



The Knight's Shield



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

March, 2017

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 22

A Word from Grand Knight Art Krygowski

Congratulations to our New Brother Knight, Leon Beroy, who went through the Admissions Degree, and Stephen Sleem who went through the Formation Degree at St. Isidore.

There will be a Major degree at St. Ephrem Church on March 18th (8:30 am registration). This would be a good time to continue your journey to total Knighthood. Please contact George Loewen, Nick Oliveri or myself for more information, if we don't contact you first.

Millions of Christians are preparing to celebrate Lent - a time of year that many non-believers may associate with fasting or abstinence. But there is a lot more to the religious observance than giving up something. It is regarded as a period of spiritual preparation to grow closer to God in the run-up to Easter. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting. Some faithful take the rest of the day off work and remain home. It is generally inappropriate to dine out, to shop, or to go about in public after receiving the ashes. Feasting is

highly inappropriate. Small children, the elderly and sick are exempt from this observance.

So what have you given up for Lent? In our youth, we were told that preparing for Easter was to give up something (giving up broccoli didn't count!). How about doing something instead! How about doing something with our time to make a difference in your family, parish, council or your spiritual life? Say a rosary, attend a Stations of the Cross on Friday, or smile instead of growling when you get home from work. Try it. You know if this is done every day during Lent it becomes a habit. What a wonderful addition to our life that would make.

Our annual fish fry will begin March 3rd. We again anticipate an even greater crowd for dinners on those Fridays during Lent. Our community appreciates the good value of the Lenten fish fry plus it has become a good social event. Please volunteer and come in to assist. We especially need help in cleanup afterward. Participate by having dinner at the hall on Lenten Fridays. Your participation enhances the financial success of our Council. Please support your council in any way you can.

George Loewen has offered to put an information session together at 5:30 pm before our potluck dinner at 6:30 pm for anyone who would like information on the Knights and who we are. Please let any non-brothers and their families know that they are welcome to attend this and the dinner to follow.

Please remember that our March 13th 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. A representative from Holy Cross Children's Services will be our guest, along with the winners from the Keep Christ in

Christmas 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 18th our council will host a Corporate Communion during the 4 o'clock Mass. I hope to see a nice showing of council members and their families. If you are able to attend, please process in and sit with your brothers and their families. Come and celebrate the Eucharist with your Brother Knights.

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

First delegate – Art Krygowski

Second delegate – Mike Hartel

First alternate – Bruce Arnold

Second alternate – Ray Ignatowski

Vivat Jesus

Art Krygowski

Grand Knight

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, and a light lunch will be provided, Cash Bar Available, Drawing Held at 2:30pm. If you haven't turned in your tickets consider going to De Carlo's.

One final thought from **Deacon Mike Houghton (Brother Knight)** from St. John Vianney:

To love as Jesus calls us is a great challenge. It takes commitment and effort. It takes patience. It takes us being willing to be the bigger person and not be sucked into the pit of hatred that surrounds us. This kind of love is eternal, as is the reward for living it out. We who are disciples of the Lord are called to display this kind of love for others as we carry out our mission to make disciples of all the nations.

Thank You!

Rob Tusset and Tom Gray for coordinating our baby bottle drive. Over 300 bottles were given out, and at the time of the writing of this article, many have been returned full! Also, to our Worthy District Warden, Gary Kopp, for supplying our council with most of the bottles...and Compassion Pregnancy also supplied us many bottles.

Steve Kargenian for volunteering to run the February 19th Coffee and doughnuts. This was Steve's birthday present to himself because he likes Willies doughnuts....LOL, also for the many Knights and confirmation candidates who helped make this event go very smoothly.

To all the brothers who stepped up to help with the dinner before our general membership meeting last month while Rick Okerhjelm is recuperating from back surgery. Rick was in church on the 19th and he said day by day he is on the road to recovery.



Monthly Prayer Intention



Support for Persecuted Christians

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

MI Drive: Ladies Needed!

The MI Drive to be held the weekend of April 7-9, 2017, is rapidly approaching, and I am asking now for help with serving the men, as well as with preparing the food.

I need volunteers to prepare soups and sloppy joes. I also need volunteers to bake finger desserts such as cookies and brownies.

If you can help at all, please contact me at 586-231-2379.

Thanks...

Sherri Ignatowski

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 February: **"Tom Gray."**
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: **"George Sakorafos 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



Did you hear about the invisible man who married an invisible woman? Their kids were nothing to look at, either.

When Martin died, he left instructions for his attorney to gather the family members together for a reading of his will. The family listened closely as the lawyer cleared his throat and began to read.
"To my loving wife Lillian, who stood by me in rough times as well as good, I leave the house and \$2 million dollars"

The lawyer continued, "To my daughter, Stephanie, who looked after me when I was sick and kept the business going, I leave the condo in Vail, the business, and \$1 million dollars"

The lawyer concluded, "And, to my brother Daniel, who hated me, nagged me, argued with me, and was sure that I would never mention him in my will.....well, you were wrong. Hi Daniel!"

One day Paul came home from school and told his mom, "Mommy, the teacher was asking me today if I had any brothers or sisters who will be coming to my school." "That's nice of her to take such interest in your family, dear. What did she say when you told her that you are the only child?" She just said, "Thank God!"

