



The Knight's Shield



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

April, 2016

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 21

A Word from Grand Knight Bruce Arnold

Council 11689 continues to grow. We have 4 new members either by way of transfers or reinstatement. They are: Timothy Burtka, David Endres, Harry Motta, and Gordon Wilczynski. Please welcome these new members when you see them either at church or at a meeting.

Sadly, we must also report on the passing of a Brother Knight. Donald Badowski was called home to be with his Lord on Friday, March 16th. Please keep the Badowski family in your prayers.

Brother Jerry Hund, his wife Sue, my wife Claudia and I had the privilege and honor to represent the St. John Neumann Fourth Degree Assembly at the Vets Returning Home fundraiser banquet on Saturday, March 12th. Many thousands of dollars were raised that evening to benefit this most worthy cause. As you are all aware this is a charity that is also well supported by our council with the numerous donations made by our members

After several years of well below normal response, following the church social hall being unavailable due to construction, the annual Easter Egg Hunt is making a nice rebound. We had a very nice turnout this year with approximately 70-80 children in attendance. Each child received a nice head start to their Easter candy stash along with some small prizes and a photo opportunity with our very own Easter Bunny. Thank you to everyone who helped. A special thank you to Lori Coughlin for arranging to have the youth group stuff the eggs and for basically chairing this event for the children of the parish.

We also had a great turnout for our March 14th open house pot luck dinner and awards night. Brother

Francis Boylan was our guest speaker from Holy Cross Children's Services. He, as usual, had an inspirational message to share. Our council made a donation to Brother Francis to further the great works of HCCS. Also on that evening, as part of the awards ceremony, six Brother Knights received the Michigan Shining Armor Award. Brothers Jim Lisuzzo, John Russo, and Leon Eggers each received a Lifetime Achievement Award. Brother Ted Czarny was selected Knight of the Year and the Mike Hartel family was the recipient of the Family of the Year award. Congratulations to each of you! We also announced the winners of the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest and presented them with Toys R Us gift cards. Lastly, a token of appreciation was given to our newsletter editor, Chris Gapczynski for the fine job she does each month making this newsletter look as good as it does.

On Palm Sunday weekend our members took to the street and store fronts distributing Tootsie Rolls and accepting cash donations. We are happy to report that this year's MI Drive weekend results were ahead of last years Palm Sunday weekend totals. To all who helped make this drive so successful ... thank you so much! We cannot forget several other groups that were involved; our Brother Knights that camped out for many many long hours in the pantry counting all those donations, and Brother Joe Roehrig for chairing this great fundraiser to support the Mentally Impaired. Finally, to Sheryl Ignatowski and all the ladies that helped keep our bellies full and to everyone who brought in the food to feed us.

The Lenten fish fries are now complete and what a great success they were. Other than the final Friday, with the count being down slightly, we served more dinners each week than the preceding week. This result proves that people like what we are serving and feel it is a good value. Our success

Grand Knight's Notes Cont'd

can only be attributed to the many volunteers that came out to work. Some helped a couple of weeks and others came every week to help, pulling together as a team. Many thanks to each and every person that was a part of that team.

Vivat Jesus
Bruce Arnold
Grand Knight

Monthly Prayer Intention

Universal: Small Farmers

That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.

Evangelization: African Christians

That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.



Euchre Tournament

The next Euchre Tournament date has not been set and hopefully we will announce it at the March meeting.



Motions Passed

At the February officers meeting the following motions were approved:

Motion by Ken Krause supported by Gerry Vento to purchase a \$75.00 restaurant gift card for the annual DAVL Vocations Dinner

Motion by Ray Ignatowski supported by Steve Kargenian to spend not more than \$500.00 to plant a tree at church and a plaque to honor Fr. Lou Grandpre – 1st option if approved by church

Motion by Ted Czarny supported by Henry Leflere to donate \$500.00 to HCCS at the March meeting

Motion by Steve Kargenian supported by Ray Ignatowski to purchase a 32" flat panel TV at a cost of approximately \$180.00 to be donated to HCCS raffle at the Annual State Convention in May.

