

# 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 encourage everyone, along with their families, to attend Fr. Joe Hund's Silver Jubilee on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at the 4 pm Mass. We hope to make this celebration a very memorable occasion for Fr. Joe and all of his family. We are proud to have Fr. Joe as a member of our council. We will need help before and after this special event with setting up and cleaning up the social hall.

On the morning of Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> please consider attending the 7:45 AM corporate communion Mass. This is a district corporate communion with Brother Knights from other councils within the district attending. Following the Mass, why not stop into the social where we will be having a delicious pancake breakfast? The cost for the breakfast is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

We will be serving up a great pasta dinner on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> following the 4 pm Mass. This event is to help raise funds for Vocations. We hope to have a few Seminarians and Postulants there to speak on how they heard the call to serve our Lord. The cost for this dinner is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children.

Once again, we filled Brother Jerry Hund's pick-up truck with clothing for the St. Aloysius Outreach Center in Detroit. The people that need these items are always very grateful for our donations. Thank you, Jerry, for volunteering your time and vehicle so we can help the less fortunate.

Thank you to Brother Joe Phillips for working with the folks at Special Olympics and getting us an event to work during this year's games at the Macomb Com-

munity College. Thanks also to our council members that helped work the horseshoe competition this year. Working with God's special children is a very rewarding experience.

On Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> Deacon Marc Rybinski organized a fellowship breakfast that was attended by approximately 75 men from our church. Thank you to Brothers: Gerry Vento, Greg Csernai, Steve Kargenian, and Ken Grobbel for preparing breakfast for the attendees. Following breakfast, Fr. Eduardo Montemayer gave a most enlightening talk.

Vivat Jesus,

Bruce Arnold

**Bruce Arnold** 



On Sunday, May 11, 2014 Brother Gregory Kropidlowski was called home by our Lord and Savior. Greg was 65 years old and a charter member of our council. He played in the annual Vocations golf outing and participated in the annual state bowling tournament. He also worked several events in the council including: the M I Drive and our Texas Hold'em fundraisers. We had a very nice turn out by our brother knights and their spouses for his rosary. Please keep his wife Marlene, along with their three sons, Tim, Marc, and Greg Jr. in your prayers.

#### 2014-2015 Officers

The following Brother Knights were elected for officer positions for the 2014-2015 fraternal year.

Grand Knight – Bruce Arnold
Deputy Grand Knight – Art Krygowski
Chancellor – Ted Czarny
Recorder – Mike Hartel
Treasurer – Ray Coughlin
Warden – Tony Guido
Advocate – Ken Krause
3 Year Trustee – Tom Gray
Inside Guard – Joe Bono
Outside Guard – Gerry Vento

### Road Clean-Up

First I would like to say, I'm glad to take the Spring Road Clean-Up over to help brother Ray Coughlin.

I would also like to say thanks to all the Brother Knights that came out to help. The volunteers were: Bruce Arnold, Greg Csernai, Mike Lombardo, Vito Guzzardo, John Sweeney, Phil Bonnette, and Ralph Pullis.

I know it was short notice to get this road clean up done, but I thought getting it done before the grass got a chance to get to long would give us the best results. We picked up 18 bags of trash along with some other larger items. We did get a little wet but the heaviest rain waited until we were done.

Thanks for your support, Brother, Greg Csernai

#### **Motions Passed**

At the April officers' meeting the following motions were approved:

A motion was made by Ray Ignatowski and supported by Ted Czarny to mail a letter of intent to suspend the 8 members who have not paid their dues. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Ted Czarny and supported by Henry Leflere to allocate the \$400.00, which would normally be spent on the council picnic, toward the cost of renting a motor coach/coaches for a Tiger ball game trip. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Phil Kwasny and supported by Ray Ignatowski to send \$100.00 to the Friends of Kenyan Orphans. Motion passed.

At the May meeting the following motions were approved:

A motion was made to pay the bills by George Loewen and supported by Phil Kwasny. Motion passed.

The resolution to spend no more than \$1,500.00 to support Fr. Joe Hund's Silver Jubilee Mass was read by Grand Knight, Bruce Arnold and supported by George Loewen. Motion passed.

### **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



"Forget about all the reasons why something may not work. You only need to find one good reason why it will." - Dr. Robert Anthony

"Death ends a life, not a relationship." - Mitch Albom

An atheist was walking through the woods thinking to himself. "How beautiful the animals are!" - "How majestic the trees are!" - "How powerful the rivers are!"

As he walked along the river, he heard rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned and saw an 8-foot grizzly bear moving toward him. He ran the path as fast as he could, but when he looked over his shoulder, he saw that the bear was closing in on him. He kept running, but now the bear was even closer. Then he tripped and fell to the ground. The bear was standing over the man and his right paw was raised to strike him. At that instant, the atheist cried out, "God help me!"

