



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 Art Krygowski

The goals for a successful year will take some work, and at times it will be a real challenge...but the Council has done it before, and we will do it again! Whether you are active in putting-on an event or active in participating in an event, just come out and support the Council.

This month we recognize a holy day of obligation, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This holy day commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay—a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Nestled in the rear of a nearly 200-year-old cemetery along one of Detroit's signature thoroughfares, in one of the city's distressed neighborhoods, is a shrine dating back to 1881 that draws an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 pilgrims annually — the grotto at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Grotto) Parish on Gratiot Avenue. Please consider attending the outside Feast Day of the Assumption on August 15, 2016 at the 7:00 pm Mass. There is a candle light procession after the Mass. There will be shuttle service from St. Veronica Parish in Eastpointe.

One of our goals for this year is seeking new members — not just dues payers — but men who have demonstrated they understand their responsibility to work for the benefit of something greater than themselves. As the title of a recruiting brochure says we are — These Men They Call Knights. I firmly believe that our organization is more than a fraternity it is truly a Brotherhood. This founding principle can be seen in everything we do from all of our events. If there is any area in which you can contribute — finding another man who will join our fight for others,

our Church, and our Council — that is what we most need from you! I am looking forward to meeting and or talking with each of you during the coming months. I am proud to be a Knight, and I believe that is true for each of you. Our Council needs you and I hope you believe you need the Council too!

Our installation of 2016-17 officers ceremony will take place at St. Clement in Romeo, MI at 5pm Mass/Installation/Dinner.

Vivat Jesus
Art Krygowski
Grand Knight



Monthly Prayer Intention



Universal: Sports

That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.

Evangelization: Living the Gospel

That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty and love of neighbor.

Annual Vocations Golf Outing

It is not too early to sign up for the annual Vocations Golf Outing, September 24, 2016. Review the following information and call me with your 4-man teams. You do not have to be a Brother Knight to play in this outing.

Where: Sycamore Hills Golf Club, 48787 North Avenue, Macomb, MI 48042 (586-598-9500).

When: September 24, 2016, with a 6:30 am Registration.

What's included: 18 holes of golf with cart—Continental Breakfast—Lunch at the turn—Dinner and prizes.

Cost: \$95 per golfer—\$75 for any Bishop, Priest, Seminarian or Deacon.

This outing is limited to 216 golfers, so call me as soon as you have your team together so I can reserve our spots.

Joe Phillips
586-286-8497



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Why a Fourth Degree?

Thirteen Colonies that welcomed Catholics was Maryland. Thus, the first diocese in America was Baltimore, and many of our older Knights learned their faith in the 1950s and '60s using the Baltimore Catechism.

Things weren't any better for Catholics in the 1800s. Catholics immigrating to the United States often could only find menial, dangerous jobs, such as in coal mines and factories. They were jobs that often made the wives and children of these men widows, fatherless, and homeless due to an accident on the job. The Knights of Columbus was formed in 1882 to aid these women and children.

However, that did not stop anti-Catholicism. It was commonly felt at the time that Catholics could not be good Americans because they owed their allegiance and loyalty to the Pope. One of the main persecutors of the Knights of Columbus along this line was the Ku Klux Klan. In an effort to refute such claims, the Knights of Columbus formed the Fourth Degree, the Patriotic Degree, in 1900. Over 1200 Knights from across the country attended the first exemplification in New York City, thus earning the title "Sir Knight."

The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus is to promote a love of country and impress the duties of citizenship upon its members. Its motto is Patriotism - a patriotism enlightened and informed by religion. The patriotic work of the Sir Knights continues on to this day. Fourth Degree Knights everywhere, often in their distinction regalia, work to support and assist veterans and active military personnel with such programs as assisting at Veterans Administration hospitals, conducting Flag protocol programs, sending packages to troops deployed overseas, protecting the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance, and participating in parades and patriotic events. In addition, they continue to support the Church by participating in many Church activities and events in local parishes.

Please consider joining the Fourth Degree and supporting them in their efforts. To be eligible, a Knight must be over 18 years of age, a U. S. citizen, a practical Catholic in union with the Holy See, and a Third Degree member. Applications can be obtained from Fourth Degree Knights already in your Council. The next exemplification is Saturday, September 17 at DeCarlo's Banquet Center in Warren. We hope to see you there!

Protecting God's Children / Background Check

As has been mentioned numerous times at council meeting and in this newsletter, you must have taken the Protecting God's Children class and have submitted your name to the church offices to have a criminal background check done in order to volunteer at any K of C event that takes place on the church property. Three upcoming Protecting God's Children classes in our area are:

Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament (Detroit)
Saturday, August 6, 2016, 10:00 am.

