



The Knight's Shield



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

May, 2017

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 22

A Word from Grand Knight Art Krygowski

Please keep in your prayers our Worthy District Deputy's Mom "Mary Margaret Mejia" who went home to the Lord on March 24th. Please also pray for his family members so they have peace at this difficult time in their lives.

Congratulations to our New Brother Knight, Bill Hill, who went through the Admission degree on Thursday, April 20th at St. Mary Queen of Creation Parish in New Baltimore.

Our Fraternal year is just about over. Once again, in May, our Council will join other local councils from the State at our annual State Knights of Columbus Convention. During the Convention, the State Council not only recognizes their outstanding councils, but also sets each council's goals for the upcoming fraternal year that begins in July. Every Brother should be proud of the work that the St. Paul of Tarsus Council has done throughout the 2016/2017 fraternal year. We definitely achieved our Lord and Savior's mission of spreading the message of peace and love. A big round of thanks and appreciation is due to each Brother for their outstanding support. Furthermore, the families of our Brothers deserve a great round of thanks for giving their dads and husbands the time to spend with this outstanding council.

Our 4th annual fish fry is now over. I would like to thank the many volunteers that came out to work. Some helped a couple of weeks and others came every week to help, pulling together as a team. Many thanks to each and every person that was a part of that team. We served 2,195 customers in the six weeks we were here. The food and fellowship were

GREAT!! See you next year!!

On Friday March 31st the Knights of Columbus lead the Stations of the Cross. This was well attended by over 60 people. Next year we will refrain from all the kneeling if you chose not to.

On Palm Sunday weekend our members took to the street and store fronts distributing Tootsie Rolls and accepting cash donations. To all who helped make this drive so successful ... thank you so much! We cannot forget several other groups that were involved; our Brother Knights that camped out for many many long hours in the pantry counting all those donations, and Brother Joe Roehrig for chairing this great fundraiser to support the Mentally Impaired. Finally, to Sheryl Ignatowski and all the ladies that helped keep our bellies full and to everyone who brought in the food to feed us.

With 16 Brother Knights working on the Adopt- A - Road cleanup 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.

At our May 8th meeting, we will have our **second round of officer nominations and voting on NEW officers**. As you all know this is a very important process, so please consider carefully who you would like to see in the leadership positions of your council. Remember also, that **self-nomination is perfectly acceptable**, as long as the nominee is a Third Degree member.

Macomb County Special Olympics Summer Games are to be held at Macomb County Community College South Campus on May 2, 2017. We will be meeting at Andrea's Restaurant for Breakfast at 8:00 am on the corner of 12 mile road and Bunert in

Warren across from the college. Consider joining us if you can...if not meet us behind the Field House at MCCC South Campus. We are usually finished around 12:00 noon. Joe Phillips (586) 286-8497.

Many people have been asking for the **Larger K of C lapel pins**. I have them available for purchase – the cost is **\$5 each**. Anyone interested can get one at the General Membership or Officers meetings.

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.

Special Olympics

It's time to mark your calendars for May 2, 2017 for the Special Olympics Summer Games at Macomb County Community College. More information about times and what we will be doing is coming. Please consider joining us and lend a hand to make this a very special day for these Special Olympians.

If you have any questions, please call me at 586-286-8497. Thanks...looking forward to seeing you there.

Joe Phillips

Thank You!!

Thanks to all who helped to make the 2017 Fish Fry the best ever. Thanks to Ray and Lori Coughlin and Rich and Lisa Miller for running the behind the scenes work. I cannot list all by name here as there were so many but you know who you are so Thank You Very Much!

Thanks to Joe Roehrig for running this year's MI drive and all that helped support this event.

Thanks to Gino Gattari for volunteering again this year to prepare a light breakfast; muffins, danish, etc. and lunch for Brother Jeff Loeb and his fellow classmates as they attend a Diaconate Formation program at our church while they are currently studying to become a Deacon at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

Thanks to Jerry Hund and all his helpers for running another successful Ham and Kielbasa Sale this year. A lot of time is put into this event and knowing we can take part in your Easter celebration is very rewarding.

