



# 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**

Brothers, I am proud to report that our council continues to grow. Al Soulliere completed his first degree and Tom Blake completed all 3 degrees on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Hubert's. Please congratulate and welcome these new members when you see them. The proposers for these new Brother Knights were Ted Czarny and George Loewen.

Our Trunk or Treat that was held on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> was a great success. This event continues to grow, thanks to this councils', and other church groups participation. Thank you to everyone who came out to support our youth and this event.

On Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> Gary Gozdzinski and his wife, George Loewen, along with my wife, and I attended the Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Four of our departed Brother Knights; Raymond Dawson, Donald Duff, Joseph Godell, and Albert Johnson were honored at this service.

At our November meeting Brother Jerry Hund made his pick up truck available to accept our clothing donations. On the following day, he (along with Mike Hartel, Ralph Pullis and Ted Czarny) took those donations to the needy people at St. Aloysius in Detroit.

Our November 15<sup>th</sup> Corporate Communion attendance was slightly below average. Perhaps it was because it was at the 11:30 Mass or because it was the opening day of deer hunting season. However, we still filled 2 full pews in church. Thank you to all who were able to attend.

Our pancake breakfast on November 22<sup>nd</sup> was well attended by many parish members. Thank you Ralph Pullis and Tom Ratusznik, our co-chairs, and every-

one who came out to work this breakfast. The proceeds from this breakfast will be donated to the "Vets Returning Home" program.

On the weekends of December 5-6 and 12-13, Brother Jerry Hund will once again be heading up the ham and kielbasa fundraiser for Christmas. He, and other Brother Knights, will be taking orders for your holiday meats. All products; hams, kielbasa, turkey, etc. are the Dearborn Brand. This year, on the same 2 weekends we will also be offering "Keep Christ in Christmas" lawn sings and lapel pins. The signs and pins will be available to the parish on a free will donation basis. Please check to see if your help may be needed after Mass those weekends.

It's that time of year again ... Yes, your council dues are due. In addition to the \$30.00 dues there are also 2 options that you may consider. The first is \$5.00 for the "Take Five" program to benefit Boysville, the second is \$12.00 for the "McGivney Chair of Life Ethics" to benefit Vocations. Please be prompt in your payment as I'm sure it is much appreciated by our Financial Secretary, Ray Ignatowski.

If you are planning to make a donation to Holy Cross Children's Services this year please bring your gift wrapped sweat shirts or gift cards (\$5.00 or \$10.00 only from Meijer, Target, K-Mart or Walmart) to the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will make sure they get to HCCS before Christmas.

I sincerely hope all my Brother Knights, along with their entire family, have a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, safe, and prosperous New Year!

Vivat Jesus  
Bruce Arnold  
Grand Knight



## Poster Contest

This year our council is participating in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest. Thank you to our Youth Director / Deputy Grand Knight, Art Krygowski and Ronald Marrese for passing out almost 200 poster boards to the children in Religious Education classes.

If any of your children / grand children, ages 5-14 would like to participate, you can pick up blank poster boards at the December meeting. The contest will be judged in three separate age categories (5-7, 8-11, 12-14) with prizes awarded for first and second place in each age group.

## Euchre Tournament

Come one - come all to the December 5<sup>th</sup> Euchre Tournament. Chuck Loewen is in charge of the December event. The cost is \$7.50 per person and includes a light meal which will be served at 7 PM. The event is open to all council members and their spouses. It is not necessary to come with a partner because in tournament style you change partners every game.

If you were not able to attend the November meeting, to sign up, and still want to play please contact Chuck Loewen at. 586-436-6626. The tentative date for the next Euchre Tournament is Saturday, January 23, 2016.

## E-Mail Communications

Brothers:

One of the methods we use to communicate various events for the Knights is an e-mail list. As coordinator for the list, I want to ask any of you that haven't been receiving these messages to send me an e-mail from your home account. This will give me the correct and current e-mail for you, and I will keep you on the list.

