



The Knight's Shield



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

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Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 19

A Word from Grand Knight Bruce Arnold

You may notice some differences in this month's edition of *The Knight's Shield*. This is because we now have a new newsletter editor. I want to thank Chris Gapczynski for once again agreeing to take on this task. You may or may not know that Chris was our first newsletter editor back when our council was formed and she held that job for 14 years, before it was taken over by John Sweeney. I also want to thank Brother Knight, John Sweeney for his 3 years of service as our newsletter editor. When John got transferred to the afternoon shift at his work, the task of newsletter editor became more difficult, and yet, he still continued to serve the council. Nice job, John.

Thank you to our Youth Director, Art Krygowski, for chairing the Basket Ball Free Throw and Poster Contest. Our council has 2 representatives moving on to the regional free throw competition on February 15th in Clarkston.

On Tuesday, February 11th, our council is hosting a benefits night for the district. We will have an attorney and our general insurance agent as guest speakers for the evening. There is usually a new law, or a new product that is available, that you may find beneficial. Because we are the host council for this event, it would be nice to see a good response from our membership.

On Saturday, February 15th, St. Clement of Rome will host a major degree ceremony. Any current member that has not obtained the honor of the Second and Third Degrees can either sign up at our February council meeting or can call me at 586-808-6557. Keep in mind that there are no additional meetings and no increase in dues to obtain these 2 higher degrees. We need to know how many members will be attending so the host council can properly prepare for both the degree ceremonies and for the meal that will follow.

Our Church Director, Angelo Garavaglia, has arranged to have Father Ron incorporate the "Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception" Icon into the regular Tuesday eve-

Mass on February 18th. Please consider attending this special service.

We needed to cancel the fish fry that was scheduled for January 18th because all of the necessary equipment had not arrived yet. The new date for this event is Saturday, February 22nd and will be from 5 - 7 pm. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. This fish fry will be a good opportunity to see if there are any adjustments necessary before we start with the Lenten fish fries on the 6 Fridays of Lent. Please consider working some or all of these events.

Our March council meeting will be our annual "Open House - Pot Luck Dinner". This meeting is the one time a year that you can bring your families. The council will provide the chicken and beverages, while you are asked to bring a dish to pass. This is the evening that we hand out the Family of the Year and Knight of the Year awards along with recognizing other members for special accomplishments. Brother Francis Boylan from Holy Cross Children's Services should be in attendance again this year. He always has a heart warming story or two to share telling of all of the good works that Holy Cross Children's Services does.

Vivat Jesus,
Bruce Arnold
Grand Knight

Our State Membership Motto for 2014:

"One Member, Per Council, Per Month"

To place articles in the newsletter contact:

Chris Gapczynski at 586-263-5942 or

spotknights11689@gmail.com

Articles for the March newsletter must be submitted by no later than **February 21, 2014.**

A Word from Deputy Grand Knight Dave Asaro

TEXAS HOLD 'EM

Thanks to everyone who signed up to help at our Texas Hold 'Em event February 16th—19th. All positions are filled. If something comes up and you can't work your shift, please let me know as soon as possible at 586-291-0813

MI DRIVE

The MI Drive is just around the corner on April 11, 12 and 13. I had sign-up sheets at our January meeting, and will have them out at the February and March meetings as well. If you can't attend the monthly meeting and would like to help, please call Joe Roehrig at 586-465-1922, or myself at 586-291-0813. I want to thank Joe Roehrig for helping me co-chair this year's drive.

Our next 4th Degree Meeting will be February 19th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Lawrence Hall.

For those who have not take the "Protecting God's Children" class, there are a few dates coming up that are close by. Let me know if you need to attend. You do need this class and a background check to work any charities in the Church.

Thanks you for all your support...

Deputy Grand Knight
David Asaro

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 I was 5 years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down 'happy'. They told me I didn't understand the assignment, and I told them they didn't understand life." - John Lennon

"What you are is God's gift to you, what you make of yourself is your gift to God." - Jewish Proverb

Two men were shipwrecked on a deserted island. The minute they got there one of them started screaming and yelling. "We're going to die! We're going to die! There's no food! No water! We're going to die!"

The second man was propped up against a palm tree and acting so calmly that it drove the first man crazy.

"Don't you understand? We're going to die!!" the first man said.

"You don't understand. I make \$100,000 a week." the second man said.

The first man looked at him quite dumbfounded and asked, "What difference does that make? We're on an island with no food and no water! We're going to die!!!" The second man answered, "You just don't get it. I make \$100,000 a week. I tithe. My pastor **WILL** find me!"

Monthly Prayer Intention

Elders: That the Church and society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people.

Collaboration in Evangelization: That priests, religious and lay people may work together with generosity.

