



The Knight's Shield



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

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Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 21

A Word from Grand Knight Art Krygowski

Brother Knights, Council 11689 is up and running for the 2016-2017 fraternal year, and I ask that all come along for the journey. I would like to make this a year in which we come together as a unit with our sights set on the principles of the Knights of Columbus: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The principles will lead us in many directions with a final destination approaching what Father Michael J McGivney envisioned back in 1882, to help our fellow man. What makes being a Knight worthwhile is being part of the team that makes the council work. Thanks to all of you who work so hard to keep our council going month after month. I also thank your families for the sacrifices they make so that you can be an effective and active Knight. I hope to see our newer members step up and get involved in an activity they are interested in. I look forward to seeing you at our meeting and at our events. Many people work very hard on these events, so please support and applaud their efforts with your attendance and participation

Deacon Ed Wilson was in town and was able to attend our July meeting. He gave us an inspiring talk about the Knights of Columbus. Deacon and his wife are enjoying retirement in Florida and Michigan.

Our Quarterly District Corporate Communion and Installation of Officers Ceremony for the new fraternal year of 2016-2017 was held on August 20th at St. Clement of Rome. We joined with Officers and Brothers from St. Clement of Rome, *St. Isidore* and St. John Vianney. It was followed by a dinner where we were able to enjoy the company of Family and Friends.

The annual Ice cream social held July 30th and 31st was a great success again this year. I would like to thank Rick Okerhjelm and Sal Bica for organizing this event and for all the volunteers who set up the tent on Friday, served ice cream after all masses then stayed to clean up and take the tent down afterwards.

The Holy Cross Children's Services Raffle Calendars are here! These calendars – which are perfect for home, office or as a gift – continue to be priced at only \$25 each and offer the possibility to win daily and monthly, as well as the grand prize of \$5,000. Please contact me or see me at a meeting to acquire a calendar.

If you don't have a name badge yet, please consider ordering one from Jerry Hund. If you would like to show your support for the Knights, you can order apparel from Sal Bica at the next meeting.

I am reaching out to all Brothers for your help in either assisting in preparing our meals or the cleanup at the end of our monthly meetings. Vito and Phil have been doing this for us for years, and they would like to start to give up their apron for some new helpers. Rick Okerhjelm has offered to help, but he needs a few more brothers to step up with him.

Vivat Jesus
Art Krygowski
Grand Knight

In Memoriam

Joanne Ales (age 73), wife of Sal Ales (past Pro-Life Director) for 32 years, passed away on July 26th.

Anthony (Tony) Nardozi, age 59, passed away August 6th. He was a Past Grand Knight and Past District Deputy with the Knights of Columbus, Council #7018 of St. Clement of Rome, and a member of the Bishop Schoenherr 4th Degree

Monthly Prayer Intention



Universal: Centrality of the Human Person

That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center.

Evangelization: Mission to Evangelize

That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize

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



Life Insurance as a Gift

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. "How morbid," they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers – even while you're alive.. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

***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 –
General Agent
Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Insurance**

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:

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

Corporate Communion Masses

Our Next Corporate Communion will be held on September 18, 2016 at the 9:30 am Mass.

Lectors: Phil Mularski
Richard Okerhjelm

Acolytes: Denny Kubczak
Leonard Gutkowski

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



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 August: "George Sakorafos." 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 August: "Joe Phillips Family." In recognition of their out-standing service to the Council.

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



The Lighter Side



Jesus was walking along one day, when He came upon a group of people surrounding a lady of ill repute. It was obvious that the crowd was preparing to stone her, so Jesus made His now-famous statement, "Let the person who has no sin cast the first stone."

The crowd was shamed and one by one began to turn away. All of a sudden, a lovely little woman made her way through the crowd. Finally getting to the front, she tossed a pebble towards the woman.

Jesus looks over and says, "I really hate it when you do that, Mom."

Late one night, a burglar broke into a house he thought was empty. He tiptoed through the living room but suddenly he froze in his tracks when he heard a loud voice say: "Jesus is watching you!"

Silence returned to the house, so the burglar crept forward again. "Jesus is watching you," the voice boomed again. The burglar stopped dead again. He was frightened. Frantically, he looked all around. In a dark corner, he spotted a bird cage and in the cage was a parrot. He asked the parrot:

"Was that you who said Jesus is watching me?"
"Yes," said the parrot. The burglar breathed a sigh of relief and asked the parrot: "What's your name?"
"Clarence," said the bird.

"That's a silly name for a parrot," sneered the burglar. "What crazy guy named you Clarence?" The parrot said, "The same crazy guy who named the Doberman Jesus."

Q: Why didn't Noah go fishing?

A: He only had two worms!

Motions Passed

The following motions were approved at the July officers meeting:

Motion by Bruce Arnold, supported by Phil Kwasny, to accept the re-application of Carl Maron. - First reading.