Fraternally,

George Loewen  
gjl047@gmail.com  
Membership Director, Knights of Columbus



## VETS Returning Home

This organization, which helps veterans to make the transition to civilian life, is in need of kitchen supplies to give to the veterans who are making a new life. These supplies include dishes, glasses, pots and pans, kitchen utensils, cups, small appliances, silverware and anything else that can be used in the kitchen are welcome.

They also need towels of various sizes. All of these things are given to the veteran when he moves out of this organization to living on his own.

If you have any of the items listed above and you would like to donate them, please bring them to the meeting in July. Jerry Hund and I will make sure they are delivered.

Thanks,

Phil Kwasny



## Monthly Prayer Intention

### **Universal: Experiencing God's Mercy**

That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

### **Evangelization: Families**

That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.



## Coats for Kids

Grand Knight, Bruce Arnold, recently met with Kelsey Irwin, the school social worker at Erie Elementary, to deliver 32 coats for needy children in the area. The young boys and girls receiving these coats are so grateful with each and every one thanking us. Our council has been supporting the Coats for Kids program for many years.



## Motions Passed

The following motions were made and approved at the November general membership meeting:

Motion by George Loewen supported by Ken Grobbel to pay the bills.

Motion by Jeff Gapczynski supported by George Loewen to purchase 150 "Keep Christ in Christmas" lawn signs.

Motion by Jeff Gapczynski supported by Phil Kwasny to purchase an additional 50 "Keep Christ in Christmas" lawn sign as well as 300 "Keep Christ in Christmas: Lapel pins.

Motion by Ralph Pullis supported by George Sakorafos to donate the proceeds from the November 22, 2015 pancake breakfast to the "Vets Returning Home" program..

Motion by Phil Kwasny supported by Jeff Gapczynski to donate \$200 to the Order of Alhambra, Braga Caravan, to help support their children's Christmas breakfast.

Motion by Phil Kwasny supported by Rob Tusset to donate \$100.00 to the Cantata Choir.

Motion by Phil Kwasny supported by Ralph Colosimo to donate \$100.00 to Gleaners Food Bank.

The following motions were made and approved at the November officers meeting:

Motion made by Phil Kwasny supported by Mike Hartel to accept the application on William Monsour for membership - first reading.

Motion made by Phil Kwasny supported by Tom Gray to accept the application on William Monsour for membership – second reading.

Motion made by Phil Kwasny supported by Tom Gray to purchase "Year of Mercy" banners and stand for St. Paul of Tarsus Church.

Motion made by Phil Kwasny supported by Ted Czarny to purchase gift cards for Fr. Ron, Fr. Kiselica, and Deacon Marc for Christmas.

Motion made by Tom Gray supported by Ray Coughlin to support Gianna House .

Motion made by Ray Coughlin supported by Ted Czarny to purchase a table of 8 for the State Deputy Tribute Dinner.

## 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 November: "**George Loewen.**" 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 November: "**John Russo Family.**" In recognition of their out-standing service to the Council.

## Corporate Communion Masses

To Be Determined



## The Lighter Side



"Life is ten percent what happens to you and ninety percent how you respond to it." - Lou Holtz

"The most important trip you ever take in life is meeting people half way." - Henry Boyle

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December.

Female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring. Therefore, according to EVERY historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, EVERY single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen, had to be a girl.

We should have known... ONLY women would be able to drag a fat man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and not get lost.

### Our State Membership Motto for 2015:

Our Growth Starts With...

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

## 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.

## Knights of Columbus Insurance

I write to you today to share some wonderful news. On November 3, your Knights of Columbus surpassed \$100 Billion of life insurance in force, further cementing our position as one of the largest life insurers in North America.

It is a tremendous achievement, and one that we should all celebrate – let me tell you why.

It's not about the number. It's not that \$100 Billion isn't impressive – it is. It's not that it doesn't matter – it does. But it's about the purpose and the potential of those dollars, not the dollars in and of themselves.

It's \$100 billion of protection for brother Knights and their families. It's \$100 billion of real money, waiting to be paid out, to keep the hopes and dreams of Catholic families alive when a breadwinner suddenly dies. It's a \$100 billion promise that our members have entrusted to us.

