



The Knight's Shield



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

September, 2018

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 23

A Word from Grand Knight Mike Hartel

Please welcome our newest Brother Knight, William Pirrami, to our council. Bill became our latest council member by taking his Admission (1st) Degree at St. John Vianney on August 18th.

The annual ice cream social for the parish on the last weekend in July was very popular. The weather was beautiful and the council helped the chairman, Rick Okerhjelm, tremendously. Thank you everyone! Ken D. has placed a nice photo slide show on the council website.

I gave Father Jerry the Birthday card the council members signed at our August General Meeting with a gift card for Luigis. He thanked us for all that we do.

The inaugural council camping trip at Lakeport State Park in August was very nice. We had nice weather, Lake Huron was perfect for swimming, the campfires and social time was excellent.

We had a total of about a dozen campers on six separate campsites. Good food, along with a few visitors and some nice weather made for a wonderful Saturday evening pot luck dinner.



We are starting to plan for next year already and are targeting the weekend before the Dream Cruise in August 2019 with the same venue.

Thank you to everyone who attended the District Corporate Communion and Officer Installation at St. John Vianney. An excellent meal was served by the host council, St. John Vianney, after the ceremonies. Sue Nellis, Executive Director from Compassion Pregnancy, thanked all the councils who helped with the renovation work earlier this year at the Compassion Pregnancy facility, and provided a cake for dessert.

Be sure to review the calendar for upcoming September events such as our Corporate Communion, Texas Hold'm (sign-up sheet at our next General Meeting) and the DAVL Golf Outing (See flyer).

Note that October is right around the corner with some of our bigger events scheduled such as Pancake Breakfast and Trunk or Treat.

The next euchre party is also coming up on October 6th. A sign-up sheet will be available at our next meeting. Please note that we had 56 players at the last party. Capacity is 60 players. So save yourself a spot and sign up early. A notice to the parish for euchre will be placed in the September 23rd and 30th church bulletins.

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.

Vivat Jesus
Mike Hartel

Protecting God's Children /

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 Joan of Arc Parish
St Clair Shores
Monday, September 17 at 6:00 pm

St Clement of Rome Parish
Romeo
Wednesday, September 19 at 6:00 pm

St John Vianney
Shelby Township
Saturday, September 29 at 9:00 am

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

The Lighter Side



When I'm tempted to laugh at someone else, I just look into the mirror and find all the material I need.

God's office hours: 24/7 Lose weight instantly! Put all your worries on Him.

Being a Catholic isn't a position, it's a process.

If God kept a family photo album, your picture would be in it.

Don't tell God how big the storm is. Tell the storm how big your God is.

When there's too much bad news, catch up on the Good News.

Q: What is the recommended vitamin for Catholics? A: B1

God is everywhere, even at your wits end.

Remember Moses started out as a basket case too, and God made something of him anyway.



DAVL Golf Outing



Brother Golfers:

The DAVL Golf Outing is here, September 22, 2018, at Sycamore Hills Golf Club in Macomb Township. Please see attached flyer for details.

Our State Membership Motto for 2018:

**"Our Growth Starts With One Member,
Per Council, Per Month"**

Motions Passed

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

Motion by John Mocerri to accept the minutes from the July meeting as read and seconded by Jerry Hund. The motion passed.

Motion by Jeff Gapczynski and seconded by Hank Leflere to accept the first reading of the application for Richard Motta. The motion passed.

Motion by Phil Kwasny and seconded by George Loewen to pay the bills. Motion passed.

Motion by George Loewen and seconded by Phil Mularski to donate \$225 toward the DAVL Golf Outing. Motion passed. \$125 will sponsor a closest to the pin hole and \$100.00 for two \$50 tee sponsorships.

Motion by Ralph Pullis and seconded by Phil Kwasny to appropriate \$250 toward the purchase of K of C car decals. Motion passed.

New Knights of Columbus Wear



Are you looking for some new Knights of Columbus wear? 2018 brings an opportunity to purchase new clothing to replace OR add to your closet. We now have long-sleeved polo shirts, sweatshirts, baseball caps and winter hats available to purchase. Short-sleeved polo shirts are also available.

