



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

I hope that you and your family had a healthy, happy and relaxing Summer. I say relaxing, because we have a number of activities scheduled that need your help throughout the year. I want to use this opportunity to personally thank the many brothers in this Council who always step up and do all the things that keep this Council great. Every event that is undertaken and executed is always done professionally and is always concluded successfully. God has blessed this Council with the cream of the crop. We have so much talent and skill in one Council that it never ceases to amaze me. There is no Grand Knight in any Council that has a better group of skilled and talented Knights. Thank you all for your talents, your time and your love of our Council.

Please keep Leonard Gutkowski's wife, Betty, in your prayers as she recuperates from heart valve surgery.

Fr. Joe Hund was very delighted and thankful for all the support his Brother Knights and their families showed him on Monday, August 14th by coming to share Mass with him. Afterwards there was a wonderful fellowship and dinner.

Fr. John Kiselica bade his farewell to St. Paul's on August 13th. We wish him continued success in his Ministry at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Stop in and visit him at 409 West Columbia Ave, Belleville, MI, or watch their website for upcoming news. stanthonybelleville.weconnect.com

Our Quarterly District Corporate Communion and Installation of Officers Ceremony for the new fraternal year of 2017-2018 was held on August 26th at St. Clement of Rome. We joined with Officers and Brothers from St. Clement of Rome, St. Isidore and St. John Vianney and SS John & Paul. It was followed by a dinner where we were able to enjoy the company of Family and Friends.

Sunday, August 27 is Brother Fr. Ron's last Mass as our Pastor. Please join in the celebration for Fr. Ron after 11:30am Mass.

I have spoken with our new Pastor Brother Fr. Jerry Slowinski and invited him to our Mass, dinner and meeting last month. Due to previous commitments, he was unable to attend.

Please set a reminder so you don't miss the next Pancake Breakfast, September 10th after 7:45am and 9:30am Masses. If you can stop in the social hall after 4:00pm Mass Saturday, please help us set up for the Pancake Breakfast.

Trunk or Treat has been moved to October 22nd at 2:00pm — set up at Noon.

Vivat Jesus
Art Krygowski
Grand Knight

In case you missed this

Parishioners: For Your Information It has come to the attention of some of us on staff that parishioners are inquiring as to a fitting gift for Fr. Ron on the occasion of his retirement. We are happy to offer you some suggestions. He told us that he made a decision to purchase a condo north of Hall Road. Before moving in he will have it painted and purchase new carpet. A painter and carpet store have already been contacted. He will also need some furnishings like a dining room table and chairs. A store has been chosen for that. With this in mind, cash, check, or a Visa debit card would be very helpful. Each parish priest has a set food allowance provided by the parish he serves; however, that ends with retirement. Therefore, gift cards to Kroger, Meijer, Vince and Joe's, Nino's, etc. would be appreciated. Also, gift cards to gas stations. What is not practical at this time are gift cards to home improvement stores and especially not to restaurants. He has told us he still has several of these cards left from past holidays. We hope this information will be helpful to those who have inquired. SPOT Staff

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

Month of Our Lady of Sorrows



The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised the seven dolors or seven sorrows of Mary, which were foretold by the Priest Simeon who proclaimed to Mary, This child [Jesus] is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare (Luke 2:34-35).

These seven sorrows of our Blessed Mother included the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt; the loss and finding of the child Jesus in the Temple; Mary's meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary; Mary's standing at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified; her holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the cross; and then our Lord's burial. In all, the prophesy of Simeon that a sword would pierce our Blessed Mother's heart was fulfilled in these events.

For this reason, Mary is sometimes depicted with her heart exposed and with seven swords piercing it. More importantly, each new suffering was received with the courage, love, and trust that echoed her fiat, let it be done unto me according to Thy word, first uttered at the Annunciation.

The Lighter Side



A former manager of the New York Yankees once told about a dream he had in which he died and went to heaven. There he was ordered to organize and manage a ball team. He said he was overwhelmed by all the available talent - Christy Mathewson, Walter Johnson, Rube Waddell, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, and many other superstars. Just then the phone rang. It was Satan calling to challenge the heavenly team to a game. "But you haven't got a chance of winning," said the manager. "You see I got all the great ball players up here." Satan explained, "Oh, I know that. But I've got all the umpires!"

