



The Knight's Shield



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

February, 2016

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 21

A Word from Grand Knight Bruce Arnold

Congratulations to William Monsour who received the honors of membership in the First Degree on Saturday, January 16th at St. Clement Council in Romeo. Please congratulate William and welcome him to the council.

About a dozen members and their spouses, along with other friends and relatives, went on the annual casino trip on Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. This year we went to Firekeepers and Four Winds Casinos. As always, there were some winners and some losers, but more importantly was the fact that we arrived safely and returned home safely. If you recall, there were 3 big accidents on I-94 that Sunday and we were not far behind the disasters that involved 64 vehicles and took the life of one person. We will never know what might have happened had we left at our original scheduled time from Firekeepers Casino. We very well may have had an angel looking over us that weekend. Unfortunately, Jeff and Chris Gapczynski, the organizers of the trip, could not attend due to the death of Chris' uncle.

Our council hosted a district planning meeting on Tuesday, January 19th. In attendance were Walter Winkle Jr., State Warden, and Charlie McCuen, Detroit East Diocesan Membership Director. There were a lot of good ideas exchanged including a brief insight into using social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc) to communicate with the members of the council. We are meeting again in February to obtain additional information to see if this new approach could work for our council.

You are encouraged to come support Seminarians and Postulants at our annual Vocations Pasta Dinner on Saturday, February 6th following the 4 o'clock Mass. Our Vocations Director, Jeff Gapczynski, has arranged to have a couple of Postulants attend as our guest. They will share their story on how they decided to become sisters and answer the call of the Lord. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12, children 5 and under are free of charge.

If you are a First Degree member of the Order and would like to obtain your Second and Third Degrees then Saturday, February 13, 2016 is your opportunity to become fully Knighted. We are hosting a Major Degree in our church social hall beginning at 8:30 AM (First Degree) and 10:00 AM for the Second Degree. The Third Degree will follow shortly after. Lunch will be served when all the degrees have been completed. I know we have members that need to take the Second and Third Degrees ... what better place than at your home council?

Did you know that your annual council dues do not increase and there are no additional meetings to attend when you obtain these higher degrees? I truly believe that you will come away from these ceremonies with a great sense of pride and fulfillment. As always, a suit or sport coat and tie is considered appropriate attire when attending a degree ceremony.

The Lenten Fish Fries are quickly approaching. Thank you to Brother Ray Coughlin for running the fish fry meeting in January. I understand it was well attended and a lot of good ideas came from those that were present. Please keep in mind that these dinners run for 6 consecutive Friday's, however, it is not necessary to commit to help each and every week. Sign up for when you are available and your schedule permits. Your help is very much appreciated, especially when putting on an event as big as this.

Vivat Jesus
Bruce Arnold
Grand Knight

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

Monthly Prayer Intention

Universal: Care for Creation

That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

Evangelization: Asia

That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.



Motions Passed

The following motions were passed at the January general membership meeting:

Motion to accept the application for 2 new members by Gino Gattari supported by Rob Tusset

Motion to pay the bills by Chuck Loewen supported by Phil Kwasny

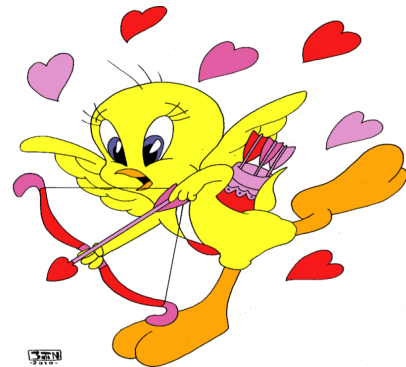
Motion to accept the application for 2 new members by Joe Marheineke supported by George Loewen

March Open House and Pot Luck Dinner

Our March 14th council meeting is our annual “Open House Pot Luck Dinner.” This is the one time each year that your spouse and family are invited to attend a council meeting. There are many items on the agenda for that evening including:

1. A very delicious meal (pot luck style ... of course)
2. A story or two from Brother Francis Boylan - Holy Cross Childrens Services
3. Welcome new members, and acknowledge members that completed their second and third degrees
4. Present Shining Armor Awards, Knight and Family of the Month Awards for March, Knight and Family of the Year Awards, and a couple of Special Recognition Awards
5. Acknowledge our Basketball Free Throw Contest winners as well as our Poster Contest winners
6. Membership recruitment raffle
7. Door prize raffle and 50/50 raffle

This meeting will begin at 6:30 PM so don't forget to mark your calendars accordingly.



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 resister.

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: "**Jim Kaza.**" 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 Bono Family.**" In recognition of their out-standing service to the Council.