Time stopped. – The bear froze. – The forest was silent.

A bright light shone upon the man and a voice from the sky said, "You have denied my existence for all these years and have taught others that I don't exist. You've even credited creation to a cosmic accident. Why would you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Are you now a believer?"

The atheist looked into the light and said, "Well, I would be a hypocrite to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but could you maybe, make the BEAR a Christian?"

"Very well." said the voice.

The light went out – The sounds of the forest resumed.

The bear lower his right paw and brought both paws together. The bear bowed his head and said: "Lord, bless this food which I am about to receive from Your bounty through Christ our Lord. Amen."

### **Special Olympics**

I would like to thank the Brother Knights and Chippewa Valley students who helped out at the Special Olympics on May 6th at Macomb Community College:

Hank LeFlere George Sikora Jerry Skarb Ralph Pullis Jeff Gapczynski

The girls from Chippewa Valley High School

It was a beautiful day working with the Horse Shoe Pits, and a great time was had by all. If you ever get the opportunity to work with these athletes, please do so. It is a very rewarding experience. Make sure to mark your calendars for the first Tuesday in May, 2015 when we will once again help out these very special athletes at the Special Olympics of Macomb.

Thanks again...

Joe Phillips

### **Monthly Prayer Intention**

**Unemployed:** That the unemployed may receive support and find the work they need to live in dignity.

**Faith in Europe**: That Europe may rediscover its Christian roots through the witness of believers.

#### Our State Membership Motto for 2014:

Our Growth Starts With...

"One Member, Per Council, Per Month"

### Ask Eligible Men to Join

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equals more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

Michael Filliccia

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### 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 May: "Angelo Garavaglia."

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 April: <u>"Phil Kwasny</u> Family."

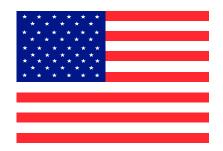
In recognition of their out-standing service to the Council.

### 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 Gozdzielski



		Calendar of Events
June 7	4:00 PM	Fr. Joe Hund Jubilee Mass – reception following Mass
June 8 – 11		Texas Hold'em fundraiser at Big Beaver Tavern
June 9	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (Free will meal served at 6:30 PM)
June 11	7:30 PM	First Degree Ceremony at St. Isidore (7:00 registration)
June 15		Father's Day
June 21	5:00 PM	Pancake breakfast set up following 4PM Mass
June 22		Newsletter deadline
June 22	7:45 AM	District Corporate Communion
June 22	8:30 AM	Pancake breakfast
June 24		Fr. Kiselica's birthday
June 26	7:00 PM	Officers meeting
June 28	5:00 PM	Vocations pasta dinner
July 1		Start of the new fraternal year
July 4		Independence Day
July 14	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (Free will meal served at 6:30 PM)
July 22		Newsletter deadline
July 24 7:00 PM		Officers meeting
July 26 9:00 AM		First Degree Ceremony at St. Clement of Rome (8:30 registration)

### **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 July newsletter must be submitted by no later than June 22, 2014.

### Fr. Joe Hund's Silver Jubilee

Fr. Joe Hund's Silver Jubilee Saturday June 7, 2014, 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Fr. Joe Hund OFM, a member of our Council will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee as a Franciscan Priest. As many of you know, Fr. Joe has spent almost his entire career doing missionary work around the globe, working with the poor and indigent, spreading the gospel to many.

Joe's family wishes to express their gratitude to all the members of St. Paul of Tarsus Knights of Columbus for hosting this most joyous event , and would like to invite all the members and their families to attend this special occasion. There is a brief history of Fr. Joe's travels from first entering the Franciscan order as a brother and in later years taking studies and becoming ordained also in the newsletter. Fr. Joe is proud to be a member of our Council , and when he is on leave he attends our meetings, and always has a good talk.

Thanks again,

The Hund Family



Fr. Joseph Hund, OFM, was born in Detroit, Michigan, near the site of the former Duns Scotus College in Southfield. He is the third oldest of three brothers and four sisters. At 95 1/2 years of age, his mother, Rachel, is still going strong.

After graduating from St. Cecilia High School in 1962, Fr. Joseph became a member of the Knights of Columbus. Fifty-two years later, he remains a member of St. Paul of Tarsus Knights of Columbus Council in Clinton Township, Michigan.

In 1963, Fr. Joseph began formation in the Franciscan Order of the Province of Cincinnati, Ohio and made his first profession of vows as a Franciscan Brother in August 1967. After solemn profession of vows and graduating from the University of Detroit in 1973, he volunteered and started his life as a Franciscan Foreign Missionary in various countries of the world.

