



# The Knight's Shield



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

January, 2015

**Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**

Volume 20

## A Word from Grand Knight Bruce Arnold

By the time you read this newsletter, 2015 will either be arriving shortly or is already here. I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and will have a very happy and prosperous New Year.

What lies ahead for Council 11689 in 2015? A goal for this year is to get more of our membership active. You joined the Knights of Columbus for a reason. Hopefully it was because you wanted to take part in K of C functions. Well, following is a list of events, and activities that our council takes an active part in throughout the year.:

Corporate communions, free throw contest, casino trip, degree ceremonies, meetings, membership recruitment, benefits night, Texas hold'em, pancake breakfasts, fish fries, Vocation's pasta dinner, bowling tournament, DAVL golf outing, Easter egg hunt, stations of the cross, ham and kielbasa sales, MI drive, Adopt-A-Road clean up, bake sale, support Right to Life, Special Olympics, Tiger ballgame, ice cream social, dinners, fundraisers, rosaries, picnic, blood drives, trunk or treat, coats for kids, clothing drive, canned food drive and Memorial Mass.

There must be several items on this list (I'm sure I missed something) that should spark your interest. It would be wonderful to see some different faces attend some of these functions. Don't be shy; your brother knights will welcome you with open arms.

At our January meeting we will show a movie. It is a documentary of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Michael J. McGivney. The movie will start at 6:30 PM (1 hour running time); when it ends, we will introduce a guest speaker from Abigayle Ministries.

She will give a short presentation so that we are better informed before we launch our Baby Bottle project in support of their organization.

Vivat Jesus,  
**Bruce Arnold**  
Grand Knight

## Knights of Columbus Pasta Dinner Benefit For Vocations

The St. Paul of Tarsus Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pasta Dinner to benefit Vocations. The dinner will be held on **Saturday, February 7, 2014, after the 4:00 p.m. Mass.** Seminarians and postulants will be our guest speakers at the dinner.

Cost per person is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Children 5 and under are free.

An questions may be referred to **Jeff Gapczynski** at 586-263-5942, or **Bruce Arnold** at 586-566-0628



## Thank You

Thank you to Tom Gray and Rob Tusset who will co-chair the upcoming Baby Bottle Drive. When we did this drive several years ago it was very successful. In fact it was so successful that the staff at Abigayle Ministries asked us to do it again. I am confident that, between the Knights of Columbus and the parish of St. Paul of Tarsus, we can raise a significant amount of money to support this most worthy cause.

Thank you to Ralph Pullis and Tom Ratusznik for becoming the new co-chairs of our pancake breakfast. This has always been an event that is well supported by our council. Our next breakfast will be held on January 11, 2015. Come have breakfast at church and enjoy the fellowship of your brother knights and their families.

## Council Dues are Due

Yes, it's that time of the year again when your membership dues are to be paid. The annual dues are \$30.00 with an optional \$5.00 for the "Take Five" program (support for Holy Cross Children's Services) and an optional \$12.00 for the "Fr. McGivney Chair of Life Ethics" program (support for Pro-Life through Sacred Heart Major Seminary).

## Notice: E-mail Communications List

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](mailto:GJL047@gmail.com)

## Major Degree at St. Paul of Tarsus

Our council is hosting a Major Degree on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. A Major Degree is when a First, Second, and Third Degree are all held on the same day. For all you gentlemen who are members in the First Degree, I strongly encourage you to complete the Unity and Fraternity Degrees and become fully knighted. What better time to complete these degrees than right here at our own council?

The schedule is for registration to begin at 7:30 AM and the First Degree to begin at 8:30 AM. That will be followed by a Second Degree scheduled for 10 AM, followed shortly by the Third Degree. There will be a short break in between each degree. Upon completion of the Third Degree, we will serve lunch for everyone who is present.

We will be looking for some help on that day with registration, set up, coffee and donuts, clean up, etc. We will have a sign-up sheet at the January

## A Special Thank You

On Sunday, November 23, Tom Murray, Rob Tusset and Hank Leflere worked as a group putting up the outside Christmas lights on evergreens and hanging the wreaths on the outside of the church.

On Sunday, November 30, Tom Murray and Rob Tusset returned along with Mike Hartel to finish the rest of the outdoor lights and work on the front entrance. I truly appreciate the many volunteer hours these fellow Knights put in to help brighten the outside of St. Paul of Tarsus during the Christmas season.