Why did the car get kicked out of the disco?.....It was "brake" dancing!

Motions Passed

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

Motion to pay the bills by George Loewen and seconded by Ralph Colosimo. Motion passed.

Motion by Tom Gray and seconded by Joe Hopersberger to donate \$400 for flags to the Christian service Commission. Motion passed.

Motions were read and re-read to accept new applicant by Gino Gattari and seconded by Ken Krause. Motion passed.

Motion to accept transfer application made by Nick Oliveri and seconded by Ralph Colosimo. Motion passed.

March 13 Pot Luck Dinner

Our March 13th 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 a representative from Holy Cross Children's 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 Keep Christ in Christmas 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.

The Value of Membership Referrals

As a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most is when one of my brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to me. This is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they were so pleased with what I helped them accomplish that they want me to help others achieve the same level of financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis that I provide.

Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they've never been asked and don't know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own.

If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me or your Grand Knight. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It's always more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don't worry if the candidate is outside the area I serve or beyond the district of the local councils, we can make sure we put these future members in touch with the right people in their communities.

New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.55 billion to charity and provided in excess of 673 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential.

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

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

In Christ,

Richard J. Miller – *Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Insurance - Field Agent*

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Notable Quotes

"No society can be called healthy when there is no real room left for family life."

Pope Francis
World Meeting of Families

"Now, with gratitude for all we have been given, and with confident assurance of assistance in all our needs, let us turn to Mary, our Blessed Mother. May she intercede with her motherly love for the growth of the Church in America to be a prophetic witness to the power of her Son's cross to bring joy, hope and strength into our world."

Pope Francis

"Government Leaders must do everything possible to ensure that all can have the minimum spiritual and material means needed to live in dignity and to create and support a family, which is the primary cell of any social development."

Pope Francis
United Nations General Assembly



Calendar of Events

March 1 st		Ash Wednesday
March 4 th	9:00am	Spring 4 th Degree Exemplification at DeCarlo's Banquet Center, Warren
March 3 rd	4:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Fish Fry starts
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March 13 th	5:30 pm in Conference room	Information meeting about becoming a Knight
March 13 th :	6:30pm	General Membership Potluck Meeting
March 10 th	4:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Fish Fry
March 17 th 4	4:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Fish Fry
March 18 th	4:00 pm	Corporate Communion Mass
March 23 rd	7:00pm	Officers meeting
March 24 th	4:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Fish Fry
March 25 th and 26 th		K of C Ham & Kielbasa Orders being taken after all Masses
March 31 st	4:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Fish Fry

Happy Birthday!!



James Murphy	March 1
Joseph Ennis	March 4
Robert Worden	March 4
Rev. Ron Essman	March 5
Gerry Vento	March 6
Michael Essad	March 7
Sheryl Ignatowski	March 8
Dennis Kubczak	March 8
Paul Megge	March 9
Richard Okerhjelm	March 9
JoAnn Phillips	March 10
William Frontiera, Jr.	March 11
Karl Sziisz	March 11
Christopher Ignatowski	March 13
Vincent Ursini	March 13
Arthur 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
Craig Thomson	March 31

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!!



Bill and Renie Giezyng	March 16
James and 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
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

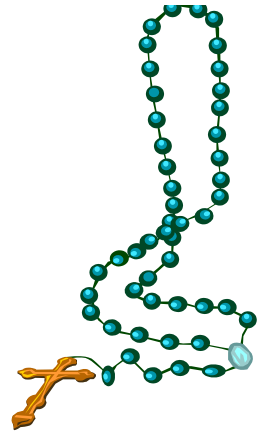
**Please keep the Knights, Relatives or Acquaintances of Knights
below in your prayers.**



Carol Alexander
Joyce Aufmuth
Melvin Aufmuth
Kevin Bondra
Larry Call
SK-Ralph Colosimo
Larry Connell
Sherri Czarny
Micheal DeJovanni
Micheal Denomme
James Diehl
James D'Ursa
Richard Emmers
Fr. Ron Essman
BK-Guido Fracassa
SK-Angelo & Carol Garavaglia
Sandy Grobbel
Robert Gutkowski
BK-Mike Hoste
Barbara Hubbard
Paul Hubbard
Sue Hund

Alan Johnson
Ken Kargenian
Felicia Krause
Caroline Krmel
Fred Lewis
Jennifer Loewen
Ron Lomasney
Leanne Mackay
Edward Marcinkowski
Jill Nelson
Monica Noch
BK-Richard & Patricia Okerhjelm
Jim Overholt
BK-Jim & Barbara Petoskey
Don Riekslander
Larry Rosso
Zachary Shevsky
PGK- Karl & Joanne Sziisz
Mildred Tarbuck
Bob Williams
Lynn Williams
Deacon 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	586-822-6657
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
Community	George Loewen	586-731-5299
Council	George Sakorafos	586-610-3576
Family	Richard Okerhjelm	586-996-2221
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Membership	George Loewen	586-731-5299
Field Agent	Richard Miller	586-610-1545
Vocations Director	Jeff Gapczynski PCGK and FDD	586-263-5942
Pro-Life Chairman	Sal Ales	586-263-3483



**Everyone's Irish
On March 17th.**

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 April newsletter must be submitted by no later than March 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.