Thanks to George Sakorafos for organizing and getting help to pick up the chairs from Erie Elementary School for our Easter Sunday overflow masses in the social hall. Then George delivered them back to Erie himself.

Thanks to Rich and Lisa Miller and Ray and Lorri Coughlin and all the Easter Egg Stuffers and everyone who helped at the Easter Egg Hunt. There were over 80 children in attendance.

Thanks to Greg Csernai for organizing the Spring Road Clean Up and to all that helped.

Vivat Jesus
Art Krygowski
Grand Knight

Monthly Prayer Intention



Christians in Africa

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice and peace.

Thank You Ladies!!

To all the ladies that provided the soups, sandwich supplies, and goodies for the MI Drive, I give my deepest thanks. Without you, we could not provide the nourishment needed to keep the men who volunteer able to complete their mission of collecting funds to help the cognitively challenged people in our community.

Thanks so much to the ladies who just came to keep me company. Your laughter and conversation kept me going throughout the Drive.

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.

St. Blase, Sterling Heights, MI
May 6, 2017, at 9:00 am

St. John Vianney, Shelby Twp, MI
May 23, 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 June 25, 2017, at the 7:45 a.m. Mass.

Lectors: Richard Okerjhelm
Jeffrey Loeb

Acolytes: Denny Kubczak
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 April : **Joseph Bono**.

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: **“Ken Krause 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 Sunday School teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.

"Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer." said his mother. "I don't need to," the boy replied.

"Of course, you do" his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house." Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook.

A boy asks his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?"

"That's disgusting. Don't talk about things like that over dinner," the dad replies. After dinner the father asks, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy says. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."



Motions Passed

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

Motion by Steve Kargenian and seconded by George Loewen to donate \$100 to **Anthony Mastronardi**, the young man who suffered a severe neck injury during a hockey game.

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

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

Motion by Bruce Arnold and seconded by George Sakorafos to accept the new applications of William Hill (Jeff Gap is the sponsor) and Kenneth Dudley (Steve Sleem is the sponsor).

Motion and seconded to accept the transfer application of Charles Brandel from council 3042, Ted Czarny is the sponsor.

Spring Clothing Drive

At our May business meeting, we will be collecting clothing for the St. Aloysius Outreach Center located in downtown Detroit. Items can include shoes and women's clothing because, unfortunately, not only men find themselves homeless.

Our Council has been most generous in the past, and the Outreach Center is most grateful for your donations. The need is great.

A truck will be parked near the rear doors to load the items to be distributed.

If you saw you as God sees you, you would smile a lot.

Jerry Hund

Protecting the Breadwinner's Income

While jobs may be safer in 2017, 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.

**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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Election Nominations

The following gentlemen have been nominated to hold office for our council in the 2017/2018 fraternal year.

Grand Knight: Art Krygowski

Deputy Grand Knight: Mike Hartel

Chancellor: Ted Czarny
Nick Oliveri
Steve Sleem

Recorder: Rob Tusset

Treasurer: Ray Coughlin

Advocate: Ken Krause

Warden: Tony Guido

Inside Guard: Joe Bono

Outside Guard: Gerry Vento

3 Yr Trustee: Ron Marrese
Dan Steele

If there is anyone else you would like to nominate, including yourself, please contact me as soon as possible.

Please be sure to vote for the person you feel will best lead us in each office for the coming fraternal year. Your vote is important!!

