

# The Knight's Shield



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

November, 2020

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 25

## A Word from Grand Knight Tom Gray

Fall is upon us!

I hope this finds that everyone is safe and healthy.

The road cleanup was held October 3. There were about a dozen men, and it made light work. It only took about an hour to complete. Thank you to all who participated!

We held our last outdoor meeting in October. We will be indoors for our next general meeting on November 12. We cannot serve a meal according to the social distancing and mask guidelines. So the meeting will begin at 7:30 with no meal.

The By-Law resolution passed with no dissent, the new By-Laws are posted on our website. If you would like a hardcopy let me know and I will provide printed copies for anyone that wants one.

Our Virtual MI Drive is still going online. We did collect before and after all masses Columbus Day weekend and took in about \$800. Not too bad considering the lower attendance at Mass currently. We also collected some at our October meeting. We are well over \$1,000 online at the time of the writing of this article, so that will put us at the maximum for the attached resolution to match funds out of the gaming account not to exceed \$2,000. See the resolution attached for your review. We will be discussing and then voting on this at the next general membership meeting.

The memorial mass this year is virtual and will be posted on YouTube. I don't have the details at the time this is being written. We had 5 Brother Knights called home to be with the Lord last year.

You may not have heard, but November 3rd is election day. Please exercise your right and perform your duty to vote your conscience. Remember to promote our nonnegotiable Catholic values. The sanctity of life from

conception to natural death, the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman as a lifelong commitment, and religious liberty.

This is also the season for giving thanks to the Lord for the blessings that he has bestowed upon us. I am personally thankful for my family and friends. This includes my Knights family and friends. I am thankful to be chosen to lead this wonderful and active council, even during these trying times. I am also thankful for my Catholic faith. Getting through this time would be much more difficult without it.

I pray that you and your families and friends all stay safe during this pandemic.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Gray



### **Monthly Prayer Intention**



#### **Artificial Intelligence**

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

#### **Quick Notes**

If you move or have a change in phone number, please notify Financial Secretary, George Sakorafos at 586-610-3576.

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.

### **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 Community Director, Knights of Columbus

### **Protecting God's Children**

As has been mentioned numerous times at Council meetings 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 James Parish (Novi) Wednesday, November 4, 2020 6:00 pm

St John Neumann Parish (Canton) Wednesday, November 4, 2020 6:00 pm

St Regis Parish (Bloomfield Hills) Thursday, November 5, 2020 6:00 pm

St James Parish (Novi) Wednesday, January 6, 2021 6:00 pm

St Joseph Parish (Lake Orion) Thursday, January 14, 2021 6:00 pm



### **History of our Grand Knights**

January 1996 to

July 2016 to June 2018

July 2018 to June 2020

July 2020 to Present

Charter Grand Knight	June 1999
Leonard Schwartz	July 1999 to June 2001
Stanley Singer	July 2001 to June 2003
George Mejaly	July 2003 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

Jeff Gapczynski

Arthur Krygowski

Michael Hartel

**Thomas Gray** 



O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry; When I have work, help me to remem-

ber the jobless;

When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all;
When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering, help me to destroy

my complacency; bestir my compassion, and be con-

cerned enough to help;
By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted.

Amen.

### The Lighter Side



I was going to tell you about all the drama at the convent, but then I remembered that it is nun of your business.

A man is angry because he has it in his head that someone stole his wallet. He walks into a church to steal someone else's wallet, but he has a change of heart during the service. He confesses to the priest afterwards about what his intentions had initially been. The priest asks, "What made you change your mind?" The man says, "In your sermon on the Ten Commandments when you got to 'Thou shall not commit adultery,' I remembered where I left my wallet!"

Three religious leaders (a rabbi, a priest, and a minister) were all discussing how they divide up tithing income between themselves and God. The minister said, "I draw a line in the sand, throw the money up in the air, and what lands on the left side of the line goes to the good Lord and what lands on the right side goes to me." Then the priest said, "I draw a circle on the ground, throw the money up in the air, and what lands inside the circle goes to the good Lord and what lands outside goes to me." Then the rabbi said, "You got it all wrong! I throw the money up in the air and what the good Lord catches is his and what lands on the ground is mine."



