



The Knight's Shield



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

December 2022

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 27

A Word from Grand Knight Tom Gray

I can't believe December is upon us already! Christmas will be here in a few short weeks.

The Trunk or Treat took place after the November newsletter was written, so I will mention that we had around 100 kids. The weather was beautiful; it was like a summer day. We could use some more trunks in the future, so please consider coming out and handing out some candy. It is fun and the kids really enjoy it.

Last month we had our first pancake breakfast in almost three years. I personally talked to almost every table and had nothing but positive feedback. People were excited to see this event return. We did have to start over with supplies as many things were expired but we still did make a few bucks. Most importantly though, we had people in the parish hall sitting down and talking and enjoying a wonderful meal together. We did our Coats for Kids event at Erie Elementary, and we also added some other coats for another ministry. We delivered 96 coats for needy children. What a good feeling to help keep kids warm for the winter.

We also had our Texas Hold'em event and did rather well. A huge thank you to all the Knights who helped with this effort!

MCREST is coming the week of Thanksgiving, and we are helping out St. John Anglican Church again. It is happening at the writing of this newsletter. The men are not being housed at the church, so it is pretty much just meal deliveries. Thank you to Ray for heading this ministry up again!

Our Christmas meat sales begin next weekend 11/26-27, 12/3-4, pickup is 12/22. There is a flyer and order form attached if you would like to order.

As we prepare for a busy Christmas season with family and friends let us not forget the true reason for the season. It is the time to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Below are some Christian meanings behind some Christmas traditions.

Evergreen Trees were the symbol of eternal life. Martin Luther introduced them to the Reformation Church as a picture of our endless life in Christ, by bringing in a tree to his family on Christmas Eve lit with candles (Isaiah 60:13).

Candles are a picture that Christ is the Light of the world (John 8).

Holly speaks of the thorns in His crown (Matthew 27:29).

Red is a color of Christmas that speaks of Christ's blood and death.

Gifts are a reminder of the gifts of the Magi to baby Jesus. Each of them speak to a component of His incarnation: Majesty in life, Bitterest Agony in Death and He as God's Perfect gift to us (Matthew 2).

The Yule Log was a symbol by which all the men in the family would carry a log large enough to burn for 12 days into the house. They were identifying with Christ and His Cross. The fire was started with a fragment from the previous years [this refers to the eternal existence of Christ before His birth] log. It speaks of warmth, unity, joy and the security of endless life.

Mistletoe was an ancient symbol from the Roman times. It was under mistletoe that old enmities and broken friendships were restored. So Christ was the One who took away the enmity and gave us peace with God (Romans 5:1; Romans 8:1).

Bells are associated with ringing out news. Christ is the good news, the best news of all.

Myself and the entire Gray family wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas!

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Gray

Vets Returning Home



Vets Returning Home will open a Resale store by June 1, 2022. They will accept clean clothing of all kinds (including children's clothing), furniture, housewares, kitchenware, bathroom accessories and large appliances. Appliance donations will be reviewed for need.

The Resale Store is located at 29523 Gratiot in Roseville about a mile north of their office location. Their telephone number is 586-285-5606, and their office location is 17955 E Eleven Mile (on the corner of Gratiot next to COSTCO).

Thanks,

Phil Kwasny

Corporate Communion Masses



TBD

The Lighter Side



- What does a Catholic do before confession?

They sin obviously.

Monthly Prayer Intention



Intention for Volunteer Not-For-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

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

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Community Director, Knights of Columbus

IN A WORLD WHERE YOU CAN BE ANYTHING

BE KIND

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 Months for November: **Michael McKinnon.**

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 November: **“Joe and Rose Kish Family.”** In recognition of their outstanding service to the Parish.

Motions Passed

There were no motions passed at the November meeting.



**Our State Motto
for 2022/2023**

“Faith and Family First”

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

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



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

I wish all of you and yours a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Blessed Happy New Year!!

Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense!

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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!!!!!!!

Protecting God's Children

Webinar
Thursday, December 1, 2022
1:00 pm

St Blasé Parish (Sterling Hts)
Saturday, May 20, 2023
9:00 am

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish (Plymouth)
Monday, June 5, 2023
6:00 pm

Calendar of Events

December

1	7:00 pm Start	Council Planning Meeting
3-4	After All Masses	Christmas Meat Orders
8	6:30 pm Meal	General Membership Meeting
	7:30 pm Meeting	
22		Christmas Meat Pickup



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!!



Angelo Garavaglia	December 1
Patricia Loewen	December 1
James Perreault	December 2
Arthur David, Jr.	December 4
Peter Hoppersberger	December 4
Darryl Troczynski	December 4
Ryan Scratch	December 5
Ellen Francis	December 6
Ralph Pullis	December 8
Patricia Guzzardo	December 9
Steven D'Onofrio	December 9
Stan Labuda	December 10
Sandy Grobbel	December 11
Eugene Chelsey	December 11
Michael Koss	December 12
George Schulte	December 14
Jacob Lueck	December 14
Zachary Abbott	December 17
Kathleen Sakorafos	December 19
Andrew Callahan	December 19
Georgios Sakorafos	December 21
Larry Young	December 21
Sherri Czarny	December 27
Anthony Perfetto	December 28
Thomas Gray	December 29
Gregory Kropidlowski	December 30
Patrick Lomasney	December 30

If you'd like to see your birthday posted, please send an e-mail to Chris Gapczynski at spotknights11689@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.



