



The Knight's Shield



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

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Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

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A Word from Grand Knight Tom Gray

Happy Saint Valentines Day!

Well the holidays are over and the council will be getting back to a more normal schedule, as normal as can be with Covid not seeming to go away.

It is time to start thinking about Lent and, you guessed it, our Lenten fish fries. We are counting on the Covid numbers improving by then. Thus, currently the plans are to have dining in the social and carry outs. Our back up plan will be to do drive through only again. There will be more to come soon, just wanted to put this out there so you can start to get ready for slinging some fish.

Here is an interesting article on the history of St. Valentines Day for your reading pleasure.

History of St. Valentines Day:

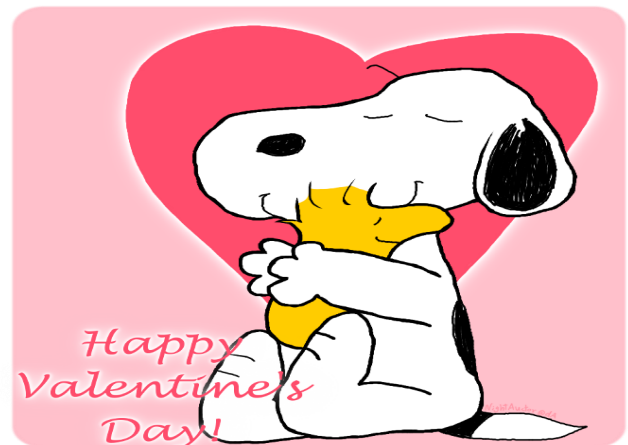
Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is celebrated annually on February 14. It originated as a Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and, through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world. There are a number of martyrdom stories associated with various Valentines connected to February 14, including an account of the imprisonment of Saint Valentine of Rome for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire in the third century. According to an early tradition, Saint Valentine restored sight to the blind daughter of his jailer. Numerous later additions to the legend have better related it to the theme of love: an 18th-century embellishment to the legend claims he wrote the jailer's daughter a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell before his execution; another addition posits that Saint Valentine performed weddings for Christian soldiers who were forbidden to marry.

The Feast of Saint Valentine was established by Pope Gelasius I in AD 496 to be celebrated on February 14 in honor of Saint Valentine of Rome, who died on that date in AD 269. The day became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries when notions of courtly love flourished, apparently by association with the "lovebirds" of early spring. In 18th-century England, it grew into an occasion in which couples expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, hand-written valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.^[1] In Italy, Saint Valentine's Keys are given to lovers "as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart", as well as to children to ward off epilepsy (called Saint Valentine's Malady).

Saint Valentine's Day is not a public holiday in any country, although it is an official feast day in the Anglican Communion and the Lutheran Church. Many parts of the Eastern Orthodox Church also celebrate Saint Valentine's Day on July 6 in honor of Roman presbyter Saint Valentine, and on July 30 in honor of Hieromartyr Valentine, the Bishop of Interamna (modern Terni).

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Gray



Monthly Prayer Intention



Corporate Communion Masses



Intention for Religious Sisters and consecrated women

We pray for all religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage. May they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

TBD

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

The Lighter Side



The nun teaching the class asks, "Where do you sense Jesus in your life?"

Little Susie, being a good girl says, "I see Jesus when I pray."

Little Timmy says, "I can feel Jesus' presence during Mass."

Little Johnny, with his hand waving eagerly in the air, is finally called on. Johnny says, "Jesus is in my bathroom every morning."

The nun, obviously confused, asks why Johnny thinks this.

Little Johnny answers saying, "Each morning that my Father is late to work, he pounds on the bathroom door saying, 'JESUS CHRIST, ARE YOU STILL IN THERE?'"

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 January: **Deacon Marc Rubinski.**

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 January : **“Ted and Sherry Czarny Family.”** In recognition of their outstanding service to the Parish.

Motions Passed

Motions passed at the January General Meetings:

no motions were made



**Our State Motto
for 2020/2022**

“Rise Up and Answer the Call”

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!!!!!!!

