



The Knight's Shield



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

February, 2017

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 22

A Word from Grand Knight Art Krygowski

Congratulations to our New Brother Knights, Craig Thomson and Joseph Winters who went through the admissions degree here at St. Paul of Tarsus this past month.

As we enter February, we also enter the season of Lent which begins on March 1st, Ash Wednesday, and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday, April 13th. As many of you know, the season of Lent is a time for reflection, soul- searching and repentance. In the early days of the church Christians imitated Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for 40 days. Lent is also a time for abstinence and fasting. Many people also abstain from an action while others take on an act of selflessness in helping others. Jesus died for our sins and in doing so, demonstrated the ultimate selfless act. I know we are all very busy in our lives, but I encourage all my Brother Knights during the Lenten season to continue carrying on their selfless acts of charity and fraternity.

The St. Paul / K of C Blood drive January 18th was very well attended. The amount of blood collected was not announced yet, but I do know that all times on the signup sheets were full. The Knights donated dinner from CJ's Company Store for the blood drive workers.

Brother Ron Marrese attended the Evangelization Committee's meeting last month. There was good discussion on ideas to evangelize here at St. Paul of Tarsus. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, at 6:30pm. I am asking for another Brother to attend these meetings with Ron to represent the Knights. Please see Ron or myself if you are able to attend.

Remember the Year of Mercy Membership Tribute Banquet February 26, 2017, at DeCarlo's for \$30.00 per person. Dinner is at 5:15pm with program to follow.

We have our annual Lenten Fish Fry coming up next month. It's a good time to make good on those New Year's resolutions to be more active in the Knights. There will be a lot of help needed for the Fish Fry's during Lent. This event will give you a chance to get to know your Brother Knights and church families. Please help make our Fish Fry successful. Make an effort to make it out one or more of the six Friday Fish Fry's. It would be great to see some new blood at this event.

State Raffle

On Saturday April 22, 2017, you are invited to join the State Officers for the raffle drawing Party at De Carlo's Banquet Center. Doors open at 12 noon. A light lunch will be provided and a cash bar available. The drawing will be held at 2:30pm. If you haven't turned in your tickets, consider going to De Carlo's.

The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest was judged at the January officers meeting. The winners will be announced at the March Pot Luck Dinner.

I'll leave you with one final thought from **Deacon Mike (Brother Knight)** from St. John Vianney:

"In the Alpha video series, Nicky Gumbel tells the story of two friends on the front line in battle. One was mortally wounded. His friend asked, "Is there anything I can do for you?"

No, he replied. I'm dying. But when you go home, find this fellow I know and tell him that what he taught me has helped me die a peaceful death. (I don't recall the name of the fellow.) When his friend eventually got home from the war, he found the man and relayed the message. The man he told stood

and said, I was his religious education teacher some 20 years ago. I gave up teaching religious education a long time ago.

Remember as Knights you make a difference in someone's life!

Thank You!!

On behalf of our District Deputy, Mike Mejia, and District Warden, Gary Kopp, thank you for approving the resolution to join our three brother council's in the purchase of an ultrasound machine. Once this machine is purchased and put in place, please keep Compassion Pregnancy Center in your prayers that they may continue their great work!

The Christmas decorations have been put away, the lights are dark and nativity set is back in storage. With Christmas 2016 now a memory, I need to thank the Knights listed below for their service to the church.

Hank LeFlere
Gary Skarb
Rich and Mathew Miller
Larry Orzechowski and his wife
Ray Coughlin

I cannot praise these individuals enough for the time they put in on January 8 after the 11:30 mass. Efficiently, the outside lights were taken down and stored, then they came indoors and finished all the inside decorations. With everything down, all the boxes were moved to the garage. One thing about the Knights, they know what needs to be done and they do it. Thank you from our St. Paul of Tarsus church community and Ken Krause on behalf of the decorating committee.

To all who attended and helped at the admissions degree held here at St. Paul of Tarsus on January 14, we were given very nice compliments from all who attended.

To Brother Ron Marrese for attending the Evangelization Committee meeting January 9th.

To all who attended the officers training at held at our new council St John and Paul in Washington, Mi. on January 21. Mike Mejia was very pleased that we were there to represent our council.

