



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

We welcome our newest member, Brother David Lagassa completed his First Degree ceremony at St. John Vianney on Saturday, April 23rd. Please congratulate David and welcome him to the council.

As the 2015-2016 fraternal year comes to a close, I bring you good news. Our council has met the requirements to achieve the status of **"Star Council."** This means we have met the quota for membership and insurance, along with completing the necessary program requirements. It should be noted that obtaining Star Council status is achieved by less than 10% of the councils in the state. Congratulations Council 11689!

The semi annual Adopt-A-Road project was completed on Saturday, April 16th. We had a very good turn out of 16 Brother Knights all working together. The road clean up was completed in under an hour and a half. Thank you to Greg Csernai for organizing the event and to all who helped that day.

We had another very good turn out for the April pancake breakfast. Thank you to Ralph Pullis and those who volunteered to help. The proceeds raised from this breakfast will be used to support the "Casey the Teddy Bear" program.

Thank you to Jerry Hund for volunteering his truck to take our clothing donations to the St. Aloysius Outreach Center in Detroit. Once again, his truck was completely jammed full of clothing. These donations are given to the less fortunate in our community.

Brother Gino Gattari did an outstanding job organizing the breakfast and lunch for the Deaconate formation that was held at our church on Saturday, May 14th. Also many thanks to those who came to help work this event. I have received a thank you from Brother Jeff Loeb and his wife Connie for everything our council did to support him and his fellow classmates who are all studying to become Deacons. Jeff said he heard nothing but positive comments from all who attended that day.

The Wednesday, May 18th district benefits night held at St. John Vianney Council was a complete bust. We as a council and as a district must, find a more suitable method of getting the news out to our councils and our parishes. These benefits nights are designed for Knights of Columbus members and non members alike. I am sure it will be a topic of discussion when the four councils get together on June 6, 2016 for the annual district planning meeting.

Our next Corporate Communion Mass is Sunday, June 12th and will be at the 7:45 AM Mass. Please plan to attend to receive communion with your fellow Brother Knights and their families.

Congratulations to all of the new incoming officers and directors for the 2016-2017 fraternal year. Also, thank you to the outgoing officers and directors for your service over the past year.

Vivat Jesus,
Bruce Arnold
Grand Knight

Monthly Prayer Intention



Universal: Human Solidarity

That the aged, marginalized and those who have no one may find — even within the huge cities of the world — opportunities for encounter and solidarity.

Evangelization: Seminarians and Novices

That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.

Annual Vocations Golf Outing

It is not too early to sign up for the annual Vocations Golf Outing, September 24, 2016. Review the following information and call me with your 4-man teams. You do not have to be a Brother Knight to play in this outing.

Where: Sycamore Hills Golf Club, 48787 North Avenue, Macomb, MI 48042 (586-598-9500).

When: September 24, 2016, with a 6:30 am Registration.

What's included: 18 holes of golf with cart—Continental Breakfast—Lunch at the turn—Dinner and prizes.

Cost: \$95 per golfer—\$75 for any Bishop, Priest, Seminarian or Deacon.

This outing is limited to 216 golfers, so call me as soon as you have your team together so I can reserve our spots.

Joe Phillips
586-286-8497



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Motions Passed

The following motions were approved at the April officers meeting:

Motion by Phil Kwasny, supported by Karl Sziisz, to donate \$100.00 to Chippewa Valley High School for their annual all night party.

Motion by Steve Kargenian, supported by Phil Kwasny, to donate \$500.00 to the Gabriel Richard family to help send their son to the Vatican to receive a blessing from Pope Francis.

Motion by Ray Coughlin, supported by Tom Gray, to donate \$3,750.00 to St. Paul of Tarsus from the proceeds from the Lenten fish fries.

Motion by Phil Kwasny, supported by Steve Kargenian, to drop St. Paul of Tarsus religious education and CLEAVE from the list of recipients of the annual MI Drive.

The following motions were approved at the May general membership meeting:

Motion by George Loewen, supported by Rob Tusset, to accept the new member application of August Oliveri Jr. - First reading

Motion by Phil Mularski, supported by Greg Csernai, to accept the re-application of Thomas George. - First reading

Motion by George Loewen, supported by Phil Kwasny, to pay the bills.

Motion by Steve Kargenian, supported by Rob Tusset, to donate \$100.00 to the grandson of James Grifka for an Eagle Scout project.

