



# The Knight's Shield



December 2013

St. Paul of Tarsus - Knights of Columbus Council #11689

*Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism*

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## A Word From: Grand Knight-Bruce Arnold

I want to take this opportunity to wish every member of this council a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS** along with a happy and prosperous **NEW YEAR**. I hope everyone has time to spend with their family and loved ones. I believe that the most precious gift is that of our families. Let us also remember those that are less fortunate, especially those who lost their loved ones, homes, and possessions in the Philippines.

Our membership is growing. On Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> Patrick Blanc and James Rohde completed their First Degree at St. Clement of Rome. On Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> Alan Giroux complete his First Degree at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. (Alan is one of the Seminarians who attended our Vocations Pasta Dinner). Also, Robert Tusset has joined our council as a reapplication. Congratulations to each of these gentlemen and welcome to our council! Congratulations also to Jeff Gapczynski, George Loewen, and Karl Sziisz who were their proposers.

Thank you to Brothers Jerry Hund and Ted Czarny for taking an entire truck load of clothing to the St. Aloysius Outreach Center in Detroit. Thanks also to everyone that brought in clothing donations, at our November meeting, to help the less fortunate.

Brother Jerry Hund is also the chairperson for two more events toward the beginning of December. The first event is the ham and kielbasa sales on the weekends of November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> and also on December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> following all of the Masses. Also on **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 PM** the annual Children's Christmas Party for Knights' children and grandchildren will be held in the social hall. **This is both a date and time change – see Jerry Hund's article in this newsletter.**

Our council has created a "New Member Handbook" that we started distributing at the November meeting. This booklet is an overview on the Knights of Columbus and, in particular, Council 11689. Although it's titled for new members, it is intended for every council member to receive a copy. If you did not attend the November meeting, why not come to the December meeting and pick up your copy in person?

**Council dues are do.** Yes, it's that time of the year again when your membership dues are to be paid. The annual dues are \$30.00 with an optional \$5.00 for the "Take Five" program (support for Holy Cross Children's Services) and an optional \$12.00 for the "Fr. McGivney Chair of Life Ethics" program (support for Pro-Life through Sacred Heart Major Seminary).

We are scheduled to host a First Degree Ceremony on our Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. The schedule is 6:30 – 7:00 PM Council meeting, 7:00 – 7:30 PM Degree set up and candidate registration, 7:30 PM degree scheduled to begin, 8:30 PM a meal will be served. As always, proper attire for any degree ceremony is a suit or sport coat and tie.

On Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> The Most Rev. Bishop Michael Byrnes will be coming to St. Paul of Tarsus. There will be a free will offering breakfast beginning at 8:00 AM followed by Rev. Bishop Byrnes presentation at 9:00 AM. This will be a great opportunity to hear the Bishop while supporting the Men's Club of our church.

Congratulations to our Financial Secretary, Ray Ignatowski, on being appointed by Fr. Ron to represent our council on the Pastoral Parish Council.

Vivat Jesus,

*Bruce Arnold*

Grand Knight

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# Calendar of Events

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## December

December 1	Ham and kielbasa sale before & after 7:45 a.m. through the 11:30 a.m. Mass
December 7	Children's Christmas Party 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Social Hall
December 7	Ham and kielbasa sale before and after the 4:00 p.m. Mass
December 8	Ham and kielbasa sale before & after 7:45 a.m. through the 11:30 a.m. Mass
December 9	Council meeting and First Degree Ceremony (6:30 p.m. meeting, 7:00 p.m. degree set up and registration, 7:30 p.m. First Degree Ceremony) Light meal after degree ceremony.
December 19	Ham and kielbasa pick up at church 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
December 25	Christmas Day
December 26	Officers meeting at 7:30p.m.

## January

January 11	First Degree Ceremony at St. John Vianney 8:30 a.m. candidate registration 9:00 a.m. First Degree Ceremony
January 12	District Corporate Communion at St Clement of Rome at 9:00 a.m.
January 13	Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. (free will offering meal at 6:30 p.m.)
January 19	District Free Throw competition
January 19	Casino trip – Depart Kroger's parking lot at 7:00 a.m. – Return Monday
January 22	Newsletter deadline
January 23	Officers meeting at 7:30 a.m.

## VOCATION NEWS

Several months ago, our Vocations Director, Jeff Gapczynski, and our Grand Knight, Bruce Arnold, met with Fr. Ron to discuss a new vocations prayer program. After sharing our ideas, along with input from Fr. Ron, we developed a schedule in which a parish family, who has volunteered in advance, will pray for Vocations.

Each week, on a rotating Mass schedule, the selected family will receive vocations prayer cards and a beautiful statue of the Holy Family to take home. They will be asked to commit themselves to pray throughout the week for additional Sisters, Deacons, Priests, Lay Ministers and married couples. The family will then return the statue and prayer cards to church by Friday, so the next selected family can receive them at the weekend Masses.

