



# The Knight's Shield



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

March, 2016

*Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism*

Volume 21

## **A Word from Grand Knight Bruce Arnold**

We welcome our two newest members, Jeremy Krygowski and Donald Szlezzynger who both completed their First Degree at our church on February 13<sup>th</sup> when our council hosted a major degree. Welcome to the Order. These two new Brother Knights were joined by Steve D'Onofrio, Joe Shalla, Al Soulliere, and Dan Steele as the six of them completed their Second and Third Degrees that same day. Brothers, congratulations on becoming fully Knighted in the Order.

Speaking of the Major Degree, thank you to everyone who helped make this day such a success. In total there were 9 new First Degree candidates and 19 Brother Knights received their Second and Third Degrees that Saturday. I heard many compliments on how well everything was handled and how smoothly everything ran. Nice work Brothers!

With Easter soon approaching, we have 3 related events ahead of us. The first is the Easter ham and kielbasa fundraiser which will be headed up by Past Grand Knight, Jerry Hund on the weekends of March 5-6 and March 12-13 following each Mass. Next is the children's Easter Egg Hunt that will take place on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. The Easter Egg Hunt is available to all parish children as well as council members children or grand children. This is a change from previous years when the hunt was done on a Saturday. The final event related to Easter is the annual M I Drive which is always held on the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of Palm Sunday weekend. Brother Joe Roehrig will be looking for members to sign up at the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

While on the subject of the Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, please remember that this meeting will

start at 6:30 PM and is our annual Open House Pot Luck Dinner and Awards Night. The council will provide the chicken and beverages. You are asked to bring a dish to pass for this event, it can be an entree, a side dish, or a dessert. Brother Francis Boylan from Holy Cross Children's Services will be our guest along with the winners from the District Free Throw Challenge and Poster Contest. We will also have a membership recruitment drawing, a door prize raffle, and of course a 50/50 drawing. Additionally, we will present the Shining Armor Awards, Special Recognition Awards, along with the prestigious Knight and Family of the Year Awards. Be sure to not miss this evening.

On Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> our council will host a District Corporate Communion during the 4 o'clock Mass. I hope to see a nice showing of council members and their families, as other councils in our district should be attending. Come and celebrate the Eucharist with your Brother Knights.

Without knowing for sure when the April newsletter will be mailed out, I want to close by wishing all my Brother Knights and their families a very blessed Happy Easter!

Vivat Jesus  
Bruce Arnold  
Grand Knight



## Monthly Prayer Intention

### Universal: Families of Difficulty

That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

### Evangelization: Persecuted Christians

That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the church.



## March Open House and Pot Luck Dinner

Our March 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Motions Passed

At the January officers meeting the following motions were approved:

Motion by Ted Czarny supported by Phil Kwasny to approve the membership application of Jeremy Krygowski – first reading

Motion by Art Krygowski supported by Phil Kwasny to donate up to \$125.00 to St. Paul of Tarsus for materials to be used for the "Explanation of the Mass" program that will benefit our youth.

Motion by Henry Leflere supported by Steve Kargenian to donate \$50.00 to the National Center on Sexual Exploitation

Motion by Henry Leflere supported by Steve Kargenian to donate \$100.00 to Compassion Pregnancy Center

Motion by Henry Leflere supported Angelo Garavaglia by to donate \$100.00 to Forgotten Harvest

Motion by Steve Kargenian supported Ted Czarny by to donate \$100.00 to Gleaners Food Bank

Motion by Steve Kargenian supported by Gerry Vento to donate \$100.00 to the Jacks and Jillys Bowl for Congenital Heart Disease

Motion by Ted Czarny supported by Phil Kwasny to approve the membership application of Jeremy Krygowski – second reading

At the February general membership meeting the following motions were approved:

Motion by George Loewen supported by Phil Kwasny to accept the new member applications, transfer in applications, and reactivation applications. First reading.

Motion by Ralph Colosimo supported by Ralph Pullis to pay the bills.