Motion by Steve Kargenian supported by Henry Leflere to donate \$500.00 to the St. Aloysius Outreach Center

Motion by Ray Ignatowski supported by Henry Leflere to donate \$500.00 to the Song and Spirit Institute

The following motion was approved at the March general membership meeting:

Unanimous motion and support to pay the bills



Adopt-A-Road

Brother Greg Csernai has selected Saturday, April 16 as our Spring road cleanup. For those wishing to help, we will meet in the church parking lot by 7:45 AM.

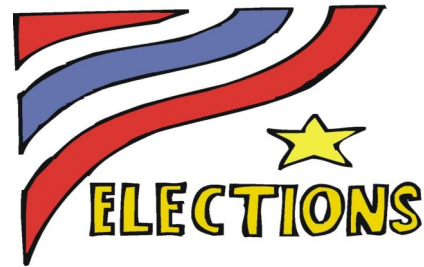
This date is perhaps a little earlier than usual, but should put us ahead of any roadside grass cutting, making our task a little easier.



April is Nominations Month

At our Monday, April 11 meeting we will be taking nominations for all council officer positions. That nomination process will be repeated in May when we will select our 2016-2017 officers.

Remember, self-nomination is perfectly acceptable, as long as the nominee is a third degree member.



District Corporate Communion

St. Clement Council in Romeo will host a District Corporate Communion on Sunday, April 10 at their 9 AM Mass. Please consider yourself invited to attend.

Thank you all for the gift card you gave to me for being your newsletter editor. It is greatly appreciated, and will be put to good use!!



Protecting God's Children / Background Check

As has been mentioned numerous times at council meeting and in this newsletter, you must have taken the Protecting God's Children class and have submitted your name to the church offices to have a criminal background check done in order to volunteer at any K of C event that takes place on the church property. Two upcoming Protecting God's Children classes in our area are:

Go to www.virtusonline.org to check for available classes and to register.

Texas Hold-Em Fundraiser April 7-10

The next Texas Hold'em fundraiser will be held at One Eyed Jacks (formally The River) located on the South-East corner of 22 Mile and Van Dyke. The dates for this event are April 7-10 from 11AM – 6 PM.

Anyone wishing to help that didn't sign up at the February meeting, can still do so at the March meeting. Brother Hank Leflere is the chairperson for these great fundraisers.

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 March: "**Denny Kubczak.**" In recognition of his exemplary service to the Council.

Our Knight of the Year is Ted Czarny

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 March: "**Angelo Garavaglia Family.**" In recognition of their out-standing service to the Council.

Our Family of the Year is the Mike Hartel Family.

Corporate Communion Masses

Our Next Corporate Communion will be held on March 12, 2016 at the 4:00 pm Mass.

Lectors: George Loewen
Tony Valentine

Acolytes: Gary Skarb
Denny Kubczak

We hope you will join us to show the importance of family praying together.



The Lighter Side



So Jesus came upon a crowd who were about to stone a woman. He looked at the crowd and said, "the person who has not sinned cast the first stone." Shortly after saying this, a woman came out of the crowd and hurled a stone. Jesus turned and said, "I hate when you do that Mom."

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist see the opportunity in every difficulty." - Sir Winston Churchill

"If you want to stand out, don't be different; be out-standing." - Meredith West



Our State Membership Motto for 2015:

Our Growth Starts With...

"One Member, Per Council, Per Month"

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 Stand Strong on Ethical Ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies. At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come. But don't just take our word for it. In **2016**, the Knights of Columbus was named a **"World's Most Ethical Company"** by the Ethisphere Institute for a **3rd Year**. We were one of only two life insurance companies to earn the honor this year.

"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."

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In Christ,

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State Raffle

By now you should have received your Michigan State Council raffle tickets. This annual raffle is a great fundraiser for the State Council to continue its charitable donations. Not only are there 4 great trips to be won, there are also 26 cash prizes up for grabs. This raffle is also a nice fundraiser for our council, with 20% of our ticket sales coming back to us. Additionally, there are incentives for the sellers of the top 3 prizes, as well as council and district incentives.

