



# The Knight's Shield



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

August, 2014

*Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism*

Volume 19

## **A Word from Grand Knight Bruce Arnold**

Now that the new fraternal year is underway, it's time to look at some goals that lie ahead of us. The first is our membership goal. Once again, our quota as set by the Supreme Council is 14 new members. Each and every council member should be thinking of whom they can ask to join the Order. Perhaps it's the gentleman who you shake hands with while saying "Peace be with you" during Sunday Mass. Maybe it's the guy and his family that you join after Mass and have coffee and donuts. The point is, maybe the next new member to our council just hasn't been asked yet. Take that step and ask him yourself. The simple fact is that if we do not continue to grow our membership, the only possible outcome is that our membership will decline.

Our next goal should be to rekindle the fire of the members that are no longer active. These are good men, who for whatever reason, have decided to become inactive. Let's do our best to bring these members back and get them involved again.

Not everything that the Knights of Columbus does is either a meeting or work! Our council participates in many enjoyable activities, such as: the Vocation Golf Outing, the annual state bowling tournament, picnics, the Martin Luther King Jr. casino trip, Trunk or Treat, and Ice Cream Social. Granted there may be a small time commitment in some of these activities but they are also fun and rewarding experiences.

Speaking of fun activities...we will be hosting an Ice Cream Social on the weekend of August 2nd and 3rd following all of the Masses. Stop by and have a complimentary bowl of ice cream and socialize with your Brother Knights and parish members.

On Saturday, August 16th, the Detroit Tigers will

play the Seattle Mariners, and a group of council 11689 members will be there to watch the game and fire-works.

On Sunday, September 14th, eight foursomes will be teeing it up in the Annual Vocations Golf Outing. After our round of golf and dinner, many of us will be going to church to join the festivities at the St. Paul of Tarsus church picnic.

Another council activity that is just around the corner is our third Texas Hold'em fundraiser of the year that will be at The River Poker Room on September 4th - 7th. I am sure there are still more workers needed. No experience or poker knowledge is required. We can teach you all you need to know in a matter of just a few minutes.

At our Monday, September 8th, meeting we will host a First Degree Ceremony. A brief meeting will begin at 6:30 PM. Candidate registration and degree ceremony set up will be at 7:00 PM and the First Degree Ceremony will begin at 7:30 PM. On this evening the meal will be served after the degree ceremony.

On Saturday, September 20, 2014 at the 4 PM Mass, we will be hosting a district corporate communion. (Note this change from the 9:30 AM Sunday, September 14, 2014 Mass) Following the Mass, the officers from the four councils in our district will be installed for the new fraternal year.

Sunday, September 29th will be our next pancake breakfast. Brother Phil Kwasny is the chairperson for this event. Contact him if you want to help. At the Detroit East summer diocesan meeting, our council was presented with the Michigan Achievement Award for 2013-2014. Good work gentlemen!

Vivat Jesus,

*Bruce Arnold*

Bruce Arnold

## Motions Passed

The following Motions were made and approved at the June officer meeting:

Motion by Jerry Hund and supported by Hank Leflere to buy Fr. Kiselica a \$200.00 Visa Gift Card for his 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination.

Motion by Ted Czarny and supported by Jerry Hund to send the State of Michigan \$200.00 for our September Texas Hold'em license.

Motion by Ray Ignatowski and supported by Karl Sziisz to send \$100.00 to Forgotten Harvest

Motion by Ray Ignatowski and supported by Karl Sziisz to send \$100.00 to Gleaners Food Bank.

Motion by Ray Ignatowski and supported by Karl Sziisz to send \$25.00 to the Michigan Squires for a quarter page ad in their convention ad book.

The following Motions were made and approved at the July membership meeting:

Motion by George Loewen and supported by Chuck Loewen to pay the bills.

Motion by Jeff Gapczynski and supported by Phil Kwasny to support the "Come Walk With Me" golf outing by becoming a \$100.00 hole sponsor.

