



The Knight's Shield



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

October, 2020

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 25

A Word from Grand Knight Tom Gray

Happy Autumn Everyone!!

I hope this finds that everyone is safe and healthy during these trying times.

Currently, we are planning for the October meeting to be outdoors. If weather is threatening, we will hold it under the canopy. I am going to move the time up 1/2 hour from 7:00 pm to 6:30 pm to give us a little more daylight. We will be voting on the By-Law update and resolution at this meeting. You can also provide feedback by contacting me or any other officer of this council.

Without any change to the State mandate from our Governor's Executive Order of no more than 10 people at an indoor gathering, we will have to go to virtual meetings starting in November, as the weather will no longer permit outdoor meetings. I will send out a Zoom invite to attend the meeting a week or so prior, unless something changes.

The Road Clean-up is going to be October 3. See the attached flyer for details.

Regarding the MI Drive this year...after much deliberation and discussion, our council leadership has decided to forego hitting the streets. We are going to do a virtual MI Drive. Stay tuned for more information, as we will all need to participate. We will probably be doing a "Go Fund Me" or something like it. We will need to spread the word virtually to as many people as possible via social media and email to be successful. We will be looking for some volunteers to be at the Masses on Columbus Day weekend to man the tables with jugs so parishioners can do-

nate. We will also have signs prepared with the info for the virtual drive.

We are going to have to cancel the Trunk or Treat event as well because of Covid.

On a positive note, Father McGivney's Beatification Mass is October 31. In honor of this, listed below are 10 things you probably did not know about him.

1. **Not only Catholics, but even Protestants were inspired by Father McGivney's witness of faith.** Alida Harwood, the daughter of a prominent Episcopal minister in New Haven, frequented Mass at St. Mary's Church where Father McGivney served. When Alida contracted malaria at the age of 25 and lay on her death bed, it was Father McGivney that she asked to see.
2. **He was a surprisingly good baseball player.** We know that in one game with his seminary team, he scored three runs, contributing to a big victory with a score of 23-6. He paved the way for a long history of baseball players who would join the Knights.
3. **More forward-thinking than Yale? Father McGivney pushed the boundaries as a theater director.** At a time when, according to [Parish Priest](#), nearby Yale University was limiting theater to only male actors. Father McGivney welcomed women to perform when he directed his parish's St. Patrick's Day play in 1880.
4. **He helped young people take charge of their lives and create a better future.** Father McGivney saw that many young men were neglecting their religion and turning to alcohol abuse. In response, he founded St. Joseph's Total Abstinence and Literary Society, a group that helped young men stay strong in the faith and become active in their communities. No doubt, Father McGivney's experience with this group

prepared him when he later founded the Knights of Columbus.

5. **His vision for the role of the laity was very unusual for the time.** Seventy-seven years ahead of the Second Vatican Council, the idea that a Catholic organization could be led by laymen was quite extraordinary. Yet that was Father McGivney's vision for the Knights of Columbus.
6. **He ministered to inmates.** Father McGivney was responsible for ministering to inmates in the city jail. One inmate was 21-year old Chip Smith who, while drunk, shot and killed a police officer. Smith was convicted for first-degree murder and sentenced to be hanged. Father McGivney ministered to him daily and, on the day of Smith's execution, the priest was filled with sorrow. Just before he died, Smith comforted him: "Father, your saintly ministrations have enabled me to meet death without a tremor. Do not fear for me, I must not break down now."
7. **He was only 38 years old when he died in a 19th century pandemic.** And that's actually not surprising — life expectancy was short for priests in Connecticut during this time in history when the Catholic population was growing in American. Disease was common and the priests were overworked.
8. **He's on the path to sainthood.** Father McGivney's beatification this year is the latest development in his cause for canonization.
9. **His belongings were burned when he died.** When Father McGivney died, his personal items were burned to prevent the spreading of disease. Only a small number of his writings and belongings remain.
10. He is known to intercede especially in four areas (from Columbia magazine):
 - **Employment and Finances.** Just as parishioners looked to Father McGivney for help when "No Irish need apply" was often included in job postings, so today many receive help when they are laid off or seeking a better job.
 - **Substance Abuse.** In Father McGivney's day, alcoholism afflicted the immigrant population, and many now find relief from drug or alcohol abuse after praying to him.
 - **Family Reconciliation.** Father McGivney helped

Continues to respond to the prayers of families.