Motion by Jerry Hund supported by Art Krygowski to accept the new member applications, transfer in applications, and reactivation applications. Second reading

The delegates for the annual State Convention on Mackinaw Island in May are as follows:

First delegate – Bruce Arnold

Second delegate – Art Krygowski

First alternate – Ted Czarny

Second alternate – Henry Leflere

## Casey the Teddy Bear



As you may know, when we hold our annual casino trip in January, the proceeds are earmarked for the "Casey the Teddy Bear" program. The council makes \$10.00 per guest, we have two 50/50 drawings and this year we received a very generous \$300.00 donation from one of our council members on behalf of family members that recently passed away. This resulted in approximately \$1000.00 being raised to support "Casey" the bear that cares.

## Euchre Tournament

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



## 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](http://www.virtusonline.org) to check for available classes and to register.

## MI Drive

On Palm Sunday weekend, March 18,19, 20 we will be out in force offering Tootsie Rolls to the public, both on the streets and in front of select businesses. History has proven that a Knight on the street (turnarounds, curb side) brings in about 3 times as much as a Knight working a store front.

The proceeds of the MI Drive are used to support Mentally Impaired (or more politically correct - intellectually challenged) people. Eighty percent of the proceeds stay in our local area and are given to organizations that are selected by the officers of our council. The other twenty percent is distributed by the Michigan State Council to their list of organizations. One of the largest recipients is the Michigan Special Olympics.

Brother Joe Roehrig is the chairperson for the MI Drive, and will have the sign-up sheets available at the March meeting. Please do what you can to find even a couple of free hours to work at this great fundraiser.



## 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 February: "**Greg Csernai.**" 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 February: "**Steve Kargenian 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



"Know who you are, and be it. Know what you want, and go out and get it." - Carroll Bryant

"There are no shortcuts to anyplace worth going." - Proverbs 31

**Muldoon lived alone** in the Irish countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked, "Father, me dog is dead. Could ya' be saying' a mass for the poor creature?" Father Patrick replied, "I'm afraid not; we cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature." Muldoon said, "I'll go right away Father. Do ya' think \$5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?" Father Patrick exclaimed, "Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why did ya' not tell me the dog was Catholic?"

## 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.

## Laws & Rules of The Order

The laws and rules of our Order, as well as state (provincial) laws, specify that the Knights of Columbus may accept insurance applications only from Knights of Columbus members. As a member, you may apply for insurance on yourself, your wife and your dependent, minor children.

The Order's Board of Directors has taken action, though, to assure that a brother Knight's widow maintains the right to purchase additional insurance for a limited time. This can be of great benefit and comfort to those we leave behind.

This "right to apply" is available only to the widows of insured members. If a member has not availed himself of our top-rated life insurance program, or purchased an annuity or long-term care policy, Disability Insurance, this benefit is not available to his widow.

But if the member was an insured member, his widow has the right to apply for additional insurance on her life and on the lives of the member's minor children. This right can be exercised for up to one year following the Order's receipt of proof of the insured's death.

Know two things. First, I'll assist your widow and children in any way possible if you should die, both with your Knights of Columbus insurance and any other life insurance you may have. Second, I'll provide them my best professional advice and service, to assure that they continue to have adequate insurance protection.

As a professional agent and a brother Knight, I have no greater responsibility.

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 it's 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](mailto: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.

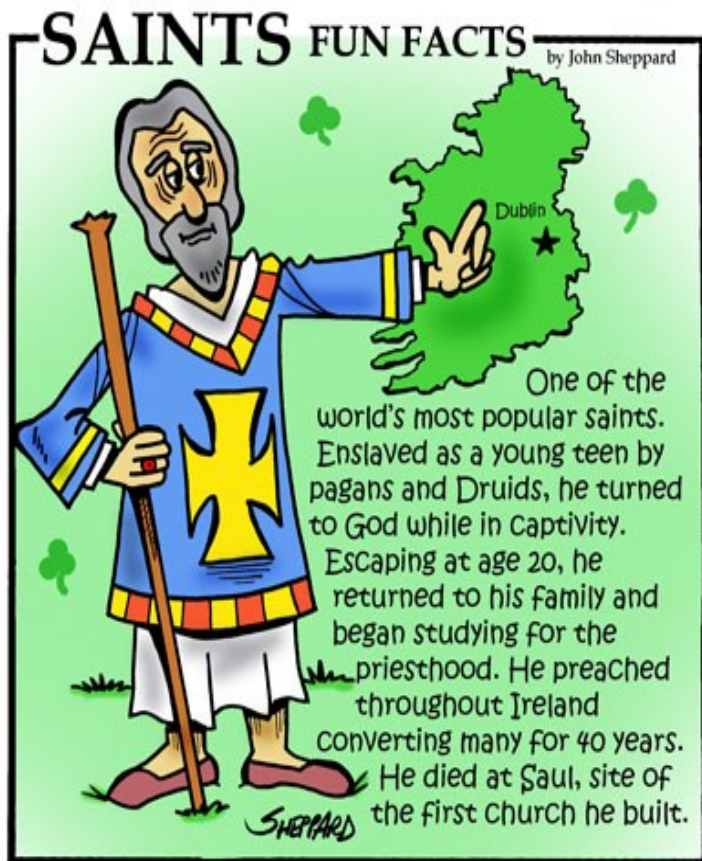
If you have any of the items listed above and you would like to donate them, please bring them to the meeting in July. Jerry Hund and I will make sure they are delivered.