To all who attended the District Planning /Workshop held here at St. Paul of Tarsus January on 23rd. We had a good turnout and had a lot of constructive ideas for the coming year.

To Steve Kargenian and DGK Mike Hartel for organizing and running our Euchre Tournament January 28. A good time was had by all.

To Ralph Pullis and all the volunteers who helped at the Pancake breakfast January 29th.

Vivat Jesus
Art Krygowski
Grand Knight

Happy
Valentine's
Day

Monthly Prayer Intention



Support for Persecuted Christians

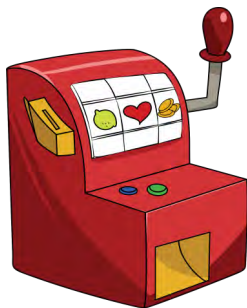
That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

Annual Casino Trip

The 2017 Casino Trip was a success. There were 45 people who joined the trip. All had a good time — although some of us came back happier than others.

This trip is a great get-together and getaway for Brother Knights and their families. Please consider joining us next year. You will have a wonderful time.

Jeff Gapczynski
Trip Coordinator



Our State Membership Motto for 2017:

Our Growth Starts With...

“One Member, Per Council, Per Month”

Holy Cross Children's Services Calendars

Holy Cross Children's Services 2017 calendars are now available and will be at the October 10th meeting. The cost of each calendar is \$25.00 and serve as a raffle ticket throughout all of 2017, with the proceeds going to support HCCS.

Brother Francis appreciates your participation in this important fundraiser.

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.

Information Not Available

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

Corporate Communion Masses

Our Next Corporate Communion will be held on March 18, 2017, at the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Lectors: George Loewen
Tony Valentine

Acolytes: Leonard Gutkowski
Gary Skarb

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 January: **"Michele Lombarado."** 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 January: **"Daniel Marotta 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



The Lighter Side



A priest, a minister and a Knight are discussing when life begins. The priests says, "It begins at conception". The minister says, "Life begins at 24 weeks gestation". The Knight says, "You are both wrong, Life begins when the kids move out of the house and the dog dies."

What do you call a sleepwalking nun?
A "roamin'" Catholic

What do you call a priest in charge of the school play?
The spiritual director.

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

Motions Passed

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

Motion by Jeff Gapczynski and seconded by Joe Hoppersberger to accept the applications for (1) Ron Schuster (reinstatement) Phil Mularski proposer; (2) new applications for Greg Thompson, Joseph Winters and Martin VenderHogan - Ted Czarny was the proposer. Motion passed.

Motion to pay the bills by George Loewen and seconded by Jeff Gapczynski. Motion passed.

Motion by Bruce Arnold and seconded by Joe Hoppersberger to approve the resolution to join in the purchase of an ultrasound machine. The motion passed.

Motion by Jeff Gapczynski and seconded by RobTusset to buy a table at the wild game dinner at DiCarlo's to benefit the St Francis Camp on the Lake. Motion passed.



How to Prove Life Begins at Conception Part 8



Case Closed

When someone tells you, “No one knows when life begins,” ask him, “How do you know that’s true?” Remind him that you are talking about the beginning of a biological human being’s existence, not when humans acquire personhood or the right to life. Disagreement among laymen does not negate the fact that experts, including those who support legal abortion, agree that the life of an individual human organism, or a human being, begins at conception. Once you’ve established this indisputable fact, you can move the pro-life argument forward by asking, “Shouldn’t all members of our species, or all biological human beings, have the same basic rights, including the right to life?”

Thank You for Reading this eight week article. . We certainly hope it will give all of you some new found appreciation for believing and proving that Life does begin at conception.

With God’s Blessings

Your Knights of Columbus and The Right to Life Committee

Steve Wagner’s “10 second pro-life apologist sound bite to defend pro-life beliefs”

If it’s growing, isn’t it alive?

If it has human parents, isn’t it human?

And human beings like you and me are valuable, aren’t we?

If you are 18 years old or older, you are eligible to join the Knights of Columbus. Bring your fathers and grand-fathers along and join together. We truly are a family.

