



The Knight's Shield



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

July, 2021

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 26

A Word from Grand Knight Tom Gray

As we are easing into Summer with restrictions being lifted, I hope this finds you all well and happy.

The MI Drive funds were received from the State and dispersed to our selected charities. Thank you to all those who volunteered to deliver them.

At our last general meeting, we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the council! Our Worthy State Advocate, Charles McCuen, represented the State Council. We presented Knight of the Year award to Angelo Garavaglia. Family of the year was awarded to the Ken and Peggy Dudley family. We had four lifetime achievement awards: George Loewen, Hank Leflere, Ken Grobbel, and Ted Czarny. There was special mention of our charter Worthy Treasurer, Ray Coughlin, for his years of loyal service and dedication to this council. Thank you Ray for all you do!

We bid adieu to our outgoing Worthy District Deputy Ernie Boulis and welcomed our new one Dan Nowakowski. Ernie served District 1/101 for 6 years. We only had him for a couple of years, but his solid leadership was greatly appreciated. Thank you for your loyal service Ernie! Also thank you Dan for your willingness to step into this leadership role, we are looking forward to working with you.

You will note on the calendar that we are going to have an exemplification before our July general membership meeting. We are also going to resume meals before the meetings. So the exemplification will begin at 6. If you are not a 3rd degree member please consider attending this very nice ceremony. Also feel free to attend if you are and would just like to see it. Just let us know so we can plan for the number of attendees.

The weekend of July 16th is the ice cream social. We will set up the tent Friday afternoon and serve ice cream after all the masses. Please consider working this event, it will be very welcome to see some more of the parishioners and talk after such a long time.

We are going to do a baby bottle drive after the summer, so stay tuned as we iron out the details. We, along with help from the church, decided to postpone our membership drive till after the summer as well. Looking to do the baby bottle drive in conjunction with the membership drive.

From my family to yours, we wish you a happy Independence Day!

Vivat Jesus!
Tom Gray



Monthly Prayer Intention



Universal Intention — Social Friendship

Let us pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

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

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



Corporate Communion Masses



TBD



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 complicated than 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

The Lighter Side



A Jesuit, a Dominican, and a Franciscan were walking along an old road, debating the greatness of their orders. Suddenly, an apparition of the Holy Family appeared in front of them, with Jesus in a manger and Mary and Joseph praying over him. The Franciscan fell on his face, overcome with awe at the sight of God born in such poverty. The Dominican fell to his knees, adoring the beautiful reflection of the Trinity and the Holy Family. The Jesuit walked up to Joseph, put his arm around his shoulder, and said, "So, have you thought about where to send him to school?"

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.

TBD



**Our State Motto
for 2020/2021**

"Rise Up and Answer the Call"

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 June: **Hank Leflere**

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 June: **“Paul and Sue Parker Family.”** In recognition of their outstanding service to the Parish.

Motions Passed

There were motions passed at the June General Meeting:

Jeff Gapczynski made a motion and Vince Ursini seconded to donate \$500 each to Abigayle Ministries and Gianna House.

The motion passed. .

Knights' 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!!!!!!!



Update Your Beneficiaries

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things. Take, for example, the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it may very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your policies should be updated to reflect your spouse as beneficiary. Maybe you've had children since, who are not named on the policies.

Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary, an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – that is, the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family's needs.

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



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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,



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

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.

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.

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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

July

8	6:00 pm Exemplification 7:30 pm Meeting	General Membership Meeting
12		Summer Diocesan Meeting
16		Set up tent for ice cream social
17-18		Ice cream social
22	7:00 pm Start	Council Planning Meeting
30		Camping Trip
31		Camping Trip

August

1		Camping Trip
12	6:30 pm Meal 7:30 pm Start	General Membership Meeting
26	7:00 pm	Council Planning Meeting



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!!



Bob Pastrick	July 2
Robert Tusset	July 4
Chuck Lybeer	July 4
Thomas Jarfas	July 5
Ronald Marrese	July 6
Gerald Grzech	July 7
Jerome Hund	July 10
Thomas Pardo	July 10
Richard Miller	July 11
Justin Cabe	July 12
Joseph Shalla	July 13
Mary Russo	July 17
Robert Tette	July 17
Carol Serafino	July 18
Henry Kwiatkowski	July 18
Jeffrey Daris	July 18
Phil Mularski	July 18
Leonard Gutkowski	July 20
Richard Emmers	July 20
Paul Parker	July 22
Dominic Carrafelli	July 22
John Filipkowski	July 23
Timothy Burtka	July 24
Rosemary Schulte	July 25
Thomas Ratusznik	July 25
Michael Olejniczak	July 26
Paul Demetsenare	July 29

If you'd like to see your birthday posted, please send an e-

Happy Anniversary!!



Donald & Marianne Szlezynsier	July 2
Frank & Janice Burda	July 9
Jeff & Chris Gapczynski	July 20
August & Michelle Oliveri, Jr.	July 21

If you'd like to see your anniversary posted, please send an e-mail to Chris Gapczynski at spot-knights1168@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.

Lindsey Agan	Peggy Lewis
Carol Alexander	SK Chuck Luce
Kevin Bondra	Leanne Mackay
Ralph Colosimo	Ronald McGraw
Jim Daniel	Bob Montpetit
Paul DeMetsenare	Carol Montpetit
Lino Difalco	Melissa Murray
Regina Difalco	Dallas Nichols
Claudia Dombrowski	Edmund Nowak
Rich Emmers	Patricia Okerhjelm
Chris Gapczynski	BK Rick Okerhjelm
Jill Gapczynski	Bob Pastrick
SK Angelo Garavaglia	Maryann Pearson
BK Tom Gray	Judy Perreau
Kathleen Hoste	Phillis Reuter
BK Mike Hoste	Esther Robidou
Barbara Hubbard	Larry Rosso
BK Jim Hubbard	Mary Rosso
Ray Huddas	Joanne Smail
Dan Jacks	PGK SK Karl Sziisz
Rick Kleczyski	William Szypa
Nancy Koldenkamp	Gary Tarbuck
BK Art Krygowski	Jim Tarbuck
Janice Krygowski	Bob Williams
Patricia Labadie	Lynn Williams
Stege LeCreshia	Deacon SK Ed Wilson
Henry Leflere	Dave Wisneski

**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	Leon Eggers	November 18, 2020
Arthur J. Hug	January 17, 2008	Guido Fracassa	January 19, 2021
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	Dan Nowakowski	586-722-8221
District Warden	TBD	
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	586-980-4483
Warden	Tony Guido	586-201-4409
Inside Guard	Joe Kish	586-822-4109
Outside Guard	Vince Ursini	248-635-4366
1 Yr Trustee	Rick Okerhjelm	586-469-2996
2 Yr Trustee	PGK Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
3 Yr Trustee	Paul Parker	586-805-1120
Advocate	Ken Krause	586-263-7115
Lecturer	Frank Burda	828-400-1816
Program Director	Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
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 August newsletter must be submitted by no later than
July 22, 2021.

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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.



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