



The Knight's Shield



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

March, 2015

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 20

A Word from Grand Knight Bruce Arnold

The Lenten fish fries are off to a really great start. As I write this article, we have just completed our first fish fry of the year, serving approximately 280 guests. I tried to make sure I talked to all of our guests and thanking them for attending. I also asked for their comments regarding the food, service, and overall experience. With a few minor exceptions, the overwhelming response was very positive. There were also many compliments on the addition of grilled fish. For \$9.00, not only do you receive a quality fish dinner, complete with beverage and dessert, you also help benefit the church and K of C charities. Our thanks to all the knights and spouses that pull together to make these fish fries a success! You too can help. Just come some Friday, and we'll put you to work.

Our council is growing! On Saturday, February 21st, we hosted our first ever Major Degree Ceremony. The First Degree team from St. Isidore installed 17 new members, three of which will be members of council 11689. The Second Degree and Third Degree were both very well attended with 41 gentlemen completing all three degrees and becoming fully knighted. We also had 2 priests and 5 seminarians who can be proud to say that they too are Knights of Columbus.

I want to thank everyone who helped make these degree ceremonies so successful. From coffee and donuts in the morning, registration, hall set up, checking membership cards, ordering and preparing for lunch, to clean up afterward, everything went very smoothly. Better yet, was the fact that we were able to stay on time throughout the day, with lunch being served before 1 PM as scheduled.

Come One – Come All to our annual March open house - pot luck dinner. For this meeting, and this meeting only, we will switch the meeting day to **Tuesday, March 10th**. We will attend Mass at 6 PM.. Following Mass we will go to the social hall for our dinner & meeting. As always, with this open house meeting, the council will

provide the chicken and beverages. With each family being asked to bring a dish to pass, there will be plenty of food for everyone.

This is the one meeting each year in which your wife and families are not only welcome, but encouraged, to attend. It is also a great opportunity to bring someone that is considering joining the Knights of Columbus. Additionally, this evening is our annual awards night. We will hand our Knight and Family of the Month awards for March, Knight and Family of the Year awards for 2014-2015, Shining Armor awards, and several special recognition awards.

Brother Francis Boylan, from Holy Cross Children's Services, is scheduled to be our guest speaker for this evening. Brother Francis always has a touching story or two pertaining to the great works that HCCS provides.

In addition, there will be a "no cost" raffle in which many K of C items will be given away. We will hold the drawing for our membership recruitment raffle, along with our usual 50/50 drawings.

For our members that don't often attend meetings... I encourage you to attend this one.

Vivat Jesus,
Bruce Arnold
Grand Knight

**MAKE
LENT
COUNT**
PRAY • ACT • GIVE

Help Us Help Them

39th Annual M I Drive to assist local citizens with Intellectual Disabilities

St. Paul Knights of Columbus Council annual Tootsie Roll Drive for those with intellectual disabilities will be conducted throughout the Palm Sunday weekend of March 27-29. Brother Knights and family members will be needed to solicit donations throughout the community and at the church entrances at all the Masses.

With 80% of the donations we answer the appeals of various local charitable organizations. The other 20% is distributed by the State K of C for statewide needs. Locally, much needed and appreciated support in the past has included, but has not been limited to:

- **St. Paul of Tarsus** — Provides religious education for special needs people.
- **Neil Reid High School** — Offers academic and behavioral program for students with severe emotional impairments.
- **Special Olympics** — Offers sports training and Olympic-type competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.
- **CLEAVE Home** — Provides residents with the opportunity to be part of our community and be productive citizens.
- **Macomb Academy** — Teaches employment and daily living skills for ages 18 to 26 years.
- **Macomb County Autism Society** — Enhances the lives of persons and families affected by autism.
- **Sunshine Foundation** — Grants the wishes of seriously ill, handicapped and abused children.

Please give as much time to this very important drive as you can. Sign-up at our Council meeting in March or call me.

Thank you...

Joe Roehrig
Chairman
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This and That

Fr. Ron's birthday is March 5th. Be sure to wish him a happy birthday when you see him.

Corporate Communion — There are two corporate communions coming up. Our council is having our quarterly corporate communion on Saturday, March 14th at the 4 PM Mass. Then the following day, Sunday, March 15th St John Vianney is hosting a district corporate communion at their 9:30 AM Mass. Both are great opportunities to share the Eucharist with your Brother Knights. Hope to see you there.

We held our second **Vocations Pasta Dinner** on Saturday, February 7th. Approximately 130 people came to dine with us and support seminarians and postulants in the Archdioceses of Detroit. Thanks to our Vocations Director, Jeff Gapczynski, for his efforts in putting this evening together and acting as the Master of Ceremonies. Thanks also to our brother knights, spouses and family members that volunteered to help on that evening.

We are holding our first Texas Hold'em fundraiser of the year beginning on Monday, March 9th and ending on March 12th. Many thanks to those that signed up to help work this event. We also have a set of dates for June 24 – 27 at Big Beaver Tavern. Please consider signing up to help in June at either our April or May meetings.