Motion by Rob Tusset, supported by George Loewen, to withhold future support from Gianna House until pending issue with acting administrator is resolved.

Motion by George Loewen, supported by Phil Mularski, to accept the new member application of August Oliveri Jr. - Second reading

Motion by Chuck Loewen, supported by Phil Mularski, to accept the re-application of Thomas George. - Second reading

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. Three upcoming Protecting God's Children classes in our area are:

St. Peter in Mount Clemens, Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 6:30 PM

St. Lawrence in Utica, Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 6:00 PM

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

Ice-cream Social

Brother Rich Okerhjelm has selected the weekend of July 30-31 for the Annual Ice-cream Social.

There will be a sign-up sheet available at the June and July meetings for anyone wishing to help.

This is a free event open to all members of our parish.



Why a Fourth Degree?

Thirteen Colonies that welcomed Catholics was Maryland. Thus, the first diocese in America was Baltimore, and many of our older Knights learned their faith in the 1950s and '60s using the Baltimore Catechism.

Things weren't any better for Catholics in the 1800s. Catholics immigrating to the United States often could only find menial, dangerous jobs, such as in coal mines and factories. They were jobs that often made the wives and children of these men widows, fatherless, and homeless due to an accident on the job. The Knights of Columbus was formed in 1882 to aid these women and children.

However, that did not stop anti-Catholicism. It was commonly felt at the time that Catholics could not be good Americans because they owed their allegiance and loyalty to the Pope. One of the main persecutors of the Knights of Columbus along this line was the Ku Klux Klan. In an effort to refute such claims, the Knights of Columbus formed the Fourth Degree, the Patriotic Degree, in 1900. Over 1200 Knights from across the country attended the first exemplification in New York City, thus earning the title "Sir Knight."

The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus is to promote a love of country and impress the duties of citizenship upon its members. Its motto is Patriotism - a patriotism enlightened and informed by religion. The patriotic work of the Sir Knights continues on to this day. Fourth Degree Knights everywhere, often in their distinction regalia, work to support and assist veterans and active military personnel with such programs as assisting at Veterans Administration hospitals, conducting Flag protocol programs, sending packages to troops deployed overseas, protecting the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance, and participating in parades and patriotic events. In addition, they continue to support the Church by participating in many Church activities and events in local parishes.

Please consider joining the Fourth Degree and supporting them in their efforts. To be eligible, a Knight must be over 18 years of age, a U. S. citizen, a practical Catholic in union with the Holy See, and a Third Degree member. Applications can be obtained from Fourth Degree Knights already in your Council. The next exemplification is Saturday, September 17 at DeCarlo's Banquet Center in Warren. We hope to see you there!

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 May: "Ken Grobbel." 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 May: "Dan Steele Family." In recognition of their out-standing service to the Council.

Election Results

Congratulations to the following Brother Knights on the election of their officer positions for the 2016-2017 fraternal year:

Grand Knight —	Art Krygowski
Deputy Grand Knight —	Mike Hartel
Chancellor —	Ted Czarny
Treasurer —	Ray Coughlin
Recorder —	Rob Tusset
Warden —	Tony Guido
Outside Guard —	Gerry Vento
Inside Guard —	Joe Bono
3-Year Trustee —	Bruce Arnold
Advocate —	Ken Krause

Corporate Communion Masses

Our Next Corporate Communion will be held on June 12, 2016 at the 7:45 am Mass.

Lectors: George Loewen
Jeff Loeb

Acolytes: Gary Skarb
Leonard Gutkowski

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



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.

The Lighter Side



"Tis better to be silent and be thought a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt." - Abraham Lincoln

"Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there." - John Wooden

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources person asked the young engineer who was fresh out of MIT. "What starting salary were you thinking about?"

The engineer said. "In the neighborhood of \$200,000 a year, depending on the benefits package."

The interviewer said. "Well, what would you say to a package of 5 weeks paid vacation, 10 holidays, 5 personal days, full medical, dental, and eye glass coverage, company matching retirement fund up to 10% of salary, and a company leased car every 2 years – say a red Corvette?"

The engineer sat up straight and said. "Wow! Are you kidding?"

The interviewer replied. "Yeah, but you started it!"

Fathers Day

On Fathers Day weekend, June 18-19, we will be passing out Rosary Rings following each Mass. These Rosary Rings will be blessed by Fr. Ron or Fr. Kiselica, and will be available to all parish members who are communion age and above.



