



# 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**

Words cannot express the thanks that needs to be given to all of those who helped with two of our councils biggest events: the Lenten fish fries and the MI Drive.

To say that this year's fish fries were a success would be a huge understatement. I'm certain none of us ever thought we would serve an average of nearly 325 dinners per week. With our limited kitchen facilities and space, to turn out almost 2 dinners every minute is amazing. What is even more rewarding is hearing all of the positive comments that came from our guests. What a great testament to everyone involved!

I won't attempt to mention everyone by name who helped with this 6 week event because I'm sure I would miss someone. So, to everyone who helped, whether it was one week or every week, THANK YOU all so very much! There were however, several people whose efforts extended way beyond Friday afternoon and into early Friday evening and to them we extend an extra thank you. They are: Ray and Lorri Coughlin, John Sweeney, and Gerry Vento. You guys rock.

Last month I wrote that I thought winter was behind us and spring was right around the corner. Well, Palm Sunday weekend proved to be anything but "spring like" as we completed the 39<sup>th</sup> annual MI Drive in very cold weather and even brief snow flurries.

Through all of our efforts, we were able to raise more money than the previous year which equates to putting smiles on the faces of our recipients.

Collecting the monies, whether from our parishioners, store fronts, or out on the streets is only part of what goes into creating a successful MI Drive. We also need several money counters, our chairperson Joe Roehrig, and let's not forget the great ladies in the kitchen preparing and serving food. Many thanks to everyone that helped make our MI Drive so successful so that we can help God's special people.

Thanks also to Jerry Hund, all those who worked with the Easter ham and kielbasa fundraiser, and to the Knights who went to Erie Elementary to pick up and return chairs for the Easter Masses that were used in the social hall.

The Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> pancake breakfast was very well attended. Chairmen Ralph Pullis and Tom Ratusznik earmarked the proceeds go to Holy Cross Children's Services. I am sure Brother Francis will be very pleased with the results as well. Thank you to our chairmen and all who helped either on Saturday with set up or Sunday during the breakfast.

Four council members and their wives/significant other represented our council at the annual Detroit Archdioceses Vocations League (DAVL) Dinner Dance held at St. Lawrence Council in Utica on Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>. This event is a big fundraiser for vocations and we are proud to support the seminarians and postulants.

Adopt-A-Road organizer, Greg Csernai, has scheduled a road clean up for Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8 AM. We meet in the church parking lot about 15 minutes before hitting the street to collect debris from Canal Road. With enough help, about 12-15 Brother Knights, we can be completely finished in about an hour and a half. This is done twice a year and helps make our community cleaner.

## Grand Knight's Article Continued

If you are available and looking for a very rewarding experience, then plan to help at the Special Olympic Macomb Spring Games at Macomb County Community College - South Campus on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Once again this year, Brother Joe Phillips, is asking for helpers to assist running the horseshoe competition. Joe plans on meeting at Andrea's Restaurant on Twelve Mile Road at 8 AM. The Special Olympics begin at approximately 9:30 AM and should run until shortly after noon.

Brother Henry Leflere, our Texas Hold'em fundraiser chairperson, is still looking for help for the Wednesday, June 24 – Saturday, June 27 event at Big Beaver Tavern in Troy. With the new state rules, we are now required to have three workers on site at all times. There was not enough response at the April meeting to fill all the time slots, so the sign-up sheets will be available again at the May meeting. Please consider helping if you are able.

Vivat Jesus,

***Bruce Arnold***

Grand Knight

## Special Olympics

Keep your calendars open on the morning of May 5, 2015, to work the Macomb County Special Olympics at Macomb Community College—South Campus in Warren. We normally gather at 8:30 am, but I will send that information out as soon as it is confirmed. If you haven't had the opportunity to work this event, please consider it. It is a very rewarding experience to see these special athletes perform. We are usually finished by noon. More information to follow...

Joe Phillips

## McRest

We are going to support St. John Anglican Church when they host the MCREST program the week of November 22–29, 2015.

