



The Knight's Shield



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

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Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 27

A Word from Grand Knight Tom Gray

Happy New Year to all!

I delivered the checks for Abigayle Ministries and Gianna House before Christmas. The drive was very successful, we ended up giving over \$4,000 to each. They were very appreciative.

I regrettably inform you of the passing of brother knight Ronnie Serafino. He went on to be with our Lord on November 16, 2022. He was born March 15, 1960. He was a knight since 2011. Rest in peace Brother Knight.

The tentative date for taking down the Christmas lights is January 9th. Please consider helping out with this as many hands make light work.

The Casino trip has been cancelled due to Covid.

It is a new year and time for new year's resolutions. What do you want to resolve to do this year. Perhaps resolve to recruit a new member or to volunteer a little more? I am reflecting on why I became a Knight. It was mainly to give back to my church and community. Why do we desire to do this? For me, it is to leave a legacy. I would like to be remembered as a hard working and giving person. As we remember from our degree ceremony, our motto "Tempus Fugit. Memento Mori", "Time Flies. Remember Death". What will your legacy be? How will you be remembered?

From my family to yours, we hope you have a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Gray

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



Monthly Prayer Intention



Corporate Communion Masses



Intention for True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

TBD

The Lighter Side



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.

A town decided to form a clergy group to have Catholics, Jews, Protestants and Muslims gather to talk about various issues facing their places of worship.

The Rabbi went first and said they were having a terrible issue with squirrels. He said they were hanging around outside of church and aggressively begging for food. He said they were scaring their kids. The preacher said they were having the same issue, in fact, a few of the squirrels had actually gotten inside of the church and had done some damage to the roof. The Imam agreed saying that in fact one of the squirrels had bitten a few people at the mosque. The Priest then spoke up and said they used to have the same issue but had solved it. He said they took all of their squirrels, Baptized them, confirmed them, and now they only come around on Christmas and Easter.

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



Knights of the Month and Family of the Month

The **Knights 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 December: **George Loewen**

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 December : **“Rick and Pat Okerhjelm Family.”** In recognition of their outstanding service to the Parish.

Motions Passed

Motions passed at the October/November General Meetings:

A motion was made to donate \$250 to the Oxford victims, the motion passed.

A motion was made to donate \$100 to the Cantata Choir, the motion passed.



**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!!!!!!!



Insurance Check-up For 2022

Can you believe it will soon be 2022? I hope that 2020 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. It's said that time flies, and the older we get, the more that statement seems true. As we review the past year and prepare to welcome a new one, we wonder where the time goes.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for 2022. If I may, I'd like to make two suggestions regarding your resolutions.

First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. Writing a resolution down is the first step towards achieving it. Whether your goal is to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – **guarantees**. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's (as they say in the credit card commercials) priceless.

Receive a complete [Family Needs Analysis](#) at my expense!

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



Protecting God's Children

Holy Name Parish (Birmingham)
Saturday, January 8, 2022
9:00 am

St Christopher Parish (Marysville)
Saturday, January 8, 2022
9:00 am

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



Calendar of Events

January

13	6:30 pm Meal 7:30 pm Start	General Membership Meeting
19		Winter Diocesan Meeting
21-29		Novena for 9 Days of Life
22		District Free-Throw Contest
27	7:00 pm Start	Council Planning Meeting
29		Pancake Breakfast

February

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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!!



Richard Dutts	January 2
Joseph Munn	January 2
Patricia Okerhjelm	January 3
George Francis	January 6
Lorrayne Thielmans (Eggers0	January 7
John Anderson	January 8
Vincent Cusumano	January 11
Brennan McAlister	January 11
Thomas Hudons	January 12
Phillip Bryant	January 15
Donald Duff	January 15
Joseph Frontera	January 16
Kenneth Grobbel	January 17
Daniel Gildner	January 18
Harold Meerschaert	January 19
Roger Gulick	January 20
Vito Guzzardo	January 21
William Pirrami	January 21
Kevin Kennedy	January 23
Dr Robert Amsler	January 27
George Thomas	January 28
Nicholas Mazza, Jr	January 29
Dean Pascaretti	January 29
David Wisneski	January 29
Kim Murphy	January 31

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

Happy Anniversary!!



Jerry & Sue Hund January 22

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For the Good of the Order



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

Lindsey Agan	SK Henry Leflere
Scott Alen	BK Chuck Loewen
Carol Alexander	Peggy Lewis
Kevin Bondra	SK Chuck Luce
Janice Burda	Diana MacArthur
Megan Camden	Leanne Mackay
BK Ralph Colosimo	Edmund Nowak
Barbara Csernai	Daniel Okerhjelm
Jim Daniel	Patricia Okerhjelm
Paul DeMetsenare	BK Rick Okerhjelm
Micheal Denomme	Paul Parker & Family
Del Difalco	BK Bob Pastrick
BK Lino Difalco	Maryann Pearson
Mark Dither	Judy Perreau
Claudia Dombrowski	BK Joe Phillips & Family
Rose D'Onofrio	Beverly Pirrami
Christine Gapczynski	Geno Pirrami
Jill Gapczynski	Ralph Pullis & Family
SK Angelo Garavaglia	Esther Robidou
Sandy Grobbel	Kristin Shaver
Brnadon Hale	William Shaver
Kevin Heatsole	Joanne Smail
Barbara Hubbard	PGK Karl Sziisz
BK Jim Hubbard	Don Szezynger
Ray Huddas	William Szypa
Ray Ignatowski	Gary Tarbuck
Dan Jacks	Jim Tarbuck
George Johnson	Laura Thomson
Rob Johnson	Aidin Watson
Tina Kennedy	Bob Williams
Karl Koldenkamp	Lynn Williams
Rokn Krawkowski	Deacon SK Ed Wilson
SK Art Krygowski	BK Dave Wisneski
Janice Krygowski	Barney Young
	Larry Young



**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		
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.
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Treasurer	Ray Coughlin	586-980-4483
Warden	Tony Guido	586-201-4409
Inside Guard	Joe Kish	586-822-4109
Outside Guard	Stan Labuda	586-286-1038
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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

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

January 15, 2022.

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St. Paul of Tarsus: www.stpauloftarsus.com

SPOT Knights: www.spotknights.com

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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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