Short Sleeve polo shirts (Gray or Black)

S – XL = \$25 2XL = \$29

Long Sleeve polo shirts (Gray or Black)

S – XL = \$29 2XL = \$31

Sweatshirts (Gray or Black)

S – XL = \$27 2XL = \$29

Baseball Cap (Black with logo)

S/M = \$20 L/XL = \$20

Stocking Cap (Black with logo)

Fits All = \$10

SUMMER T-SHIRTS

New royal blue t-shirts (white trim on front and knight shield on back) are available:

The cost is M-XL \$10 2XL \$12
3XL \$14

Monthly Prayer Intention



The Mission of Religious

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized and those who have no voice.

We have polo and sweatshirts that need to be picked up.

Rory Wagner	ss black polo-\$25
Ron Perfetto	gray sweatshirt—paid
Larry Young	ss black polo-\$27
Al Gulik	ss black polo-\$27
Stan Labudee	ss gray polo-\$25

All clothing ordered MUST be paid for at the time of the order. Cash or Check will be accepted WITH orders. Checks made out to K of C Council 11689). Please see Craig Thomson at our General Meetings to order.

Our latest order for shirts has arrived for RORY Wagner, STAN Labudee, JIM Lambertus, and RICK O. still have shirts for LARRY Young, SAL Alas, JEFF Vitale, and AL Gulik. You might want to think about ordering short-sleeve and long-sleeve polo shirts and sweatshirts.



History of our Grand Knights

Jeff Gapczynski January 1995 to June 1998
Charter Grand Knight

Leonard Schwartz July 1998 to June 2000
Stanley Singer July 2000 to June 2002
George Mejaly July 2002 to June 2005
George Loewen July 2005 to June 2007
Ken Grobbel July 2007 to June 2009
Jerome Hund July 2009 to June 2011
Karl Sziisz July 2011 to June 2013
Bruce Arnold July 2013 to June 2016
Arthur Krygowski July 2016 to June 2018
Michael Hartel July 2018 to Present



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.

Faternally,

George Loewen
gjl047@gmail.com
Community Director, Knights of Columbus

Corporate Communion Masses



Our Next Corporate Communion will be held on Sunday, September 16, 2018 at the 9:30 am Mass.

Lectors: George Loewen
Nick Oliveri

Acolytes: Gary Skarb
Leonard Gutkowski

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 August: **Craig Thomson.**

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: **"Greg and Barb Csernai Family."** In recognition of their out-standing service to the Council.

Craig and Greg...please remember to park in the reserved parking spots by the food pantry doors.

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.

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month

Each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of life insurance, its uses, its benefits, and its variations among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that more than 75 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor, even though 68 percent of them said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable.

In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn.

If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's life insurance, retirement and long-term care needs. I'll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones. I want to help.

Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about "making the wrong decision." Talk with me, your agent, and, afterwards, you'll understand that the only wrong decision was not purchasing sooner to protect your family's future.

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 & DISABILITY INSURANCE



DONATION REQUESTS

Because of the ongoing requests for donations, both through the mail and from the floor at Council Meetings, the following procedure to address such requests has become necessary:

All donation requests should have supporting documentation that explains their purpose and beneficiaries. This documentation should be presented to the Council officers for their review. The Council officers, after review, will provide a recommendation on each request to the general membership at the subsequent Council meeting. The recommendations will be voted on at that time.

This procedure will apply to all mail requests and requests made from the floor. Please remember this procedure if you have a request to be made.

