



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 Bruce Arnold

I want to thank everyone that came to our annual March open house pot luck dinner and awards night. Also, thank you to everyone that brought a dish to pass. What a great selection of food; it all tasted excellent!

Brother Francis Boylan was on hand to share some words about the good works that Holy Cross Children's Services does. This year, he is offering a challenge to every council in the state of Michigan. Brother Francis' vision is that within each council, at least one family will be willing to take in one of the more than 600 homeless teenagers that live in our state.

During the awards portion, of the March open house, seven Brother Knights received the Michigan Shining Armor Award (Dave Asaro, Joe Bono, Leon Eggers, Jeff Gapczynski, Phil Kwasny, George Loewen, and Karl Sziisz). The Phil Bonnette Family was the Family of the Month for March and Fr. Ronald Essman was the Knight of the Month for March. Brothers, Angelo Garavaglia, George Mejaly, and John Sweeney each received a special recognition award. Karl Sziisz received the Past Grand Knight award. The Phil Bonnette Family was also selected as Family of the Year and Jeff Gapczynski was selected as Knight of the Year. Congratulations to all of these recipients!

Our Saturday, March 15th, corporate communion Mass was well attended. Thank you to everyone who attended this Mass and to the gentlemen of the Color Corp for their support. I'm certain we make a good impression on the parish when we have the showing of over 50 K of C families processing into and out of church.

Our fish fry numbers are growing. As of this writing, we have had 3 fish fries. The first Friday of Lent we served 160 people, the second Friday that number rose to 209 and the third Friday we served 220. As I walked about the social hall and asked about their experience, I received an overwhelming response that everything was Excellent!

There are far too many people to thank everyone by name, and I'm sure there will be others to help in the weeks to come. But ... many thanks to those that come in early to set up, the people ordering and picking up supplies, the cooks in the kitchen, the ticket sellers, everyone that is working on the floor during the meal, those that help with the hall clean up, and the guys in the back washing dishes and putting everything away. It continues to amaze me how many Knights and their families come out to help when we ask.

We will have a table set up in the gathering area the weekend of March 29th and 30th and April 5th and 6th taking orders for Dearborn hams and kielbasa for Easter. Please check with chairmen, Jerry Hund, to see if he still needs any help before and after each Mass on either of these weekends.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 5th beginning at noon. Weather permitting, the egg hunt portion will take place outside. This event is open to all Knights children and grandchildren as well as all of the children of the parish. Each child will receive candy filled eggs, a small toy, and a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny. Brother Ray Coughlin, the chairperson for this event, is asking for help on Friday, April 4th during the fish fry, to stuff over 3,000 eggs with candy. He is also asking for help on Saturday morning at 10:30 AM to set up the

HELP NEEDED FOR THE Intellectually Challenged (MI Tootsie Roll Drive)

St. Paul's Knights of Columbus Council's annual Tootsie Roll Drive (MI Drive) for the **Intellectually Challenged** will be conducted throughout the community all three days of the Palm Sunday weekend, April 11-13, to solicit donations.

Brother Knights and family members are also needed at the church entrances at all the masses.

With 80% of the donations we answer the appeals of various local charitable organizations. The other 20% is distributed by the state K of C for state-wide needs. Locally, much needed and very much appreciated support in the past has included, but has not been limited to:

- **St. Paul of Tarsus** – Religious education for Special Needs people
- **Neil Reid High School** – Academic and behavioral program for students with severe emotional impairments
- **Special Olympics** – Provides sports training and Olympic-type competition for children & adults with intellectual disabilities
- **CLEAVE** – Provides opportunity to be part of our community and becoming productive citizens.
- **Macomb Academy** – Employment and teaches daily living skills for ages 18 to 26 years old
- **Macomb County Autism Society** – Enhances the lives of persons and families affected by autism

Sunshine Foundation – Grants the wishes of seriously ill, handicapped, and abused children

Please be as generous with your time and effort as you have in the past.