I smile when I see that number. I smile, not because I like big numbers. It's not the number that impresses me. But the Supreme Council office tells me that on an average night that 74 brother Knights passed away. 74 of them. And yet only 30 have insurance with the Knights of Columbus. There are 44 widows somewhere out there to whom we have nothing to give. To be sure we have prayers, and dinners, and fundraisers. But we don't have enough. We don't have enough to send the children to school. We don't have enough to save the family home. We don't have enough to make a terrible time easier.

That \$100 billion number makes me smile because I know that bringing that number up, means bringing the number of unprotected widows down. I know that sometime in the not too distant future, 100 will become 150, and 150 will become 200, and subsequently the number of brother Knights left uninsured at the time of their death will decrease, the number of widows and orphans provided for will increase, and Catholic families will flourish, despite the odds, because of the diligent planning of a brother Knight – just as Father McGivney would have wanted.

What a tremendous number. What a point of pride for you and for me.

For those of you that have given the Knights of Columbus the privilege of helping to protect your family's financial future: thank you for your trust.

For those of you that haven't yet: there has never been a better time to turn to your Knights of Columbus. We are here to protect you, just as Father McGivney intended us to be. That is a claim that no other company can ever make. We are the premier Catholic insurance company, and we are yours.

**\*Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense.**

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**E-mail: Don.Wesley@KofC.org**

## Lenten Fish Fry Meeting

There is going to be a fish fry meeting on Saturday, January 26, 2016 at 10:00 AM. The purpose of this meeting is to make everyone aware of all that needs to be done to make these events a success. Who should attend? Cooks, servers, money takers, those purchasing supplies, clean up people, and anyone wishing to get involved. Because this is such a big event we need to be properly prepared.

## Backpacks for Religious Education

Our council donated funds to purchase drawstring backpacks for the children who are in the religious education classes at our church. This is another example of how our council supports our church and our youth.



## State Raffle

By now you should have received your Michigan State Council raffle tickets. This annual raffle is a great fundraiser for the State Council to continue its charitable donations. Not only are there 4 great trips to be won, there are also 26 cash prizes up for grabs. This raffle is also a nice fundraiser for our council, with 20% of our ticket sales coming back to us. Additionally, there are incentives for the sellers of the top 3 prizes, as well as council and district incentives.

## Officers Meeting

The next officers meeting is Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. As an officer of the council your attendance is required. If for some reason, you are not able to attend please call the Grand Knight to advise him.



## Saint Nicholas

In his most famous exploit,<sup>[34]</sup> a poor man had three daughters but could not afford a proper [dowry](#) for them. This meant that they would remain unmarried and probably, in absence of any other possible employment, would have to become [prostitutes](#). Even if they did not, unmarried maidens in those days would have been assumed as being a prostitute. Hearing of the girls' plight, Nicholas decided to help them, but being too modest to help the family in public (or to save them the humiliation of accepting charity), he went to the house under the cover of night and threw three [purses](#) (one for each daughter) filled with gold coins through the window opening into the house.

One version has him throwing one purse for three consecutive nights. Another has him throwing the purses over a period of three years, each time the night before one of the daughters comes of age. Invariably, the third time the father lies in wait, trying to discover the identity of their benefactor. In one version the father confronts the saint, only to have Saint Nicholas say it is not him he should thank, but God alone. In another version, Nicholas learns of the poor man's plan and drops the third bag down the chimney instead; a variant holds that the daughter had washed her stockings that evening and hung them over the embers to dry, and that the bag of gold fell into the stocking.