Our State Motto for 2020/2021

"Rise Up and Answer the Call"

#### **Ask Another Brother**

All of us as members of the Knights of Columbus are united in the brotherhood of Charity and Fraternity. We often get bogged down by life's pressing events and find ourselves lost in a seemingly never ending battle of making simple tasks more complicate then they need to be.

Sometimes we forget about brothers we haven't seen in a while and then when we think about them we wonder where they are. However, life goes on, we get busy and we soon forget and that fleeting thought becomes a distant memory.

Do we let that memory fade maybe or do we reach out and make a difference. We could reach out and "Ask Another Brother." HOW:

- Call or visit another brother who you have not seen in a while
- · Ask them how they are and how their families are doing
- Make the conversation about them
- Ask them to attend a meeting with you
- Ask them to help you on a charitable event
- Share the joy of brotherhood
- Be that person that changes someone's life forever

## One New Knight a Year

Our Supreme membership director suggested that to grow our councils, all it takes is one new knight a year. I agree and you are the key to that new knight. You all know one person that could become a knight. It's the one who sits near you in church, at work, or in your social circle. That person is waiting to be asked. All you have to do is ask them and hand them a form 100. Be their sponsor. If every one of us recruits one new knight a year our council would grow by 40 to 50 members each year. You are the key. You can make a difference in people's lives and in this council's future. In these times when our Catholic Christian faith is being attacked and demeaned at every level and political correctness is running rampant, WE NEED YOU. We need you to recruit one new member a year. You are the difference and there is strength in numbers so let's grow our numbers one Knight a year.

Phil

## Corporate Communion Masses



Our next Corporate Communion will be held on Sunday, November 22, at 11:30 am Mass.

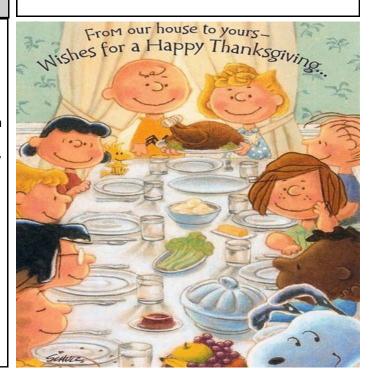
Lectors: George Loewen

Acolytes (No acolytes due to Covid)

We hope you will join us to show the importance of family praying together.

#### **Motions Passed**

Motion for a \$1,000 donation to MCREST made by Ray Coughlin. Motion passed with no dissent.



## 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 October: **Tony Guido** 

The **Family of the Month** is selected by the Board of Officers as a Family who exemplifies the principles of the Catholic Family Life and who contributes to the success of our Council, Church and Community.

The Family of the Month for October: <u>"Leon and Georgina Berdy Family."</u> In recognition of their outstanding service to the Parish.

## Pope Francis' Prayer During Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the Cross, you participated in Jesus' pain with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide so that as you did at
Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might
return after this moment of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
To conform ourselves to the Father's will
And to do what Jesus tells us.
He who took our sufferings upon Himself,
And bore our sorrows to bring us,
Through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.
Amen

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas — we who are put to the test — and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

### **Knight's Clothing**



Gentlemen:

If you need any Knights' clothing — polos, sweatshirts, tees and/or caps — please contact me at 2kish@comcast.net or 586-466-4812.

Joe Kish

## **The Apostles Creed**

I, your name, Believe in,

MY 22

- 1. God
- 2. The Father Almighty
- 3. Creator of Heaven and Earth
- 4. And in Jesus Christ
- 5. His only Son, Our Lord
- 6. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
- 7. Born of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 8. Suffered under Pontus Pilate
- 9. Was Crucified
- 10. Died
- 11. And was buried
- 12. He descended into Hell
- 13. And on the third day He rose again
- 14. He ascended into Heaven
- 15. And is seated at the right hand of the Father
- 16. From where He will come again to judge the living and the dead
- 17. I believe in the Holy Spirit
- 18. The Holy Catholic Church
- 19. The communion of Saints
- 20. The forgiveness of sins
- 21. The resurrection of the dead
- 22. And life everlasting

AMEN!!!!!!



### Long Term Care is an Important Piece of the Puzzle

### NOVEMBER IS LONG TERM CARE AWARE-NESS MONTH

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 19 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts!

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me.

Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

## Receive a complete <u>Family Needs Analysis</u> at my expense!

Ask about our <u>GUARANTEED</u> LIFE INSUR-ANCE, ANNUITIES, LONG TERM CARE & INCOME DISABILITY INSURANCE



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## Well Done Fall Clean-up Team

Thank you to the Brother Knights who helped clean-up Canal Road from Church to Garfield on Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Rob Amsler, Larry Bukowski, Ray Coughlin, Steve Kargenian, Joe Kish, Stan Labuda, Hank Leflere, Chuck Lybeer, Ron Marrese, Ralph Pullis, Gary Skarb and Vince Ursini

We were done in about an hour.

It does make a difference by helping to keep the community looking nice!

Well done!

Greg Csernai, Chairman and Mike Hartel, Program Director









## I'm The Guy

I'm the guy who asked to join your organization. I'm the guy who paid his dues to join.

I'm the guy who stood up in front of you and promised to be faithful and loyal.

I'm the guy who came to your meeting and no one paid attention to.

I tried several times to be friends, but they all had their own buddies to talk to or sit next to.

I sat down several times, but no one paid any attention to me.

I hoped very much that someone would have asked me to take part in a fund raising project or something, but no one saw my efforts when I volunteered.

I missed a few meetings after joining because I was sick and couldn't be there.

No one asked me at the next meeting where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much to others whether I was there or not.

The next meeting, I decided to stay home and watch TV.

The following meeting, I attend, but no one asked me where I was for the last meeting.

You might say I'm a good guy or a "good family man" who holds a responsible job who loves his community and country.

You know who else I am? THE GUY WHO NEVER CAME BACK.

It amuses me how the heads of organizations and the members discuss WHY the organization is losing members.

It amuses me to think that they spend so much time looking for NEW members when I was there all the time.

All they needed to do was make me feel needed, wanted and WELCOME.

Father, all of Creation rightly owes you thanks and praise. Your justice, love and mercy abound. We thank you this day for all that you have given us:

For the Passion and Death of your Divine Son, we thank you Father, through the Cross, He redeemed the world.

For the Church, we thank you Father, it is our beacon for salvation.

For the martyrs and saints who give testimony to your Son, we thank you Father, their witness to your Son is our inheritance.

For our loved ones and friends who have died and gone before us, we thank you Father, their love abides with us forever.

For loving spouses, we thank you Father, together we seek you.

For the gift of children, we thank you Father, they are your precious gifts to us and to the world.

For the gift of our families, loved ones and good friends, we thank you Father, Through them we see the reflection of your Son.

For jobs, our homes and all that we have, we thank you Father, give us only that which we need, as we seek Your Kingdom.

For the bounty we are about to eat, we thank you through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

## **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.

I 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



## Why Become a Knight?

We become Knights:

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

#### To Show Support for the Catholic Church

Composed 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

<u>Church</u> by being obedient to and promoting the teachings of the Church, it's Bishops and Priests and showing fidelity to the Sea 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 Communions, 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 Drive2 hours a year Help at a Youth Activity such as:
- Free Throw Context, Poster Contest, Children's Christmas Party, Easter Egg Hunt, etc.
- **4 hours a year** Help at Council Fundraisers such as: Pancake Breakfast, Lenten Fish Fries, Texas Holdem 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

## Have You Considered Joining the 4th Degree?



If you have ever considered joining the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, there has never been an easier or more convenient time than now! The next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be Saturday, September 26, 2020, and will be online using Zoom. While unusual, this is being done in an abundance of caution and in keeping with current emergency orders issued by the State of Michigan Governor.

Details for logging in will be provided to Faithful Navigators and will be passed on to candidates.

The schedule will be:

9:00am Candidate Check-in

9:50am Faithful Navigator Candidate Check-in Verification

10:00am Exemplification Commences 11:45am Comments from Dignitaries

Candidate Dress Attire: Candidates need not wear a tuxedo or suit for this online event. Candidates should wear a collared shirt (dress shirt or polo shirt). Council shirts are also acceptable.

Cost: Your cost for the exemplification will only be \$50 instead of the normal \$70 due to the fact that there will not be a dinner served at the event.

Important Notes:

- 1. This is the first time we are attempting an online 4th Degree Exemplification. Please be patient with us.
- 2. The exemplification is expected to take about two hours.
- 3. Candidates are expected to be online and attentive for the entire program.
- 4. Exemplification to the Fourth Degree is still considered a secret ceremonial. Please distance yourself appropriately during the ceremony.