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



A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her students to look at television commercials and see how they could use them in ways to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results: (more to follow next month)

God is like ... Delta – He's ready when you are
God is like ... Allstate – You're in good hands with Him
God is like ... VO-5 Hair Spray – He holds through all kinds of weather
God is like ... Dial Soap – Aren't you glad you have Him ... Don't you wish everybody did?
God is like ... Chevrolet – The heartbeat of America
God is like ... Maxwell House Coffee – Good to the last drop
God is like ... The Energizer Bunny – He keeps going and going and going ...
God is like ... Bounty – He's the quicker picker upper and handles the tough jobs without falling apart

"The best way to predict the future is to invent it." - Alan Kay

"Tough times never last, but tough people do." - Robert H. Schuller

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.

Your Insurance Benefit Check-up

April 15 - tax day - is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax savings vehicle. A secondary approach is to tout the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? **How does a retirement income that you cannot outlive – guaranteed – sound to you?**

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee – along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember – **absolute safety of principal**), really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you – at your convenience and in your home – to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance and long term care insurance plans.

As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about one thing you can do to help yourself – opening a Knights of Columbus annuity. It's reasonably priced (\$300 to start), guaranteed, and controlled by someone you trust – you!

***Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense.**

Ask about our GUARANTEED LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES, LONG TERM CARE & DISABILITY INSURANCE

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.

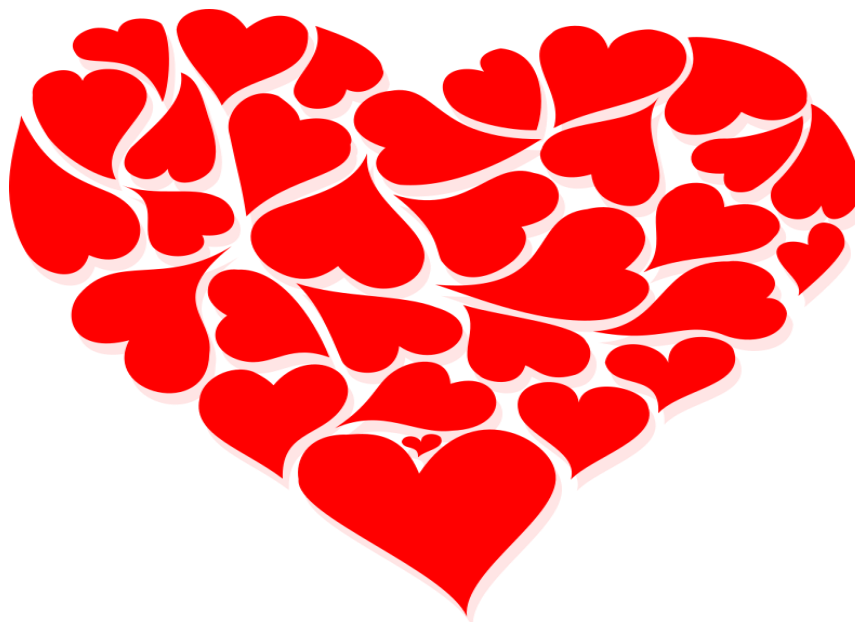
Thanks,

Phil Kwasny



Calendar of Events

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| Feb. 6 | 5:00 PM | Vocations Pasta Dinner (meal served about 6 PM) |
| Feb. 8 | 7:30 PM | General membership meeting (6:30 PM free will offering meal) |
| Feb. 10 | | Ash Wednesday |
| Feb. 12 | 4-7 PM | Fish Fry |
| Feb. 13 | 8AM-2PM | Major Degree (First degree starts at 8:30 AM) |
| Feb. 19 | 4-7 PM | Fish Fry |
| Feb. 22 | | Newsletter deadline |
| Feb. 23 | 7:00 PM | District Social Media meeting – St Clement Council |
| Feb. 25 | 7:00 PM | Officers meeting |
| Feb. 26 | 4-7 PM | Fish Fry |
| Feb. 27 | 5:00 PM | State Deputy Tribute Dinner – DeCarlos Banquet Hall |
| March 4 | 4-7 PM | Fish Fry |
| March 5 | | Fr. Ron's Birthday |
| March 5-6 | | Ham and kielbasa sales following each Mass |
| March 11 | 4-7 PM | Fish Fry |
| March 12 | 4:00 PM | Corporate Communion |
| March 12-13 | | Ham and kielbasa sales following each Mass |
| March 14 | 6:30 PM | Pot luck dinner – open house and awards nights |
| March 18 | 4-7 PM | Fish Fry |
| March 18-20 | | M I Drive |
| March 22 | | Newsletter deadline |
| March 24 | 1-6 PM | Ham and kielbasa pick up |
| March 24 | 7:00 PM | Officers meeting |
| March 27 | | Easter Sunday |



Happy Birthday!!