Thank You

Joe Roehrig

Chairman

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Grand Knight's Message (cont'd)

On the subject of needing help ... we could use volunteers at the upcoming M I Drive. Chairmen, Joe Roe-hrig, has informed me that the number of people who have signed up to help is down from previous years. Even if you haven't signed up yet, you can still come to help work this event. The weekend of April 11th, 12th, and 13th (Palm Sunday weekend) from 8 AM till 6 PM, we will be working the street and store fronts, selling Tootsie Rolls to benefit persons with mental impairments.

For those that are able to work on the streets, your help is preferred there. If you are less mobile or feel safer, we can assign you to a store front location. Please contact Joe Roehrig at 586-465-1922 or just show up at church to help. I'm sure we can find an appropriate location for you. I thank you in advance for your help with this most worthy cause.

HAPPY EASTER May the risen Lord shine in each of us.

Vivat Jesus,
Bruce Arnold
Grand Knight



Quick Notes

If you move or have a change in phone number, please notify Financial Secretary, Ray Ignatowski at 586-946-0129.

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.

The Lighter Side

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace." - Jimi Hendrix

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them." - Mother Teresa

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5 year old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Johnny asked them what they were for.

"People held them over Jesus's head as he walked by" his father told him.

"Wouldn't you know it," Johnny fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go to church and He shows up."

Monthly Prayer Intention

Elders: That governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources.

Collaboration in Evangelization: That the Risen Lord may fill with hope the hearts of those who are being tested by pain and sickness.

Our State Membership Motto for 2014:

Our Growth Starts With...

"One Member, Per Council, Per Month"

Fish Fry Help Needed

We need more help! We believe we are staffed well enough in the kitchen, but we need more help on the social hall floor and at the end of the evening for clean up. The hours of the fish fries (guest dining times) are 4-7 PM starting on Friday, March 7th and running through Friday, April 11th. We need approximately 8 people from 3-6 PM and another 8 from 6-9 PM. **You do not need to commit to all six weeks.**

If you are able to help, please contact Grand Knight, Bruce Arnold at 586-808-6557 or 586-566-0628 to sign up.

Clothing Drive

At our May 12th meeting, we will once again be collecting your gently worn clothing for the St Aloysius Outreach Center. Brother Jerry Hund, will have his pick up truck ready to accept your clothing donations prior to the start of our council meeting.

Motions Passed

The following motions were passed at our February officers meeting:

To donate \$120.00 to St. Paul Street Evangelization

To donate \$100.00 to a bowling fundraiser to help support congenitive heart disease

To donate \$50.00 to Morality in the Media

To donate \$100.00 to St. Barnabas Council for their Desert Meal benefiting Vocations

The following motions were passed at our March open house pot luck dinner:

To pay the bills that were submitted by the Treasurer and approved by the Trustees

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 February: [Fr. Ron Essman.](#)

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 February: [Phil Bonnette Family.](#)

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

Our Knight of the Year is **"Jeffrey Gapczynski."**

Our Family of the Year is **"Phil Bonnette Family."**

Annual Officer Nominations and Elections

At our April meeting, we will have our first officer nominations for the 2014-2015 fraternal year. This is followed by the second round of nominations, and voting, at our May meeting. Please consider who you would like to see, leading your council, in an officer position. Perhaps there is a position that you would consider running for yourself (self-nomination is perfectly acceptable). Remember all council officers must be a Third Degree member.

