



# The Knight's Shield



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

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*Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism*

Volume 20

## **A Word from Grand Knight Bruce Arnold**

What a great council we have! The response we receive from our members continues to amaze me, not only with the help we receive at our many council functions, but also in the number of members that attend our monthly meetings. The fact that we average 50 members per month at a meeting is pretty cool. Also, it is great to see new members becoming involved. Thank you everyone for showing your support, especially those who do so each and every month, and making our council what it is .... a very successful council indeed!

It is because of great people like Sal & Lisa Bica, Rich Okerhjelm, and Doug Lovell, the co-chairs of our recently completed 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Ice Cream Social, that make the events we do such a success. Each year we draw more and more parishioners to the tent area to receive a free cup of ice cream. We also hear many praises of gratitude for putting on such an event (and at no cost). Well done! A big "Thank you," to the Brother Knights who pitched in by putting up the tent for VBE, and took down the tent after the Ice Cream Social.

On Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> we served pancakes and sausage to 135 youth from our church and other surrounding churches at the completion of their all night "lock out" party. There were many tired faces but there were also many hungry boys and girls who were thankful to have breakfast served to them. To the Brother Knights that came in on that Saturday morning, some as early as 5 AM, our churches Youth Director, Terry Konwinski, said it best when she said, "You guys rock!"

At the September, October, and November meetings, we will be asking for volunteers to sign up to help at support St. John the Apostle Anglican Church when they host the MCREST program the week of November 22 – 29. They will be looking to fill several positions including: drivers, meal preparation, daily check-ins, evening and overnight security, etc. Please consider helping our neighbors as they serve the needy in our community.

Members have asked for a purely social evening, and we are delivering. On Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM we will hold our first ever Euchre Night in the social hall. This event is open to all council members and their spouses or significant others. Because the format of this event is a tournament style, changing partners after every round, individual payers are invited to attend even if they don't have a partner. Please see the more detailed article elsewhere in this newsletter.

After some discussion at a recent officers meeting, I did some checking and learned that according to the Supreme Council, as well as the Michigan State Council, we are **not** to say the phrase "Born and unborn" when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Reading through information, I learned that the official position of Supreme is that the last line, "with liberty and justice for all," includes those that are born as well as those that are unborn. It was further suggested that if an individual feels the need to remember the born and unborn, they should do so in silence upon the completion of the pledge.

Vivat Jesus  
Bruce Arnold  
Grand Knight

## Corporate Communion

Our next Corporate Communion will be on Sunday, September 20, 2015 at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Please plan to arrive at church no later than 9:15 AM so we can all enter church together.

We will make arrangements to meet at a local restaurant for breakfast 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  
gjl047@gmail.com  
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: Opportunities for the young**

That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

### **Evangelization: Catechists**

That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.



## 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 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 made and approved at the July officers meeting:

Motion by Tom Gray supported by Ted Czarny to put the \$200.00 previously earmarked for the food pantry back into the general fund.

Motion by Phil Kwasny supported by Ray Ignatowski to set aside \$200.00 for a food donation program.

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

Motion by Phil Kwasny supported by Chuck Loewen to approve the first reading of Donald Seidl for membership

Motion by Rob Tusset supported by Tom Ratusznik to accept Frank Burda requesting to transfer into our council

Motion by Chuck Loewen supported by Joe Marheineke to pay the bills

Motion by Steve Kargenian supported by Ralph Pullis to decline the Oct.31-Nov 3 Texas Hold'em dates at the Hideout.

Motion by Chuck Loewen supported by Tom Ratusznik to donate the left over ice cream to ARC of Macomb, Turning Point, and Vets Returning Home

Motion by Gino Gattari supported by Tom Ratusznik to approve the second reading of Donald Seidl for membership.

## 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 nRosary 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 August: **"Bruce Arnold."**  
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 August: **"Mike Hartel Family."**  
In recognition of their out-standing service to the Council.

## **CORPORATE COMMUNION MASSES**

Our next Corporate Communion Mass will be on June September 20 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

Below are assignments for Acolytes and Lectors:

**Lectors:** George Loewen & Guy Infante  
**Acolytes:** Gary Skarb & Leonard Gutkowski

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

Our Growth Starts With...

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

## **The Lighter Side**



"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing." - Walt Disney

"For success, attitude is equally important as ability."  
- Unknown

The schoolteacher was taking her first golf lesson.

"Is the word spelled p-u-t or p-u-t-t?" she asked the instructor.

"P-u-t-t is correct," he replied.

"Put means to place a thing where you want it. Putt means merely a vain attempt to do the same thing."



## **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.

## September is Life Insurance Awareness Month

### Raising Awareness About Life Insurance

*Each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of life insurance, its uses, its benefits, and its variations among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.*

*A recent survey found that more than 75 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor, even though 68 percent of them said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable.*

*In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn.*

*If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's life insurance, retirement and long-term care needs. I'll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones. I want to help.*

*Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about "making the wrong decision." Talk with me, your agent, and, afterwards, you'll understand that the only wrong decision was not purchasing sooner to protect your family's future.*

*I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family's needs.*

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

Ask about our GUARANTEED LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES,

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In Christ,

Don M. Wesley, FICF –

General Agent

Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Insurance

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## 24th Annual DAVL Golf Outing

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Saturday, September 19, 2015

Sycamore Hills

48787 North Avenue

Macomb Twp, MI 48042

586-598-9500

Registration/Driving Range	6:30 am
Continental Breakfast	6:30 am
Tee-off	7:30 am
Lunch	At the Turn
Dinner	1:30 pm in the Clubhouse

Golfers will be added on a first come, first served basis with a capacity of 216 golfers

Cost is only \$95 per golfer or \$380 per foursome. Special pricing of only \$75 for any Bishop, Priest, Seminarian or Deacon.