A man and a friend are playing golf one day at their local golf course. One of the guys is about to chip onto the green when he sees a long funeral procession on the road next to the course. He stops in mid-swing, takes off his golf cap, closes his eyes, and bows down in prayer. His friend says, "Wow, that is the most thoughtful and touching thing I have ever seen. You truly are a kind man." The man then replies, "Yeah, well we were married 35 years."

While sports fishing off the Florida coast, a tourist capsized his boat. He could swim, but his fear of alligators kept him clinging to the overturned craft. Spotting an old beachcomber standing on the shore, the tourist shouted, "Are there any gators around here?!" "Naw," the man hollered back, "they ain't been around for years!" "Feeling safe, the tourist started swimming leisurely toward the shore. About halfway there he asked the guy, "How'd you get rid of the gators?" "We didn't do nothin'," the beachcomber said. "The sharks got 'em."

Three men went out to play a round of golf, Moses, Jesus and an old man. Moses tee'd off first, and the ball landed in the water. He parted the water, and hit the ball in for a birdie. Jesus tee'd off next, and the ball landed in the water. He then walked on the water, and hit the ball in for a birdie. Lastly the old man tee'd off, but before the ball could hit the water, a fish jumped out and caught the ball in its mouth. Then an eagle swooped down and caught the fish. Lightening then struck near the eagle, frightening it, and it dropped the fish. When the fish hit the ground, it dropped the ball in for a perfect hole in one. Jesus and Moses turn to the old man, and Jesus said, "Dad, if you don't quit playing like that, we're not going to bring you anymore."

September is like no other
It's days change color and weather
No other month can say quite the same
For every day, I can feel the change

It's cool breezes start out warm,
Changing to cold throughout every storm
The leaves change and fall
As the Summer leaves and Autumn kisses us all

September maidens feel the change
Like the blue of the sky
Yet the color so deep
Unbelievable beauty

Maidens fall throughout and watch
Each raindrop changing through colors so fast
Yet one streak remains the same
Of that wonderful sapphire rain.

September, unlike any other
Holds you tight, in any weather.
Changes come, no matter where you go

North and you'll get stormy snow
South and feel the heat of summer coming
September does this, no matter what.
Change lives within, Nothing to stop

September is beautiful
And awesome all the same
It's hope for the future and the change
Comes swiftly as we sweep away

The Summer ends and the Autumn begins
Change is all around
With one maiden leaving
And yet, another comes

Born into the world
Of wonderful September
The sapphire skies live on
Through out this wonderful September



Thank You!!

Fr. Ron for allowing Fr. Joe to celebrate his 50 years
as a Franciscan with us.

Deacon Marc for setting us up with the order of the
Mass.

George Loewen and Phil Murlarski for a fine job lec-
toring.

Denny Kubczak and Gary Skarb for their expertise at
altar serving.

Greg Csernai and Tony Valentine for taking care of
the altar duties and gifts.

Jerry Hund and Art Krygowski for bringing up the
gifts.

Tom Gray, Phil Bonnette and all who were ushers.

Emily MacKinnon from here at St. Paul's for her love-
ly and powerful cantoring.

Jennifer Kowalski from St. Blasé for her talent and
proficiency on the piano.

Phyllis Bengry for working with the girls on music se-
lections.

Rick Okerhjlem, Vito Guzzardo, Phil Bonnette and all
who helped to serve our dinner.



Motions Passed

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

George Loewen motioned to pay the bills as presented, and Phil Mularski seconded the motion. The motion passed without discussion.

A motion was made by Phil Kwasny and seconded by Gino Gattari to give Fr Ron a gift for his retirement celebration. The motion passed without discussion. (I will tell you all next month what we gave him in case Fr. Ron gets the Knights Shield before August 27th.)

At the earlier impromptu officer's meeting, Rob motioned and Phil Kwasny seconded a motion to give Fr Joe Hund \$250.00 in appreciation of his 50 years as a Franciscan.