Our Easter ham and kielbasa fundraiser will take place on the weekends of March 14-15 and March 21-22 following each Mass. Past Grand Knight, Jerry Hund is once again chairing this event. Contact Jerry if you wish to help.

Our Easter egg hunt is on Saturday, March 21st beginning at Noon. This is open to all council members children and grand children as well as all the children of our parish. The hunt portion of this event is scheduled to take place outside, weather permitting. We will also have a photo opportunity with our Easter bunny and a small gift for all children that attend.

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: Scientists

That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Evangelization: Contribution of Women

That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.



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 18th at 8:30 AM
St. John Vianney on Wednesday, April 29th at 6:30 PM
St. Blase on Saturday, May 9th at 9 AM

Go to virtusonline.org to register

Motions Passed

The following motions were approved at the January officers meeting:

Motion by Ted Czarny supported by Henry Leflere to buy new ribbons for our Jewels (\$4.00 each)

Motion by Henry Leflere supported by Ted Czarny to donate \$200.00 to Compassion Pregnancy Center

Motion by Ray Coughlin supported by Ray Ignatowski to purchase a table of 8 (\$220.00) for DAVL dinner

The following motions were approved at the February meeting:

Motion by George Loewen and supported by Gino Gattari 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



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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: **"Rich Miller."**
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: **"Tony Guido Family."**

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

The Lighter Side



"You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do." - Henry Ford

"I have not failed, I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." - Thomas Edison

A priest waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned the priest to a vacant pump. "Father," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."
The priest chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

CORPORATE COMMUNION MASSES

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

Below are assignments for Accolytes and Lectors:

Lectors: Guy Infante and Tony Valentine
Accolytes: 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"

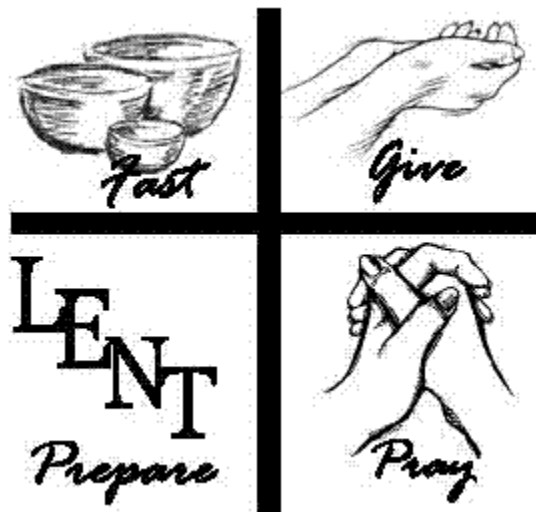
To place articles in the newsletter contact:

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

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| 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 15 | 9:30 AM | District Corporate Communion at St. John Vianney |
| March 20 | 4-7 PM | Fish Fry |
| March 21 | 9:00 AM | First Degree Ceremony at St. John Vianney (8:30 AM Registration) |
| March 21 | 12:00 PM | Easter egg hunt |
| 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 |
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| April 2 | | Ham and kielbasa pick up |
| April 5 | | Easter |
| April 13 | 7:30 PM | General membership meeting (6:30 PM free will offering meal) |
| 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 | 7:00 PM | Officers meeting |
| April 26 | 9:30 AM | District corporate communion at St. Isidore |



Happy Birthday!!



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| Jim Murphy | March 1 |
| Jacqueline Fracassa | March 3 |
| Robert Worden | March 4 |
| Rev. Ronald Essman | March 5 |
| Gerry Vento | March 6 |
| Mike Essad | March 7 |
| Joseph Ennis | March 7 |
| Sheryl Ignatowski | March 8 |
| Dennis Kubczak | March 8 |
| Richard Okerhjelm | March 9 |
| Paul Megge | March 9 |
| JoAnn Phillips | March 10 |
| Karl Sziisz | March 11 |
| William Frontiera | March 11 |
| Chris Ignatowski | March 13 |
| Rev. Louis Grandpre | March 13 |
| Art Krygowski | March 19 |
| John Russo | March 22 |
| John Wargo | March 23 |
| Donald Husovsky | March 24 |
| Raymund Macksoud | March 24 |
| Chris Sweeney | March 26 |
| George Loewen | March 28 |
| Martin Winiarski | March 28 |

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!!



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| Bill & Renie Giezyng | March 16 |
| James & Janet Baldick | March 25 |

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Please Remember our Beloved Deceased Brother Knights

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 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 |



Our Council newsletter is now available on-line on the St. Paul of Tarsus Parish website, www.stpauloftarsus.com.

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.**



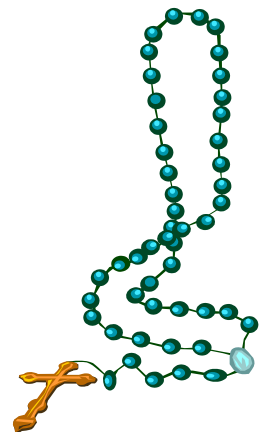
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 Lindsay Whiteman
 Megan Wiley
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 Robert Williams
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 BK-Robert Worden
 David Wozniak
 Clarissa ??
 Howard ??

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

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



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WITH YOU

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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