## Calendar of Events

Sept 12		Fourth Degree Exemplification at DeCarlos
Sept 12		National Day of Remembrance of Aborted Babies
Sept 14	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (6:30 PM free will offering meal)
Sept 19	7:00 AM	DAVL Golf Outing at Sycamore Hills
Sept 19	7:00 PM	Euchre Night in the social hall
Sept 20	9:30 AM	Corporate Communion
Sept 21	7:30 PM	First Degree Ceremony at St. Clement (7:00 PM registration)
Sept 22		Newsletter deadline
Sept 24-27	11AM-6PM	Texas Hold'em at The River
Sept 24	7:00 PM	Officers meeting
Sept 26	4:30 PM	District Corporate Communion – Officer Installation & dinner
Sept 27	8:00 AM	Pancake breakfast
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





## Euchre Night

What – Euchre Night

Where – St. Paul of Tarsus Social Hall

When – Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

Why – To enjoy the fellowship of Brother Knights and their partners

Cost - \$7.50 per person (includes a light meal, beverage, and a prize fund for the top finishers)

The Basics -

We will play 8 or 10 games of euchre with each game consisting of 8 hands (time dependent).

The format for the evening will be “Stick the dealer,” meaning the dealer must declare trump.

After each game your score will be recorded and you will change partners. If you and your partner are euchred, each player will pay a quarter into the “Euchre Pot.”

Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers.

A random drawing will determine the winner/ winners of the “Euchre Pot.”

If you plan on participating, please sign up at the Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting and want to play, please contact Grand Knight, Bruce Arnold at 586-808-6557



## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Happy Birthday!!



Sharon Gunkelman	September 1
Matthew Magnotte	September 9
Thomas Hayes	September 12
Christine Gapczynski	September 13
Andrew Wise	September 13
Carl Catanese	September 16
John Moceri	September 16
Douglas Lovell	September 17
Paul Young	September 18
Eric Sienkiewicz	September 19
Ted Czarny	September 20
Phillip Kwasny	September 20
Brandon Lewandowski	September 21
Daniel Finn	September 24
Robert Anderson	September 24
Jim Lisuzzo	September 24
Joann Ales	September 28
Rev. Gary Morelli	September 28
Greg Bendzinski	September 30

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!!



Ralph & Connie Colosimo	September 3
Natalino & Del DiFalco	September 4
Fr. Joseph Hund	September 5
Georgios & Kathleen Sakorafos	September 9
Robert & Paula Tusset	September 9
Vito & Patricia Guzzardo	September 10
James & Valerie Cosgrove	September 15
Mike & Charlene Wojtaszek	September 15
Joseph & JoAnn Phillips	September 21
Mike & Cindy Essad	September 29
Raymond & Sheryl Ignatowski	September 29

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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 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
Donald Duff	





## For the Good of the Order

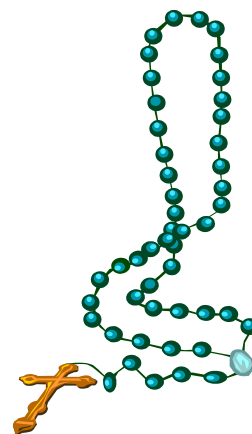
**Please keep the Knights, Relatives or Acquaintances of Knights  
below in your prayers.**



Joann Ales  
Michelle Abrams  
Joyce Aufmuth  
Melvin Aufmuth  
BK - Bruno Belleni  
Krystal Bensel  
Ken Blodgett  
Kevin Bondra  
Gail Clisby  
BK - Ralph Colosimo  
Rose Coppens  
Harold Culbert, III  
Michael Denomme  
Barbara Fairhurst  
Charlene Gagnier  
Art Gapczynski  
Joseph Gapczynski  
Beverly Gattari  
Katie Rose Goebel  
Sandy Grobbel  
Betty Gutkowski  
Monica Gutkowski  
Robert Gutkowski  
BK—Vito Guzzardo  
Rachael Hund  
Sue Hund  
Alan Johnson  
Caroline Krmel  
Anita Kubczak  
SK—Ralph Labadie  
Ed Larnskowski  
Daniel Latusz

Melissa Latusz  
Jennifer Loewen  
Ken Lomasney  
Ron Lomasney  
Joan Lybeer  
Lynn Maron  
Patricia McNett  
Lucille Mejaly  
Peter Mocerì  
Dolores Moquin  
Mike Nosis  
Christopher Okerhjelm  
Patricia Okerhjelm  
Antonina Pardo  
SK - William Parsus  
Marie Peever  
Timothy Regal  
Pat Shankie  
Dorothy Sharbo  
Zachary Shevsky  
Brian Skarb  
Loretta Suwal  
Joanne Sziisz  
Salim Taib  
Mildred Tarbuck  
Joseph Tenaglia  
Sandra Ventimiglia  
Antonio Vittorini  
Lynn Williams  
Robert Williams  
Charlene Wojtaszek  
David Wozniak

NOTE: BK = Brother Knight  
SK = Sir Knight



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K of C Council #11689  
District #66**

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Program	Henry Leflere	586-468-5122
Church	Angelo Garavaglia	586-412-3327
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Council	Gary Skarb	586-286-1040
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Youth	Art Krygowski	586-996-2221
Membership	George Loewen	586-731-5299
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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](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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