Thanks,

Phil Kwasny







*St. Patrick*

Depending on when this newsletter arrives there should either be 3 or 4 fish fries remaining at church. Remember the charge of "Unity" when you completed your Second Degree.

If you haven't helped work at one of these fish fries yet, and wish to do so, there is still time, additional volunteers are always welcomed. None of the tasks are very difficult when we all work together.



## 2nd Annual Vets Returning Home Dinner Fundraiser

**ROYALTY HOUSE BANQUET HALL  
8201 E 13 MILE RD  
WARREN, MI 48093**

**MARCH 12, 2016**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM  
DINNER BEGINS AT 7:00 PM**

**CASH BAR—DANCING—RAFFLES  
SILENT AUCTION—DOOR PRIZES**

**TICKETS \$35 OR  
\$45 AT THE DOOR**

**TABLE OF 10 ONLY \$325  
IN ADVANCE**

**FOR TICKET PURCHASE/INFO VISIT  
[www.vetsreturninghome.org](http://www.vetsreturninghome.org)  
or call 586-216-8510**



## Calendar of Events

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	District Corporate Communion - St. Paul of Tarsus
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
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
April 28	7:00 PM	Officers meeting



## Happy Birthday!!



James Murphy	March 1
Jacqueline Fracassa	March 3
Joseph Ennis	March 4
Rev. Ron Essman	March 5
Gerry Vento	March 6
Mike Essad	March 7
Sheryl Ignatowski	March 8
Dennis Kubczak	March 9
Paul Megge	March 9
Richard Okerhjelm	March 9
JoAnn Phillips	March 10
WilliamFrontiera, Jr,	March 11
Karl Sziisz	March 11
Christoper Ignatowski	March 13
Vincent Ursini	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](mailto:spotknights11689@gmail.com), or call at (586) 263-5942.

## Happy Anniversary!!



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

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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
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

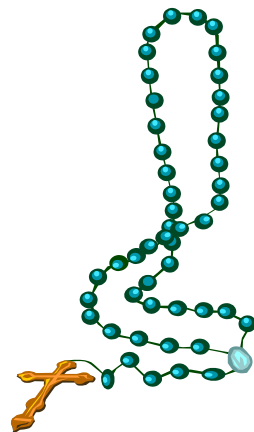
**Please keep the Knights, Relatives or Acquaintances of Knights  
below in your prayers.**



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**



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
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2 Yr Trustee	Tom Gray	586-468-2165
3 Yr Trustee	Steve Kargenian	586-746-9073
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Church	Angelo Garavaglia	586-412-3327
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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
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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 April newsletter must be submitted by no later than March 20, 2016.**

### **Important Websites**

**K of C Supreme:** [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

**K of C Michigan State Council:** [www.mikofc.org](http://www.mikofc.org)

**Michigan District #1:** [www.michigandistrict1.com](http://www.michigandistrict1.com)

**St. Paul of Tarsus:** [www.stpauloftarsus.com](http://www.stpauloftarsus.com)

**Our Council newsletter is now available online at the St. Paul of Tarsus Parish website, [www.stpauloftarsus.com](http://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](mailto:spotknights11689@gmail.com). Doing so would save our Council a great deal of money for printing and postage.**



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