Motion by Phil Kwasny and supported by Henry Leflere to commemorate the death of Tom Lawler with the planting of a tree and plaque that shall not exceed \$500.00

### Our State Membership Motto for 2014:

Our Growth Starts With...

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

## The Lighter Side



"I never learn anything talking, I only learn when I ask questions." - Lou Holtz

"Have you ever wondered which hurts the most: saying something and wishing you had not, or saying nothing and wishing you had?" - Unknown

A little girl, dressed in her "Sunday best" was late and running to her Sunday school class. As she ran, she prayed, "Dear God, please don't let me be late. Dear God, please don't let me be late." Then she fell. She got up, dusted herself off and saw that her dress was now dirty and had a little tear. She started running again, still praying, "Dear God, please don't let me be late." But this time she added, "But please don't push me, either!"

## Monthly Prayer Intention

**Refugees:** That refugees, forced by violence to abandon their homes, may find a generous welcome and the protection of their rights.

**Oceania:** That Christians in Oceania may joyfully announce the faith to all the people of that region.

## 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.

## Your Help is Needed

On Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> St. Paul of Tarsus is going to host a church picnic. We have been asked to cook hot dogs and corn on the cob, provide the condiments that go along with them (mustard, ketchup, butter, etc.), and also the drinks. The picnic will begin at 1:00 PM following the 11:30 AM Mass and run until 5:00 PM. This is potentially a lot of hot dogs and corn to be served in only a 4 hour time frame!

We think we will need approximately 10-12 Brother Knights to volunteer to work this event. As was mentioned in the Grand Knights column, this is the same day as the Vocations Golf Outing. Therefore, some council members will be golfing that would normally volunteer to help with the picnic. We really need to have enough help to ensure that this picnic is as successful as it can be. It would also be great to see our members wear their council shirts that day whether they are working or just attending the picnic.

We will talk about the picnic in detail at the Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

## Thank You!!

I want to thank all of you who said prayers, sent cards and Masses, or offered your support during my mother's illness.

She passed and went to her heavenly reward on July 4. Although it's hard, we know she is in a much better place.

My entire family thank you for all you have done for us. Your love and support has been a great comfort to us, and very much appreciated.

Chris Gapczynski

## 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 July: **"Joe Roehrig."**  
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 July: **"Leonard Gutkowski Family."**

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

## CORPORATE COMMUNION MASSES

Our next Corporate Communion Mass will be on September 20th at the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Below are assignments for Accolytes and Lectors:

**Lectors:** Jeff Loeb & Tony Valentine  
**Accolytes:** Gary Skarb & Gary Gozdzinski

**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](mailto:spotknights11689@gmail.com)

Articles for the August newsletter must be submitted by no later than **July 22, 2014.**

## Calendar of Events

Aug. 2-3		Ice Cream Social following all masses
Aug. 11	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (Free will meal served at 6:30 PM)
Aug. 16	7:08 PM	Detroit Tiger ball game
Aug. 22		Newsletter deadline
Aug. 28	7:00 PM	Officers meeting
Sept. 4-7		Texas Hold'em at The River
Sept. 8	6:30 PM	General membership meeting
Sept. 8	7:30 PM	First Degree Ceremony at St. Paul of Tarsus – dinner to follow
Sept. 14	7:00 AM	Vocations golf outing
Sept. 14	1:00 PM	St. Paul of Tarsus church picnic
Sept. 20		Fourth Degree Exemplification
Sept 20	4:00 PM	District Corporate Communion at St. Paul of Tarsus
Sept. 20	5:30 PM	District officer installation followed by dinner
Sept. 25	7:00 PM	Officers meeting
Sept. 27	5:00 PM	Pancake breakfast set up
Sept. 28	7:00 AM	Pancake breakfast

## Vocations Golf Outing

### ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS:

It's time to sign up for the 23rd Annual Vocations Golf Outing.