The good folks at St. John will be looking for help in several different areas including: Drivers to shuttle their guests to Lakeside Mall and the Gratiot corridor, meals and meal preparation, security, laundry, overnight watch, and whatever else may come up.

We may also consider some financial help if approved by the council. This event is still in the early planning stages and more information will follow in the months to come.

## Clothing Drive

At our June membership meeting we will be accepting donated clothes for the St. Aloysius Outreach Center located on Washington Blvd. in downtown Detroit.

The need is great and so many are without shelter and are hungry. Our Council has for many years been very supportive of the St. Aloysius Center, giving a quarterly donation of money, and the generous clothing drives in the past. Your generosity fulfills four of the Corporate works of Mercy, shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, and clothe the naked.

Please bring your unwanted clothes, men, women, and children's to our June meeting, June 8.

Thank You,  
Jerry

## New Prayer List Policy

Beginning with the July newsletter and the new fraternal year, beginning in July 2015, the entire prayer list will begin anew. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list please do so before the beginning of the monthly general membership meeting.

Those added to the prayer list will remain on the list for two months and then be removed. If you would like to have the individual remain on the list and not be removed, please resubmit their name. This new policy will be reviewed at the general membership meeting in May and June.

This procedure will ensure that the prayer list remains current and eliminate the need to read the entire list of names each month, therefore shortening the meeting.

## Council Elections

Following is the list of nominations for council officers from the April meeting for the 2015-2016 Fraternal year. There will be a second round of nominations, as well as the elections, at the May meeting.

Grand Knight – Bruce Arnold

Deputy Grand Knight – Art Krygowski

Chancellor – Ted Czarny

Recorder – Mike Hartel

Treasurer – Ray Coughlin

Warden – Tony Guido

Inside Guard – Joe Bono

Outside Guard – Jerry Vento, Rob Tusset

3 Year Trustee – John Mocerri, George Sakorafus, Steve Kargenian

Advocate – Ken Krause

## This and That

Although not a pleasant topic to talk about, it is important that your spouse or children know that they should contact the Financial Secretary in the case of death or extreme illness to a member of the council. Ray Ignatowski's phone number is stamped on the back of everyone's membership card. When properly notified, we can offer support to the surviving family members by contacting the insurance field agent, (if a policy/policies were in effect through the Knights of Columbus), arrange for a Rosary if desired by the family, and have them honored at the annual Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

Thank you to Greg Csernai for reworking our flat top grille and table. He reinforced the unit's legs, welded on additional stainless steel plates to strengthen the table, changed the wheels, and covered the lower shelf with new a stainless steel plate. We aren't sure if the improvements will produce better pancakes or grilled fish but at least the unit is more solid and looks better.



## Monthly Prayer Intention

### Universal: Care for the Suffering

That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbors who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.

### Evangelization: Openness to Mission

That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be ready to proclaim Jesus.



## Protecting God's Children

I know I have repeatedly discussed taking the Protecting God's Children class and the need for a background check. I cannot stress enough the importance of completing both of these. Yes, it is a requirement to work/volunteer for any event at church that may involve children. This mandate is set by the Archdiocese of Detroit as well as every other Archdiocese throughout the country.

Separate of the class, you will need to go to the church offices and tell them you want to have a background check. Spouses are also encouraged to complete these requirements.

This 3 hour class is very informative and a real eye-opener. Please take the class!

Here is list of upcoming classes in the area:

St. Blase on Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM  
St. Kieran on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM  
St. Paul of Tarsus on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM

Go to [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) to register

## Motions Passed

The following motions were approved at the March officers meeting:

Motion by Ken Krause, supported by Ray Coughlin to give \$350.00 to Fr. Ron Essman for his 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Mass is Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 11:30 AM.

Motion by Ken Krause, supported by Chuck Loewen to send a Mass card to a deceased member's family and a member's son.

The following motions were approved at the April meeting:

Motion by Ken Grobbel, supported by Greg Csernai to pay the bills.