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
gjl047@gmail.com

Membership Director, Knights of Columbus



VETS Returning 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



Calendar of Events

April 7-10	11AM-6PM	Texas Hold'em at One Eyed Jacks (formally The River)
April 10	9:00 AM	District Corporate Communion - St. Clement of Rome
April 10	4:00 PM	DAVL Dinner
April 11	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (free will offering meal at 6:30 PM)
April 22		Newsletter deadline
April 23	8:30 AM	First Degree Ceremony – St. John Vianney (8 AM registration)
April 28	7:00 PM	Officers meeting
May 3		Special Olympics Games at MCCC South Campus
May 8		Mother's Day
May 9	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (free will offering meal at 6:30 PM)
May 14	TBD	District Road Rally (tentative)
May 18	7:30 PM	District benefits night
May 19	7:00 PM	Officers meeting
May 22		Newsletter deadline
May 23	7:30 PM	First Degree Ceremony at St. Paul of Tarsus (7 PM registration)
May 26-28		Annual State Convention



Happy Birthday!!



Conrad Bagans	April 1
Ray Ignatowski	April 1
Traci Czarny	April 1
James Carnaghi	April 2
Nancy Czarny	April 3
Gary Skarb	April 6
Jeanette Badowski	April 6
Janet Valentine	April 7
Jeff 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
Mary Riera	April 21
John Russo	April 22
Donald Seidl	April 23
Joseph Bono	April 26
Thomas Blake	April 27
Janet Baldick	April 27
Tim Kropidlowski	April 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!!



Greg & Barb Csernai	April 6
Sal & Joann Ales	April 7
Phillip & Pat Bonnette	April 11
Karl & Joanne Sziisz	April 14
Tony & Janet Valentine	April 26



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
Michael J. Francis	February 28, 2015
Donald Duff	July 30, 2015
Harold Patterson	October 20, 2015
Donald Badowski	March 16, 2016



For the Good of the Order

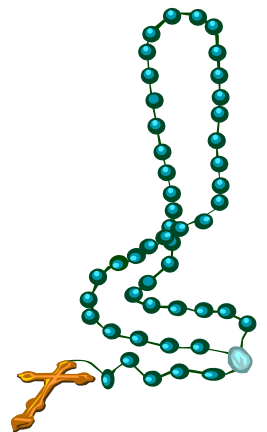
**Please keep the Knights, Relatives or Acquaintances of Knights
below in your prayers.**



Joanne Ales
SK-Dick Allore
Kurt Arnold
Kevin Bondra
SK-Joe Bono
Lucas Carlson
Heleln Chricop
Karen Conwell
Larry Conwell
Micheal Denomme
James Diehl
Matt Dowdy
BK-Richard Emmers
Barbara Fairhurst
Ted Funke
BK-Clarence Gajewski
Chris Gapczynski
Linda Garrisi
Rose Garrisi
BK-Mike Hoste
Sue Hund
Alan Johnson
BK-Jim Kaza

Caroline Krmel
SK-Ralph Labadie
Jeff Leich
Fred Lewis
Janet Loewen
Jennifer Loewen
Ron Lomasney
Tom Lomasney
Dolores Moquin
Mark & Jill Nelson
Marie Peever
Zachary Shevsky
Rosann Steele
Chip Storch
Loretta Suwal
Paul Suwal
Sarah Swanson
Mary Jane Sweeney
SK-Karl & Joanne Sziisz
Reginald Topolewski
Bob Williams
Lynn Williams
Char Wojtazsek

NOTE: 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
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Chancellor	Ted Czarny	586-286-6026
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Recorder	Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
Treasurer	Ray Coughlin	586-412-7178
Warden	Tony Guido	586-201-4409
Inside Guard	Joe Bono	586-263-4306
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1 Yr Trustee	PGK Karl Sziisz	586-286-5238
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3 Yr Trustee	Steve Kargenian	586-746-9073
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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:

Chris Gapczynski at 586-263-5942 or

spotknights11689@gmail.com

Articles for the April newsletter must be submitted by no later than March 20, 2016.

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.

Anyone who wishes to view our newsletter via the Internet instead of by regular mail, should contact Chris Gapczynski at 586-263-5942 or at spotknights11689@gmail.com. Doing so would save our Council a great deal of money for printing and postage.



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OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.