



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 Art Krygowski

Please Keep Angelo Garavaglia's wife Carol, who went home to the Lord June 30th, and all deceased Knights and their Spouses in your prayers.

Let me begin my remarks this month by thanking each of you for the support you have shown and the trust you have placed in me. As I look at the road ahead, I am truly excited about the opportunity of serving this Council as its Grand Knight, and promise to do everything I can to make this a spectacular year for all of us.

Our Summer Diocesan Meeting was held last month and was well attended. The meeting was focused on the declining membership numbers with suggestions on growing our councils, and "Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish". It combines two great traditions of the Knights of Columbus: building up Catholic family life and strengthening parish life. There are on-line workshops they are asking all Knights to take, as it is up to all of the Knights, not just officers and directors, to reach out and bring in new members. It was also conveyed to us that all councils are required to implement Domestic Church activities into their annual action plan. To do this, work with your pastor in organizing a combination of activities aimed at strengthening the bond between your council, parish and families.

Summer is upon us once again. It might be a time that many of us start to get a little careless about our relationship with God and faith life. There are lots of barbecues, picnics, outdoor activities and other distractions that may tempt us to put our faith life on a back burner...not indefinitely, of course, just until summer is over. I think we can all agree, it takes a little bit of effort to find a Catholic church while we are on vacation. Many of our good intentions to read that religious book get lost in the most current novel.

With all the famous people that died recently, it might be a good time to take stock of our own mortality. We are constantly told to be prepared for the coming of the Lord, for death will come like a thief in the night, and we know not when our time is up. We all think that we will have a tomorrow to make things right, but that is not always the case, just ask "Elvis" or those others who have gone. If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans. So take some time to get your life in order now, don't wait because you might not have a second chance to get ready to meet the Lord. So ask forgiveness from those that you have hurt in any way, and go and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Make peace with your enemies, re-check your will, and be prepared! Treat every day as if it were your last. Don't forget to thank the Lord for all that you have. Pray for others.

Thank you to all of you who have been at the meetings regularly. Please consider calling someone you haven't seen for a while and ask how they're doing. See if they're in need of a ride or friendly reminder when the next meeting takes place.

We have a Web-site under construction: www.spotknights.com and we need pictures to add to our site. Please send me any pictures you have taken at any event from the past years so we can grow our web-site. gk11689@mikofc.org

Our council will have a great year, and the more that each of you – each one individually – can be involved, the better it will be. I ask each of you to adopt a program to help out with, and to ask one fellow Catholic to join this fine order.

Vivat Jesus
Art Krygowski
Grand Knight

Reaching Out to Grow Our Council

I am asking for a few volunteers to support our membership director, George Loewen, to form a team of Knights that are good communicators and can spread the word of why men become Knights. If we don't act on growing the order, it is just a matter of time before the Knights will go away. This is a national issue, not just here in Michigan; but if every council can do their part, the Knights of Columbus will live on as Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney had established in 1882. Please pray on this request and consider to step up and continue our mission.

Vivat Jesus

Art Krygowski

Michigan's 39th Ultrasound Machine

Michigan's 39th Ultrasound Machine which was dedicated Saturday, June 24th, at Compassion's Pregnancy Center in Clinton Township by our very own Fr. John Kiselica. It was a very nice and humbling event. Knowing that we are able to help in the mission of saving the lives of the unborn is priceless. This link will take you to the article: <http://www.councilnet.us/Jurisdiction/State/Article.aspx?State=Michigan&Article=69793>

Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Historically, devotion to the Heart of Mary grew up in parallel, but at a lesser intensity than that of devotion to the Heart of Jesus, only starting to become more prominent during the time of St John Eudes. John Eudes was born in 1601 in Normandy, France. He entered the Congregation of the Oratory of France, founded in 1611 by Cardinal de Berulle and was ordained to the priesthood on December 20, 1625.

St. John brought people to love Christ and the Virgin Mary by

speaking tirelessly about their Heart, the sign of the love God shows for us and the communion to which we are called.

To offer them liturgical worship, he composed Masses and Offices in their honor and had the first Feast of the Holy Heart of Mary celebrated on February 8, 1648, at Autun (France,) and the Feast of the Heart of Jesus celebrated on October 20, 1672.

