



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

Congratulations to Donald Seidl, Joseph Shalla, and Frank Sommariva who made their first degree in August at Fr. Solanus Casey Council in Roseville. Congratulations also to Larry Orzechowski who made his First Degree on Monday, September 21st at St. Clement Council in Romeo. Please congratulate and welcome these new members when you see them.

Remember, for each new member you recruit you will receive 2 entries into a semi-annual membership recruitment drawing. Brother Tom Pardo was the winner of a \$50.00 gift card to Outback Steakhouse at our September meeting. The next membership recruitment drawing will be at our March 2016 open house pot luck dinner. We are off to a very good start toward our membership quota. Let's keep up this effort while building this great council, and you may be the winner of our next membership recruitment drawing.

On Saturday, September 19th the 24th annual DAVL golf outing was held at Sycamore Hills Golf Course. It was well attended with 152 golfers taking part in this year's event. Of those braving the on again off again rain, were 8 foursomes registered through our council. What great support we continue to show for this outing and for vocations! Next year will be the 25th year of this outing and the organizers are promising something special. Plan on playing next year to support this most worthwhile cause.

Congratulations to Pat Loewen for winning our first Euchre Tournament, also to Pat Labadie and Chris Lambertis who tied for second place. Thank you to the 20 players that played in this tournament and to Ted and Sherri Czarny, Janet Loewen, and Henry Leflere who helped put it on. This event was

intended to be purely a fun social event and by all accounts we certainly accomplished our objective. Look for future dates to be announced in either the newsletter or at our monthly meetings.

We had another great showing on Sunday, September 21st for our Corporate Communion Mass filling nearly 4 pews in church! Thank you to George Loewen and Jeff Loeb who served as Lectors also Gary Skarb and Leonard Gutkowski who were the Altar Servers for the Mass. The next Corporate Communion, which all are encouraged to attend, is a district event and will be held at St. John Vianney on Sunday, October 25th at their 9 AM Mass.

Brother Greg Csernai is asking members to please consider joining your Brother Knights as we complete the fall Adopt-A-Road project. We will meet in the church parking lot at 8 AM on Saturday, October 3rd. In the spring we had 18 members show up and the task was finished in an hour and a half. Hope to see you there.

Your help is needed to continue building our 3rd annual Trunk or Treat. This year's event will be on Sunday, October 25th beginning at 2PM. We are looking for additional people to pass out candy from decorated trunks or tailgates. Last year, over 100 of our parishes youth came out to partake in this event. We have also asked for support from the Choir, Men's Group, Men's Faith Sharing Group, Women of Faith, and Youth Group.

Vivat Jesus
Bruce Arnold
Grand Knight

Corporate Communion

Our next Corporate Communion will be on Sunday, November 15, 2015 at the 11:30 AM Mass.

Please plan to arrive at church no later than 11:15 AM so we can all enter church together.

We will make arrangements to meet at a local restaurant for brunch following Mass, for any who are interested.



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.

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
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Membership Director, Knights of Columbus



VETS COMING 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: Human Trafficking

That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.

Evangelization: Mission in Asia

That with a missionary spirit, the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting it.



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. Kieran on Thursday, October 8th at 6 PM

St. Paul of Tarsus on Saturday, October 17th at 10 AM

Go to virtusonline.org to register



Motions Passed

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

Motion by Ted Czarny supported by Mike Hartel to accept the applications of Larry Orzechowski and Thomas Blake - first reading.

Motion by Phil Kwasny supported by Henry Leflere to accept the applications of Larry Orzechowski and Thomas Blake - second reading.

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

Motion by Phil Kwasny supported by Ralph Pullis to donate \$500.00 to Coastal Carolina University in the name of Alex Wochaski for his education and to be repeated in future years while he is still a student there.

Motion by Gary Skarb supported by Phil Mularski to support the Men's Group by preparing breakfast on October 24, 2015.

Motion by Rob Tusset supported by George Loewen to provide breakfast and lunch at a formation day for religious on May 14, 2016 as requested by Jeff Loeb.

Motion by Ray Coughlin supported by Tom Ratusznik to earmark the proceeds from the September 27th pancake breakfast to MCREST.

Motion by George Loewen supported by Rob Tusset to pay the bills.

2015 Public Square Rosary Crusade

Please join the 2015 Public Square Rosary Crusade. As we all know, the United State is in a great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We must ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

Please join us in praying for our nation on October 10, 2015, at 12:00 noon. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place outside of St. Paul of Tarsus Church on the corner of Canal and Romeo Plank Roads. Please contact George Mejaly at 586-263-9291 for more information.

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 September: "**Leonard Gutkowski.**" 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 September: "**Jim Kaza Family.**" In recognition of their out-standing service to the Council.

Corporate Communion Masses

Our next Corporate Communion Mass will be on June November 15 at the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

Below are assignments for Accolytes and Lectors:

Lectors: George Loewen & Guy Infante
Accolytes: Gary Skarb & Leonard Gutkowski

Our State Membership Motto for 2015:

Our Growth Starts With...