The primary purpose of the fourth degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism and to encourage active Catholic citizenship. Fourth degree Knights work to support and assist veterans and active military personnel and veterans with such programs as assisting at Veterans Administration hospitals, conducting Flag protocol programs, sending packages to troops deployed overseas, protecting the phase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance, and participating in parades and patriotic events. We donate to such patriotic endeavors as Wreathes Across America, Vets Returning Home, and the Pilgrimage to Lourdes. In addition, we continue to support the Church by participating in many Church activities and events in local parishes.

The St. John Neumann Assembly normally (during non-pandemic times) conducts nine general meetings and three social events for our members during the year. Two of the social events are held in the main hall of the St. Lawrence K of C facility. They are the St. Patrick's Dinner in March and the Christmas Dinner in December. Our third social event is our annual picnic, held at the St. Lawrence K of C picnic grounds located on 21 Mile Road at the M-53 by-pass. This event takes place on the third Wednesday in August. Dues are only \$25.00 per year.

Support of those who serve or have served us in our nation's military, low dues, and business casual attire, reduced cost, and reduced time commitment to be exemplified. It indeed is a good time and for good reason to join the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Applications will need to be received by S.K. Ron Koscierzynski by Tuesday, September 1, 2020 in time for processing and registration. For more information, please contact the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree liaison in your council or contact S.K. Ron Koscierzynski, Faithful Comptroller for the St. John Neumann Assembly 478 at 248 -805-4651 or drkosc47@hotmail.com.

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## A Prayer For Our Country

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. AMEN

### **Calendar of Events**

11/8 Memorial Mass is virtual at Sacred Heart this year.

11/12 7:30 pm General Membership Meeting , St. Paul of Tarsus Social Hall

11/22 11:30 am Mass Corporate Communion

12/3 Council Planning Meeting Zoom...if not an officer and would like to

attend, let Tom Gray know so an invite can be sent.



#### 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: <a href="http://kofc.org/careers">http://kofc.org/careers</a> . For more information, please contact, Don M. Wesley FICF, General Agent, at 888-393-7539, or don.wesley@kofc.org

## **Happy Birthday!!**



Fr Joseph Hund	November 1
Janet Loewen	November 1
Vito Guzzardo	November 1
Scott Ignatowski	November 3
Paula Tusset	November 4
Bruce Arnold	November 5
Mitchell O'Connor	November 5
Deacon Marc Rybinski	November 6
Gerald Caruso	November 7
Hank Leflere	November 7
Norman Pfaff	November 10
Salvatore Ales	November 11
Leonard Sokolowski	November 11
William Hill	November 11
Alan Giroux	November 12
Timothy Treloar	November 13
Connie Colosimo	November 17
Christine Krause	November 18
Leon Eggers	November 19
Larry Bukowski	November 21
James Cosgrove	November 23
Steven Szypa	November 23
George Mejaly	November 24
Michael William	November 25
Beverly Gattari	November 26
Mike Kramer	November 27
Patricia Labadie	November 28
Anthony Guido	November 29
Dennis Werth	November 30

If you'd like to see your birthday posted, please send an email to Chris Gapczynski at <a href="mailto:spotknights1168@gmail.com">spotknights1168@gmail.com</a>, or call at 586-263-5942.

## **Happy Anniversary!!**



Daniel & Catherine Finn November 9
Donald & Gayle Bieschke November 26
Gino & Beverly Gattari November 26
Richard & Patricia Okerhjelm November 26

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## For the Good of the Order

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

Janice Krygowski
SK Art Krygowski
Patricia Labadie
Peggy Lewis
SK Chuck Luce
Leanne Mackay
Melissa MUrray
Fred Neumann
Patricia Okerhjelm
BK Rick Okerhjelm
Esther Robidou
Larry Rosso
Mary Rosso
Joanne Smail
Joanne Sziisz
PGK SK Karl Sziisz
Gary Tarbuck
Bob Williams
Lynn Williams
Deacon SK Ed Wilson