Calendar of Events

April 4	4-7 PM	Lenten Fish Fry
April 4	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross (lead by K of C)
April 4	4-7 PM	Easter egg filling (to be done in conjunction with the fish fry)
April 5	2:00 PM	Easter egg hunt (10:30 AM set up)
April 5	3:00 PM	Ham and kielbasa sales (following 4 PM Mass)
April 6	8:00 AM	Ham and kielbasa sales (following all Masses)
April 11		All Day M I Drive (ends at approx 6 PM)
April 11	4-7 PM	Lenten Fish Fry
April 12	All Day	M I Drive (ends at approx 6 PM)
April 13	All Day	M I Drive (ends at approx 4 PM)
April 14	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (Free will meal served at 6:30 PM)
April 17	2-6 PM	Ham and kielbasa pick up
April 18		Good Friday – No fish fry
April 20		Easter Sunday
April 22		Newsletter deadline
April 24	7:00 PM	Officers meeting
April 26	9:00 AM	First Degree ceremony at St. Paul of Tarsus (8:30 registration)
May 3	5:00 PM	Pancake Breakfast setup (following 4 PM Mass)
May 4	8-11AM	Pancake Breakfast
May 10	9:00 AM	First Degree Ceremony at St. John Vianney (8:30 registration)
May 11		Mothers Day
May 12	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (Free will meal served at 6:30 PM)
May 22		Newsletter deadline
May 22		*** No officers meeting ***
May 22-24		State convention on Mackinac Island

Vocation News

We instituted our vocations prayer program, but the start has been slow. We're looking for brother knights to sign up to take the Holy Family statue home from one of the Masses each week, and pray each day of that week for vocations.

Please sign up by completing the form that's in the Bulletin, or contact Jeff Gapczynski, Council Vocations Director, at 586-263-5942.

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
spotknights11689@gmail.com

Articles for the May newsletter must be submitted by no later than
April 22, 2014.

Have You Insured Your Most Valuable Asset?

Is your income protected if you become sick or injured and cannot work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings.

Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection.

If you are ill or injured, Income Armor provides tax-free monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain you and your family's standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, while your savings and retirement assets remain intact.

In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. I look forward to meeting with you.

Michael Filliccia
586-350-4440
michael.filliccia@kofc.org

Have You Insured Your Most Valuable Asset?

At our May meeting we will be collecting clothing to be distributed among the homeless in Downtown Detroit. Unfortunately, the homeless now include women and children, and items that they can use will be most welcome.

St. Paul of Tarsus Knights and their families have always been most generous in their efforts in helping the needy, and it has been greatly appreciated by the less fortunate.

**IF YOU SAW YOU
AS GOD SEES YOU
YOU WOULD SMILE A LOT**

Jerry

Ladies Take Note MI Drive Food Requirements

After a lot of discussion, we've decided to keep the food for the MI Drive simple this year. We're going to have a defined menu for each day to eliminate the waste we experience after the Drive ends each year.

Friday

Tuna Salad / Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
Potato and/or Vegetable Soup
Pickles
Potato Chips

Saturday

Hot Dogs / Stadium Dogs
Sloppy Joes
Pickles
Chips
Potato and/or Vegetable Soup

Sunday

Leftovers

We will also need finger desserts such as cookies, brownies and cupcakes.

If you have any questions, please contact Sheryl Ignatowski at 586-946-0129, or Chris Gapczynski at 586-263-5942.



Happy Birthday!!



Ray Ignatowski	April 1
Traci Czarny	April 1
Nancy Czarny	April 3
Jeanette Badowski	April 6
Janet Valentine	April 7
Valerie Cosgrove	April 9
Jeff Gapczynski	April 9
Albert Valenti	April 12
Mary Riera	April 21
Joseph Ricard	April 23
Joseph Bono	April 26
Janet Baldick	April 27

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.

Please Remember our Beloved Deceased Brother Knights



Happy Anniversary!!



Greg & Barb Csernai	April 6
Sal & Joann Ales	April 7
Phil & Pat Bonnette	April 11
Karl & Joanne Sziisz	April 14
Joe & Cathy Bono	April 15
Tony & Janet Valentine	April 26
Don & Jeanette Badowski	April 28

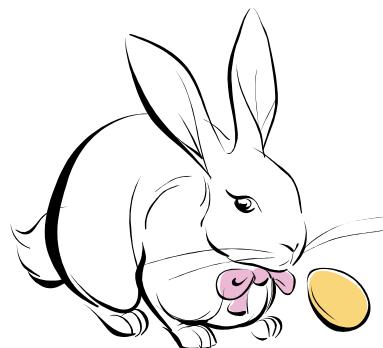
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CORPORATE COMMUNION MASSES

Our next Corporate Communion Mass will be on June 22 at the 7:45 a.m. Mass.