Carol Alexander	Peggy Lewis
Kevin Bondra	BK Chuck Loewen
Connie Colosimo	SK Chuck Luce
BK Ralph Colosimo	Diana MacArthur
Grant Crater	Leanne Mackay
Barbara Csernai	BK John Minicuci
Sherri Czarny	Patty Morgan
Jim Daniel	Patricia Okerhjelm
Micheal Denomme	Maryann Pearson
Del DiFalco	Ed Peoples
Claudia Dombrowski	Judy Perreau
Christine Gapczynski	Justin Pletsch
SK Angelo Garavaglia	BK Geno Pirrami
Janet Gennani	Esther Robidou
Jill Hageman	Larry Rosso
Christopher Hageman	Mary Rosso
Brandon Hale	Joanne Smail
Kevin Heatwole	PGK Karl Sziisz
BK Mike Hoste	William Szya
Beth Hund	Gary Tarbuck
Sue Hund	Jim Tarbuck
Terry Johnson	Patricia Teele
Kevin Kehoe	Laura Thompson
Nancy Koldenkamp	Bob Williams
Ron Krawkowski	Lynn Williams
SK Art Krygowski	Deacon Ed Wilson
Janice Krygowski	BK Dave Wisneski
Patricia Labadie	Barney Young
SK Henry Leflere	

Happy Anniversary!!



There are no December Anniversaries

If you'd like to see your anniversary posted, please send an e-mail to Chris Gapczynski at spotknights11689@gmail.com, or call at 586-263-5942.



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	Ronald Serefino	November 22, 2021
Russell J. Licovoli	April 2, 2008	Donald Szlezzyngier	March 10, 2022
Donald Lynch	May 1, 2008	George Francis	March 19, 2022
Joseph Anthonucci	November 18, 2008	Natalino DiFalco	April 21, 2022
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

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District Warden	Ed Perkins Harry Barriger	586-940-0148 810-488-2724
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Grand Knight	Tom Gray	586-265-9885
Deputy Grand Knight	Kevin Kennedy	586-206-0150
Chancellor	Paul Parker	586-805-1120
Financial	George Sakorafos	586-610-3576
Recorder	Vince Ursini	248-635-4366
Treasurer	Ray Coughlin	586-980-4483
Warden	Tony Guido	586-201-4409
Inside Guard	Stan Labuda	586-286--1038
Outside Guard	Joe Kish	586-822-4109
1 Yr Trustee	PGK Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
2 Yr Trustee	Rick Okerhjelm	586-469-2996
3 Yr Trustee	Kurt Buhlinger	810-794-0833
Advocate	Ken Krause	586-263-7115
Lecturer	Frank Burda	828-400-1816
Program Director	Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
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Council	Gary Skarb	586-612-3329
Family	Ron Marrese	586-481-1168
Youth	PGK Art Krygowski	586-322-9411
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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

Articles for the January newsletter must be submitted by no later than

December 20, 2022.

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

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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.

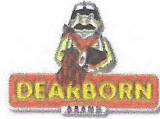


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Christmas Ham and Kielbasa Sale



The Knights of Columbus are offering Hams and Kielbasa for the Christmas holiday. These high quality meats come directly from Dearborn Brand.

Proceeds from this sale will be used to support the charitable efforts of the St. Paul Knights of Columbus Council 11689.

To order: Complete the pre-paid (Cash, Check or Credit Card) order form on the bottom and return to the Knights in the lobby after Mass on the weekends of December 3-4 or December 10-11.

Pick Up Date:
Thursday, December 22 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm in Parish Hall

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St. Paul of Tarsus Knights of Columbus
Christmas Ham and Kielbasa Sale
Pre-Paid Orders due by Sunday, Dec 11, 2022
Checks Payable To: SPOT K of C 11689



Print Name: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____
Home Phone: _____

Item #	Qty	EA	Total
1 <u>Half Spiral Sliced Torch Glazed Ham</u> (approx. 8 lbs.)		\$48	
2 <u>Whole Spiral Sliced Torch Glazed Ham</u> (approx. 14 lbs.)		\$78	
3 <u>Half Classic Trimmed Semi-Boneless Ham</u> (approx. 8 lbs)		\$33	
4 <u>Whole Classic Trimmed Semi-Boneless Ham</u> (approx 14lb)		\$55	
5 <u>Fresh Kielbasa</u> (5 lbs.)		\$27	
6 <u>Smoked Kielbasa, Fully Cooked</u> (5 lbs.)		\$27	

Totals _____ **\$** _____

Pick Up: Thursday, December 22 from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. in Parish Hall
For More Information call: Jerry Hund at (586) 286-6516



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