



# 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**

So ... according to the calendar, Spring is right around the corner. Can it get here any sooner? This winter, with its freezing temperatures and record snowfalls, just doesn't seem to quit. I, for one, and I'm sure many of you would agree, am looking forward to signs of Spring.

We, as members of the Knights of Columbus, associate Spring with the annual M I drive. Easter is late this year, so hopefully we can get a break with the temperatures and have another very successful M I Drive. In order to accomplish this, we will need a lot of help in the form of working on the streets and store fronts of local businesses. If you have not already signed up to help, please do so at the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Speaking of the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting...this is our annual "Open House - Pot Luck Dinner." It is the one time a year that you can bring your families. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM, and the Council will provide chicken and beverages. You are asked to bring a dish to pass (either a side dish or a dessert). We will acknowledge the "Family of the Year" and "Knight of the Year" and also recognize other members for special accomplishments. Brother Francis Boylan, from Holy Cross Children's Services, should be in attendance again this year.

I am saddened to report that Dave Asaro has resigned his position, as Deputy Grand Knight, effective immediately. Also, Jeff McDonald will be resigning his office, as Recorder, after the April meeting due to relocation for his wife's employment.

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 in these vacated positions, as well as any of the other elected officer positions. Perhaps there is an officer position that you would consider running for yourself (self-nomination is perfectly acceptable). Remember all officers must be a Third Degree member.

A big thank you to Brother Phil Kwasny for chairing the pancake breakfast, and to Joann Sziisz, along with Lucille Mejaly, for co-chairing the bake sale. Thanks also to all the other members, and ladies that helped with either the pancake breakfast, bake sale, membership recruitment, or fish fry ticket sales. It is because of all of our combined efforts that these events were successful.

Thank you to all of the members and their spouses who attended either the District Benefits Night and/or the Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Icon service. Also, thank you to Fr. Ron for such a nice touch of incorporating the Icon into the worship service.

Our last Texas Hold'em fundraiser was held at The River Poker Room on February 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>. We had a very successful event and made a nice profit for our council. Thank you to everyone that volunteered their time to work this event.

Our next Corporate Communion will be on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at the 4 PM Mass. Please plan on attending this service and receiving communion with your Brother Knights.

Vivat Jesus,  
*Bruce Arnold*  
Grand Knight

## MI Drive Help Needed

The M.I. Drive proves to be a successful event each year; we do an outstanding job collecting funds for the mentally impaired persons in and around our community. However, this is an event where we can never have too much help. The more help we have on the streets, in front of stores, and working behind the scenes, the more money we can raise to help these people with special needs.

This year's M.I. Drive is April 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have not signed up to help already, please consider doing so at the March 10<sup>th</sup> pot luck dinner or by calling Brother Joe Roehrig, chairperson, at 586-465-1922. I am sure he will welcome anyone able to help sell Tootsie Rolls, even if it is just for a few hours.

## Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM, we will once again be sponsoring our annual Easter Egg Hunt. This event is open to all members children and grandchildren as well as the children of our parish. Each child will receive candy filled Easter eggs, a small toy, and a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny. We will need some help on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> after the fish fry to stuff the eggs. We will also need a few people to help setting up the social hall Saturday morning at 10:30 AM.

## 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

"If you can't explain it to a six year old, you don't understand it yourself." - Albert Einstein

"When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us." - Alexander Graham Bell

Joe was opening a new business, and one of his friends decided to send flowers for the occasion. The flowers arrived and Joe read the card. It said, "Rest in Peace." Joe, enraged, called the florist to complain. The florist replied, "Sir, I'm really sorry for the mistake, but rather than getting angry, you should imagine this: somewhere there is a funeral taking place today, and they have received flowers with a note saying, 'Congratulations on your new location.'"

## 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.

### Our State Membership Motto for 2014:

Our Growth Starts With...

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

## Fish Fry Help Needed

On Saturday, February 22nd, we completed our first fish fry. This dinner was designed to serve two purposes. First, it was to be a learning experience for us, so that we can make sure we are well prepared for the six Fridays during Lent. And secondly, it allowed us to promote the idea of hosting future fish fries to the parish.

Comment cards were placed on the tables asking for their opinions on various areas of the fish fry. Sixty two cards were returned with the following results:

How would you rate the fish fry overall?	Poor - 0	Fair - 2	Good - 27	Excellent - 32
Did you receive a good value for the cost?	Poor - 0	Fair - 2	Good - 26	Excellent - 35
How was the Flavor / taste of the food?	Poor - 0	Fair - 1	Good - 26	Excellent - 35
How was the service you received?	Poor - 0	Fair - 1	Good - 26	Excellent - 42
Will you come back on Fridays during lent?	1-2 times -17	3-4 times - 26	5-6 times - 12	

In general, we heard very positive comments. One issue was because a long line had formed immediately following the conclusion of the 4 o'clock Mass. However, in fairness, we pre-sold 80 tickets the weekend before the event and sold another 80+ tickets at the door. If we had known this in advance we could have been better prepared.

A big thank you to our 3 chefs in the kitchen Greg Csernai, Steve Kargenian, and Jerry Vento. Also another big thank you to those that helped with set up, serving our guests and clean-up.