Phil Kwasny

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 586-285-5606. 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

Calendar of Events

September 10	6:30 pm Meal 7:30 pm Meeting	General Membership Meeting
September 13 to 16	11:00am to 6:00pm	Charity Poker at One Eyed Jacks
September 13	7:00 pm Reg 7:30pm Start	K of C District Admission (1 st) Degree at St. Isidore
September 16	9:30am	Corporate Communion Mass
September 22	6:30 am Breakfast 7:30am Tee	DAVL Golf Outing Sycamore Hills
September 27	7:00pm	Council Planning Meeting
September 29	9:00 am St. Clement	District Free Throw Planning Meeting
October 6	After 4pm Mass	Euchre Party
October 8	6:30 pm Meal 7:30 pm Meeting	General Membership Meeting
October 13	Set-up after 4:00 pm Mass	Pancake Breakfast
October 14	After 7:45 and 9:30 Masses	Pancake Breakfast
October 20	8:30 am Reg 9:30 am Start	District Major Degree at SS John & Paul
October 25	7:00 pm	Council Planning Meeting
October 28	1:00 pm Set-up 2:00 pm Start	Trunk or Treat



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. See the new Supreme Council website for career opportunity: <http://kofc.org/careers> . For more information, please contact, Don M. Wesley FICF, General Agent, at 888-393-7539, or don.wesley@kofc.org

Why Become a Knight

We become Knights:

To promote Service to Church and help our parish grow in faith, to promote Community by getting to know our fellow parishioners and help with charitable projects, to promote Family to enjoy family events and promote family prayer, and to promote Pro-Life programs and Youth programs that promote healthy lifestyles.

To Show Support for the catholic Church Composed of a fraternity of 1.8 million Catholic men. The Knights have been a foundation of support by performing various projects for the Universal Church as well as working with Bishops of various churches in the United States.

The Knights of Columbus are Pro-Family. Since the traditional family is composed of husband, wife and children, the Knights see them as the core, foundation, and fabric for all society.

The Knights are Pro-Life They believe life begins at conception and ends at natural death, and always seek the intercession of the Holy Family when it comes to family life.

The Knights of Columbus are Faithful to the Catholic Church by being obedient to and promoting the teachings of the Church, it's Bishops and Priests and showing fidelity to the See of Peter.

The 24 Hour Knight

You can become an Active and Involved Knight by committing just **24** hours a year.

4 hours a year – Attend council Corporate Communion, Prayer Services or Praying the Rosary.

4 hours a year – Attend at least two Council Meetings a year.

2 hours a year – Help at Church and Community Functions, such as: Working in the Parish Food Bank, or the Adopt a Road Program, Donate Blood, or Walk in Right to Life Parade.

2 hours a year – Help with the Annual MI Drive.

2 hours a year – Help at a Youth Activity, such as: Free Throw Contest, Poster Contest, Children's Christmas Party, Easter Egg Hunt, etc.

4 hours a year – Help at Council Fund Raisers, such as: Pancake Breakfast, Lenten Fish Fries, Texas Hold'em events, etc.

2 hours a year – Read Council, State and Supreme Publications.

4 hours a year – Enjoy Council Social Activities, such as: Dinners, Council Picnics, Ice cream Social, Tiger Knight at Comerica Park, etc.

Make a stand, and you can discover how easy it is to make a difference in your life and that of others.

May God Bless You and your Families with His Joy and Peace.

Please pass this on to catholic gentlemen that you may know.

Thank you
Phil Mularski

Stump the Catholic - It's So Easy To Do!!



Ever wondered where your friends, co-workers and other non-Catholics got all those questions about the Catholic Church? And then, where do you get the answers? Listen to *Catholic Answers Live* hosted by Cy Kellett, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Mon-Fri on Good Shepherd Catholic Radio – FM 93.3 and AM 1510 in Jackson. As a call-in program, *Catholic Answers Live* connects listeners to prominent leaders in the Church. You'll hear discussions on doctrinal controversies, family concerns, social issues, evangelization, ethics, etc. In the Lansing area, stream live on GSCR.org or smartphone app. To make this programming available to everyone with a radio in the Lansing area, help us bring a Catholic radio station to Lansing – call 517-513-3340.