Annuities

April 15 - tax day - is right around the corner. It’s become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax savings vehicle. A secondary approach is to tout the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? **How does a retirement income that you cannot outlive - guaranteed – sound to you?**

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee – along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember – **absolute safety of principal**), really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you – at your convenience and in your home – to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance and long term care insurance plans.

As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about one thing you can do to help yourself – opening a Knights of Columbus annuity. It’s reasonably priced (\$300 to start), guaranteed, and controlled by someone you trust – you!

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

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

In Christ,

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Calendar of Events

February 13 th :	6:30 pm	General Membership Meeting — free will donation dinner, 7:30pm Meeting
February 23 rd	7:00 pm	Officers meeting
February 26 th :	5:15 pm	Year of Mercy Membership Tribute Banquet at De Carlos Dinner

March 1 st		Ash Wednesday
March 3 rd	4-7 pm	Lenten Fish Fry starts
March 4 th	9:00 am	Spring 4 th Degree Exemplification DeCarlo's Banquet Center, Warren



Happy Birthday!!



Raymond Mitten	February 2
Michelle Oliveri	February 7
Ross Vizzaccero	February 8
Joseph Phillips	February 9
Donald Porchia	February 11
Robert Lomasney	February 12
Donald Szleznyngier	February 12
Cindy Essad	February 12
Philip Bonnette	February 14
Estelle Hayes	February 14
Ronnie Serafino	February 15
David Asaro	February 16
Lawrence Brady, Jr.	February 16
Jeffrey Loeb	February 17
Frank Burda	February 18
Steve Kargenian	February 19
August Miele	February 19
Michael Stickney	February 20
Joan Lombardo	February 20
Lance Vechinski	February 21
Jerry Featherstone	February 22
Charles Modzinski	February 22
Ralph Colosimo	February 25
Nick Perfili	February 25
Joseph Raymond	February 25
Joan Pfaff	February 25
George Eichorn	February 29
Leonard Gutkowski	February 29

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!!



George & Rosemary Schulte	February 5
Guiseppe & Mary Riera	February 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
James Kaza	September 26, 2016



For the Good of the Order

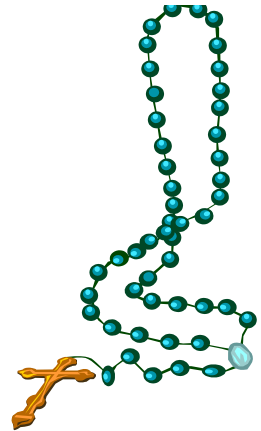
**Please keep the Knights, Relatives or Acquaintances of Knights
below in your prayers.**



Carol Alexander
Kevin Bondra
Larry Call
Lucas Caulson
Ralph Colosimo
Larry Connell
Sherri Czarny
Micheal DeJovanni
Micheal Denomme
James Diehl
James D'Ursa
Richard Emmers
Fr. Ron Essman
BK-Guida Fracassa
Janet Franks
SK-Angelo & Carol Garavaglia
Sandy Grobbel
Robert Gutkowski
BK-Mike Hoste
Barbara Hubbard
Paul Hubbard
Sue Hund
BK-Steven Kargenian

Caroline Krmel
Fred Lewis
Jennifer Loewen
Ron Lomasney
Edward Marcinkowski
Leanne Mackay
Christine McNally
Jill Nelson
Monica Notch
BK-Richard & Patricia Okerhjelm
Millie Orley
Jim Overholt
BK-Jim & Barbara Petoskey
Don Riekslander
Larry Rosso
Zachary Shevsky
PGK-Karl & Joanne Sziisz
Mildred Tarbuck
Matthew Thomas
Kim Vestrand
Bob Williams
Lynn Williams
BK-Deacn Ed Wilson

NOTE: BK = Brother Knight
SK = Sir Knight



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

District Deputy	Mike Mejia	586-948-3073
District Warden	Gary Kopp	586-873-6906
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	Tom Gray	586-468-2165
2 Yr Trustee	Steve Kargenian	586-746-9073
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
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Council	George Sakorafos	586-610-3576
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Vocations Director	Jeff Gapczynski PCGK and FDD	586-263-5942
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 February newsletter must be submitted by no later than January 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

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.