- **Return to the Faith.** Father McGivney founded the Order to keep men from joining anti-Catholic societies. Today, many Catholics receive favors when calling upon him to help their fallen-away children return to Mass.

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

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Gray

Letter to Supreme Regarding The Change to Our By-Laws

Resolution to update the By-Laws of St. Paul of Tarsus Council 11689:

Whereas the St. Paul of Tarsus Council No. 11689, Knights of Columbus adopted our By-Law's on April 8, 1996.

Whereas we have been asked by the parish to change our general membership meeting night from the 2nd Monday of the month to the 2nd Thursday of the month to accommodate religious education access to the social hall.

Whereas there are other minor updates included in the draft copy attached of the marked up By-Laws.

Now therefore it shall be resolved to adopt the attached changes to the St. Paul of Tarsus Council No. 11689, Knights of Columbus By-Laws.

Approved and signed:

Grand Knight

Deputy Grand Knight

Board of Trustees.

Monthly Prayer Intention



They Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

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

Jeff Gapczynski	January 1996 to
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
Arthur Krygowski	July 2016 to June 2018
Michael Hartel	July 2018 to June 2020
Thomas Gray	July 2020 to Present



MI "Tootsie Roll" Drive 2020

The Annual Tootsie Roll Drive has been cancelled due to Covid. We are currently working on a virtual drive and a Go Fund Me option for donating.

More information to come.



The Lighter Side



You need an ark to save two of every animal?

- Let me know, I Noah guy...

At our weekly Bible study, the leader asked an elderly gentleman, Walt, to open the meeting with prayer. Walt did so in a soft voice. Another man, straining to hear, shouted, "I can't hear you!" Walt replied, "I wasn't talking to you."

In the foyer of a church, a young boy was looking at a plaque with the names of men and women who had died in various wars. He asked the pastor, "Who are these people?" The pastor said, "Those are members from our church who died in service." The boy asked, "The early service or the second service?"

Six-year-old Ned's mother was looking through an old family Bible when an oak leaf fell out. Ned said, "I guess that must be Adam's shorts."

A trooper pulls over a priest and immediately smells alcohol on his breath. The next thing he notices is an empty wine bottle lying on the passenger seat. "Have you been drinking?" the officer asks. "Just water," says the priest. "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and shouts, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"



**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: Richard Okerhjelm

Acolytes (No acolytes due to Covid)

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

Motions Passed

Ralph Pullis made a motion and Phil Kwasny seconded to pay the bills. The motion passed.

Phil Kwasny made a motion and Ray Ignatowski seconded to donate \$500 to the St. Paul of Tarsus Religious Education Program. The motion passed.

Gary Skarb made a motion and John Minicuci seconded to sponsor two golf holes at \$25 each for the DAVL Golf Outing. The motion passed.



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 September: **Stan Labuda**

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 September: **“George and Patricia Loewen Family.”** 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!!!!!!



Have You Insured Your Most Valuable Asset?

Is your income protected if you become sick or injured and cannot work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings.

Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection.

If you are ill or injured, Income Armor provides tax-free monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain you and your family's standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, while your savings and retirement assets remain intact.

In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. I look forward to meeting with you.

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

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



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Dale G. Jacks, *Field Agent*
Office: (586) 419-0276
46355 Rockford Drive
Shelby Township, MI 48315-5626
dale.jacks@kofc.org



Fall Road Clean-up

Meet by 8:00am Saturday October 3 in the North parking lot at church for our Fall Road Clean-up.

We will split up into groups and pick up the trash along Canal Road between Romeo Plank and Garfield Roads.

Only takes an hour to an hour and a half of your time to complete (Depending on how many people show up).

This is your chance to make a difference and help keep the community looking nice!

No protecting God's Children classes required for this event.

See you there!



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.

By-Laws Adopted April 8, 1996 with Proposed Revisions

Article I

Section 1. This council shall be known as St. Paul of Tarsus Council No. 11689, Knights of Columbus.

Section 2. The initiation fee shall be \$15.00 ~~except that for applicants under 26 years of age it shall be \$10.00~~ and for Priests and religious it shall be nil. ~~One-half of the initiation fee shall accompany the application but it~~ **The initiation fee** shall be refunded if the applicant is rejected.