Art Krygowski

Calendar of Events

April 1 st and 2 nd	After All Masses	K of C Ham & Kielbasa Orders . We accept credit cards.
April 2 nd	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Annual Easter Egg Hunt .
April 7 th	4:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Final Fish Fry. We accept credit cards.
April 8 th	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Diaconate Formation Day...K of C Cooking breakfast and Lunch.
April 9 th		Palm Sunday
April 10 th	6:30pm	General Membership Meeting .
April 13 th	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Ham & Kielbasa Pick Up .
April 15 th	12:00 pm	Blessing of the Food Baskets .
April 16 th	Easter Sunday	
April 27 th	7:00 pm	Officer's and Director's meeting .
April 30 th	3:00 pm	DAVL Vocations Dinner — St. Lawrence Hall, Utica, MI
May 3 rd to 6 th		Texas Holdem Rosemack Charity Poker Room.
May 8 th	6:30 pm	General Membership Meeting
May 20 th	3:00—5:00 pm	Euchre Card Party (K of C) set up in Social Hall.
May 20 th		Set up for K of C Pancake Breakfast (after Euchre Card Party).
May 21 st	After 7:45 and 9:30 Masses	K of C Pancake Breakfast
May 25 th	7:00 pm	Officer's and Director's meeting
May 29 th		Memorial Day.



Happy Birthday!!



Michael O'Donnell	May 1
Mike Wojtaszek	May 4
Joseph Winters	May 4
Guy Serafino	May 6
James Neate	May 7
Donald Rybski	May 9
John Garavaglia	May 10
Joe Roehrig	May 11
Helen Candela	May 12
Kenneth Krause	May 13
Owen Dueweke	May 14
John Sweeney	May 14
Carl Maron	May 14
Charles LeMoine	May 15
Guy Wilczynski	May 15
Marlene Kropidlowski	May 16
Mary Ann Topolewski	May 17
Michael Mayer	May 17
June Marheineke	May 18
Joann Twigg	May 18
William Gunkelman	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
David Putvin	May 29
David 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!!



George & Sue Eichorn	May 9
John & Chris Sweeney	May 11
George & Ellen Francis	May 13
Giovan & Hellen Candela	May 15
Kenneth & Christine Krause	May 25
Thomas & Estelle Hayes	May 30

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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
John Russo	March 15, 2017

For the Good of the Order

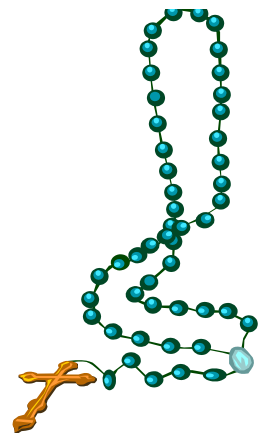
Please keep the Knights, Relatives or Acquaintances of Knights
below in your prayers.



Carol Alexander
Joyce Aufmuth
Melvin Aufmuth
Kevin Bondra
BK-Ralph Colosimo
Larry Connell
Sherri Czarny
Micheal Denomme
James Diehl
Fr. Ron Essman
BK-Guido Fracassa
BK-Clarence Gajewski
SK-Angelo & Carol Garavaglia
Sandy Grobbel
Robert Gutkowski
BK-Mike Hoste
Barbara Hubbard
Sue Hund
Alan Johnson
Ken Kargenian
Felicia Krause
Carol Krmel
Ken Lomasney
Mike Lombardo

Ann Lisuzzo
BK-Jim Lisuzzo
Jennifer Loewen
Leanne Mackay
Jill Gapczynski-Nelson
Monica Noch
BK-Richard & Patricia Okerjhelm
Helen O'Shea
Vince Peraino
Don Riekslander
BK-Jim & Barbara Petoskey
Ed Rawan
Mary Rosso
Lisa Sapienza
Zachary Shevsky
PGK-Karl & Joanne Sziisz
Mildred Tarbuck
Matthew Thomas
Dick Tschirhart
Bob Williams
Lynn Williams
BK-Deacon Ed Wilson
Vi 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
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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
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2 Yr Trustee	Steve Kargenian	586-746-9073
3 Yr Trustee	PGK-Bruce Arnold	586-566-0628
Advocate	Ken Krause	586-263-7115
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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:
Chris Gapczynski at 586-263-5942 or
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Articles for the June newsletter must be submitted by no later than May22, 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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