## Calendar of Events

Dec. 5	7:00 PM	Euchre tournament
Dec. 5-6		Ham and kielbasa sales – after all Masses
Dec. 12-13		Ham and kielbasa sales – after all Masses
Dec. 14	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (6:30 PM free will offering meal)
Dec. 17	7:00 PM	Officers meeting
Dec. 18	2-6 PM	Ham and kielbasa pick up in social hall
Dec. 22		Newsletter deadline
Dec. 23	TBD	Set up chairs in social hall for Christmas Masses
Dec. 24		Christmas Eve
Dec. 25		Christmas Day
Jan. 1		New Years Day
Jan. 11	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (6:30 PM free will offering meal)
Jan. 16	8:30 AM	First Degree Ceremony at St Clement Council
Jan. 16	10:00 AM	Lenten Fish Fry meeting
Jan. 17-18		Casino trip
Jan. 19	7:00 PM	District planning meeting at St. Paul of Tarsus
Jan. 22		Newsletter deadline
Jan. 23	8:00 AM	District Free Throw Contest at St. Clement of Rome gymnasium
Jan. 23	7:00 PM	Euchre Tournament (tentative date)
Jan. 28	7:00 PM	Officers meeting – Keep Christ in Christmas poster judging
Jan. 30	5:00 PM	Pancake breakfast setup
Jan. 31	8:00 AM	Pancake breakfast



## Happy Birthday!!



Patricia Loewen	December 1
Angelo Garavaglia	December 1
Pat Bonnette	December 2
Paul Faba	December 2
Arthur David, Jr.	December 4
Ellen Francis	December 6
Steven D'Onofrio	December 9
Patricia Guzzardo	December 9
Clarence Gajewski	December 10
Eugene Chelsey	December 11
Sandy Grobbel	December 11
Michael Koss	December 12
George Schulte	December 14
Kathleen Sakorafos	December 19
Andrew Callahan	December 19
Natalino Di Falco	December 20
Georgios Sakorafos	December 21
Sherri Czarny	December 27
John Marotta	December 27
Thomas Gray	December 29

## Happy Anniversary!!



If you'd like to see your anniversary posted, please send an e-mail to Chris Gapczynski at [spot-knights11689@gmail.com](mailto:spot-knights11689@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
Vincent McInnes	August 16, 2014
Joseph Ricard	September 22, 2014
Albert Johnson	January 22, 2015
Joseph Godell	February 5, 2015
Raymond Dawson	February 25, 2015
Donald Duff	July 30, 2015
Harold Patterson	October 20, 2015





## For the Good of the Order

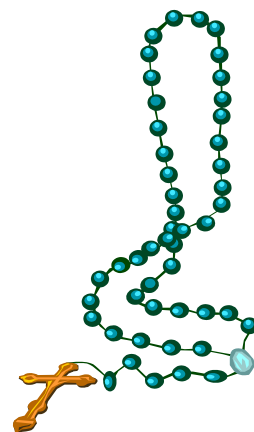
**Please keep the Knights, Relatives or Acquaintances of Knights  
below in your prayers.**



Michelle Abrams  
Joann Ales  
Dick Allore  
Joyce Aufmuth  
Melvin Aufmuth  
Kevin Brondra  
Lucas Carlson  
Gail Clisby  
Michael Denomme  
James Diehl  
BK-Richard Emmers  
Barbara Fairhust  
David Gadszinski  
BK-Clarence Gajewski  
Donna Giezyng  
John Grant  
Ed Gomez  
Ed Hund  
Rachael Hund  
Sue Hund  
Alan Johnson  
Caroline Krmel  
Anita Kubczak  
SK-Ralph Labadie  
Daniel Latusz  
Melissa Latusz  
Janet Loewen  
Jennifer Loewen

Ken Lomasney  
Ron Lomasney  
Peter Mocerì  
Cindy Mulcahy  
Patricia Okerhjelm  
Millie Orley  
Antonina Pardo  
BK-Bill Parus  
Marie Peever  
Don Reikslander  
Veronica Salvador  
Candace Schmidt  
Duane Schoenherr  
Marth Senga  
Zachary Shevsky  
Roseann Steele  
Larry Stefani  
Loretta Suval  
Paul Suval  
Sarah Swanson  
Joanne Sziisz  
SK-Karl Sziisz  
Mildred Tarbuck  
Sandra Ventimiglia  
Lynn Williams  
Robert Williams  
Char Wojtaszek

NOTE: BK = Brother Knight  
SK = Sir Knight



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K of C Council #11689  
District #66**

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Treasurer	Ray Coughlin	586-412-7178
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**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:**

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Articles for the January newsletter must be submitted by no later than December 20, 2015.

### **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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