Motion by Joe Marheineke, supported by Karl Sziisz to accept Michael O'Donnell and George Eichorn who wish to transfer into our council.

Motion by Jerry Hund, supported by Joe Marheineke to accept the new application for membership of Michael Digiovanni. (first reading).

Motion by Phil Kwasny, supported by Chuck Loewen to accept the new application for membership of Michael Digiovanni. (second reading)

## 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  
047@gmail.com  
Membership Director, Knights of Columbus

## **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 April: **"Phil Mularski."**  
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: **"George Sakorafus Family."**

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

## **CORPORATE COMMUNION MASSES**

Our next Corporate Communion Mass will be on June 14th at the 7:45 a.m. Mass.

Below are assignments for Accolytes and Lectors:

**Lectors:** Tony Valentine & George Loewen  
**Accolytes:** Gary Skarb & Gary Gozodzielski

### **Our State Membership Motto for 2015:**

Our Growth Starts With...

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

## **The Lighter Side**



"A friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you." - Elbert Hubbard

"Sometimes you make the right decision; sometimes you make the decision right." - Dr. Phil McGraw

After suffering a heart attack and having quadruple bypass surgery, a man woke up to find himself in a Catholic hospital with a nun taking care of him. As they nursed him back to health, one of the nuns asked him if he had health insurance.

"No," he replied, "No health insurance."

"Do you have any money in the bank?" asked the nun.

"No, no money in the bank."

The nun asked, "Do you have any relatives that you could ask for financial help?"

The man replied. "I only have a spinster sister, who is a nun."

At this the nun became irritated. "Nuns are not spinsters. Nuns are married to God."

The man thought for a moment and said. "OK. Then, send the bill to my brother-in-law."



## **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.

## Calendar of Events

May 5	9:30 AM	Special Olympics at MCCC South Campus
May 11	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (6:30 PM free will offering meal)
May 18	7:30 PM	First Degree Ceremony at St Clement of Rome (7 PM registration)
May 21-23		Annual state convention
May 22		Newsletter deadline
May 28	7:00 PM	Officers meeting
May 31	11:30 AM	Fr. Ron's 35 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration Mass
June 8	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (6:30 PM free will offering meal)
June 14	7:45 AM	Corporate Communion
June 17	7:30 PM	First Degree Ceremony at St. Isidore (7:00 registration)
June 22		Newsletter deadline
June 22	7:00 PM	District planning meeting
June 24		Fr. John Kiselica's birthday
June 24-27		Texas Hold'em fundraiser at Big Beaver Tavern
June 25	7:00 PM	Officers meeting

Spring

The word "Spring" is written in a large, light green, rounded font. The letter 'i' is replaced by a pink tulip flower with a green stem and leaves. The entire graphic is centered on the page.

## Happy Birthday!!



Mike Wojtaszek	May 4
Guy Serafino	May 6
James Neate	May 7
Donald Rybski	May 9
John Garavaglia	May 10
Joe Roehrig	May 11
Helen Candela	May 12
Kenneth Krause	May 13
Owen Dueweke	May 14
John Sweeney	May 14
Carl Maron	May 14
Charles LeMoine	May 15
Marlene Kropidowski	May 16
Michael Mayer	May 17
Mary Ann Topolewski	May 17
William Gunkelman	May 18
June Marheineke	May 18
Joann Twigg	May 18
Gary Gozdzinski	May 19
James Engardio	May 20
Jeffrey Vitale	May 20
James Rohde	May 22
Ronald Langlois	May 23
Matthew Thomas	May 26

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

## Happy Anniversary!!



John & Chris Sweeney	May 11
Feorge & Ellen Francis	May 13
Giovan & Helen Candela	May 15
Kenneth & Christine Krause	May 25
Thomas & Estelle Hayes	May 30



## 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 Kropidowski	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



