



The Knight's Shield



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

May, 2016

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 21

A Word from Grand Knight Bruce Arnold

Four of our council members and their wives attended the annual Detroit Archdiocese Vocations League (DAVL) Dinner Dance held at St. Lawrence Council in Utica on Sunday, April 10th. Several priests, seminarians and postulates were the guest speakers. It is always inspiring to hear their stories on how they were called into the religious life. Our council donated a gift card that was used as part of the raffle to help raise funds to support these fine young men and women.

With 17 Brother Knights working on the Adopt-A-Road clean up project, we were able to have Canal Road free of litter in just over an hours time. As has been said many times before; "Many hands make for lighter work." Thank you each for helping and thank you Brother, Greg Csernai for organizing the event.

Our Sunday April, 17th pancake breakfast was well attended by our parish. As I walked around, talking to our guest, I heard absolutely nothing but positive comments. This particular breakfast was not designated for any specific charity so the proceeds will be used for our Knights of Columbus general fund. Thank you to Ralph Pullis, our chairperson, and everyone who helped work the breakfast.

Brother Jerry Hund will have his pickup truck ready and waiting to receive your clothing donations prior to the start of the May meeting. Twice a year Jerry, with various other Brother Knights, takes the donated items to the St. Aloysius Outreach Center in Detroit to help the less fortunate people in our community.

As most of you already know, Brother Jeff Loeb is currently studying to become a Deacon at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. He has asked the council, (and received unanimous support at the April meeting) to prepare a light breakfast; muffins, danish, etc. and lunch for his fellow classmates as they attend a Diaconate Formation program at our church on Saturday, May 14, 2016. When you see Jeff in church be sure to encourage him, as I am sure the road ahead may prove to be challenging.

Later that same evening, Saturday, May 14th at 7 PM, we will have our last Euchre Tournament until the fall. Brother Henry Leflere has agreed to act as the host for this event. So grab a partner, or you can come alone, and plan to attend this purely social event. The cost is \$7.50 per person and includes a light meal and prizes.

Brother Joe Philips is looking for a couple more volunteers to help with the Special Olympics Spring Games on Tuesday, May 3rd at 9 AM. Again this year, the games will be held at Macomb County Community College South Campus on 12 Mile Road in Warren. Contact Joe for more details at 586-286-8497

Father Ron has given us permission to pass out "Rosary Rings" to the parishioners following Masses one weekend. The rings will also be blessed by Fr. Ron prior to distribution. We have ordered 1250 rings, if we find out that more are needed we can purchase additional rings at a later date.

St. John Vianney will host a district Benefits Night on Wednesday, May 16th beginning at 7 PM. There is no cost to attend and much information to be gained from these programs. Typically there are several speakers covering a broad range of topics that may include; insurance (life and long term disability),

Grand Knight's Notes Cont'd

estate planning, elder care or nursing home cost, and the cost of end of life expenses. - No reservations are required to attend.

Please remember to pray for the people on our prayer list.

Vivat Jesus
Bruce Arnold
Grand Knight

Monthly Prayer Intention



Universal: Respect for Women

That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed

Evangelization: Holy Rosary

That families, communities and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace.

Summer Clothing Drive

AT our May membership meeting, we will be accepting donated clothes for the St. Aloysius Outreach Center located on Washington Blvd., in downtown Detroit.

The need is great, and so many are without shelter and are hungry. Our Council has been very supporting of the St. Aloysius Center for many years, giving a quarterly donation of money and the generous clothing drives held in the past. Your generosity fulfills four of the Corporate Works of Mercy: Shelter the Homeless, Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, and Clothe the Naked.

Please bring your unwanted clothes for men, women and children to our meeting on May 9.

Thank you...
Jerry Hund

Motions Passed

The following motions were approved at the April meeting:

Motion by Rob Tusset, supported by Gino Gattari to accept the first reading of a reinstatement application

Motion by Joe Marheineke supported by George Loewen to accept the second reading of a reinstatement application

Motion by George Loewen, supported by Joe Marheineke to pay the bills

Motion by Phil Mularski, supported by Joe Bono to purchase 1250 Rosary Rings at .19 each.