Fr. Ron was very much in favor of this program and supported it completely. We will initiate the program the weekend between Christmas and New Years, in honor of Holy Family Week.

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## Please remember our deceased brothers in your prayers.

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Carl A. Owen	Catan W. Bernardo	Conrad Leder
Frank C. Kave	Robert W. Majkowski	Joseph T. Frontera
Chester E. Raszkowski	Alfonso Carvajal	Gary Golec
Robert A. Post	Brian R. McGinnis	Walter Baumgart
Martin W. Rosenau	Arthur J. Hug	Thomas Saura
Julius T. Abraham	James Bischoff	Guy Serafino
Clemente Truden	Russell J. Licovoli	Robert Serafino
Walter F. Kawka	Donald Lynch	William Carron
James P. Koss	Joseph Anthonucci	Frank Gall
Dominic Morello	John Billotti	
John P. Banas	Morris Demetsenare	

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## For the Good of the Order:

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

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Joann Ales	Michelle Gutkowski	Bob Pickett
Frank Aiuto	Paul Gutkowski	Sister Ann Plum
Lorraine Asaro	Robert Gutkowski	Kathryn Ricard
Mario Asaro	Bernard Hoste	BK-Joe Ricard
Jackie Backes	Sharon Hoste	Don Ricksiedler
Norm Beaudin	Tillie Hoste	Veronica Salvatore
Bruno Bellini	BK-Tom Hug	Mary Schabath
Norm Beaudin	Dan Jerzak	Michael Sera
BK-Donald Bieschke	Joseph Konopka	Alice Serra
Michelle Boyd	Linda Koss	<u>Pat Shankie</u>
BK-Joe Burdzinski	Caroline Krmel	Vicki Slicker
Ron Burke	Pat Labadie	Patti Smith
Lucille Carter	SK-Ralph Labadie	William Stickney
Patricia Carter	Annette Lalama	Chuck Stork
Gail Clisby	Mark LeFlere	Joesph R. Sweeney
Ruth Connell	Ken Loewen	Mildred Tarbuck
William Ditratani	Carol Lomasney	Troy Vestrand
Allan Dzwonkowski	Ron Lomasney	Gail Vitale
Sue Dzwonkowski	Tom Lomasney	Megan Wiley
SK-Leon Eggers	Joesph Malfitano	Charlene Wojtaszek
BK-Richard Emmers	<u>BK-Ed Marcinkowski</u>	Dean Douglas Wojtaszek
Jake Fix	Lynn Maron	David Wozniak
BK-Clarence Gajewski	BK-John Marotta	Alana Zalac
Art Gapczynski	BK-Vincent McInnis	
Chris Gapczynski	<u>Sandra McKay</u>	The Typhoon Victims in the Philippines
Jill Gapczynski	Brian McLaughlin	<b>NOTE:</b> <u>Underlined names</u> will be removed next
GK Jerry Garisy	Delores Moquin	month, unless we hear from you.
Beverly Gattari	Monica Noch	
Fr. Lou Grandpre	Lacy Otteman	(BK) "Brother Knight" (SK) "Sir Knight."
Sandy Grobbel	Antonina Pardo	
BK Joseph Godell	Marie Peever	
Fr. Gool Jr.	Barbra Petoskey	
Betty Gutkowski	BK-James Petoskey	

## **The Lighter Side!**

“In the end, it's not going to matter how many breaths you took,  
but how many moments took your breath away.” - Shing Xiong

“That it will never come again is what makes life so sweet.” - Emily Dickinson

The pastor was looking over the manger scene the day after Christmas and noticed the baby Jesus was missing. He went outside and saw a little boy pulling a brand new red wagon. In the wagon was Jesus.

He walked up to the little boy and said,

“Hi, there. Where did you get the baby Jesus?”

The boy answered honestly. “In the church.”

“Why did you take him?” the pastor asked.

“Well,” said the boy, “I prayed to the Lord Jesus and asked Him for a new wagon for Christmas. I told Him that if He gave me one I'd take him for a ride in it.”

### **Our State Membership Motto for 2013:**

**"One New Member, Per Council, Per Month."**

### **Monthly Prayer Intentions for December:**

Victimized Children – That children who are victims of abandonment or violence may find the love and protection they need.

### **Important Websites:**

**K of C 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.michigandistrict1.com](http://www.michigandistrict1.com)

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

Our Council newsletter is now available online at the  
St. Paul of Tarsus Parish website,  
[www.stpauloftarsus.com](http://www.stpauloftarsus.com).