Discussion and agreed by consensus to have this year's Trunk or Treat on Sunday Oct 23 from 2:00 until 4:00.

Motion by Steve Kargenian, supported by Phil Kwasny, to accept the re-application of Carl Maron. - Second reading.

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

Motion by Phil Kwasny, supported by Rob Tusset, to accept the transfer member application of David Putvin Motion was passed.

Motion by Ralph Pullis, supported by Joe Hoppersberger, to pay the bills. Motion was passed.

Motion by Ray Coughlin, supported by Phil Kwasny, sponsor 2 holes at the DAVL Golf Outing for \$100.00 Motion was passed.

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.

Calendar of Events

August 27 th	District Free Throw Contest Planning Meeting St. Clement, 7018
Saturday September 10 th	First Degree St. John Vianney 11772 Registration. 8:30am Start 9:00am
Sunday September 11 th	Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale (after 7:45 and 9:30 Masses)

How to Prove Life Begins at Conception Part 3

Are the unborn alive?

Clearly, the unborn are alive, because they are receiving nutrients from their mother that cause them to grow via cellular reproduction. I've heard some argue that the unborn are not alive because they can't survive without their mothers or they can't survive outside of her body. The problem with these objections is that they prove only that the unborn are alive in a certain place, not that they aren't alive.

The critic even concedes this when she says that unborn children can't live *on their own* or that they can't live *outside the womb*. This is just a roundabout way of saying that unborn children live with the assistance of their mothers (just as newborns can live only with assistance from their mothers or another human). If the fetus is growing, has a heart that is pumping blood through a circulatory system, and is sending electrical signals through a nervous system, how could it not be alive?

Another simple way to show that the unborn are alive is to ask the question, "What does abortion do to the fetus?" Most people will say that abortion kills the fetus, while some stubborn pro-choicers will say abortion removes the fetus from the womb. You can

ask these stubborn people what happens to the fetus after it is removed. The critic must admit that the end result of these actions is the death of the fetus. But in order for something to die, wouldn't it be alive at some point?

Of course—but so what if the fetus is alive? Bacteria and oak trees are alive, and we kill them all the time. To answer this objection, we must show that the unborn are not just alive but that they are a special kind of living thing.

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

Happy Birthday!!



Sharon Gunkelman	September 1
Thomas Hayes	September 12
Joseph Hopersberger	September 12
Chris Gapczynski	September 13
Andrew Wise	September 13
Carl Catanese	September 16
John Moceri	September 16
Douglas Lovell	September 17
Paul Young	September 18
Eric Sienkiewicz	September 19
Ted Czarny	September 20
Phil Kwasny	September 20
Brandon Lewandowski	September 21
Daniel Finn	September 24
Robert Anderson	September 24
Rev. Gary Morelli	September 28
Gregory Bendzinski	September 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!!



Ralph & Connie Colosimo	September 3
Natalino & Del DiFalco	September 4
Georgios & Kathleen Sakorafos	September 9
Robert & Paula Tusset	September 9
Vito & Patricia Guzzardo	September 10
James & Valerie Cosgrove	September 15
Mike & Charlene Wojtaszek	September 15
Joseph & JoAnn Phillips	September 21
Mike & Cindy Essad	September 29
Raymond & Sheryl Ignatowski	September 29

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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
William Galbraith	November 22, 2015
Donald Badowski	March 16, 2016
Fr. Louis Grandpre	February 20, 2016
John Marotta	March 26, 2016
Ralph Labadie	March 27, 2016
Reginald Topolewski	June 28, 2016



For the Good of the Order

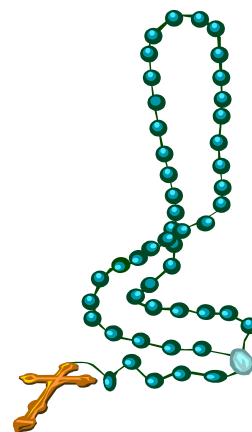
**Please keep the Knights, Relatives or Acquaintances of Knights
below in your prayers.**



Carol Alexander
Kevin Bondra
David Chircop
Helen Chircop
BK-Ralph Colosimo
Larry Conwelc
Ben Hoste, Jr.
Chuck Hoste
BK-Mike Hoste
Sue Hund
Caroline Krmel

Daniel Latosz
Melissa Latosz
Fred Lewis
Ken Lomasney
Ron Lomasney
Jill Nelson
Don Riekslander
SK-Karl & Joanne Sziisz
Mildred Tarbuck
Bob Williams
Lynn Williams

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		
Grand Knight	Art Krygowski	586-469-2996
Deputy Grand Knight	Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
Chancellor	Ted Czarny	586-286-6026
Financial	Ray Ignatowski	586-946-0129
Recorder	Rob Tusset	586-477-0232
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	PGK-Bruce Arnold	586-566-0628
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 Couple	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 October newsletter must be submitted by no later than September 22, 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**
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