"One Member, Per Council, Per Month"

The Lighter Side



"A cloudy day is no match for a sunny disposition." - William Arthur Ward

"Success is a ladder you can not climb with your hands in your pockets." - Unknown

It is with great sadness that I must report the loss of one of our most valued members ... Someone Else.

Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years and for every one of those years he did far more than a normal member's share of the work.

Whenever there was a job to do, something that needed extra attention, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list, "Let Someone Else do it."

Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; "Someone Else can be in charge of that event."

Someone Else was a wonderful person; sometimes appearing superhuman. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Someone Else. Now he is gone and we wonder what we are going to do.

Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do all the things Someone Else did?

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.

Have You Insured Your Most Valuable Asset?

Is your income protected if you become sick or injured and cannot work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings. Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection.

If you are ill or injured, Income Armor provides tax-free monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain you and your family's standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, while your savings and retirement assets remain intact.

In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. I look forward to meeting with you.

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

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Halloween

Halloween or **Hallowe'en** (/ˈhæləˈwiːn, -oʊˈiːn, həˈl-/; a contraction of "All [Hallows' Evening](#)"),^[6] also known as **Allhalloween**,^[7] **All Hallows' Eve**,^[8] or **All Saints' Eve**,^[9] is a yearly celebration [observed in a number of countries](#) on 31 October, the eve of the [Western Christian](#) feast of [All Hallows' Day](#). It initiates the [triduum](#) of [Allhallowtide](#),^[10] the time in the [liturgical year](#) dedicated to remembering the dead, including [saints](#) (hallows), [martyrs](#), and all the faithful departed believers.^[11] Within Allhallowtide, the traditional focus of All Hallows' Eve revolves around the theme of using "humor and ridicule to confront the power of death."^[12]

According to many scholars, All Hallows' Eve is a [Christianized](#) feast initially influenced by [Celtic harvest festivals](#),^{[2][13]} with possible [pagan](#) roots, particularly the [Gaelic Samhain](#).^{[8][14][15]} Other scholars maintain that it originated independently of Samhain and has solely Christian roots.^{[2][16]}

Typical festive Halloween activities include [trick-or-treating](#) (or the related "[guising](#)"), attending [costume parties](#), [decorating](#), carving [pumpkins](#) into [jack-o'-lanterns](#), lighting [bonfires](#), [apple bobbing](#), visiting [haunted attractions](#), playing [pranks](#), telling scary stories and watching [horror films](#). In many parts of the world, the Christian religious observances of All Hallows' Eve, including attending [church services](#) and lighting [candles](#) on the [graves](#) of the dead, remain popular,^{[17][18][19]} although in other locations, these solemn customs are less pronounced in favor of a more commercialized and secularized celebration.^[20]^{[21][22]} Because many Western Christian denominations encourage, although most no longer require, [abstinence from meat](#) on All Hallows' Eve,^{[23][24]} the tradition of eating certain [vegetarian](#) foods for this [vigil](#) day developed, including the consumption of [apples](#), [colcannon](#), [cider](#), [potato pancakes](#), and [soul cakes](#)



This and That

There will be a District Blood Drive at St. John Vianney on Sunday, October 18th between the hours of 8 AM and 2 PM. Remember your blood donation could be the gift of life.

Holy Cross Children's Services will not be accepting gift baskets this year. Instead they are asking for gift cards to Target, K-Mart, Meijer, etc (\$5.00 or \$10.00 denominations only) or sweatshirts in sizes Large, X-Large or XX-Large (team logos preferred) NO plain black sweatshirts! These can be brought in at the November or December meetings.

Flu shots – Once again we are offering flu shots at our October general membership meeting. The cost is \$27.99 per shot unless you are covered by insurance or Medicare part B. Shots will be administered through Meijer and are available to your spouse and children as well. They are also welcome to have dinner with us. Shots will be available from 6:15 PM to 7:15 PM. Please follow these times so our meeting can start as scheduled at 7:30 PM.

St Clement Council in Romeo is offering their Polish Dinner on Sunday, October 11th between noon and 4 PM. For a minimum donation of \$10.00 per person you will receive: golabki, pierogi, kielbasa, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes with gravy, bread, soup, beverage, and dessert. There will also be a raffle available with several prizes, including a 50" flat panel TV.

Our council has designated the proceeds from the September 27th pancake breakfast to help St. John the Apostle, with their MCREST program during Thanksgiving week. In addition to financial support they are also in need of volunteer workers. You can sign up to help at either our October or November meetings. This is a great opportunity to assist our neighbor and provide some great community service as well.

Trunk or Treat

It's not too early to start thinking about our 3rd annual Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 25, 2015.

Last year's event was well attended by the families of our parish. We hope to build this event by having more people passing out candy, from their decorated trunks, to our youth.