Section 3. Each member shall pay annual dues, the same to be payable ~~quarterly~~ **yearly** in advance at the first regular meetings in January, ~~April, July, and October~~. The annual dues of members shall be \$30.00, excepting honorary members who shall pay \$10.00, and honorary life members who shall pay nothing. Except as above stated, the dues of associate and insurance members shall be the same. **Dues shall be prorated for reduced time of membership.**

Section 4. The officers shall receive annual compensation, ~~payable in quarterly installments at the end of each quarter~~, as follows: Financial Secretary: From the council an amount equal to eight percent of the monies collected on account of dues from both insurance and associate members, payable in ~~quarterly~~ **yearly** installments at the end of each ~~quarter~~ **year**.

Article II - Elections

Section 1. The annual election of officers shall take place at a regular meeting held between May 15 to and including June 15. Not less than two months before the annual election the ~~Grand Knight shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three who shall prepare a slate of candidates for the elective council offices. This slate shall be presented to the council not later than the regular business meeting preceding the meeting at which annual elections are to take place.~~ **nomination process shall begin with members nominating any other qualified member or self nominating themselves for the elected positions.** Nominations may not be closed until the election meeting has convened and the members are ready to ballot.

Section 2. The election of officers shall be by ballot. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to elect; except that where several of equal degree are to be chosen, a majority shall not be necessary, but all shall be voted for on one ballot and no ballot containing names more or less candidates than there are such offices to be voted shall be counted, and those receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected in the order of the number of votes received.

Section 3. ~~The Grand Knight shall appoint two members to act as tellers~~ Trustees shall handle the ballots, counting and reporting results to Presiding officer. After all who are entitled to do so have voted, the ballot shall be declared closed and the ~~Tellers~~ Trustees shall then proceed to count the votes in full view of the Council. One of the ~~Tellers~~ Trustees shall examine each ballot singly and pass the same to his associate, who shall read aloud the name or names written or printed on all legal ballots. The ~~Recorder~~ third Trustee shall tally the same and the result thereof shall be announced by the presiding officer.

Section 4. Each officer elected must qualify and fill the office to which he is chosen, with or without installation, at the first regular meeting in the month of July succeeding his election unless excused by a vote of the Council, and must present himself for installation at the time specified in the notice issued by or through the State Deputy or District Deputy, unless excused by such officer. Otherwise such office shall be considered vacant.

Section 5. Vacancies in elective offices shall be filled, after notice to the members, by election at the regular business meeting next succeeding the regular meeting at which the vacancy was created.

Article III - Officers

Section 1. Only members who are in good standing and who have been initiated in the first three degrees of the Order shall be eligible to hold office in this Council. No member shall hold more than one office at the same time.

Section 2. The elective officers shall be as follows: Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder, Treasurer, Advocate, Warden, Inside Guard, Outside Guard (two outside guards may be elected) and Board of Trustees.

Section 3. The appointive officers shall be as follows: Financial Secretary, Lecturer, Chaplain, ~~and Organist~~.

The Financial Secretary shall be appointed by the Supreme Knight.

The Chaplain shall be selected by the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and the Board of Trustees in accordance with any rules established by the Bishop of the Diocese. The Grand Knight shall select the Lecturer ~~and the Organist~~.

Section 4. At the last regular business meeting in June of each year the Council shall determine the amount of the bond to be given by the Treasurer and the Financial Secretary in addition to the bond furnished by the Supreme Council, and the Treasurer and Financial Secretary shall not take office or be installed or receive any money or property of the Council until they have furnished such bond and the same has been approved by the Board of Trustees. The premium on said bond shall be paid by the Council.

Section 5. The Council Officers shall perform the duties required of them by the Laws and Rules of the Order and these By-Laws and such other duties as the Council may direct.

Section 6. Except when notice of applications shall be published as provided by Section 110 of the Laws and Rules, it shall be the duty of the Grand Knight, as early as practicable before each regular meeting, to file with the ~~Recorder~~ Financial Secretary a list of candidates to be balloted upon at such meeting.