He died on August 19, 1680 and was canonized by Pope Pius XI on May 31, 1925.

Nevertheless, it was not until after the Apparitions at Rue du Bac concerning the "Miraculous Medal" made to Catherine Labouré in 1830, and the establishment of a society dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, at the Church of Our Lady of Victories in Paris in 1836, that this particular devotion became really well known.

Since then devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, has gradually grown more widespread in the Church, particularly since the apparitions at Fatima.

The main difference between the devotions to the hearts of Jesus and Mary is that the one concerned with Jesus emphasizes his divine heart as being full of love for mankind, but with this love for the most part being ignored or rejected, while devotion to Mary's heart is essentially concerned with the love that her heart has for Jesus, for God.

Therefore, it is not an end in itself, so the love of her heart is meant to be a model for the way we should love God. The fact that her heart is immaculate, that is sinless, means that she is the only fully human person who is able to really love God in the way that he should be loved.

Honoring Mary's Immaculate Heart is really just another way of honoring Mary as the person who was chosen to be the Mother of God, recognizing her extraordinary holiness and the immense love she bestowed on Jesus as his mother, the person who was called to share in and co-operate in his redemptive sufferings.

The aim of the devotion is to unite mankind to God through Mary's heart, and this process involves the ideas of consecration and reparation. A person is consecrated to Mary's Immaculate Heart as a way of being completely devoted to God. This involves a total gift of self, something only ultimately possible with reference to God; but Mary is our intermediary in this process of consecration.

Because of the strong analogy between Jesus and Mary, the consecration to Mary's Immaculate Heart is closely linked to the consecration to Jesus' Sacred Heart, although it is subordinate and dependent on it. That is, although the act of consecration is ultimately addressed to God, it is an act that is made through Mary.

Career Opportunity

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. They offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus.

For more information, please contact, Don M. Wesley FICF, General Agent, at 888-393-7539, or don.wesley@kofc.org

Thank You!!

Thanks to all the helpers that were here to put the tent up for VBE, and thanks to Rick Okerhjelm and Greg Csernai for repairing the tent poles.

Thank you from Barnyard Roundup VBE Leaders Janice Krygowski and Teresa Szya for putting up the tent for us and their continued support of the religious education programs.



thank you!

The Lighter Side



Ray was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside. The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!" My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor." Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?" He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

Three Pastors in the south were having lunch in a diner. One said "Ya know, since summer started I've been having trouble with bats in my loft and attic at church. I've tried everything--noise, spray, cats--nothing seems to scare them away. Another said "Yeah, me too. I've got hundreds living in my belfry and in the narthex attic. I've even had the place fumigated, and they won't go away." The third said, "I baptized all mine, and made them members of the church... Haven't seen one back since!!!"

Cowboy Joe was telling his fellow cowboys back on the ranch about his first visit to a big-city church. "When I got there, they had me park my old truck in the corral," Joe began. "You mean the parking lot," interrupted Charlie, a more worldly fellow. "I walked up the trail to the door," Joe continued. "The sidewalk to the door," Charlie corrected him. "Inside the door, I was met by this dude," Joe went on. "That would be the usher," Charlie explained. "Well, the usher led me down the chute," Joe said. "You mean the aisle," Charlie said. "Then, he led me to a stall and told me to sit there," Joe continued. "Pew," Charlie retorted. "Yeah," recalled Joe. "That's what that pretty lady said when I sat down beside her."

One day a group of scientists got together and decided that man had come a long way and no longer needed God. So they picked one scientist to go and tell Him that they were done with Him. The scientist walked up to God and said, "God, we've decided that we no longer need you. We're to the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things, so why don't you just go on and leave us." God listened very patiently and kindly to the man. After the scientist was done talking, God said, "Very well, how about this?"

Let's say we have a man-making contest." To which the scientist replied, "Okay, great!" But God added, "Now, we're going to do this just like I did back in the old days with Adam." The scientist said, "Sure, no problem" and bent down and grabbed himself a handful of dirt.

God looked at him and said, "No, no, no. You go get your own dirt!"

Motions Passed

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

George Loewen made a motion and seconded by Rick Okerhjelm to pay the bills that were presented for payment. Motion passed without discussion.