Happy Valentine's Day!

April 15—Tax Day

Tax Day is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax savings vehicle. A secondary approach is to tout the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? **How does a retirement income that you cannot outlive – guaranteed – sound to you?**

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee – along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember – **absolute safety of principal**), really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you – at your convenience and in your home – to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance and long term care insurance plans.

As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about one thing you can do to help yourself – opening a Knights of Columbus annuity. It's reasonably priced (\$300 to start), guaranteed, and controlled by someone you trust – you!

***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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Protecting God's Children

St John Neumann Parish (Canton)
Wednesday, January 19, 2022
6:00 pm

St Kieran Parish (Shelby Twp)
Wednesday, January 26, 2022
6:00 pm

Shrine of Jesus The Divine Mercy (Clinton Twp)
Saturday, February 5, 2022

St. Joseph Parish (Erie)
Wednesday, February 16, 2022
6:00 pm

St Blasé Parish (Sterling Hts)
Saturday, May 21, 2022
9:00 am

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

February

10	6: pm Meal 7:30 pm Start	General Membership Meeting
24	7:00 pm Start	Council Planning Meeting

March

1		Fish Fry Prep
2		Ash Wednesday (Start of Lent)
4		Fish Fry
10	6:30 pm Meal 7:30 pm Start	General Membership Meeting
11		Fish Fry
12-13		Easter Meat orders after all Masses
12	4:00 pm Mass	Corporate Communion
18		Fish Fry
19-20		Easter Meat orders after all Masses
24	7:00 pm Start	Council Planning Meeting
25		Fish Fry

 Happy Valentines Day 

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!!



Leon Berdy	February 5
Michelle Oliveri	February 7
Stephen Sleem	February 7
Joseph Phillips	February 9
Noel Bernard	February 9
Donald Porchia	February 11
Cindy Essad	February 12
Donald Szlezynsier	February 12
Phillip Bonnette	February 14
Estelle Hayes	February 14
David Asaro, Sr	February 16
Lawrence Brady, Jr.	February 16
James Harla	February 17
Robert Morrison	February 17
Steve Kargenian	February 19
August Miele	February 19
Joan Lombardo	February 20
Michael Stickney	February 20
Lance Vechinski	February 21
Jerry Featherstone	February 22
Joseph Kish	February 22
Raymond Mitten	February 22
Charles Modzinski	February 22
Ralph Colosimo	February 25
Joseph Raymond	February 25
Joan Pfaff	February 25
Nick Perfilo	February 25
George Eichorn	February 29

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

For the Good of the Order



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

Lindsey Agan	John Lechene
Carol Alexander	SK Henry Leflere
Scott Allen	Peggy Lewis
Kevin Bondra	BK Chuck Loewen
Janice Burda	SK Chuck Luce
BK Ralph Colosimo	Diana MacArthur
Barbara Csernai	Leanne Mackay
Olivia Czarny	Maya Nguyen
Jim Daniel	BK Edmund Nowak
BK Paul DeMetsenare	Daniel Okerhjelm
Micheal Denomme	Patricia Okerhjelm
Del Difalco	BK Rick Okerhjelm
BK Lino Difalco	BK Paul Parker & Family
Claudia Dombrowski	BK Bob Pastrick
Rose Donofrio	Maryann Pearson
Kim Dutts	Judy Perreau
BK Rick Dutts	Beverly Pirrami
Christine Gapczynski	BK Gene Pirrami
Jill Gapczynski	BK Ralph Pullis & Family
SK Angelo Garavaglia	Esther Robidou
Sandy Grobbel	Kristin Shaver
Brandon Hale	Joanne Smail
Kevin Heatwole	PGK Karl Sziisz
BK Jim Hubbard	BK Don Szlezynsier
Ray Huddas	William Szypa
BK Ray Ignatowski	Gary Tarbuck
Dan Jacks	Jim Tarbuck
Rob Johnson	Laura Thomson
Kelly Kennedy	Aidin Watson
Tina Kennedy	Bob Williams
Karl Koldenkamp	Lynn Williams
Nancy Koldenkamp	Deacon Ed Wilson
Ron Krawkowski	BK Dave Wisneski
SK Art Krygowski	Barney Young
Janice Krygowski	BK Larry Young
Patricia Labadie	

Happy Anniversary!!