St. Lawrence in Utica, Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Go to www.virtusonline.org to check for available classes and to register.

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 July: "Mike Hartel." 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 July: "Jim Lambertus Family." In recognition of their out-standing service to the Council.

Corporate Communion Masses

Our Next Corporate Communion will be held on September 18, 2016 at the 9:30 am Mass.

Lectors: Phil Mularski
Richard Okerhjelm

Acolytes: Denny Kubczak
Leonard Gutkowski

We hope you will join us to show the importance of family praying together.



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



The Lighter Side



A farmer named O'Riley lived alone in the countryside with a wee dog that he loved and doted on.

After many long years of faithful companionship, the dog finally died, so Muldoon went to the parish priest: "Father, my dear old dog is dead. Could you be saying a Mass for him?"

Father Patrick replied, "I am so very sorry to hear about your dog's death. But, unfortunately, I can't say Mass for the poor creature..."

O'Riley said, "I understand, Father, I do. I guess I'll go to this new denomination down the road; no tellin' what they believe... Do you think \$500 is enough to donate for the service?"

Father Patrick: "Why didn't you tell me your wee dog was Catholic?!"

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples.

The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

Moses was leading the Hebrews to the Red Sea and the Egyptians were coming fast.

Moses turned to his PR agent: "Where are all those boats I told you to get!"

The PR man said, "What boats? You never mentioned boats to me."

"Just great" said Moses; "what am I supposed to do, lift my staff and part the waters?????"

The PR man answered: "If you can pull that one off, I can get you a whole section in the Bible."

Motions Passed

The following motions were approved at the July officers meeting:

N/A

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.

Update Your Beneficiaries

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take, for example, the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it may very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your policies should be updated to reflect your spouse as beneficiary. Maybe you've had children since, who are not named on the policies.

Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary, an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – that is, the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

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,
LONG TERM CARE & DISABILITY INSURANCE**

In Christ,

**Don M. Wesley, FICF –
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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



Calendar of Events

August 15 th	7:00 pm	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Assumption Grotto in Detroit
August 16 th		District Planning /Workshops St. Isidore 7200
August 20 th		District Corp Communion 5pm Mass St. Clement 7018
August 20 th		District Installation of Officers 5pm Mass St. Clement 7018
August 27 th		District Free Throw Contest Planning Meeting St. Clement, 7018
September 10 th		First Degree St. John Vianney 11772 Reg. 8:30am Start 9:00am

How to Prove Life Begins at Conception Part 2

By Trent Horn written for Catholic Answers Magazine

Making our case

How can the pro-life advocates prove the unborn are biological human beings? It may be tempting to use in utero images, or ultrasounds of children as our sole evidence of their humanity. While this tactic is useful in some cases, it has the potential to reinforce the idea that our human value comes from what we look like instead of what we are. It's not a good way to demonstrate the humanity of a four-week-old child who resembles a tadpole.

Pro-life advocates should also avoid making simplistic claims such as "Abortion kills a life" or even "Human life begins at conception." This leaves them open to a rebuttal such as this one atheist Carl Sagan:

Despite many claims to the contrary, life does not begin at conception: It is an unbroken chain that stretches back nearly to the origin of the Earth, 4.6 billion years ago. Nor does human life begin at conception: It is an unbroken chain dating back to the origin of our species, hundreds of thousands of years ago (*Billions @ Billions*, 201).

While it is true that living cells or human cells have a long history, the same is not true for individual human beings. Sagan's criticism is overcome if we drop the assertion "Life begins at conception" and say instead, "A human organism begins to exist at conception" or "The life of an individual human being begins at conception."

The difference may seem like purely semantical, but it is important to use this vocabulary with pro-choice advocates who may think an embryo is alive in the same sense that sperm and egg are alive. This mistaken set of assumptions may cause the pro-choice advocate to think that an embryo's life never really begins at conception. He might instead think that at conception life in the form of sperm and egg was rearranged and became life in the form of an embryo. This new "rearrangement" would then have the same value as an egg or sperm until it becomes a human being later in pregnancy.

When it comes to defending the claim that an individual human being begins to exist at conception, I don't recommend generic appeals to authority such as "Science says life begins at conception" or "All scientists agree life begins at conception." The members of your audience may simply not believe you, or they may think the authorities you are citing are wrong. Instead, I recommend using a simple argument that shows that at conception two body parts (sperm and egg) recombine and form a new living, whole, human organism who is growing and developing into adulthood.