# For the Good of the Order

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



Joyce Aufmuth  
Mel Aufmuth  
Joann Ales  
Jackie Backes  
Leo Backes  
BK-Don Badowski  
Norm Beaudin  
BK-Bruno Bellini  
Brian Boggs  
Caroline Boggs  
Cressie Boggs  
Kevin Bondra  
Michelle Boyd  
Gail Clisby  
BK-Ralph Colosimo  
Michael Denomme  
BK-Ken Dombrowski  
Allan Dzwonkowski  
Sue Dzwonkowski  
SK-Leon Eggers  
BK-Richard Emmers  
Barbara Fairhurst  
Sam Filliccia  
Jake Fix  
Jim Furman  
Dave Gadzinski  
Art Gapczynski  
Chris Gapczynski  
Joseph Gapczynski  
SK-Angelo Garavaglia  
Carol Garavaglia  
Beverly Gattari  
Sandy Grobbel  
Betty Gutkowski  
Michelle Gutkowski  
Robert Gutkowski  
Bernard Hoste Sr.  
Bernard Hoste Jr.  
Judy Hoste  
Sharon Hoste  
Gerry Hoste  
BK-Tom Hug  
Linda Hughes  
Edward Hund

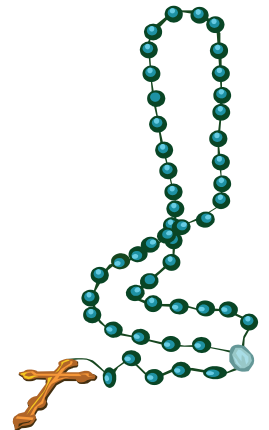
Edward Hund  
Sue Hund  
Andrew Johnston  
Eugene Kabala  
Marie Kabala  
Caroline Krmel  
Anita Kubczak  
Pat Labadie  
SK-Ralph Labadie  
Mark Leflere  
Melissa Latosz  
Mark Leflere  
Jennifer Loewen  
Carol Lomasney  
Ron Lomasney  
Tom Lomasney  
BK-Ed Marcinkowski  
Lynn Maron  
BK-John Marotta  
Peter Mashara  
Brian McLaughlin  
Peter Mocer  
Shari Mocer  
Dolores Moquin  
Jill Nelson  
Mark Nelson  
Monica Noch  
Nicholas Okerhjelm  
Antonina Pardo  
Marie Peever  
Barbra Petoskey  
BK-James Petoskey  
Joan Pfaff  
Sr. Ann Plum  
Sophie Praskie  
Kathryn Ricard  
Mary Lou Richards  
Kevin Rowley  
Veronica Salvatore  
Doreen Scott  
Michael Sera  
Alice Serra  
Brian Skarb  
Joann Smail

Chuck Stork  
Mildred Trabuck  
Brian Thorson  
Dominic Ursini  
Lindsay Whiteman  
Megan Wiley  
Lynn Williams  
Robert Williams  
Charlene Wojtaszek  
BK-Robert Worden  
David Wozniak  
Clarissa ??  
Howard ??

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 #66**

District Deputy	Mike Mejia	586-948-3073
District Warden	Tom Weisner	248-761-2455
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Deputy Grand Knight	Art Krygowski	586-469-2996
Chancellor	Ted Czarny	586-286-6026
Financial	Ray Ignatowski	586-946-0129
Recorder	Mike Hartel	586-995-8564
Treasurer	Ray Coughlin	586-412-7178
Warden	Tony Guido	586-201-4409
Inside Guard	Joe Bono	586-263-4306
Outside	Gerry Vento	586-263-7333
1 Yr Trustee	Chuck Loewen	586-228-0475
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3 Yr Trustee	Tom Gray	586-468-2165
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	Gary Skarb	586-286-1040
Family	Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
Youth	Art Krygowski	586-469-2996
Membership	George Loewen	586-731-5299
Field Agent	Don M. Wesley	888-393-7539
Vocations Director	Jeff Gapczynski PCGK and FDD	586-263-5942
Pro-Life	Sal and Joanne Ales	586-263-3483



**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 June newsletter must be submitted by no later than **May 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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