Ken Krause

## Membership Drive Contest

Members,

In an effort to create some fun and allow all of you to get involved in recruiting; we are starting a new contest. Each and every one of you is eligible to participate. The contest will run from Christmas 2014 through February 28, 2015. For every new member you recruit (completed Form 100), you will receive two entries. For every past member you bring back (reinstatement) you will receive two entries. For every transfer you get to join our council, you will receive one entry. So, what is it you can win, you ask.

We will draw winners for \$50.00 gift certificates to area restaurants at our March general membership and potluck meeting. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 in the social church hall. As you may remember, this meeting is also our family participation meeting, so all your families will be there to celebrate with the winners. The number of winners will be determined by the success of the membership drive, but we expect at least one prize to be given.

Please mark your calendars and get out there, have some fun, and recruit new members so that you are eligible for the prize.

Sincerely,  
George Loewen  
George Loewen  
Membership Director, Knights of Columbus



## Teach Your Children Well

**(Please contact me to receive 'Six Great Reasons to Have Insurance on Children')**

Raising children is probably the hardest job you'll ever take. It requires you to wear more hats than you ever thought possible. Cook, chauffeur, nurse, counselor and many more... and that's often in one morning. One of the most important roles you accept as a parent is that of a teacher. Before they even get to school, you'll teach your children so much, and before they get out into the world, you'll instill values that they will carry with them.

Sometimes the values you want to impart (respect, compassion, accountability, financial responsibility, etc.) often run counter to what our instant-gratification driven society values. So, we strive to teach by example.

This is one good reason to carry enough life insurance to protect your family. This one simple act can show what you value. You'll show them that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they're provided for even if you're not around. You'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

It will teach them about priorities. Sure, it may not sink in at the time, especially if any of the sacrifices made prevent them from filling what they see as their immediate "needs" (really things they want, not need, like the newest DVD, video game or article of clothing). In the long run, they will learn from what you do and what you don't do. Only you can choose the lessons you will teach.

Let's meet to review your existing coverage. My needs analysis, provided free, will help teach you where your coverage may be lacking. We can plan today to secure your family's future and set in motion lessons that will last a lifetime.

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## Hats for Holy Cross

A big THANK YOU to all those who provided hats, scarves and gloves/mittens for Holy Cross Children's Services.

Once again, these items were a big hit not only with the children of Holy Cross, but also the seniors they support. Your donation makes a big difference in a lot of lives. Most of these people have never received a gift of any kind in their entire lives.

Thanks again for your support of this important ministry.

Chris Gapczynski



## Lenten Fish Fry Meeting

Brothers Ray Coughlin and Gerry Vento have set the date of January 10, 2014 at 10:00 AM to have a meeting prior to the upcoming Lenten fish fries. There will be some menu and operational changes for 2015. Who should attend? All the cooks, servers, and those that help with clean up and purchasing.

As you know, last year was the beginning of our Lenten fish fries. We hope to build on that success and make St. Paul of Tarsus the home of the best fish fries in the area.

## Motions Passed

**Resolution** – A Resolution was made by Gary Scarb and supported by George Loewen to donate \$250.00 per week, from the proceeds of the 2015 Lenten Fish Fries, (\$1,500.00 total) to St. Paul of Tarsus.

**Motions** – The following motions were made and approved at the December meeting.

Motion by Jeff Gapczynski supported by Henry Leflere to pay the bills.

Motion by Jerry Hund supported by Jeff Gapczynski to donate \$200.00 to Turning Point for the purchase of slippers for their clients.

Motion by Jeff Gapczynski supported by Chuck Loewen to send \$200.00 to the State of Michigan for our March Texas Hold'em License

Motion by Phil Mularski supported Phil Kwasny to support the "The Family Rosary Pledge." program

## Monthly Prayer Intention

### Universal: Peace

That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

### Evangelization: Consecrated Life

That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.



## 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 December: **"James Lambertus."**

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 December: **"Sal Bica Family."**

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

## CORPORATE COMMUNION MASSES

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

Below are assignments for Accolytes and Lectors:

**Lectors:** Guy Infante and George Loewen

**Accolytes:** Gary Skarb & Leonard Gutkowski

## Our State Membership Motto for 2014:

Our Growth Starts With...