<b>When:</b>	Sunday, September 14 Registration at 6:30 am with Continental Breakfast Tee-off at 7:30 am Lunch at the Turn Dinner at 1:30 pm in the Clubhouse
<b>Where:</b>	Sycamore Hills Country Club 48787 North Avenue Macomb, MI 48042 586-598-9500
<b>Cost:</b>	\$95 per golfer (Bishop-Priest-Seminarian-Deacon \$75 per golfer)

We have 8 teams reserved with a limit of 216 golfers (we have the whole course). Teams for our Council will be filled on a first come first served basis, and they fill up fast. You do not have to be a Brother Knight to golf in this outing and it is a Stag outing. Golfers of all abilities are welcome as it is a Best Ball format. Call me at 586-286-8497 to reserve your 4-man team. Please leave a message with the four names, team captain name and team captain phone number. If we have more than 8 teams, I will call and see if we can get some more slots. This is a great outing for a very worthy cause. We hope to see you there.

Joe Phillips (586-286-8497)

## **We Stand Strong on Ethical Ground**

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies.

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life

insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."

Contact me today to learn more about our products.

Michael Filliccia

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## **Notice of Changes in September**

Our council is hosting a First Degree Ceremony on Monday, September 8, 2014 at 7:30 PM. We will hold a brief meeting that will begin at 6:30 covering just the essentials, with a target completion time of 7 o'clock. The degree staff should be able to set up the hall beginning at 7:00 in time for the First Degree Ceremony to start at 7:30. Sport coat and tie is considered appropriate attire for any degree ceremony. Our meal will be served after the completion of the degree ceremony. It would be great to see a nice size group of candidates for this installation. There is plenty of time for each one of us to ask someone to join our order.

Also, the Corporate Communion that was scheduled for Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 AM Mass has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at the 4:00 PM Mass and will now be a District Corporate Communion. This was done so that all four councils in the district could attend this Corporate Communion Mass and stay for the officers installation that will follow at 5:30 PM.



## Columbian Squires Circle

In an article by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori titled "Who Matters Most" Archbishop Lori explains one of the reasons the Knights of Columbus was founded. Among the reasons why Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus was to help Catholic men practice the faith and become better husbands and fathers. He made it a requirement that every Knight be "a practical Catholic," yet wisely did not demand that a man be a perfect Catholic to enter the order. Rather, membership in the Knights is meant to **help men progress in making God the first priority in their lives**. Making God a priority in turn, would help them to find inner strength to love the church and their families more deeply. The original vision of the Knights of Columbus is perhaps even more important today, amid a culture that is far more hostile to faith than it was in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

It is also in that vision that the Knights of Columbus Squires was developed in 1925 by Brother Barnabas McDonald, a Christian Brother whose entire life was dedicated to the welfare of young men. Brother Barnabas once urged the Knights of Columbus, "...Give {a boy} the greatest possible help in making himself the sort of Christian citizen he wishes to become, and we so urgently need. With these founding thoughts in mind The St. Paul of Tarsus, Knights of Columbus Council, #11689, has embarked on a mission to sponsor a council/parish based active Columbian Squire Circle at St. Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church located at 41300 Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Twp. Mi 48038.

The Columbian Squires are the official youth organization of the Knights of Columbus. A circle is comprised of at least 10 Catholic young men between the ages of 10 and 18 years of age. It is open to young men from the surrounding Catholic communities and schools in the South East Macomb County area.

The program develops leadership by allowing the Squires to plan and carry out activities with advice, suggestions and encouragement from Knight Leaders. Squires also have fun and bond while helping their Church and community through various activities of service and faith formation under the guidance of the K of C Council.

Activities include, **Circle activities** that include sporting and social events designed so young men can have fun and bond with their peers. **Service activities**, that promote volunteerism, programs and events that help the community and those less fortunate. **Spiritual activities**, that are designed to help young men grow in their faith and develop Christian character. Finally, **Membership activities**, which are programs and activities that promote the Squires and maintain and grow the membership base.