Monthly Prayer Intention



Parishes

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

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



Our State Membership Motto for 2017:

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.

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. John Vianney (Shelby Twp)
Saturday, September 9, 2017
9:00 am—12:00 pm

St. Joan of Arc (St. Clair Shores)
Monday, September 18, 2017
6:00—9:00 pm

St. Clement of Rome (Romeo)
Sunday, September 24, 2017
12:30 pm—3:30 pm

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

Knight of the Month and

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 : **Fr Joe Hund**.

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: **"Ray Coughlin Family."** In recognition of their out-standing service to the Council.

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.



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



Raising Awareness About Life Insurance

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!
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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

September 11 th	6:30 pm	General Membership Meeting
September 17 th	9:30 am	Corporate Communion Mass
September 28 th	7:00 pm	Officers meeting
September 30 th	5:00pm	K of C Euchre Tournament (set up at 4:00pm)



Happy Birthday!!



Sharon Gunkelman	September 1
Claudia Arnold	September 9
Matthew Magnotte	September 9
Thomas Hayes	September 12
Chris Gapczynski	September 13
Andrew Wise	September 13
Carl Catanese	September 16
Dougless Lovell	September 17
Paul Young	September 18
Eric Sienkiewicz	September 19
Ted Czarny	September 20
Phillip Kwasny	September 20
Brandon Lewandowski	September 21
Daniel Finn	September 24
Robert Anderson	September 24
Jim Lisuzzo	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 spot-knights11689@gmail.com, or call at (586) 263-5942.

Happy Anniversary!!



Ralph & Connie Colosimo	September 3
Natalino & Del DiFalco	September 4
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

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

For the Good of the Order

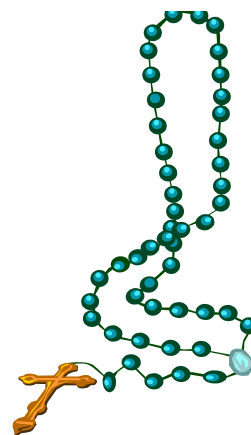
**Please keep the Knights, Relatives or Acquaintances of Knights
below in your prayers.**



Carol Alexander
Ashley??
Joyce Aufmuth
Melvin Aufmuth
Kevin Bondra
SK-Joe Bono
Marke Caruffel
Larry Connell
Sherri Czarny
James Diehl
Fr. Ron Essman
BK-Guido Fracassa
BK-Clarence Gajewski
John Gambano
SK-Angelo Garavaglia
Sandy Grobbel
Betty Gutkowski
Robert Gutkowski
Baby Sofia Haxhia
BK-Mike Hoste
Barbara Hubbard
Sue Hund
Ken Kargenian
Felicia Krause
Caroline Krmel
Amy Labadie
Daniel Latosz
Melissa Latosz

Jennifer Loewen
Ken Lomasney
Tom Lomasney
Ron Lomasney
Mike Lombardo
Leanne Mackay
BK-Ed Marcinkowski
Jill Gapczynski-Nelson
Monica Nock
Brother Scott Obrecht
BK-Richard & Patricia Okerhjelm
Helen O'Shea
Antonina Pardo
BK-Jim & Barbara Petoskey
Don Riekslander
Zachary Shevsky
Chip Storck
PGK-Karl & Joanne Sziisz
Mildred Tarbuck
BK-Matthew Thomas
BK-Ron Verellen
Sue Vittorini
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**

District Deputy	Gary Kopp	586-873-6906
District Warden	TBD	
Grand Knight	Art Krygowski	586-298-8398
Deputy Grand Knight	Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
Chancellor	Tom Gray	586-468-2165
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	Steve Kargenian	586-746-9073
2 Yr Trustee	Bruce Arnold	586-566-0628
3 Yr Trustee	Dan Steele	586-286-8712
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
Youth	Art Krygowski	586-469-2996
Membership	George Loewen	586-731-5299
Field Agent	Dale Jacks	586-419-0276
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 October newsletter must be submitted by no later than September 24, 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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