Below are assignments for Accolytes and Lectors:

Lectors: Jeff Loeb & George Loewen
Accolytes: Gary Skarb & Gary Gozoziels



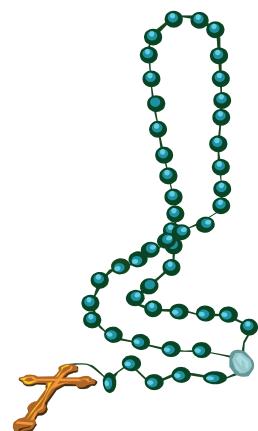
Our Council newsletter is now available on-line on the St. Paul of Tarsus Parish website, www.stpauloftarsus.com. Anyone who wishes to receive their newsletter via the website, instead of by mail, should contact Chris Gapczynski at 586-263-5942. Doing so would save the Council a great deal of money for copying and postage. Thanks for your support.

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



Joann Ales	Caroline Krmel	<u>Chuck Stork</u>
Frank Aiuto	Pat Labadie	Joseph R. Sweeney
Mario Asaro	SK-Ralph Labadie	Mildred Tarbuck
Jackie Backes	Melissa Latosc	Terri Vento
Norm Beaudin	Mark Leflere	Troy Vestrand
Aric Bekaert	Ken Loewen	Megan Wiley
Bruno Bellini	Patricia Loewen	Charlene Wojtaszek
BK-Donald Bieschke	Carol Lomasney	Dean Douglas Wojtaszek
Kevin Bondra	Tom Lomasney	David Wozniak
Michelle Boyd	<u>Joseph Malfitano</u>	Alana Zalac
BK-Joe Burdzinski	Sr. Genevieve Marheineke	
Ron Burke	Lynn Maron	
Helen Candela	BK-John Marotta	
Sherri Czarny	BK-Vincent McInnis	
Gail Clisby	<u>Brian McLaughlin</u>	NOTE: <u>Underlined names</u> will be
Allan Dzwonkowski	SK-George Mejaly	removed next month, unless we hear
Sue Dzwonskowski	Dolores Moquin	from you.
SK-Leon Eggers	Jill Nelson	
BK-Richard Emmers	Mark Nelson	(BK) "Brother Knight"
Jake Fix	Monica Noch	(SK) "Sir Knight"
BK-Clarence Gajewski	Antonina Pardo	
Art Gapczynski	Marie Peever	
Chris Gapczynski	Barbra Petoskey	
Beverly Gattari	BK-James Petoskey	
Fr. Lou Grandpre	Joan Pfaff	
Sandy Grobbel	Bob Pickett	
BK-Joseph Godell	Sr. Ann Plum	
<u>Fr. Gool Jr.</u>	Sophie Praski	
Betty Gutkowski	Becky Pullis	
Michelle Gutkowski	Kathryn Ricard	
Paul Gutkowski	BK-Joe Ricard	
Robert Gutkowski	Don Ricksiedler	
Bernard Hoste	Veronica Salvatore	
Gerry Hoste	Michael Sera	
Sharon Hoste	Alice Serra	
Tillie Hoste	<u>Pata Shankie</u>	
BK-Tom Hug	Patti Smith	
Dan Jerzak	William Stickney	

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Brother Francis Boylan, C.S.C.

The world is infatuated by the new Catholic Pope, Francis. A name that recalls the saint who cared for the poor and the "lesser" of God's creations. We at St. Ignatius have our own "Francis" who lives up to the name and adds new dimensions to the spiritual acts of mercy and service to the poor.