We will once again be partnering with the Men's Group and hope to include the Men's Faith Sharing Group, the Women of Faith, as well as other groups or families from the parish. More information to follow in next month's newsletter.



Holy Cross Children's Services Calendars

Holy Cross Children's Services 2016 calendars are now available and will be at the September 14th meeting. The cost of each calendar is \$25.00 and serve as a raffle ticket throughout all of 2016, with the proceeds going to support Brother Francis at HCCS.

Calendar of Events

Oct 3	8:00 AM	Adopt-a-Road clean up
Oct 12		Columbus Day
Oct 12	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (6:30 PM free will offering meal)
Oct 17	8:00 AM	Basketball Free Throw Contest planning meeting – St Clement
Oct 18	8AM-2PM	District Blood Drive at St. John Vianney
Oct. 22		Newsletter deadline
Oct 22	7:00 PM	Officers meeting
Oct 24	8:30 AM	First Degree Ceremony at St. John Vianney (8AM registration)
Oct 25	9:00 AM	District Corporate Communion at St. John Vianney
Oct 25	2:00 PM	Trunk or Treat
Oct 27	7:00 PM	District planning meeting at St. Clement
Oct 31		Halloween
Nov 6		Deacon Marc's birthday
Nov 8	9:00 AM	Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Major Seminary
Nov 9	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (6:30 PM free will offering meal)
Nov 12	7:30 PM	First Degree at St. Isidore (7:00 PM registration)
Nov 15	11:30 AM	Corporate Communion
Nov 19	7:00 PM	Officers meeting
Nov 22		Newsletter deadline
Nov 22	8:30 AM	Pancake breakfast
Nov 22-29		MCREST at St. John the Apostle Church
Nov 26		Thanksgiving



Happy Birthday!!



Richard Olejniczak	October 4
Catherine Finn	October 4
Janice Krygowski	October 6
Raymond Coughlin	October 7
Chuck Loewen	October 11
Reginald Topolewski	October 13
Anthony Valentine	October 13
Ed Marcinkowski	October 13
Charles Twigg	October 17
Karla Hartel	October 18
Eugene Kapala	October 21
James Baldick	October 22
James Petoskey	October 23
Brian McCarty	October 25
Elaine Kwasny	October 26
Giovan Candela	October 27
Gino Gattari	October 28
Edmund Nowak	October 30
Joseph Matranga	October 30
Greg Csernai	October 31

If you'd like to see your birthday posted, please send an e-mail to

Happy Anniversary!!



Leonard & Betty Gutkowski	October 1
Philip & Elaine Kwasny	October 1
Charles & Joann Twigg	October 3
George & Lucille Mejaly	October 6
Jim & Kim Murphy	October 7
Bruce & Claudia Arnold	October 12
Norm & Joan Pfaff	October 24
Angelo & Carol Garavaglia	October 25

If you'd like to see your anniversary posted, please send an e-mail to Chris Gapczynski at 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



For the Good of the Order

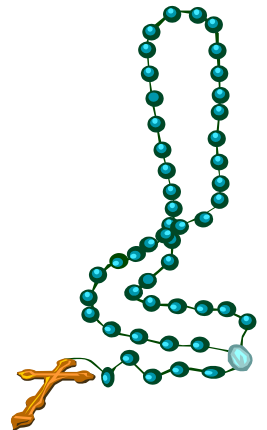
**Please keep the Knights, Relatives or Acquaintances of Knights
below in your prayers.**



Michelle Abrams
Joann Ales
Joyce Aufmuth
Melvin Aufmuth
Caroline Boggs
Kevin Bronda
Lucas Carlson
Lauri Classen
Gail Clisby
Connie Colosimo
BK-Paul Demetsenare
Mike Denomme
James Diehl
Del DiFalco
Rich Emmers
Barbara Fairhurst
BK-Guido Fracassa
Art Gapczynski
Joseph Gapczynski
Donna Giezyng
Sandy Grobbel
Betty Gutkowski
Monica Gutkowski
Robert Gutkowski
Sam Guzzardo
Ed Hund
Rachael Hund
Sue Hund
Andria Huodas
Alan Johnson

Caroline Krmel
SK-Ralph Labadie
Daniel Latusz
Melissa Latusz
Janet Loewen
Jennifer Loewen
Patricia McNett
Lucille Mejaly
Barbara Moceri
Peter Moceri
Dolores Moquin
Christopher Okerhjelm
Patricia Okerhjelm
Millie Orley
Antonina Pardo
Marie Peever
Don Rienslinder
Jennifer Schoenberg
Zachary Shevsky
Brian Skarb
Joanne Sziisz
Karl Sziisz
Mildred Tarbuck
Sandra Ventimiglia
Tony Vittorini
Lynn Williams
Robert Williams

NOTE: BK = Brother Knight
SK = Sir Knight



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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 July newsletter must be submitted by no later than June 20, 2015.

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.stpauloftarsus.com

Our Council newsletter is now available online at the St. Paul of Tarsus Parish website, www.stpauloftarsus.com.

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