Rob Tusset made a motion and seconded by Gino Gattari to purchase a food card from Meijer in the amount of \$300.00 to benefit Abigayle Ministries. The motion passed with some discussion.



Our State Membership Motto for 2017:

Our Growth Starts With...

“One Member, Per Council, Per Month”

Monthly Prayer Intention



Artists

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

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

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.

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.

St. Lawrence, Utica, MI
August 8, 2017 at 6:00 pm

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 17, 2017, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

Lectors: George Loewen
Phil Mularski

Acolytes: Leonard Gutkowski
Denny Kubczak

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 July : **Gerry Vento**.

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 July: **"Joe Marheineke Family."** In recognition of their out-standing service to the Council.

VETS Returning Home

I have had several inquiries about giving large appliances like stoves, refrigerators and freezers to the Vets Returning Home program. When these vets leave, they typically move into apartments which already have these appliances. Therefore, the Vets Returning Home organization cannot use these kinds of appliances.

If you have furniture that you wish to donate, they will come to your house for pick-up. The direct number for pick-up is 586-285-6506. When you call they will establish a scheduled time and date for pick-up.

If you have any questions, please call me at 586-469-1997.

Thanks,

Phil Kwasny



Update Your Beneficiaries

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things. Take, for example, the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it may very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your policies should be updated to reflect your spouse as beneficiary. Maybe you've had children since, who are not named on the policies. Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary, an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured. I routinely call all of my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – that is, the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment. I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family's needs.

Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense!
**Ask about our GUARANTEED LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES,
LONG TERM CARE & INCOME DISABILITY INSURANCE**



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Support for the Holy Land

At the request of the State Chaplain and with the Support of the State Council and following the direction of the Supreme Knight who asks the Knights of Columbus Councils to support Christians of the Middle East:

The State Chaplain is asking all Councils to make one emergency check of support as their basic project in support of Our Brothers and Sisters. These funds, which will receive receipts from the receiving agents will support the following initiatives:

- 1) St. Joseph Patriarchal School in Bethlehem: The upper school has no furnace, cooling or proper fire protection. The Sisters of St Joseph there ask our help in funding replacement furnaces and safety devices.
- 2) Summer Programs for the children, who in these months are caught in conflicts between protests, the Israeli protection forces and retaliation for violence. The parishes provide summer programs for the children at the churches. One specific initiative has a traveling troop from parish to parish to provide for them half days much like our own Vacation Bible School Programs.

These projects are time sensitive and I am asking Grand Knights to bring the support request to their councils immediately. Please send your checks, which should not exceed the amount that you are allowed to process that night from your Council funds.

There are two ways that you can handle your checks:

- A. Make your check payable to the Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus, memo line "Holy Land Initiative:
- B. If private donors such as companies etc. would like to make a donation to this initiative they can make the check payable to: Michigan Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. a 501C3, memo line "Holy Land Initiative"

Mail all checks to:

Michigan State Council
 6025 Wall Street
 Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Vivat Jesus,
 V. Rev. William J. Turner
 State Chaplain

Calendar of Events

August 14 th	6:30 pm	General Membership Meeting
August 15 th	7:00 pm	Feast of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Assumption Grotto Parish in Detroit
August 16 th	7:00pm	District Planning / Workshop at St. Isidore
August 24 th	7:00 pm	Officers meeting
August 26 th	6:00 pm	District Installation of Officers and Corporate Communion Mass at St. Clement in Romeo.



The 2017 Michigan Knights of Columbus Day at Comerica Park is scheduled for Saturday, August 12. The Tigers will play against the Central Division rivals, the Minnesota Twins. First pitch is at 6:10 pm.

This year, once again, we will have tickets in the baseline box seat area along the right field line and in the mezzanine area. The Lower Baseline Box Seats are \$46 each and the Mezzanine Seats are \$28. The price of the tickets to you are the same as the State Council pays the Tigers. Since there are no fireworks scheduled after the game, tickets are priced slightly less this year. We currently have 200 box seats and 200 mezzanine seats for sale to our brother Knights for this Saturday evening game.

Thanks,
Art

Happy Birthday!!