## Please Remember our Beloved Deceased Brother Knights



Carl A. Owen Frank C. Kava Chester E. Raszkowski **Robert A Post** Martin W. Rosenau Julius T. Abraham **Clemente Truden** Walter W. Kawka James P. Koss **Dominic Morello** John P. Banas Catan W. Bernardo Robert W. Majkowski Alfonso Carvaial Brian R. McGinnis Arthur J. Hug James Bischoff Russell J. Licovoli **Donald Lynch** Joseph Anthonucci John Billotti **Morris Demetsenare Conrad Leder** Joseph T. Frontera **Gary Golec Walter Baumgart Robert Serafino Guy Serafino Thomas Saura** Frank Gaal William Carron **Gregory Kropidlowski** Vincent McInnes Joseph Ricard **Albert Johnson** Joseph Godell **Raymond Dawson** Michael J. Francis **Donald Duff** Harold Patterson William Galbraith **Donald Badowski** Fr. Louis Grandpre John Marotta Ralph Labadie Reginald Topolewski James Kaza John Russo Ed Marcinkowski Ross Vizzaccerro Joseph Bono **Bruno Belline** James Lisuzzo **Harry Motta** Carl R. Maron

Ken Dombrowski

William F. Gowland

March 5, 1997 October 3, 1998 August 8, 2000 August 1, 2001 September 24, 2001 October 8, 2001 December 7, 2001 December 25, 2002 May 4, 2003 March 12, 2005 April 16, 2005 June 13, 2006 June 28, 2006 March 11, 2007 October 24, 2007 January 17, 2008 February 11, 2008 April 2, 2008 May 1, 2008 November 18, 2008 May 20, 2009 July 9, 2009 September 5, 2009 September 7, 2009 April 4, 2010 August 15, 2010 January 16, 2012 March 7, 2012 April 3, 2012 January 12, 2012 July 8, 2012 May 11, 2014 August 16, 2014 September 22, 2014 January 22, 2015 February 5, 2015 February 25, 2015 February 28, 2015 July 30, 2015 October 20, 2015 November 22, 2015 March 16, 2016 February 20, 2016 March 26, 2016 March 27, 2016 June 28, 2016 September 26, 2016 March 15, 2017 August 30, 2017 September 6, 2017 September 28, 2017 January 28, 2018 February 1, 2018 February 26, 2018 May 9, 2018 June 8, 2018 August 31, 2018

**Thomas Hayes** September 9, 2018 **Anthony Valentine** September 16, 2018 **Lawrence Novak** November 19, 2018 Joseph Roehrig January 8, 2019 Joseph Marheineke January 10, 2019 Giuseppe Riera January 21, 2019 Clarence Gajewski February 3, 2019 Paul Ross May 25, 2019 **George Trapp II** July 14, 2019 **Neil Norat** November 25, 2019 **Ben Candela** December 27, 2019 Robert C. (Chuck) Lomasney May 15, 2020 **Alton Obrecht** August 17, 2020 August 19, 2020 Joseph Hopersberger

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Financial	George Sakorafos	586-610-3576
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Treasurer	Ray Coughlin	586-412-7178
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3 Yr Trustee	PGK Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
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Family	Ron Marrese	586-481-1168
Youth	PGK Art Krygowski	586-322-9411
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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 at spot knights11689@gmail.com

Articles for the November newsletter must be submitted by no later than **October 22, 2020.** 

K of Supreme: www.kofc.org

K of C Michigan State Council: www.mikofc.org

Michigan District #1: www.michigan district1.com

St. Paul of Tarsus: www.stpauloftarsus.com

SPOT Knights: www.spotknights.com

Our Council newsletter is now available on-line on the St. Paul of Tarsus Parish website, <a href="https://www.stpauloftarsus.com">www.stpauloftarsus.com</a>.

Anyone who wishes to receive their newsletter via the Internet instead of by regular mail should contact Chris Gapczynski at 586-263-5942 or at spot-knights11689@gmail.com. Doing so would save our Council a great deal of money for printing and postage.





#### ST. Paul of Tarsus Council #11689

By-Laws Resolution:

Whereas the St. Paul of Tarsus Council No. 11689, Knights of Columbus is holding a Virtual MI Drive this fall.

Whereas the charities that we support are in dire need of financial assistance.

Now therefore it shall be resolved to match the funds raised by our Virtual MI Drive by an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00. To be payable from our charitable gaming account.