George & Rosemary Schulte February 5

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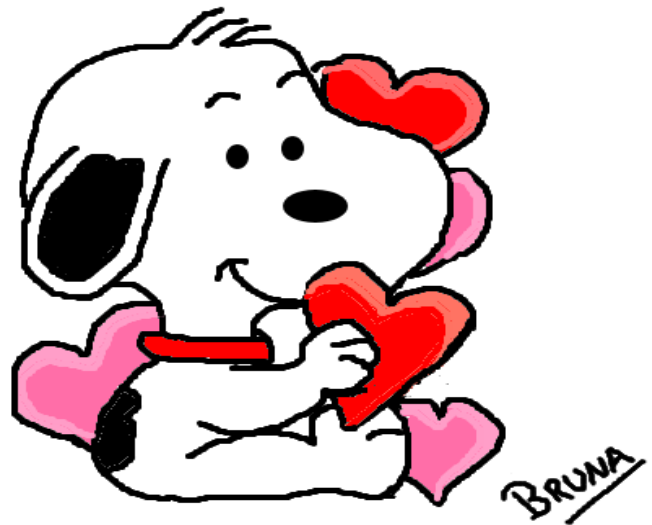
**Please Remember
our Beloved
Deceased Brother Knights**



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, 2022
James Bischoff	February 11, 2008	Ronald Serefino	November 22, 2021
Russell J. Licovoli	April 2, 2008	Gerald Purdy	December 11 2021
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**

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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	Phil Mularski	586-876-9060
Chancellor	Kevin Kennedy	586-206-0150
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Recorder	Vince Ursini	248-635-4366
Treasurer	Ray Coughlin	586-980-4483
Warden	Tony Guido	586-201-4409
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Outside Guard	Stan Labuda	586-286-1038
1 Yr Trustee	Rick Okerhjelm	586-469-2996
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Advocate	Ken Krause	586-263-7115
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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
Articles for the March newsletter must be submitted by no later than
February 22, 2022.

K of Supreme: www.kofc.org

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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.



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

Knights of Columbus Fifth Annual Camping Trip

This summer we will camp along the shore of the beautiful St. Clair River at Algonac State Park for the weekend of Friday and Saturday July 29 and 30.

All campers will need to reserve their own site. Go to: www.michigan.gov/dnr

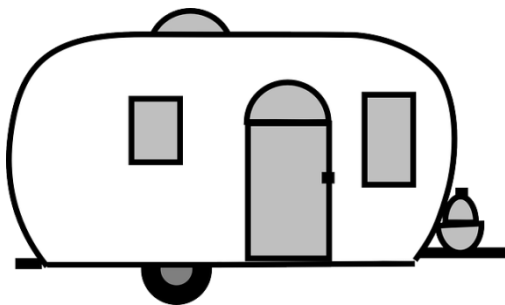
We are suggesting, for the majority of our council campers, to try and select a site in the North end of the Riverfront North Loop. You can of course pick a site wherever you prefer.

The sooner your reservation is made, the more choices you will have for sites.

We will have a pot luck dinner on Saturday evening around 7PM.

Even if not camping, you are welcome to stop by and visit. Especially plan to join us for the pot luck! Due to limited parking at the campsites, guests will need to park in the Day Use area. If necessary, we can come and pick you up there.

This is a great opportunity to get to know your Brother Knights and their families!



If you have any questions, please contact Mike Hartel or Ken Krause.

Please send Mike Hartel (mhartel15054@wowway.com) an email after you make your reservation or let Mike or Ken know if you plan to attend the pot luck so you can be updated on the event.