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| Raymond Mitten | February 2 |
| Joseph Godell | February 3 |
| Ross Vizzaccero | February 8 |
| Joseph Phillips | February 9 |
| Donald Porchia | February 11 |
| Robert Lomasney | February 12 |
| Cindy Essad | February 12 |
| Phillip Bonnette | February 14 |
| Estelle Hayes | February 14 |
| Ronnie Serafino | February 15 |
| David Asaro | February 16 |
| Lawrence Brady, Jr. | February 16 |
| Jeffrey Loeb | February 17 |
| Frank Burda | February 18 |
| Steve Kargenian | February 19 |
| August Miele | February 19 |
| Joan Lombardo | February 20 |
| Michael Stickney | February 20 |
| Lance Vechinski | February 21 |
| Jerry Featherstone | February 22 |
| Charles Modzinski | February 22 |
| Ralph Colosimo | February 25 |
| Joseph Raymond | February 25 |
| Joan Pfaff | February 25 |
| Nick Perfill | February 25 |
| Betty Gutkowski | February 29 |
| George Eichorn | February 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!!



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| George & Rosemary Schulte | February 5 |
| Guiseppa & Mary Riera | February 19 |

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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 |
| Raymond Dawson | February 25, 2015 |
| Michael J. Francis | February 28, 2015 |
| Donald Duff | July 30, 2015 |
| Harold Patterson | October 20, 2015 |



For the Good of the Order

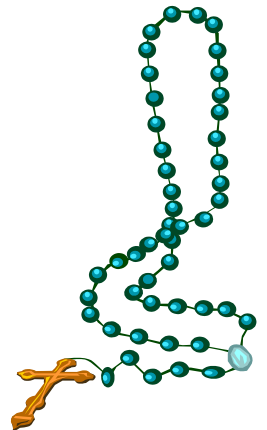
**Please keep the Knights, Relatives or Acquaintances of Knights
below in your prayers.**



Michelle Abrams
Joanne Ales
Kurt Arnold
Joyce Aufmuth
Melvin Aufmuth
Kevin Bondra
Lucas Carlson
Helen Chircop
Gail Clisby
Karen Conwell
Larry Conwell
Michael Denomme
James Diehl
Matt Dowdy
Joel Edwards
BK-Richard Emmers
Barbara Fairhurst
Ted Funke
BK-Clarence Gajewski
Chris Gapczynski
Robert Gutkowski
Mike Hoste
Sue Hund
BK-Jim Kaza
Caroline Krmel
SK-Ralph Labadie
Daniel Latusz

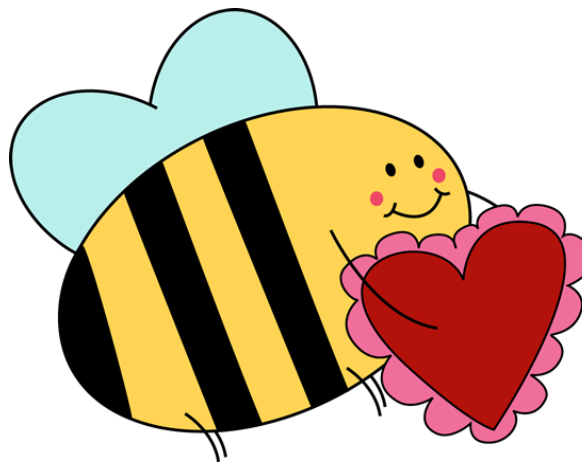
Melissa Latusz
Jeff Leich
Janet Loewen
Jennifer Loewen
Ron Lomasney
Tom Lomasney
Dolores Moquin
Mark & Jill Nelson
Monica Noch
Patricia Okerhjelm
Marie Peever
Martha Seruga
Zachary Shevsky
Rosann Steele
Chip Storck
Loretta Suval
Paul Suval
Sarah Swanson
Mary Jane Sweeney
SK-Karl & Joanne Sziisz
Mildred Tarbuck
Reginald Topolewski
Bob Williams
Lynn Williams
Char Wojtaszek
Robert Zurack

NOTE: BK = Brother Knight
SK = Sir Knight



**Officers of S.P.O.T.
K of C Council #11689
District #66**

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| District Deputy | Mike Mejia | 586-948-3073 |
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| 2 Yr Trustee | Tom Gray | 586-468-2165 |
| 3 Yr Trustee | Steve Kargenian | 586-746-9073 |
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| Lecturer | Jim Hubbard | 586-286-1658 |
| Program | Henry Leflere | 586-468-5122 |
| Church | Angelo Garavaglia | 586-412-3327 |
| Community | George Loewen | 586-731-5299 |
| Council | Gary Skarb | 586-286-1040 |
| Family | Richard Okerhjelm | 586-996-2221 |
| Youth | Art Krygowski | 586-469-2996 |
| Membership | George Loewen | 586-731-5299 |
| Field Agent | Donald Wesley | 888-393-7539 |
| Vocations Director | Jeff Gapczynski PCGK and PDD | 586-263-5942 |
| Pro-Life | Jim Kaza | 586-263-5395 |



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 January newsletter must be submitted by no later than February 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.

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