Sue Eichorn	August 1
Kim Dutts	August 3
Lucille Mejaly	August 3
Donald Bieschke	August 4
Phillip Abraham	August 6
Mike Lombardo	August 7
Gregory Stapels	August 7
Vincent Peraino	August 8
Bill Giezyng	August 9
Norito Bommarito	August 12
James Hubbard	August 13
August Oliveri	August 13
Charlene Wojtaszek	August 13
Kenneth Czarny	August 14
Ernie Everly	August 14
Steven Knott	August 20
Joseph Marheineke	August 24
Mark Mazzone	August 24
Sue Hund	August 25
Susan Valenti	August 26
Bernard Fredal	August 27
Thomas Kalkman	August 27
Daniel Marotta	August 29
August Oliveri, Jr.	August 30
Paul Ross	August 30
Alfred Soulliere	August 30

If you'd like to see your birthday posted, please send an e-mail to Chris Gapczynski at spot-knights11689@gmail.com, or call at (586) 263-5942.

Happy Anniversary!!



Edmund & Joanne Nowak	August 1
George & Patricia Loewen	August 2
Albert & Susan Valenti	August 12
William & Sharon Gunkelman	August 13
Ted & Sherri Czarny	August 16
Guido & Jacqueline Fracassa	August 18
Kenneth & Sandy Grobbel	August 27

If you'd like to see your anniversary posted, please send an e-mail to Chris Gapczynski at spot-knights11689@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. 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
James Kaza	September 26, 2016
John Russo	March 15, 2017
William R. Carroll	June 17, 2017

For the Good of the Order

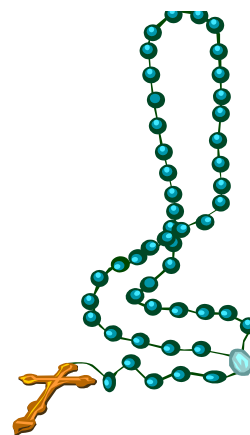
**Please keep the Knights, Relatives or Acquaintances of Knights
below in your prayers.**



Carol Alexander
Ashley ??
Joyce Aufmuth
Melvin Aufmuth
Norm Bauden
Kevin Bondra
SK-Joe Bono
Marke Carufel
Larry Connell
Sherri Czarny
Micheal Denomme
Mike DiGiovanni
James Diehl
Fr. Ron Essman
BK-Guido Fracassa
BK-Clarence Gajewski
John Cambano
SK-Angelo Garavaglia
Sandy Grobbel
Betty Gutkowski
Robert Gutkowski
Baby Sofia Haxhijaj
BK-Mike Hoste
Barbara Hubbard
Sue Hund
Ken Kargenian
Felicia Krause

Caroline Krmel
Daniel Latosz
Melissa Latosz
Jennifer Loewen
Ken Lomasney
Tom Lomasney
Mike Lombardo
Leanne Mackay
Jill Gapczynski-Nelson
Monica Noch
Brother Scott Obrecht
BK-Richard & Patricia Okerhjelm
Helen O'Shea
Vince Peraino
BK-Jim & Barbara Petoskey
Ed Rawan
Zachary Shevsky
Chip Storck
PGK-Karl & Joanne Sziisz
Mildred Tarbuck
BK-Matthew Thomas
BK-Ron Verellen
Bob Williams
Lynn Williams
BK-Deacon Ed Wilson
Liza Wilson
Vi Wilson

NOTE: BK = Brother Knight
SK = Sir Knight



**Officers of S.P.O.T.
K of C Council #11689
District #24**

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Recorder	Rob Tusset	586-477-0232
Treasurer	Ray Coughlin	586-412-7178
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Inside Guard	Joe Bono	586-822-6657
Outside	Gerry Vento	586-231-5777
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2 Yr Trustee	Steve Kargenian	586-746-9073
3 Yr Trustee	Dan Steele	586-286-8712
Advocate	Ken Krause	586-263-7115
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Council	George Sakorafos	586-610-3576
Family	Richard Okerhjelm	586-996-2221
Youth	Art Krygowski	586-469-2996
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Pro-Life Chairman	Sal Ales	586-263-3483



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 September newsletter must be submitted by no later than August 22, 2017.

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

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