Mark your calendar! Plan to attend the GSCR Lansing Awareness Event on Saturday, September 15th, from 1 PM to 3 PM at St Mary Cathedral Parish Hall, 219 Seymour Ave, Lansing MI 48933. Learn the benefits of having Catholic Radio available to the Lansing Community. Speakers include Bishop Earl Boyea, radio personalities Al Kresta and Frank Pomarico, with Bill Kassel and Deacon Tom Loe-we providing entertainment.

Happy Birthday!!



Claudia Dombrowski	September 9
Matthew Magnotte	September 9
Thomas Hayes	September 12
Chris Gapczynski	September 13
Andrew Wise	September 13
Carl Catanese	September 16
John Mocer	September 16
Douglas 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
Greg 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.

For the Good of the Order



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

Jenna Agan
Catherine Bird
Larry Conwell
Helen Cybulski
Louis DeLuca
Michael Denomme
BK-Guido Fracassa
BK-Clarence Gajewski
Jill Gapczynski
Joseph Gapczynski
BK-Bill Gowland
BK-Mike Hoste
Beth Hund
Ed Hund
Sue Hund
Susan Johnson
SK-Joseph Marheineke
Fred Neumann
Carl Pilarski
Don Riekslander
Alice Serra
Phil Serra
Camila Smith
PGK-Carl Sziisz
Joanne Sziisz
Carolyn Thomson
BK-Tony Valentine

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
Ray & 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. 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
Ed Marcinkowski	August 30, 2017
Ross Vizzaccerro	September 6, 2017
Joseph Bono	September 28, 2017
Bruno Belline	January 28, 2018

James Lisuzzo	February 1, 2018
Carl R Maron	May 9, 2018
Ken Dombrowski	June 8, 2018

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

District Deputy Deputy	Gary Kopp	586-873-6906
District Warden	Tom Weisner	248-761-2455
Grand Knight	Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
Deputy Grand Knight	Tom Gray	586-468-2165
Chancellor	Steve Kargenian	586-746-9073
Financial Secretary	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	Leon Berdy	586-201-1990
Outside Guard	Gerry Vento	810-964-6393
1 Yr Trustee (1-Year)	PGK Bruce Arnold	586-566-0628
2 Yr Trustee (2-Year)	Dan Steele	586-286-8712
3 Yr Trustee (3-Year)	PGK Art Krygowski	586-298-8398
Advocate	Ken Krause	586-263-7115
Lecturer	Frank Burda	828-400-1816
Program Director	Henry Leflere	586-468-5122
Church Director	Angelo Garavaglia	586-412-3327
Community Director	PGK George Loewen	586-731-5299
Council Director	Gary Skarb	586-286-1040
Family Director	Richard Okerhjelm	586-996-2221
Youth Director	PGK Art Krygowski	586-469-2996
Membership Director	Phil Mularski	586-876-9060
Field Agent	Dale Jacks	586-419-0276
Vocations Director	PCGK & FDD Jeff Gapczynski	586-263-5942
Pro-Life Chairman	Sal Ales	586-263-3483
Communications	Phil Kwasny	586-469-1997
Webmaster	Ken Dudley	586-553-2007



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 October newsletter must be submitted by no later than September 26, 2018.

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

SPOT Knights: www.spotknights.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.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



Knights of Columbus

Detroit Archdiocesan Vocation League
33320 Kelly Road
Clinton Twp., MI 48035

27th ANNUAL DAVL GOLF OUTING

Saturday, September 22, 2018
Sycamore Hills Golf Club
48787 North Avenue
Macomb Twp, MI 48042
586-598-9500

AGENDA FOR THE DAY

Registration/Driving Range	6:30 am
Continental Breakfast	6:30 am
Tee-Off	7:30 am
Lunch	At the Turn
Dinner	1:30 pm in the Clubhouse

- Golfers will be added on a first come, first served basis with a capacity of 216 golfers.
- Cost is only \$95 per golfer or \$380 per foursome. Special pricing of only \$75 for any Bishop, Priest, Seminarian and Deacon.
- Got questions? Contact Mike Fontana at 248-224-5583 or mfontana31@gmail.com or m.fontana@mikofc.org

We look forward to your attendance, sponsorship and support!!