Section 7. At the end of each semiannual period the Board of Trustees shall meet and audit the several books of this Council and shall in each January and July make a full report of their findings, including the receipts and disbursements of the moneys of this Council for the previous semiannual period, the balance on hand to the credit of each of the various funds at the end of each semiannual period, and the assets and liabilities of this Council. The Grand Knight shall issue the call for such meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Section 8. Where a member ipso facto forfeits his membership the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary shall immediately notify the Supreme Secretary of such forfeiture and shall immediately send notice in writing to the member, including the date and reason therefore. In those

cases relating to ipso facto forfeiture for failure to pay council dues, such notice shall not be sent to the Supreme Secretary or to the member until an officer or a member of the Conservation Committee shall contact the member and endeavor to have him retain his membership.

Section 9. The Recorder shall file all reports in a filing book to be provided for that purpose and the same shall be preserved as a part of the records of this council.

Article IV - Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Council shall be held ~~on the second Monday and fourth Thursday each month at a~~ **time and date deemed appropriate by the Council and its leadership.** The first meeting each month shall be a regular business meeting. **The second meeting shall be the Council Planning meeting.** ~~All meetings shall commence at 7:30 PM.~~ Twelve members shall constitute a quorum at **the general** business meetings. **Eight members shall constitute a quorum at the Council Planning meetings.**

Section 2. All meetings of the Council shall be presided over by the Grand Knight, who will ascertain from the Warden if all present are ~~possessed~~ **in possession** of the current membership card.

Section 3. The order of business and procedure at regular business meetings of this council shall conform to section 125 of the Laws of the Order. ~~(See inside back cover.)~~

Section 4. Special business meetings shall be convened as follows: By vote of the Council at a preceding regular business meeting; by direction of the Grand Knight; by the Grand Knight upon the written request of seven members, which request shall state the object of the meeting. Due notice of special business meetings and their purpose shall be given to each member in the usual way and no other business shall be transacted at any such meeting.

Section 5. The following shall be the order of business and procedure at special business meetings:

1. Call to order.
2. Warden's report on Membership Cards.
3. Prayer.
4. Roll Call of Officers.
5. Opening Ode (optional)

6. Special order of business.
7. Prayer.
8. Closing Ode (optional)

Section 6. It shall be the duty of all officers to attend each meeting of the Council. In case of inability of any officer to attend a meeting, due notice shall be given to the Grand Knight and arrangements made to have all necessary books and papers in the possession of such officer at the meeting. If a Chair Officer is absent from a meeting, the presiding officer shall designate a member to act for him. If an elected officer, without reasonable excuse approved by the Grand Knight, is absent from three consecutive regular business meetings, the Grand Knight may report this fact to the District Deputy for such action under Section 92(b) of the Laws of the Order as the District Deputy deems appropriate.

Section 7. In the absence or inability of the Grand Knight the Deputy Grand Knight shall preside and he shall execute all of the duties of the Grand Knight. In the absence of the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight the duty presiding shall devolve on the other officers of the Council in the order in which they are named in Section 126 of the Laws of the Order.

Section 8. If any meeting shall fall on a legal holiday said meeting shall be held the following day unless the Council, by vote at a previous business meeting, annuls such meeting or fixes a different date for such meeting within the month for which it is scheduled. **It can also be planned ahead of time during the calendar setup and review for the upcoming year.**

Article V – Balloting for Candidates

Section 1. ~~The Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight shall privately inspect the ballot box, both before and after the ballot, and the former shall announce the result. Balloting of candidates shall be in charge of the Warden who shall distribute ballots to all members present. He shall place the ballot box on the salutation table and take his place six feet therefrom. He shall then request that all officers vote and after they have voted, he shall request the members to vote. They shall advance in single files and deposit their ballots, but no member shall pass the Warden until the member preceding him has voted. After all who desire to do so have voted, the Warden shall exhibit the ballot box to the Grand Knight and the Deputy Grand Knight and they shall count the votes. If the number of negative ballots cast does not exceed one-half of~~

~~present, the applicant shall be declared elected, otherwise rejected. The exact number of negative ballots shall not be stated. If more than one candidate is to be balloted for at a meeting, the Grand Knight may announce that the first ballot shall be a general one upon all the candidates, and that if not more than one half of those present shall cast negative ballots upon such general ballot no other ballots shall be taken. If such announcement is made, and not more than one half negative ballots are cast upon said general ballot, all candidates so balloted for shall be declared elected. If more than one half negative ballots are cast upon said general ballot, then an individual ballot shall be taken on each candidate. The Grand Knight will ask the Financial Secretary for the reading of any applications/transfers. The application/s will be read, the Grand Knight will ask for a motion to accept, a motion and a second will be required to move on to a aye/nay public vote. This will be repeated for all applications. They will be re-read and the process repeated later in the meeting. If all ayes have both readings the applicant is accepted, if not they are rejected.~~

Article VI - Committees

Section 1. In addition to the Committees provided for in the Laws and Rules of the Order, the following Service Program Directors shall be appointed:

- A) Program Director whose goal will be the direct involvement and personal commitment of the council and membership in a program that will establish the Knights of Columbus as truly a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization.
- B) Membership Director to have supervision of a comprehensive program of recruitment and retention for his council.
- C) Director of Church Activities to promote a program that will enable the membership to respond to the constant call for the active participation of the laity in the work of the church.
- D) Director of Community Activities whose responsibility it will be to make the council aware of its life within the community and to develop programs that will be of service to the community.
- E) Director Council Activities who will be concerned with the promotion of brotherhood through athletic, cultural, and social programs. Additionally, he will be

responsible for the development of public relations in the council.

F) Director of Youth Activities to provide the youth in the community with the means and the opportunity to become personally committed and involved in meeting the challenges of our times. He will also be responsible for the promotion of the Order's junior organization, the Columbian Squires.

G) Director of Family Live Activities to promote activities and programs within the Council that would strengthen and support the family life of its members.

H) Such other committees as may be required by these By-Laws.

Section 2. Except as herein provided, all Committees shall be appointed by the Grand Knight and the first person named on the Committee shall act as Chairman thereof. Standing Committees shall serve for the current fiscal year or until their successors have been appointed. A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article VII - Funds

Section 1. All moneys obtained from any source, by or through any person or persons, acting for or in the name of the Council or under its direction or authority, shall be considered Council funds and shall be forthwith delivered to the Financial Secretary, who shall give his official receipt therefor and who shall report at the close of each meeting the amounts so received and from what source and shall deliver the same to the council Treasurer and take his receipt therefor.

Section 2. The Treasurer shall deposit all money received from the Financial Secretary in a bank to the credit of the council. Disbursements from this fund shall be made only by check or EFT signed by the Grand Knight and Treasurer. ~~Should we allow a debit card in this day and age of everything electronic? The depository bank shall be furnished with a copy of this section.~~

Section 3. No money in excess of ~~\$200.00~~ 1,000.00 shall be paid or transferred from the Treasury of this Council, except such moneys as the Council is called upon the regularly pay for its current expenses and as provided by the Laws of the Order or for purposes approved by the Supreme Council or Board of Directors, unless by a two-

thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular business meeting held subsequent to a regular business meeting at which notice in writing of a resolution of intentions to pay or transfer such money and the purposes and amount to be paid or transferred shall have been given and regularly read.

Section 4. All bills shall be presented to the Recorder and by him read to the Council before being referred to the Board of Trustees. Board of Trustees by the Treasurer, after review they are returned to the Treasurer to be included in his report to the council for motion, 2nd, and vote for payment. In case a bill is not approved by the Board of Trustees, it shall be referred back to the Council for action.

Article VIII – Funerals, Etc.

Section 1. On the death of a member in good standing the Memorial Committee Grand Knight shall give notice to the members and, if time permits, shall request them to assemble and pay their respects to the memory of the deceased at a time and place to be indicated in such notice.

Section 2. When notice of the death of a member in good standing is received the Memorial Committee Grand Knight shall forward to the family of the deceased a message of condolence created by the Financial Secretary on behalf of the Council and the Memorial Committee Church Director shall arrange to have five Masses a perpetual Mass said for the repose of the soul of the deceased. These shall be presented to the family of the deceased after a rosary or payment of respects by the Grand Knight.

Section 3. The Memorial Committee Grand Knight shall arrange for the celebration during the month of November of each year of a Mass for the souls of the deceased members and shall cause five days' notice to be given to the members of the time and place of such Mass. The Mass shall be celebrated by the Chaplain unless he is indisposed.

Section 4. The Council shall receive Holy Communion in a body during the Easter period, at a time and place to be determined by the vote of the Council.

Article IX - Miscellaneous

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular business meeting held subsequent to a regular business meeting at which a resolution in writing providing for such amendment shall have been read and notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given to the members in writing or in the council publication at least five days prior to the second meeting.

Section 2. Procedure and debate shall be in accordance with the Laws and Rules of the Supreme Council, the Board of Directors, these By-Laws, and the Rules of Parliamentary Law known as "Robert's Rules of Order."

These By-Laws adopted by vote of the Council, April 8, 1996.

Jeffrey J. Gapczynski
Grand Knight

Frank Gall, Jr.
Recorder

Date of institution January 25, 1996

Approved November 14, 1996

Ricardo H. Garcia
Supreme Advocate

Updated by vote of the Council, Month 00, 2020.

Thomas R. Gray
Grand Knight

Robert E. Tusset
Recorder

Date of institution, Month 00, 2020.

Approved, Month 00, 2020.

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



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 the charitable projects, to promote **Family** to enjoy family events and promote family prayer, and to promote **Pro-Life** programs and **Youth** 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 Church 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 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 Fundraisers 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

Have You Considered Joining the 4th Degree?



If you have ever considered joining the 4th 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 phrase "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 4th Degree. Applications will need to be received by S.K. Ron Kosciuszynski by Tuesday, September 1, 2020 in time for processing and registration. For more information, please contact the 4th Degree liaison in your council or contact S.K. Ron Kosciuszynski, Faithful Comptroller for the St. John Neumann Assembly 478 at 248-805-4651 or drkosc47@hotmail.com.

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 4th Degree. Applications will need to be received by S.K. Ron Kosciuszynski by Tuesday, September 1, 2020 in time for processing and registration. For more information, please contact the 4th Degree liaison in your council or contact S.K. Ron Kosciuszynski, Faithful Comptroller for the St. John Neumann Assembly 478 at 248-805-4651 or drkosc47@hotmail.com.

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

October 3	8:00 am	Road Clean-up starts at Church
October 12	6:30 pm	General Membership Meeting (outdoors). Vote on resolution for By-Law Update.
October 22	7:00 pm	Council Planning Meeting (via Zoom). If not an officer and would like to attend, Contact Tom Gray 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: <http://kofc.org/careers> . For more information, please contact, Don M. Wesley FICF, General Agent, at 888-393-7539, or don.wesley@kofc.org

Happy Birthday!!



William Rochefort	October 3
Gregory Scofield	October 3
Richard Olejniczak	October 4
Catherine Finn	October 4
Michael Digiovanni	October 4
Lawrence Kitka	October 5
Janice Krygowski	October 6
Raymond Coughlin	October 7
Chuck Loewen	October 11
Charles Twigg	October 17
Joseph Novak	October 17
Karla Hartel	October 18
Eugene Kapala	October 21
James Petoskey	October 23
Biran McCarty	October 25
Elaine Kwasny	October 26
Gino Gattari	October 28
Edmund Nowak	October 30
Joseph Matrangola	October 30
Greg Csernai	October 31

If you'd like to see your birthday posted, please send an e-mail to Chris Gapczynski at spotknights1168@gmail.com, or call at 586-263-5942.

Happy Anniversary!!



Philip and Elaine Kwasny	October 1
Charles and Joann Twigg	October 3
George and Lucille Mejaly	October 6
Jim and Kim Murphy	October 7
Bruce and Claudia Arnold	October 12
Norm and Joan Pfaff	October 24
Dave and Michelle Wisnewski	October 26

If you'd like to see your anniversary posted, please send an e-mail to Chris Gapczynski at spotknights1168@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	Elaine Kwasny
Lindsey Agan	Patricia Labadie
Al Albright	SK Chuck Luce
Carol Alexander	Leanne Mackay
Ruth Allore	Ron McGraw
Kevin Bondra	Fred Neumann
Micheal Denomme	Patricia Okerhjelm
Claudia Dombrowski	BK Rick Okerhjelm
Leon Eggers	Esther Robidou
Guido Fracassa	Larry Rosso
Jill Gapczynski	Mary Rosso
SK Angelo Garavaglia	Joanne Smail
Vito Guzzardo	Carol Soulliere
Judy Hoste	Joanne Sziisz
Kathleen Hoste	PGK SK Karl Sziisz
BK Mike Hoste	Gary Tarbuck
Barbara Hubbard	Paula Tusset
SK Jim Hubbard	Bob Williams
Caroline Krmel	Lynn Williams
Janice Krygowski	Deacon SK Ed Wilson