Francis Boylan was born at Cottage Hospital in Grosse Pointe Farms in May of 1944. He was the third child of Evelyn [Ritchie] and Eugene Boylan. He has 2 brothers [Eugene d. and Dennis] and 2 sisters [Patricia and Barbara.] Like our featured member last month, Sr. Sue Schreiber, he attended St. Paul's in Grosse Pointe. He was a class mate of her brother Peter. When he was a sophomore in high school Francis had the privilege of attending Fr. Solanus Casey's funeral and was a volunteer driver for people attending the funeral. {Including his grandmother.} This brought him into contact with the Capuchins and he learned about the vocation of "Brothers". The Capuchins gave the volunteers cookies and punch after the funeral and asked them if they would like to join the order. Francis said yes. The next week he was surprised when he came home from school and his mother greeted him by saying "Is there something you forgot to tell us?" Two bearded men in brown robes came to the house to pick you up today." His parents told the Capuchins [and Francis] that he had to finish high school before making such a decision.

Francis felt called to the religious life for some time but not particularly to the priesthood. In his senior year a nun at St. Paul's suggested that he look into the Holy Cross Brothers, an order that serves mainly as teachers. He worked at the Grosse Pointe "Little Club" for a while and took time to consider what he wanted to do with his life. In the fall of 1964, Francis left Michigan to attend St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas and join the Holy Cross Brothers. After graduation [with a degree in Science, Business and English] he returned to Michigan where he was asked to teach Biology at Boysville. He was surprised and sad-

dened to learn that many of the boys could not read even though they were smart. Most had no family, no home. It was the turbulent 60's, a time of assassinations, riots, and the Vietnam War and many of the boys were going into the armed services. Francis noted that several of the African American boys returned to live at Boysville [in Clinton, MI] in the summer when school was not in session. They said that their community at home told them not to trust white people but these students felt happiest at Boysville and so they returned.

The Holy Cross Brothers soon realized that Francis needed to enhance his skills as a teacher/counselor and asked him to attend U of M and earn a MSW [Masters in Social Work.] He was at this time Associate Director and then Director of Boysville. For 3 years he worked full time at Boysville and attended the University of Michigan full time. He has been the Executive Director of Children's Services for the Holy Cross Brothers for over 40 years and still has the enthusiasm and dedication that inspired him so many years ago when he left for Texas.

Francis is equally at home with the CEO's and celebrities who help him fund the vast organization he leads as well as with the lost boys who wind up at Boysville or the Samaritan Center. He travels to Vietnam and Cambodia yearly to teach English and lead retreats for young people.....though he points out that most of the population in that part of the world are young because of all the killing that has taken place there. He loves to see the world and in particular, the Catholic Church in the world. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and Legatus [National organization of Catholic executives] and many other groups. He states that he loves all people but especially the forgotten.....the teenagers.

Pope Francis was recently named TIME's "Man of the Year". Brother Francis Boylan was named "Michiganian of the Year in 2001. He welcomed St. Ignatius onto the campus of the Samaritan Center when we lost our home and has been our "Person of the Year" ever since.

To read more about the work of the Holy Cross Brothers and the Samaritan Center please see the article on page 4.

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District #64**

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Trustee	PGK Karl Sziisz	586-286-5238
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Family	Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
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Pro-Life	Sal and Joanne Ales	263-3483

Important Websites

K of C Supreme: www.kofc.org

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

Michigan District #1: www.michigandistrict1.com

St. Paul of Tarsus: www.stpauloftarsus.com

*God so loved the world
That he gave
His Only Begotten Son
So that we might be saved.*

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St Paul of Tarsus Knights of Columbus Council 11689

Member Information

If you would like to see your Birthday or Anniversary posted in the monthly newsletter, please complete the information below and return it at a monthly meeting, or email it to Chris Gapczynski at spotknights11689@gmail.com

Member Name: _____

Wife's Name: _____

Member's Birthday: _____

Wife's Birthday: _____

Anniversary: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Would you like to receive your newsletter by e-mail? Yes _____ No _____

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