Approved and signed:

**Grand Knight** 

**Deputy Grand Knight** 

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Board of Trustees.







#### Presenting our 2020 Fall Virtual MI Drive:

The St. Paul of Tarsus Knights of Columbus Council 11689 is doing a virtual MI Drive this year due to Covid-19. We have a fundraising campaign at the below web link or the QR Code above. You can also text SPOT11689 to 206-800-7879.

#### http://ffnd.co/YFT4Xm

The St. Paul of Tarsus K of C Council is doing a Virtual MI Drive. This is more commonly known as the "Tootsie Roll" drive. It benefits the cognitively impaired community in the state of Michigan, Macomb County, and locally to Clinton Township. 20% of our proceeds go to the state charities (Special Olympics, St. Louis Center, St. Francis Camp to name a few). The remaining 80% comes back to us to distribute locally. We donate to local schools, Special Olympics, adult training centers, etc.



## Don't Worry, Retire Happy

A Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefits Seminar Featuring: Award-Winning Author and Speaker Tom Hegna, CLU, ChFC, CASL

Thinking about retirement? Award-winning author, speaker and economist – Tom Hegna – will be joining agents from The Borrelli, Huard & Wesley Agencies to present a free webinar for members and guests. Tom has been dubbed by many as "The Retirement Income Expert" and will be sharing his 7 steps to a secure retirement.

Click here to watch a special video invitation from Tom!



WHEN	Wednesday, December 2, 2020 7:00PM – 8:00PM EST
WHERE	Virtual
REGISTER	https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN LdTlJOZLQRWerlCJ72G1rA

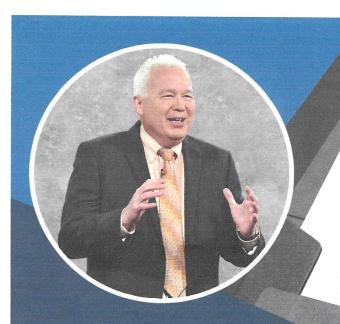
## Why the Knights of Columbus?

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus is a Fortune 800 company, and that Catholic families have an exclusive opportunity to protect their financial futures and plan their retirement with the help of the Knights?

In addition to being the strong, Catholic and charitable organization that you know and love, the Knights of Columbus is one of the largest life insurance companies in North America, and has helped hundreds of thousands of Catholic families just like yours ensure their financial future.

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You're invited to join our webinar where Tom will share his 7 steps to a secure retirement. Register today to reserve your spot.

Sponsored by your Knights of Columbus Wesley Agency

12/02/2020

7:00PM - 8:00PM EST

Date

Time

Email Don.Wesley@KofC.org for Registration Link

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Contact me today to learn more:

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## Fraternal Benefit Seminar Form

Fraternal Benefit Seminars are excellent opportunities for councils and field agents to partner together to talk to members and parishioners about the tremendous financial benefits offered exclusively through the Knights of Columbus. Beginning July 1, 2020, councils striving for Star Council recognition are required to co-host and promote two fraternal benefit seminars per year with their field agent(s). This form must be filled out by your general agent, and sent to CouncilGrowth@kofc.org.

COUNCIL(S):	
DATE HOSTED:	
FIELD AGENT:	
NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE:	
PROMOTION OF SEMINAR (MUST DO AT LEAST 3):	
Council email blast (Required)	
Council social media announcement	
Use the council Facebook page	
<ul> <li>And / or create event on Facebook for larger outreach than just email</li> </ul>	
Your state council's website can also be used	

Parish bulletin announcement / event poster
Place an announcement in bulletin or insert
Hang a poster in the back of the church
Parish email blast / Parish social media announcement
Many parishes are sending out virtual reminders on Mass, ask your parish office if they can
include the announcement.
<ul> <li>Announcement under events on Church website or Church Facebook page</li> </ul>
Parish pulpit announcement
A member of the council, or the agent can speak
• If Mass is still being held virtually, Father may be willing to make the announcement himself
Prospect specific email / outreach
Any prospects from Church drives, NCD sites etc. can be invited with specified individual
emails or phone calls to them. Fraternal Benefit Seminars can be used as a recruiting tool
so prospects can learn about the benefits membership will offer them.
Other form of promotion (please detail below):
GENERAL AGENT SIGNATURE OF APPROVAL: