



# The Knight's Shield



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

September, 2020

**Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**

Volume 25

## **A Word from Grand Knight Tom Gray**

Autumn is almost upon us. I don't know about you , but I am ready for some cooler weather. I hope this finds you and your families well!

Currently, we are planning for the September meeting to be outdoors again. Construction is at 98% complete, according to my source. The hall and kitchen are now open for business. The pantry is almost moved in, just a minor amount remains to be moved. We just need final occupancy in order to begin using the pantry and Religious Ed areas. Estimate is a couple of weeks, but you know City Hall... Regardless of occupancy, we are still under orders from the State and the Archdiocese that we are limited to 10 individuals indoors. If weather is threatening, we will hold the meeting under the new awning. We will plan for the bells and the irrigation this time.

We did a rosary for Brother Joe Hopersberger on Monday, August 25. There were 10 Knights in attendance. A special thank you to Phil Mularski for leading and the doing the mysteries. Also, thank you to George Loewen, Art Krygowski, Vince Ursini, Henry Leflere and Mike Hartel for each doing a decade. Also in attendance were Sal Ales, Frank Burda and Ralph Pullis. The family was very appreciative.

We have been asked by the parish to move our monthly general meeting from the 2nd Monday to the 2nd Thursday of the month to accommodate Religious Ed having access to the social hall. Attached is a resolution to do that. Also attached is a draft of the updated By-Laws for the Council. In order to change the night, we have to update the By-Laws. There are also a couple of more items the Council leader-

ship would like to update. Please review these items and be prepared to discuss them at the next membership meeting. You can also send me correspondence if you have any issues or revisions to GK11689@mikofc.org, or call at 586-265-9885.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



### Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner..

## 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](mailto: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 Charter Grand Knight	January 1996 to 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 re-scheduled for October 9-11 for right now.

Will give more information as it is received.



## The Lighter Side



A conversation between a man and God:

Man: What is a million years like to you?

God: Like one second.

Man: What is a million dollars like to you?

God: Like one penny.

Man: Can I have a penny?

God: Just a second.

A Christian guy named Bill saw an ad online for a Christian horse, so he went to check it out. The horse's owner said, "It's easy to ride him. Just say 'Praise the Lord!' to make him go and 'Amen!' to make him stop." Bill got on the horse and said, "Praise the Lord!" Sure enough, the horse started to walk. "Praise the Lord!" he said again, and the horse began to trot. "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" he yelled, and the horse broke into a gallop. Bill was enjoying his ride so much that he almost didn't notice the cliff he and the horse were about to go over. Bill shouted "AMEN!" at the top of his lungs, and the horse stopped right at the edge of the cliff. Relieved, Bill said, "Phew! Praise the Lord!"



**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, September 20 at the 9:30 am Mass.

Lectors: Phil Mularski

Acolytes N/A

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

## Motions Passed

N/A



## **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: **Chuck Lybeer**

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 August: **“Jerry and Sue Hund 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,

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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!!!!!!



## September is Life Insurance Awareness Month

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's the one month each year that the life insurance industry coordinates a campaign aimed at educating folks about the importance of life insurance and helping them get the coverage they need. I don't want to bore you with lots of statistics, but a recent survey from LIMRA (Life Insurance Marketing Research Association) found that only 59% of Americans own life insurance and about half of those are underinsured. (Although this report didn't say it, I've got to think these percentages are pretty much the same in Canada.) So that means that 70% of the population either has no life insurance or has too little life insurance.

So, what does that have to do with the Knights? The historian, Christopher Kauffman, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book that he wrote on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founding. That book, Faith and Fraternalism, notes on page 13, "...he [Fr. McGivney] was deeply interested in pursuing the topic of a Catholic fraternal insurance society among groups of Catholic laymen of New Haven." Then on page 35 Mr. Kauffman goes on, "...he [Fr. McGivney again] spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature...his emphasis on business was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family."

Fr. McGivney lived both the social and the financial *insecurity* of a desperate family, with the breadwinner suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings. He didn't want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament. That, and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order. Everyone who joined in those first years was insured; that was part and parcel of being in the organization. Now every member has a choice and every member should know what we do, and how we do it. Here's the process I use when I meet with families:

1. Discover – Identify & prioritize your financial goals
2. Gather Data – Collect facts & figures based on your current situation
3. Analyze – Input data, run calculations, identify shortfalls
4. Recommend – Propose a financial strategy designed to satisfy your goals
5. Implement – Choose a financial strategy and implement

6. Periodic Review – Review regularly, measure success, make adjustments

As you can tell, this is a painless process. But it can help any family, at any age, determine if they have blind spots in their coverage. It can help you avoid the pain of being underinsured. With the variety of life insurance products we offer, we can help just about any person within any budget.

I don't know about you, but I don't want to buy life insurance...I want to buy what life insurance provides: no change in lifestyle for the survivors...in the house where they want to be. It'll pay for a daughter's wedding, a child's college education and much more. What does life insurance provide? Peace of mind, security, freedom from anxiety, a safeguard from the unknown.

That's where I can help.

**\*Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense.  
Ask about our GUARANTEED LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES,  
LONG TERM CARE & DISABILITY INSURANCE**



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## 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 offers 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, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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

September 14	7:00 Start No Meal	General Membership Meeting (Outdoors)
September 20	9:30 Mass	Corporate Communion (Not saving seats — Wear Gray Polo Shirts)
September 24	7:00 pm	Council Planning Meeting (Online Zoom)
September 27		DAVL Golf Outing (See Attached Flyer)
October 9-11		MI Drive (still on for now)



### **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](mailto:don.wesley@kofc.org)*

## Happy Birthday!!



Claudia Dombrowski	September 9
Matthew Magnotte	September 9
Michael Greschak	September 11
Thomas Hayes	September 12
Christine Gapczynski	September 13
Andrew Wise	September 13
Carl Cantanese	September 16
John Mocerì	September 16
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
Michael Burke	September 27
Gregory Bendzinski	September 30

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

## Happy Anniversary!!



Ralph & Connie Colosimo	September 3
Natalino & Del DiFalco	September 4
Robert & Paula Tusset	September 9
Vito & Patricia Guzzardo	September 10
James & Valerie Cosgrove	September 15
Mike & Charlene Woztaszej	September 15
Joseph & JoAnn Phillips	September 21
Mike & Cindy Essad	September 29
Raymond & Sheryl Ignatowski	September 29

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## 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	Joanne Sziisz
Judy Hoste	PGK SK Karl Sziisz
Kathleen Hoste	Gary Tarbuck
BK Mike Hoste	Paula Tusset
Barbara Hubbard	Bob Williams
SK Jim Hubbard	Lynn Williams
Caroline Krmel	Deacon SK Ed Wilson
SK Art Krygowski	
Janice Krygowski	

**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 Boulos	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
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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](mailto:spotknights11689@gmail.com)  
Articles for the October newsletter must be submitted by no later than  
**September 22, 2020.**

**K of Supreme:** [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

**K of C Michigan State Council:** [www.mikofc.org](http://www.mikofc.org)

**Michigan District #1:** [www.michigan-district1.com](http://www.michigan-district1.com)

**St. Paul of Tarsus:** [www.stpauloftarsus.com](http://www.stpauloftarsus.com)

**SPOT Knights:** [www.spotknights.com](http://www.spotknights.com)

Our Council newsletter is now available on-line on the St. Paul of Tarsus Parish website, [www.stpauloftarsus.com](http://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](mailto:spotknights11689@gmail.com). Doing so would save our Council a great deal of money for printing and postage.



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*Presents*

**29th Annual**

**Vocations Dinner**

**Featuring Polish Food**

**Cancelled**

**50/50  
RAFFLE**

**GIFT  
CARD  
RAFFLE**

***At DeCarlo's Banquet & Convention Center  
6015 E. 10 Mile Rd. ,Warren, Michigan***

**Cocktails: 3:00 p.m.**

**Dinner: 4:00 p.m.**

**Donation: \$39 per person  
\$75 per couple  
\$375 table of 10**

**Make checks payable to: K of C Detroit Archdiocesan Vocations League**

**Send Reservations to: Jeff Gapczynski**

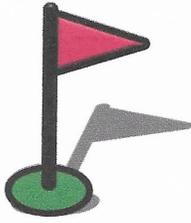
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**Questions may also be directed to Larry Frontera**

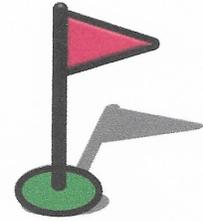
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**All proceeds go for scholarships for the seminarians and postulants**



**DAVL FUNDRAISER  
Timberwood Golf course**

**23700 31 Mile Rd., Ray, MI  
48096**



**Sunday Sep. 27, 2020**

**Registration 10 am. 11 am shotgun start**

Join us for a fun fraternal golf only event

**Cost: \$60 per person, \$240 per team**

\$20 of cost will go directly to the DAVL to support our seminarians

Fees to be paid in advance and are non refundable

18 holes with cart, hot dog, chips, beverage at the turn

Make checks payable to: **DAVL**

Mail to: Michael Cousins, 30001 Camden Circle,  
Chesterfield, MI 48051    email: [m.cousins@mikofc.org](mailto:m.cousins@mikofc.org)  
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**DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 20**

**Registration: Council NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

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