Motion by Art Krygowski, supported by Phil Mularski to purchase 2 new Pancake Breakfast signs for approximate cost of \$330.00

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.

Whats 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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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 Blase in Sterling Heights, Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 9:00 AM

St. John Vianney in Shelby Township, Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 1:00 PM

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

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



Why a Fourth Degree?

Thirteen Colonies that welcomed Catholics was Maryland. Thus, the first diocese in American 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 April: "**Jerry Hund.**" 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 April: "**Gary Skarb Family.**" In recognition of their out-standing service to the Council.

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.



Special Olympics

Are you looking for a rewarding Knights of Columbus experience? Here is one to consider: the Macomb County Special Olympics.

They are to be held at the Macomb County Community College—South Campus—12 Mile and Hayes in Warren, MI on May 3rd at 9:00 am.

We can meet for breakfast at Andrea's Gardens at 8:00 am prior to the event. The events are in the rear of the college in the field house and the surrounding grounds. If you can't make breakfast, be at the college at 9:00 am. We will once again work the Horseshoe Pits, and it was mentioned that they may possibly need us at another event. We are usually finished by 12:00 pm. It is a very rewarding experience and well worth your time. You can call me at 586-286-8497 with any questions. Hope to see you there.

Joe Phillips



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



“Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes.” - Mahatma Gandhi

“Tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift. That is why it is called the present.” - Eleanor Roosevelt

The year is 1923, in 1923, do you know who was:

President of the largest steel company?
Charles Schwab – died a pauper.

President of the largest gas company?
Edward Hopson – went insane.

President of the New York Stock Exchange?
Richard Whitney – was released from prison and died at home.

The greatest wheat speculator?
Arthur Cooger – died abroad, penniless.

President of the Bank International Settlement?
Leon Fraser - shot himself.

The great bear of Wall Street?
Cosabee Livermore – committed suicide.
However, in that same year, 1923, the winner of the The U.S. Open and the PGA Championship was Gene Sarazan.

What became of him, you ask?

Well, he played golf until he was 92, died in 1999 at the age of 97, and was extremely financially secure at the time of his death.

CONCLUSION: Stop worrying about business and other unimportant things and start playing golf.

Election of Officers



Election of Officers will take place at our May meeting. The following are the nominees:

Grand Knight – Art Krygowski, Ken Krause, Ted Czarny

Deputy Grand Knight – Mike Hartel, Ralph Pullis, Ted Czarny

Chancellor – Ted Czarny, Jerry Hund, George Sakorafos, John Mocerì

Treasurer – Ray Coughlin

Recorder – Rob Tusset, Mike Hartel

Warden – Tony Guido, Phil Mularski, Bill Giezyng, Ken Grobbel

Outside Guard – Jerry Vento, Tom Pardo, John Mocerì, Ken Grobbel

Inside Guard – Joe Bono, Vince Ursini, Robert Tette

3 Year Trustee – Bruce Arnold, George Sakorafos, Ralph Pullis

Advocate – Ken Krause, Ken Grobbel, Henry Leflere, Phil Kwasny

Please be sure to attend this very important meeting. Electing our new leadership will decide the direction of our council for the next two years. Your vote is important!!

May is Disability Insurance Awareness Month

A Founding Notion: Protecting the Breadwinner's Income

While jobs may be safer in 2016, accidents, injuries, and illnesses that can impact your ability to work still happen. Most, in fact, do not happen on the jobsite or place of employment. Did you know that a 2011 study revealed that more than 95 percent of the long-term disability claims on file were not work related?

The Knights have always sought to protect members' families from the "loss" of a breadwinner. I'm sure you know all about Father McGivney's vision for our first, insurance program. But you may not know that Father McGivney also wanted to find a way to help members who couldn't work because of an illness. After all, the "loss" of the breadwinner does not have to mean that person's death; it can also mean the loss of the breadwinner's income.