He served 21 years in the Philippines, 3 years in Malawi and Tanzania, and 6 years in Jamaica. Presently, he has completed 5 years in Namibia located in Southwest Africa, as Superior of Franciscan Missions and Chaplain in the Order of Poor Clare Nuns.

In the midst of his foreign mission service, Fr. Joseph responded to God's call to ordination into the priesthood. In 1989, he graduated from the Catholic theological Union in Chicago, and on June 10th, 1989, at Duns Scotus Chapel, he was ordained a Franciscan priest by the late Bishop Cooney.

### **Happy Birthday!!**



Patricia Kwiatkowski	June 1
Bruno Bellini	June 1
Joe Burdzinski	June 2
William Galbraith	June 2
James Lambertus	June 4
Renie Giezyng	June 5
Tom Hakim	June 7
Thelma Marotta	June 12
Claudia Arnold	June 17
James Grifka	June 19
Barb Csernai	June 21
Jon Redman	June 22
Joanne Nowak	June 24
James Daris	June 24
Guy Infante	June 25
Neil Norat	June 25
Mike Hartel	June 27
James Wallace	June 27
David White	June 28
Kristine Kramer	June 30
Dietmar Eschbach	June 30
Anthony Pascaretti	June 30

If you'd like to see your birthday posted, please send an e-mail to Chris Gapczynski at <a href="mailto:spotknights11689@gmail.com">spotknights11689@gmail.com</a>, or call at (586) 263-5942.

### **Happy Anniversary!!**



William & Sharon Carroll	June 3
Henry & Patricia Kwiatkowski	June 3
Chuck & Carol Lomasney	June 14
Mike & Karla Hartel	June 18
Reginald & Mary Ann Topolewski	June 18
Mike & Kristine Kramer	June 19
Chuck & Janet Loewen	June 19
Rlaph & Patricia Labadie	June 20
Michael & Lisa Filicia	June 21
Art & Janice Krygowski	June 23
Ken & Nancy Czarny	June 24
Mike & Joan Lombardo	June 26
Joe & June Marheineke	June 28

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### Please Remember our Beloved Deceased Brother Knights

March 5, 1997
October 3, 1998
August 8, 2000
August 1, 2001
September 24, 2001
October 8, 2001
December 7, 2001
December 25, 2002
May 4, 2003
March 12, 2005
April 16, 2005
June 13, 2006
June 28, 2006
March 11, 2007
October 24, 2007
January 17, 2008
February 11, 2008
April 2, 2008
May 1, 2008
November 18, 2008
May 20, 2009
July 9, 2009
September 5, 2009
September 7, 2009
April 4, 2010
August 15, 2010
January 16, 2012
March 7, 2012
April 3, 2012
January 12, 2012
July 8, 2012
May 11, 2014



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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 AlesAlan JohnsonJoseph R. SweeneyFrank AiutoCaroline KrmelMildred TarbuckMario AsaroPat LabadieSandra VentimigliaJackie BackesSK-Ralph LabadieMegan WileyNorm BeaudinMelissa LatoscCharlene Woitaszek

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BK-Donald BieschkePatricia LoewenKevin BondraCarol LomasneyMichelle BoydTom Lomasney

Jane Buhlinger Sr. Genevieve Marheineke

BK-Joe Burdzinski
Patty Burke
BK-John Marotta
Ron Burke
BK-Vincent McInnis
Lorri Coughlin
BK-Ray Coughlin
SK-George Mejaly

Sherri Czarny Dolores Moquin

Allan Dzwonkowski Jill Nelson
Sue Dzwonkowski Mark Nelson
SK-Leon Eggers Monica Noch
BK-Richard Emmers Antonina Pardo
Jake Fix Marie Peever

BK-Clarence Gajewski Barbra Petoskey
Art Gapczynski BK-James Petoskey

Chris Gapczynski **Bob Pickett Beverly Gattari** Sr. Ann Plum Fr. Lou Grandpre Sophie Praski Sandy Grobbel **Becky Pullis** Betty Gutkowski Mary Ann Rable Michelle Gutkowski Kathryn Ricard Paul Gutkowski **BK-Joe Ricard** Robert Gutkowski Don Ricksiedler Ben Hoste Veronica Salvatore **Gerry Hoste** Candice Schmidt Sharon Hoste Michael Sera Tillie Hoste Alice Serra Pete Hubbard Levi Sparks **Chuck Stork BK-Tom Hug** 

NOTE: <u>Underlined names</u> will be removed next month, unless we hear

from you.

Alana Zalac

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



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

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Deputy Grand Knight				
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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		
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Trustee	Chuck Loewen	586-228-0475		
Trustee	PGK Karl Sziisz	586-286-5238		
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### **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.stpaulof tarsus.com



## Remember to fly your flag on Flag Day, June 14!

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