry Leflere	586-468-1595
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**“Write it on
your heart
that every day
is the best day
in the year.”**

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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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