Anyone who wishes to view our newsletter via the  
Internet, instead of by snail mail, should contact  
John Sweeney at (586) 215-8296 or at spot-  
knights11689@gmail.com

Doing so would save our council a great deal of money  
for printing and postage.

**Lord Jesus,**

Please forgive me for being so grumpy  
as I trudge through the never-ending  
tasks set before me this  
holiday season...

My to-do list seems to keep growing  
with shopping, church services, and  
family gatherings---  
and I'm running short of time!

Restore the joy of Christmas  
to my heart . . .  
and help me to relax each day and  
make time for  
**YOU**  
my one true Source of Joy.

## **2013-2014 OFFICERS**

District Deputy – Mike Mejia	586-948-3073
District Warden – Tom Weisner	248-761-2455
Grand Knight – Bruce Arnold	586-566-0628
Deputy Grand Knight – Dave Asaro	586-263-1767
Financial Secretary – Ray Ignatowski	586-946-0129
Chancellor – Ted Czarny	586-286-6026
Treasurer – Ray Coughlin	586-412-7178
Recorder – Jeff McDonald	810-560-5480
Warden – Tony Guido	586-201-4409
Advocate – Ken Krause	586-263-7115
Inside Guard – Joe Bono	586-263-4306
Outside Guard – Tom Gray	586-468-2165
3 Year Trustee – Karl Sziisz	586-286-5238
2 Year Trustee – Chuck Loewen	586-228-0475
1 Year Trustee - Jerry Hund	586-286-6516
Lecturer – Jim Hubbard	586-286-1658

## **Committee, Chairman & Directors**

Program Director – Henry Leflere	586-468-5122
Church Director – Angelo Garavaglia	586-412-3327
Community Director – George Loewen	586-731-5299
Council Director – Jeff Loeb	586-242-8990
Family Director – Mike Hartel	313-550-2004
Youth Director – Art Krygowski	586-469-2996
Membership Director – Tom Pardo	586-263-7285
Vocations Director – Jeff Gapczynski	586-263-5942
Pro Life Couple – Sal and Joanne Ales	586-263-3483
Field Agent –	



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## **Knight of the Month & 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 September: **“William Giezyng .”**

In recognition of his exemplary service to the Council.

The Family of the Month is selected by the Board of Officers as a Family who exemplifies in the principles of Catholic Family Life, and who contribute to the success of our Council, Church, and Community.

The Family of the Month for September: **“Jeffrey Gapczynski Family.”**

In recognition of their out-standing service to the Council.

### **Birthday Wishes to:**

Patrica Loewen	December 1st
Arthur David, Jr.	December 4th
Paula Baumgart	December 5th
Ellen Francis	December 6th
Ralph Pullis	December 8th
Patrica Guzzardo	December 9th
Clarence Gajewski	December 10th
Sandy Grobbel	December 12th
Michael Koss	December 12th
Natalino DiFalco	December 20th
Sherri Czarny	December 27th
John Marotta	December 27th

### **Anniversary Wishes to:**

“May God Grant to these couples many more years of  
Health and Happiness!”  
Congratulations from the Council.

If you'd like to see your birthday or anniversary posted, please send an email to :  
John Sweeney at: [spotknights11689@gmail.com](mailto:spotknights11689@gmail.com)

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## **Deputy Grand Knights Report**

Our next Texas Hold'em event is scheduled for, February 16th thru the 19th at the River (22 & Van Dyke) from 1:30pm until 2:00am, Please we need your help. This is a great source of income for our council.

The can food drive scheduled for November had been canceled until March or April, we will keep you informed on this events new date.

Any 3rd degree member who wishes to become a 4th degree member, the next exemplification will be held on March 8th, at Decarlo's in Warren, MI. For our 4th degree members, we are in need of more color crops members from council will pay 1/2 of the cost of your regalia, **please consider joining.**

God Bless You,

**David Asaro**

Deputy Grand Knight

**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE DATE AND TIME CHANGE \*\*\***

### **St. Paul of Tarsus Knights Annual Children's Christmas Party**

Because of a scheduling conflict with the use of the parish social hall, we needed to reschedule this event. We are sorry for and inconvenience this may cause. The new date and times for the Annual Children's Christmas Party are: **Sunday, December 1, 2013 from 2:00 – 4:30 PM.**

All the Knights children and grandchildren are invited to this fun filled party. Food and refreshments will be served and a surprise entertainer will be provided. There will also be a visit from St. Nick.

Be sure to mark the date **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** on your calendar and be prepared for a great time.

Any questions call Jerry Hund @ 586-286-6516

### **Quick Notes**

- If you move or have change phone numbers, notify Financial Secretary, Ray Ignatowski @ 586-946-0129.
- Please visit our sick and shut-in Brothers, if you are unable to visit, send a card with a note.