My favorite argument for the humanity of the unborn is based on Steve Wagner's "10 second pro-life apologist." (*Common Ground Without Compromise*, 69). Steve was once flustered that he could not defend his pro-life beliefs in an impromptu conversation, so he crafted a 10-second bite that goes like this:

If it's growing, isn't it alive?

If it has human parents, isn't it human?

And human beings like you and me are valuable, aren't we?

Sometimes Steve's sound bite will do the trick, and the person to whom you are talking will accept that the unborn are biological human beings. Other times you may have to use more evidence to prove that the unborn are (1) alive, (2) human, and (3) whole organisms.

Happy Birthday!!



Kim Dutts	August 3
Lucille Mejaly	August 3
Donald Bieschke	August 4
Mike Lombardo	August 7
Gregory Stapels	August 7
Angelo Garavaglia	August 8
Bill Giezyng	August 9
Norino Bommarito	August 12
James Hubbard	August 13
August Oliveri	August 13
Charlene Wojtaszek	August 13
Kenneth Czarny	August 14
Thomas Hug	August 16
Jeffrey Czarny	August 19
Steven Knott	August 20
Joseph Marheineke	August 24
Mark Mazzone	August 24
Sue Hund	August 25
Susan Valenti	August 26
Thomas Kalkman	August 27
Bernard Fredal	August 27
Daniel Marotta	August 29
August Oliveri, Jr.	August 30
Paul Ross	August 30
Alfred Soulliere	August 30

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

Happy Anniversary!!



Ed & Joanne Nowak	August 1
George & Patricia Loewen	August 2
Albert & Susan Valenti	August 12
William & Sharon Gunkelman	August 13
Ted & Sherri Czarny	August 16
Guido & Jacqueline Fracassa	August 18
Kenneth & Sandy Grobbel	August 27

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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. Raszowski	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
Michael J. Francis	February 28, 2015
Donald Duff	July 30, 2015
Harold Patterson	October 20, 2015
Donald Badowski	March 16, 2016
Fr. Louis Grandpre	February 20, 2016
John Marotta	March 26, 2016
Ralph Labadie	March 27, 2016
Reginald Topolewski	June 28, 2016



For the Good of the Order

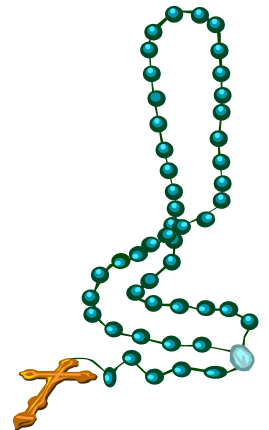
**Please keep the Knights, Relatives or Acquaintances of Knights
below in your prayers.**



Joanne Ales
Carol Alexander
SK-Dick Allore
Joyce Aufmuth
Melvin Aufmuth
Kevin Bondra
Janice Burda
Jill Cangemi
Helen Chircop
Michael Denomme
James Diehl
Mary Ann Dietlin
SK-Clarence Gajewski
Chris Gapczynski
Carol Garavaglia
Robert Gutkowski
Chuck Hoste
BK-Mike Hoste

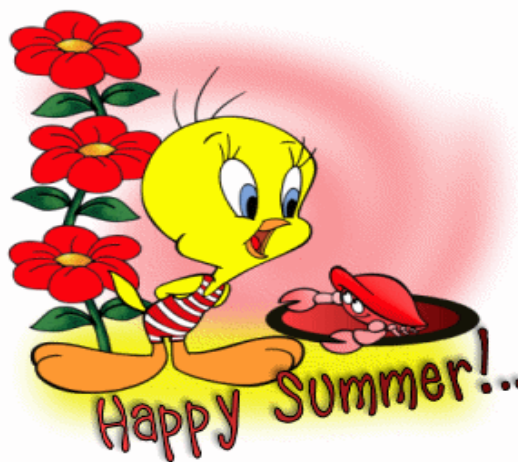
Sue Hund
Alan Johnson
BK-Jim Kaza
Caroline Krmel
Jennifer Loewen
Harry Motta
Jill Nelson
Monica Notch
Franciscan Brother Scott O'Brecht
Jim Otteman
Francesco Ricci
Zachary Saunders
Zachary Shevsky
SK-Karl & Joanne Sziisz
Mildred Tarbuck
Ken Trevino
Bob Williams
Lynn Williams

NOTE: BK = Brother Knight
SK = Sir Knight



**Officers of S.P.O.T.
K of C Council #11689
District #66**

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Recorder	Rob Tusset	586-477-0232
Treasurer	Ray Coughlin	586-412-7178
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Inside Guard	Joe Bono	586-263-4306
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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 August newsletter must be submitted by no later than July 22, 2016.

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

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