**One thing we did learn is that we will 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.**

**Because we do not have a council meeting before Friday, March 7th, we ask that if you are able to help, please contact Grand Knight, Bruce Arnold at**

## Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale

I wish to thank all those who helped to make this past Bake Sale and Pancake Breakfast a success. A special thanks to Jerry Hund for conducting the 50/50 raffle, Janet Valentine for keeping the coffee coming, and the Four Amigos in the kitchen: Jerry Vento, John Sweeney, Greg Csernai and Steve Kargenian for their great job in preparing and cooking the breakfast. I would also like to thank Gary Skarb and Ken Krause for washing the pots, pans and syrup bottles. That was a lot of work. I also want to thank Joann Sziisz and Lucille Mejaly for co-chairing the Bake Sale and all the ladies who helped them. Finally, I would like to thank everyone who helped set the room up on Saturday night and all those who stayed to clean up on Sunday.

God Bless...Phil Kwasny

## Calendar of Events

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)
April 4	4-7 PM	Lenten Fish Fry
April 4	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross (lead by K of C)
April 4	7:30 PM	Easter egg filling (subject to change)
April 5	12:00 PM	Easter egg hunt
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 26	9:00 AM	First Degree ceremony at St. Paul of Tarsus (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](mailto:spotknights11689@gmail.com)**

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

## Only Having Insurance “Through Work” Doesn’t Work

Do you know anyone whose life or career has drastically changed during these years of economic downturn? It’s very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty. Maybe there’s a possibility that you (or your spouse) could lose your job or change employers.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

But only having “through work” insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family’s actual needs. In fact, a detailed needs analysis that evaluates your specific situation will likely show that any employer-provided coverage falls short.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection. At the very least, it will definitely be more expensive.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I’ll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you’ll know exactly where you stand.

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

## Casey Bear Raffle

At the Pancake Breakfast, we raffled three Casey Bears to the children in attendance.

The winners are:       Kylie Schmidt  
                                  Emily Yurgalonis  
                                  Lily Everly

## 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.

Sheets will be available for sign-up at the pot luck dinner in March.

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

## Happy Birthday!!



Jim Murphy	Mar 1
Jacqueline Fracassa	Mar 3
Fr. Ron Essman	Mar 5
Sheryl Ignatowski	Mar 8
JoAnn Phillips	Mar 10
Karl Sziisz	Mar 11
Chris Ignatowski	Mar 13
Art Krygowski	Mar 19
Donald Husofsky	Mar 24
Chris Sweeney	Mar 26
George Loewen	Mar 28

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

## Happy Anniversary!!



Bill and Renie Giezyng	Mar 16
James and Janet Baldick	Mar 25

"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](mailto:spotknights11689@gmail.com), or call at (586) 263-5942

## CORPORATE COMMUNION MASSES

Our next Corporate Communion Mass will be on March 15 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Below are assignments for Accolytes and Lectors:

**Lectors:** Guy Infante and Tony Valentine  
**Accolytes:** Leonard Gutkowski and Gary Skarb



## 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	



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

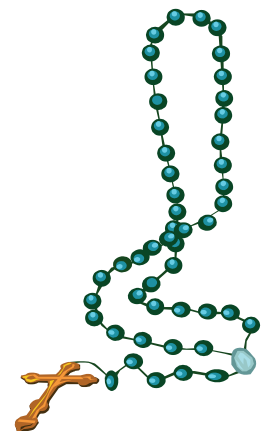
Caroline Krmel  
Pat Labadie  
SK-Ralph Labadie  
Melissa Latosc  
Mark Leflere  
Ken Loewen  
Patricia Loewen  
Carol Lomasney  
Tom Lomasney  
Joseph Malfitano  
Sr. Genevieve Marheineke  
Lynn Maron  
BK-John Marotta  
BK-Vincent McInnis  
Brian McLaughlin  
SK-George Mejaly  
Dolores Moquin  
Jill Nelson  
Mark Nelson  
Monica Noch  
Antonina pardo  
Marie Peever  
Barbra Petoskey  
BK-James Petoskey  
Joan Pfaff  
bob Pickett  
Sr. Ann Plum  
Sophie Praski  
Becky Pullis  
Kathryn Ricard  
BK-Joe Ricard  
Don Ricksiedler  
Veronica Salvatore  
Michael Sera  
Alice Serra  
Pata Shankie  
Patti Smith  
William Stickney

Chuck Stork  
Joseph R. Sweeney  
Mildred Tarbuck  
Terri Venti  
Troy Vestrand  
Megan Wiley  
Charlene Wojtaszek  
Dean Douglas Wojtaszek  
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	Mike Mejia	586-948-3073
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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
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Youth	Art Krygowski	586-469-2996
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Field Agent	Mike Filliccia	586-350-4440
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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 February: **“Jerry Vento.”**  
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: **“Chuck Loewen Family.”**

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

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**\*\*Note:** If you are already seeing your birthday and anniversary posted in the newsletter, we would still like to have a new form from you to make sure our records are up to date and correct.