Consider that loss for a moment. How would your family fare if a source of income suddenly stopped? Could a dual-income family manage on one income stream? What about young families with a working father and a mother who cares for the children? What if his income halted due to an accident or illness?

I've heard some people say they have coverage at work, but too many aren't sure what this coverage entails, how much income it would provide or for how long. Having this protection counts for something, certainly, but it isn't "yours"; it's provided by the company for which you work at their discretion. It could be eliminated tomorrow.

That's where a personally-owned disability income insurance product, like Income Armor, comes into play. It can offer valuable income replacement in the event of an injury or illness.. If you have a job, you must know about this coverage.

I'd like to meet with you in your home, at your convenience. I'll work with you to make sure your family is protected. As a brother Knight you can trust, I'll take the stress and worry out of the buying decision.

In Christ,

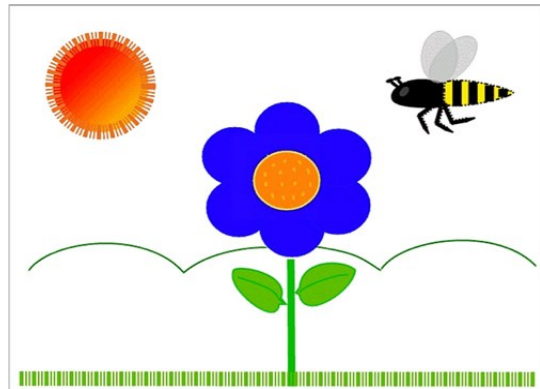
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E-Mail Communications

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

May 3	9:00 AM	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	8 AM-2PM	Jeff Loeb, Diaconate Formation Day - breakfast and lunch
May 14	7:00 PM	Euchre Tournament
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
June 4	7:00 PM	District planning meeting at St John Vianney
June 13	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (free will offering meal at 6:30 PM)
June 19	7:45 AM	Corporate Communion at St. Paul of Tarsus
June 22		Newsletter deadline
June 23	7:00 PM	Officers Meeting
June 23	7:30 PM	First Degree Ceremony at St. Isidore (7 PM registration)
June 24		Fr. Kiselica's Birthday



Happy Birthday!!



Michael O'Donnell	May 1
Michael Wojtaszek	May 4
Guy Serafino	May 6
James Neate	May 7
Donald Rybski	May 9
John Garavaglia	May 10
Joseph Roehrig	May 11
Helen Candela	May 12
Kenneth Krause	May 13
Owen Dueweke	May 14
Carl Maron	May 14
John Sweeney	May 14
Charles LeMoine	May 15
Gordon Wilczynski	May 15
Marlene Kropidlowski	May 16
Michael Mayer	May 17
Mary Ann Topolewski	May 17
William Gunkelman	May 18
June Marheineke	May 18
Joann Twigg	May 18
Gary Gozdzinski	May 19
James Engardio	May 20
Jeffrey Vitale	May 20
James Rohde	May 22
Ronald Langlois	May 23
Matthew Thomas	May 26
Dave Endres	May 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!!



John & Chris Sweeney	May 11
George & Ellen Francis	May 13
Giovan & Helen Candela	May 15
Ken & Christine Krause	May 25
Thomas & Estelle Hayes	May 30

If you'd like to see your anniversary posted, please send an e-mail to Chris Gapczynski at spotknights11689@gmail.com, or call at (586) 263-5942.



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
Fr. Louis Grandpre	
Ralph Labadie	



For the Good of the Order

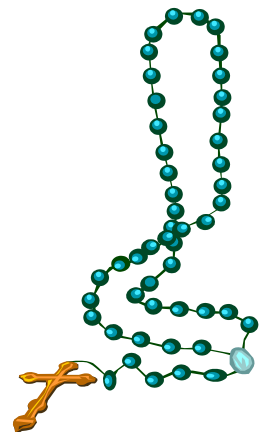
**Please keep the Knights, Relatives or Acquaintances of Knights
below in your prayers.**



Joanne Ales
SK-Dick Allore
Kevin Bondra
SK-Joe Bono
Lucas Carlson
Helen 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



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District #66**

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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:

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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

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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