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

## The Lighter Side



"It's not a lack of love, but a lack of friendship that makes unhappy marriages." - Friedrich Nietzsche

"God gave us mouths that close and ears that don't ... that should tell us something." - Unknown

A Sunday school teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know that?" the teacher asked.

"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven ..."

## 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.

**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 January newsletter must be submitted by no later than **December 15, 2014.**

## Calendar of Events

Jan. 1		New Year's Day
Jan. 10	5:00 PM	Pancake breakfast setup
Jan. 11	8-11 AM	Pancake breakfast
Jan. 12	7:30 PM	General meeting (free will offering dinner and movie at 6:30 PM)
Jan. 17	9:00 AM	First Degree at St. Clement of Rome (8:30 AM registration)
Jan. 18-19		Casino trip (Depart Kroger's parking lot at 7:00 AM – Return Monday)
Jan. 22		Newsletter deadline
Jan. 22	7:00 PM	Officers meeting
Jan. 24	8:00 AM	District Free Throw competition at St Clement of Rome
Jan 24-25		K of C Bowling tournament
Feb 7	5:30 PM	Vocations pasta dinner
Feb 9	7:30 PM	General meeting (free will offering dinner at 6:30 PM)
Feb 10	7:00 PM	Benefits night at St Clement of Rome
Feb 18		Ash Wednesday
Feb 20	4–7 PM	Fish fry
Feb 21	7:30 AM	Major Degree (see article in newsletter for complete schedule)
Feb 22		Newsletter deadline
Feb 26	7:00 PM	Officers meeting
Feb 28	4:00 PM	State Chaplain's Tribute Dinner

**HAPPY NEW YEAR  
MAY YOU RECEIVE MANY BLESSINGS  
IN THE COMING YEAR!!**

## Happy Birthday!!



Guido Fracassa	January 2
Patricia Okerhjelm	January 3
George Francis	January 6
Lorrayne Thielmanns-Eggers	January 7
George Mejaly, Jr.	January 7
Thomas Hudson	January 12
Philip Bryant	January 15
Donald Duff	January 15
Joseph Frontera	January 16
Kenneth Grobbel	January 17
Harold Meerschaert	January 19
Vito Guzzardo	January 21
Donald Badowski	January 23
Thomas Lomasney	January 27
Thomas J. George, Jr.	January 28
Dean Pascaretti	January 29
Kim Murphy	January 31

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!!



Jerry and Sue Hund	January 22
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## 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



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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.**



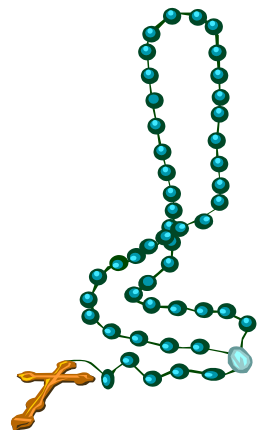
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Pat Labadie  
SK-Ralph Labadie  
Melissa Latosc  
Mark Leflere  
Carol Lomasney  
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NOTE: Underlined names will be removed next month, unless we hear from you.

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



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District #66**

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**“Write it on  
your heart  
that every day  
is the best day  
in the year.”**

**Ralph Waldo Emerson**

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**K of C Michigan State Council:** [www.mikofc.org](http://www.mikofc.org)

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## WILD GAME DINNER

Honorary Chairman Robert W. Fox "K of C Worthy State Deputy"



Friday, January 16, 2015

Doors open @6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:30 p.m.

\$45.00 in advance (until Jan. 9, 2015)

\$50.00 at the door

Tables of Ten \$400 (until Jan. 9, 2015 \$450 after)

Includes Draft Beer-Cash Bar Available- 50/50's -

Silent Auction - Gun Raffle - Duck Shoot Contest

### Dinner includes

Deep Fried Frog Legs,  
Elk Sausage w/ peppers and onions,  
Venison Stew, Turkey Wild Rice Stir Fry,  
Pasta and Chili w/Venison and Buffalo  
Red Skins, Vegetable and Cheese Cake  
Coffee or Tea

### Co-Chairmen

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2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE - OPTIMA MUZZLE LOADER 26" STAINLESS BARREL W / CASE & DEAD ON SCOPE

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