Calendar of Events

February 10	7:30 PM	Council meeting (Free will offering meeting at 6:30 PM)
February 11	7:00 PM	Benefits Night at St. Paul of Tarsus (See article for details)
February 15	8:30 AM	Major Degree Ceremony at St. Clement of Rome (See article for details)
February 15	5:00 PM	Pancake breakfast / bake sale set up and Membership Blitz
February 16	7:30 AM	Pancake breakfast / bake sale and Membership Blitz
February 16-19		Texas Hold'em fundraiser at The River (Van Dyke at 22 Mile Road)
February 18	6:00 PM	Immaculate Conception Icon service (See article for details)
February 22	9:30 AM	Regional Free Throw Contest at Everest Academy in Clarkston
February 22		Newsletter deadline
February 22	5 -7 PM	Fish Fry
February 23	4:00 PM	State Deputy Tribute Dinner
February 27	7:30 PM	Officers meeting
March 1-2		Bowling tournament
March 5		Ash Wednesday and Father Ron's Birthday
March 7	4-7:30 PM	Lenten Fish Fry
March 8	9:00 AM	Fourth Degree Exemplification
March 10	6:30 PM	Council meeting (Pot luck open house – see article for details)
March 14	4-7:30 PM	Lenten Fish Fry
March 21	4-7:30 PM	Lenten Fish Fry
March 22		Newsletter deadline
March 22	8:30 AM	First Degree ceremony at St. John Vianney
March 27	7:30 PM	Officers meeting
March 28	4-7:30 PM	Lenten Fish Fry
March 29	3:00 PM	Ham and kielbasa sales (following 4 PM Mass)
March 30	8:00 AM	Ham and kielbasa sales (following all Masses)

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.

Happy Birthday!!



Joseph Godekk	Feb 3
Joseph Phillips	Feb 9
Robert Lomasney	Feb 12
Phillip Bonnette	Feb 14
Steve Kargenian	Feb 19
Lance Vechinski	Feb 21
Ralph Colosimo	Feb 25
Joseph Raymond	Feb 25
Betty Gutkowski	Feb 29

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.

Happy Anniversary!!



Riera & Mary Guiseppe Feb 19

"May God grant them many more years of Health and Happiness!"
Congratulations from the Council.

If you'd like to see your anniversary 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

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
Thomas Saura	
Guy Serafino	
Robert Serafino	
William Carron	
Frank Gaal	

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.

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.

For the Good of the Order

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



Joann Ales
Frank Aiuto
Mario Asaro
Jackie Backes
Norm Beaudin
Bruno Bellini
BK-Donald Bieschke
Kevin Bondra
Michelle Boyd
BK-Joe Burdzinski
Ron Burke
Helen Candela
Sherri Czarny
Gail Clisby
BK-Lino Difalco
William Ditrapani
Allan Dzwonkowski
Sue Dzwonkowski
SK-Leon Eggers
BK-Richard Emmers
Jake Fix
BK-Clarence Gajewski
Art Gapczynski
Chris Gapczynski
GK Jerry Garisy
Beverly Gattari
Fr. Lou Grandpre
Sandy Grobbel
BK Joseph Godell
Fr. Gool Jr.
Betty Gutkowski
Michelle Gutkowski
Paul Gutkowski
Robert Gutkowski
Bernard Hoste
Sharon Hoste
Tillie Hoste
BK-Tom Hug
Dan Jerzak

Joseph Knopka
Caroline Krmel
Pat Labadie
SK-Ralph Labadie
Annette Lalama
Melissa Latosc
Mark Leflere
Ken Loewen
Patricia Loewen
Carol Lomasney
Ron Lomasney
Tom Lomasney
Joseph Malfitano
Lynn Maron
BK-John Marotta
BK-Vincent McInnis
Brian McLaughlin
Delores Moquin
Jill Nelson
Monica Noch
Lacy Otteman
Antonina Pardo
Marie Peever
Barbra Petoskey
BK-James Petoskey
Bob Pickett
Sister Ann Plum
Kathryn Ricard
BK-Joe Ricard
Don Ricksiedler
Veronica Salvatore
Michael Sera
Alice Serra
Pat Shankie
Vickie Slicker
Patti Smith
William Stickney
Chuck Stork
Joseph R. Sweeney

Mildred Tarbuck
Troy Vestrand
Gail Vitale
Megan Wiley
Charlene Wojtaszek
Dean Douglas Wojtaszek
David Wozniak
Alana Zalac

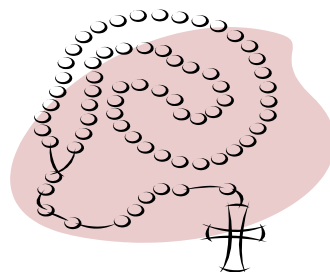
In Memory of
Bert & Margaret Labadie

The Typhoon Victims in the
Philippines

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 #22**

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Grand Knight	Bruce Arnold	586-566-0628
Deputy Grand Knight	Dave Asaro	586-263-1767
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Financial	Ray Ignatowski	586-946-0129
Recorder	Jeff McDonald	810-560-5480
Treasurer	Ray Coughlin	586-412-7178
Warden	Tony Guido	586-201-4409
Inside Guard	Joe Bono	586-263-4306
Outside	Tom Gray	586-468-2165
Trustee	PGK Jerry Hund	586-286-6516
Trustee	Chuck Loewen	586-228-0475
Trustee	PGK Karl Sziisz	586-286-5238
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	Mark Hartel	586-263-0544
Youth	Art Krygowski	586-469-2996
Membership	Tom pardo	586-263-7285
Field Agent	Mike Filliccia	586-350-4440
Vocations	Jeff Gapczynski	586-236-5942
Pro-Life	Sal and Joanne Ales	263-3483

**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 January: **"Gary Skarb."**
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 January: **"Ralph Pullis Family."**
In recognition of their out-standing service to the Council.

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

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

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 _____