Please watch for upcoming recruiting drives to be held in and around our community. This will be done through parish announcements and bulletins, posters and word of mouth. The official membership drive will kick off in September. If you know of any young men (sons, grandsons, great-grandsons, nephews neighbors) that would benefit from a stronger, deeper faith in God and Family please encourage them to become a member of the St. Paul of Tarsus Columbian Squires.

Please watch for further postings and bulletins for more important information or contact:

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Gary Skarb

[Gary\\_Skarb@transcanada.com](mailto:Gary_Skarb@transcanada.com)

## Happy Birthday!!



Jeff McDonald	August 2
Ralph Labadie	August 3
Lucille Mejali	August 3
Donald Bieschke	August 4
Mike Lombardo	August 7
Angelo Garavaglia	August 8
Bill Giezyng	August 9
Richard Weeg	August 10
Norino Bommarito	August 12
Jim Hubbard	August 13
August Oliveri	August 13
Charlene Wojtaszek	August 13
Ken Czarny	August 14
Ernie Everly	August 14
Tom Hug	August 16
Jacqueline Fracassa	August 18
Jeff Czarny	August 19
Steve Knott	August 20
Joe Marheineke	August 24
Cathy Bono	August 24
Mark Mazzone	August 24
Sue Hund	August 25
Raymond Dawson	August 25
Sue Valenti	August 26
Bernard Fredal	August 27
Tom Kalkman	August 27
Daniel Marotta	August 29
Paul Ross	August 30

## Happy Anniversary!!



Ed & Joanne Nowak	August 1
George & Pat Loewen	August 2
Guy & Carol Serafino	August 8
Al & Sue Valenti	August 12
Bill & Sharon Gunkelman	August 13
Ted & Sherri Czarny	August 16
Guido & Jacqueline Fracassa	August 18
Ken & Sandy Grobbel	August 27

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



## Please Remember our Beloved Deceased Brother Knights

Carl A. Owen	March 5, 1997
Frank C. Kave	October 3, 1998
Chester E. Raszkowski	August 8, 2000
Robert A. Post	August 1, 2001
Martin W. Rosenau	September 24, 2001
Julius T. Abraham	October 8, 2001
Clemente Truden	December 7, 2001
Walter F. Kawka	December 25, 2002
James P. Koss	May 4, 2003
Dominic Morello	March 12, 2005
John P. Banas	April 16, 2005
Catan W. Bernardo	June 13, 2006
Robert W. Majkowski	June 28, 2006
Alfonso Carvajal	March 11, 2007
Brian R. McGinnis	October 24, 2007
Arthur J. Hug	January 17, 2008
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



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# For the Good of the Order

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



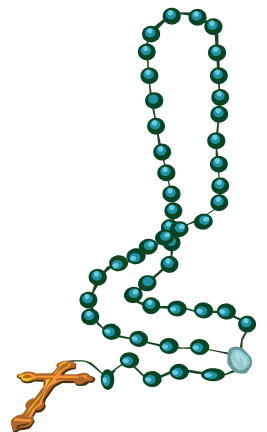
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Frank Aiuto  
Mario Asaro  
Jackie Backes  
Norm Beaudin  
Aric Bekaert  
Bruno Bellini  
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Kevin Bondra  
Michelle Boyd  
Ron Burke  
BK-Ben Candela  
Ben Candela  
Gail Clisby  
Barb Csernai  
Michael Denomme  
Ken Dombrowski  
Dan Drowski  
Allan Dzwonkowski  
Sue Dzwonkowski  
SK-Leon Eggers  
BK-Richard Emmers  
Sam Filliccia  
Jake Fix  
BK-Clarence Gajewski  
Art Gapczynski  
Chris Gapczynski  
Carol Garavaglia  
Beverly Gattari  
Fr. Lou Grandpre  
Sandy Grobbel  
BK-Joseph Goddell  
Betty Gutkowski  
Michelle Gutkowski  
Paul Gutkowski  
Robert Gutkowski  
Bernard Hoste  
Sharon Hoste  
BK-Tom Hug  
Sue Hund