Only Having Insurance “Through Work” Doesn’t Work

Do you know anyone whose life or career has drastically changed during these years of economic downturn? It’s very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty. Maybe there’s a possibility that you (or your spouse) could change employers, or even lose your job.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

But only having “through work” insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family’s actual needs. In fact, a detailed needs analysis that evaluates your specific situation, will likely show that any employer-provided coverage falls short.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection. At the very least, it will definitely be more expensive.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I’ll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you’ll know exactly where you stand.

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

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

In Christ,

**Don M. Wesley, FICF –
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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

June 6	7:00 PM	District planning meeting at St John Vianney
June 12	7:45 AM	Corporate Communion at St. Paul of Tarsus
June 13	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (free will offering meal at 6:30 PM)
June 14		Flag Day
June 18-19		Distribute Rosary Rings following all Masses
June 19		Father's Day
June 22		Newsletter deadline
June 23	7:30 PM	First Degree Ceremony at St. Isidore (7 PM registration)
June 24		Fr. Kiselica's Birthday
July 1		Start of 2016-2017 fraternal year
July 4		Independence Day
July 11	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (free will offering meal at 6:30 PM)
July 22		Newsletter deadline
July 28	7:00 PM	Officers meeting



Happy Birthday!!



Bruno Bellini	June 1
Patricia Kwiatkowski	June 1
Larry Orzechowski	June 2
James Lambertus	June 4
Renie Giezyng	June 5
Thomas Hakim	June 7
Jeremy Krygowski	June 8
Claudia Arnold	June 17
James Grifka	June 19
Barb Csernai	June 21
Joanne Nowak	June 24
James Darris	June 24
Neil Norat	June 25
Guy Infante	June 25
Michael Hartel	June 27
James Wallace	June 27
David Joseph White	June 28
Dietmar Eschbach	June 30
Anthony Pascaretti	June 30
Kristine Kramer	June 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!!



Henry & Patricia Kwiatkowski	June 3
Fr. Joseph Hund	June 10
Chuck & Carol Lomasney	June 14
Mike & Karla Hartel	June 18
Reginald & MaryAnn Topolewski	June 18
Mike & Kristine Kramer	June 19
Chuck & Janet Loewen	June 19
Art & Janice Krygowski	June 23
Kenneth & Nancy Czarny	June 24
Mike & Joan Lombardo	June 26
Joe & June Marheineke	June 2

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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. Raszowski	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
Fr. Louis Grandpre	February 20, 2016
John Marfotta	March 26, 2016
Ralph Labadie	March 27, 2016



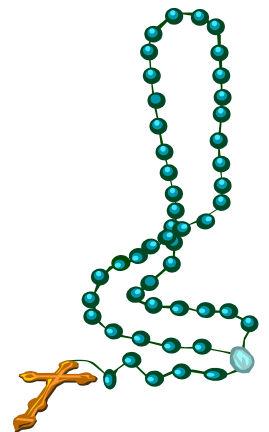
For the Good of the Order

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



Joanne Ales
Carol Alexander
SK-Dick Allore
Kevin Bondra
Janice Burda
Helen Chirco
Micheal Denomme
James Diehl
Barbara Fairhurst
Ted Funke
BK-Clarence Gajewski
Chris Gapczynski
Linda Garrisi
Rose Garrisi
Donna Giezyng
Renie Giezyng
BK-Mike Hoste
Sue Hund
Alan Johnson
BK-Jim Kaza
Carol Krmel
Anita Kubczak

Jennifer Loewen
Dolores Moquin
Jill Nelson
BK-Scott & Franscian Obrecht
Regina Parker
Mark Peever
BK-John Russo
Zachary Shevsky
Rosann Steele
Loretta Suwal
Paul Suwal
Rosann Steele
Sarah Swanson
Mary Jane Sweeney
SK-Karl & Joanne Sziisz
Mildred Tarbuck
BK-Reginald Topolewski
BK-Gerry Vento
Bob Williams
Lynn Williams
Char Wojtazsek



**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	586-263-0544
Treasurer	Ray Coughlin	586-412-7178
Warden	Tony Guido	586-201-4409
Inside Guard	Joe Bono	586-263-4306
Outside	Gerry Vento	586-231-5777
1 Yr Trustee	PGK Karl Sziisz	586-286-5238
2 Yr Trustee	Tom Gray	586-468-2165
3 Yr Trustee	Steve Kargenian	586-746-9073
Advocate	Ken Krause	586-263-7115
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:

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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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.