Please Remember our Beloved Deceased Brother Knights



Carl A. Owen	March 5, 1997	Thomas Hayes	September 9, 2018
Frank C. Kava	October 3, 1998	Anthony Valentine	September 16, 2018
Chester E. Raszkowski	August 8, 2000	Lawrence Novak	November 19, 2018
Robert A Post	August 1, 2001	Joseph Roehrig	January 8, 2019
Martin W. Rosenau	September 24, 2001	Joseph Marheineke	January 10, 2019
Julius T. Abraham	October 8, 2001	Giuseppe Riera	January 21, 2019
Clemente Truden	December 7, 2001	Clarence Gajewski	February 3, 2019
Walter W. Kawka	December 25, 2002	Paul Ross	May 25, 2019
James P. Koss	May 4, 2003	George Trapp II	July 14, 2019
Dominic Morello	March 12, 2005	Neil Norat	November 25, 2019
John P. Banas	April 16, 2005	Ben Candela	December 27, 2019
Catan W. Bernardo	June 13, 2006	Robert C. (Chuck) Lomasney	May 15, 2020
Robert W. Majkowski	June 28, 2006	Alton Obrecht	August 17, 2020
Alfonso Carvajal	March 11, 2007	Joseph Hopersberger	August 19, 2020
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		
Harry Motta	February 26, 2018		
Carl R. Maron	May 9, 2018		
Ken Dombrowski	June 8, 2018		
William F. Gowland	August 31, 2018		

**Officers of S.P.O.T.
K of C Council #11689
District #1**

District Deputy	Erni Boulous	586-747-5565
District Warden	Dan Nowakowski	N/A
Chaplain	Fr. Jerry Slowinski	586-228-1210
Grand Knight	Tom Gray	586-265-9885
Deputy Grand Knight	Phil Mularski	586-876-9060
Chancellor	Kevin Kennedy	586-206-0150
Financial	George Sakorafos	586-610-3576
Recorder	Rob Tusset	586-477-0232
Treasurer	Ray Coughlin	586-412-7178
Warden	Tony Guido	586-201-4409
Inside Guard	Joe Kish	586-822-4109
Outside Guard	Vince Ursini	248-635-4366
1 Yr Trustee	PGK Art Krygowski	586-298-8398
2 Yr Trustee	Rick Okerhjelm	586-469-2996
3 Yr Trustee	PGK Mike Hartel	586-298-8398
Advocate	Ken Krause	586-263-7115
Lecturer	Frank Burda	828-400-1816
Program Director	Mike Hartel	586-298-8398
Church	Angelo Garavaglia	586-412-3327
Community	PGK George Loewen	586-731-5299
Council	Gary Skarb	586-612-3329
Family	Ron Marrese	586-481-1168
Youth	PGK Art Krygowski	586-322-9411
Membership	Phil Mularski	586-876-9060
Field Agent	Dale Jacks	586-419-0276
Vocations	PCGK & FDD Jeff Gapczynski	586-263-5942
Pro-Life Chairman	Sal Ales Leon Berdy	586-263-3483 586-201-1990
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

spotknights11689@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, www.stpauloftarsus.com.

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 spotknights11689@gmail.com. Doing so would save our Council a great deal of money for printing and postage.



PAGE 18

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



*All Proceeds to Benefit the
Knights of Columbus
Installation of State Leadership
2022*

Featuring Craft Beers and Wines



German Folk Music

German Theme Buffet

Basket Raffle

50/50 Drawing



DeCarlo's
BANQUET & CONVENTION CENTER

6015 E. Ten Mile Road (at Mound Rd.)
Warren, MI 48091

**Costume Optional
Cash Prize for Best
Costume**

**Russ Smith
Chairperson
(248) 217-1740**

Friday October 30, 2020

**Advance Tickets
\$45 each ~ \$400 Table of 10
\$48 at the door**

**Doors Open 6:00
Dinner promptly at 7:15**

**Make Checks Payable to: Knights of Columbus
Mail with flyer to Russ Smith
6015 Ten Mile Road
Warren, MI 48091
Phone 586-759-6500**

* Credit Card Orders, Please Contact DeCarlo's Banquet Center

Council/Organization Name: _____ Council No. or Org. No. _____

Contact Name: _____ Ph # _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please Order _____ Tickets @ \$45.00ea. = _____ or _____ Tables @ 400.00ea. _____

Make Checks Payable to: Knights of Columbus – Please Remit Payment with complete order form to Russ Smith