Caroline Krmel  
Pat Labadie  
SK-Ralph Labadie  
Melissa Latosc  
Mark Leflere  
Jim Lizzico  
Ken Loewen  
Carol Lomasney  
Ron Lomasney  
Tom Lomasney  
Sr. Genevieve Marheineke  
Lynn Maron  
BK-John Marotta  
BK-Vincent McInnis  
Brian McLaughlin  
Bill Mocerri  
Dolores Moquin  
Jill Nelson  
Mark Nelson  
Monica Noch  
Antonina Pardo  
Marie Peever  
Barbra Petoskey  
BK-James Petoskey  
Bob Pickett  
Joan Pfaff  
Sr. Ann Plum  
Sophie Praski  
Kathryn Ricard  
BK-Joe Ricard  
Don Ricksiedler  
Veronica Salvatore  
Candice Schmidt  
Michael Sera  
Alice Serra  
Levi Sparks  
Chuck Stork  
Joseph R. Sweeney  
Mildred Tarbuck  
Megan Wiley

Robert Williams  
Charlene Wojtaszek  
Dean Douglas Wojtaszek  
Robet Worden  
David Wozniak  
Alana Zalac

NOTE: Underlined names will be removed next month, unless we hear from you.

(BK) - "Brother Knight"  
(SK) - "Sir Knight"





**Officers of S.P.O.T.  
K of C Council #11689  
District #64**

District Deputy	Mike Mejia	586-948-3073
District Warden	Tom Weisner	248-761-2455
Grand Knight	Bruce Arnold	586-566-0628
Deputy Grand Knight	Art Krygowski	586-469-2996
Chancellor	Ted Czarny	586-286-6026
Financial	Ray Ignatowski	586-946-0129
Recorder	Mike Hartel	586-995-8564
Treasurer	Ray Coughlin	586-412-7178
Warden	Tony Guido	586-201-4409
Inside Guard	Joe Bono	586-263-4306
Outside	Gerry Vento	586-263-7333
1 Yr Trustee	Chuck Loewen	586-228-0475
2 Yr Trustee	PGK Karl Sziisz	586-286-5238
3 Yr Trustee	Tom Gray	586-468-2165
Advocate	Ken Krause	586-263-7115
Lecturer	Jim Hubbard	586-286-1658
Program	Henry Leflere	586-468-1595
Church	Angelo Garavaglia	586-412-3327
Community	George Loewen	586-731-5299
Council	Jeff Loeb	586-242-8990
Family	Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
Youth	Art Krygowski	586-469-2996
Membership	Tom Pardo	586-263-7285
Field Agent	Mike Filliccia	586-350-4440
Vocations Director	Jeff Gapczynski PCGK and FDD	586-236-5942
Pro-Life	Sal and Joanne Ales	263-3483

**Hats for Holy Cross  
Childrens Services**



As we have done in prior years, we are again asking for ladies who are willing to crochet or knit hats for the children at Holy Cross Childrens Services. We are also being asked for scarves and mittens.

If you don't crochet or knit, you might like to donate yarn or even ready made hats, scarves and mittens/gloves. Whatever you are able to do is most appreciated by the kids. You can't believe how much something so simple can be to someone who has never received a gift in their life.

I'm starting this article a little earlier this year so you keep this important ministry at top of mind. You can use any pattern you desire. If you don't have a pattern, we can supply one. The only absolute is that you cannot make or donate all black hats as these are related to gang activities.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Gapczynski at 586-263-5942.

**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.stpauloftarsus.com](http://www.stpauloftarsus.com)

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