



The Knight's Shield



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

December, 2016

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 21

A Word from Grand Knight Art Krygowski

What an outstanding year 2016 has been for St. Paul or Tarsus Council 11689! The energy, the support, the enthusiasm you all have shown has been mind boggling. You all should be very proud of yourselves, and I salute each and every one of you. I could use this report to go over all we've accomplished, but if you've read the newsletters, attended meetings and checked out all the emails, you already know the facts. So, what's next? Let's talk Christmas. Like all of you, I have been busy decorating the house, putting up our tree, doing some shopping, working and doing some K of C stuff too. Where do we find the time for all this? Sometimes it seems like we need a few more hours in each day! One way or another, we just seem to make it work and get through it...and after all is said and done, we still have time to reflect and know the true meaning of Christmas. I once read a story where the author stated this time of year brings out all the best in people. Acts of kindness, acts of charity, people doing and saying nice things they often don't do throughout the year. Maybe this author needs to investigate what we Knights do year round. Acts of charity and kindness is not just a Christmas pastime for us Knights, it's a way of life, all year! Be proud of what we do. Accept those warm, fuzzy feelings you get when you do something nice for others, especially those less fortunate and above all else remember to keep "Christ in Christmas".

Keep Fr Ron in your prayers, as on Tuesday, December 13th, he is having a heart procedure performed called Cardiac Ablation. It is an eight hour procedure.

Thank you to PGK Bruce Arnold and his wife Claudia for representing my wife and I and 11689 at the K of C Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Major Seminary on November 6th. Also, thank you Bruce for ordering and

picking up the Fr. Lou Tree Memorial Plaque.

I would like to thank our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Mike Hartel, for heading up the Euchre Tournament, Saturday, November 5th. A good time was enjoyed by over 32 Knights and St. Paul families.

Ralph Pullis and his band of Pancake Flippers and support staff came through again with a successful Pancake Breakfast on November 12th. There were over 220 breakfasts served, and a donation of \$1,432 will be given to "Vets in Crisis" program that the Knight's support.

Thank you to all that helped our Worthy Advocate, Ken Krause, put up the churches outside Christmas lights on Saturday, November 19th. It was cold but it was completed without any casualties.

Our District Corporate Communion was November 20th at the 11:30am Mass. There was a decent turnout from most councils. I would ask all Knights when you attend a Corporate Communion Mass to please sit with your brother Knights and their families. Our Worthy D.D. did comment that he saw some Brothers sitting around other areas of the church. What a great way for the parishioners of St. Paul's to see the unity of brothers coming together and want to become a Knight.

Mike Hartel and I went to Erie Elementary Monday, November 21st, with coats from our Coats for Kids program. We met with the school's social worker and passed out 25 coats. The look in the children's eyes and knowing they will be warm this winter was priceless and touched our hearts.

A very heartfelt Thank You to all that donated their time at St John the Apostle Anglican Church

Thanksgiving week to participate in their annual McRest project. Knowing that we helped ease lives for over 27 men of all ages is exactly what the Knights of Columbus is all about.

Please add this to your calendars: December 3rd & 4th and 10th & 11th for the K of C Ham & Kielbasa Orders being taken at all Masses. December 21st from 2:00: pm to 6: pm will be the hours for pick-up.

Everyone should have received their dues letter from our Worthy Financial Secretary, Ray Ignatowski, by now. Ray has added a questionnaire on the back of the form for you to fill out. Please add (spouse's name and especially E-mail address) or change any information about you that is incorrect. We need this to keep our files up to date and keep me from **hunting you down in the New Year...LOL**. We only have about 90 Email addresses from over 220 Brother Knights which tells me that we are not reaching all Knights in a time of need like Funerals, special notices or any other information you may need to know. If you don't have an Email address, please put down someone that can get a message to you.

You should have also received your State Raffle Tickets in the mail by now. Sell what you can...it is for a very worthy cause. If you can't mail them back in time, consider taking them to DeCarlo's Banquet & Convention Center in Warren the day of the raffle. Gary and Patricia DeCarlo offer to the Knights and their families a nice lunch before the drawings.

The Evangelization Committee is asking for a Brother Knight that would be interested in serving on the Evangelization Committee. They meet one Tuesday a month. It is not a very demanding committee and since the Knights are such a vital Church organization, they would appreciate our input. Please contact me for more information if you decide to spread your wings here at St. Paul's.

There is a new council for District 24. St. John and Paul located in Washington, MI. They are currently with St. Clement in Romeo, MI. More information will follow when available.

Please join us Martin Luther King weekend, January 14-15, 2017, for our annual casino trip. Proceeds from this trip benefit the Casey The Bear program. See Jeff Gapczynski, Trip Coordinator.

The Holy Cross Children's Services Raffle Calendars are here! These calendars – which are perfect for home, office or as a gift – continue to be priced at only \$25 each with the proceeds going to support Brother Francis at HCCS. The calendar offers the possibility to win daily and monthly as well as the grand prize of \$5,000. Please contact me or see me at a meeting to acquire a calendar.

In closing, on behalf of my family; Janice, Krystal & Jeremy and even our cats Shadow & Simba, I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Vivat Jesus
Art Krygowski
Grand Knight



Monthly Prayer Intention



Universal: End to Child Soldiers

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over

Evangelization: Europe

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

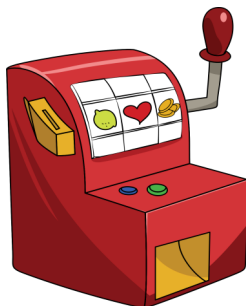
Annual Casino Trip

Please join us Martin Luther King weekend, January 14-15, 2017, for our annual casino trip.

Proceeds from this trip benefit the Casey The Bear program.

See attached flyer for details. If you have any questions, please contact me at 586-263-5942.

Jeff Gapczynski
Trip Coordinator



Dedication of Fr. Lou's Tree

Please mark your calendars for December 11 after the 11:30 mass for the dedication of Fr. Lou's tree.

It would be nice if as many of us could attend as possible. Hope to see you there.

Holy Cross Children's Services Calendars

Holy Cross Children's Services 2017 calendars are now available and will be at the October 10th meeting. The cost of each calendar is \$25.00 and serve as a raffle ticket throughout all of 2017, with the proceeds going to support HCCS.

Brother Francis appreciates your participation in this important fundraiser.

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



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.

Information Not Available

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

Corporate Communion Masses

Our Next Corporate Communion will be held on (information not available at this time).

Lectors:

Acolytes:

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



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 November: **"Vince Ursini."** 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 November: **"Phil Bonnette Family."** In recognition of their out-standing service to the Council.

VETS Returning Home

I have had several inquiries about giving large appliances like stoves, refrigerators and freezers to the Vets Returning Home program. When these vets leave, they typically move into apartments which already have these appliances. Therefore, the Vets Returning Home organization cannot use these kinds of appliances.

If you have furniture that you wish to donate, they will come to your house for pick-up. The direct number for pick-up is 586-285-6506. When you call they will establish a scheduled time and date for pick-up.

If you have any questions, please call me at 586-469-1997.

Thanks,

Phil Kwasny



The Lighter Side



Bruce: What are you going to give your little brother for Christmas this year?

Ray: I haven't decided yet.

Bruce: What did you give him last year?

Ray: The measles.

Q: What did Adam say the day before Christmas?

A: It's Christmas, Eve!

There was a Priest that was about to retire. When his replacement showed up, he thought he should warn the new priest that the church's buildings had a rat problem they tried for years to get rid of. One day the retired Priest asked the new priest how the rat problem was. He answered, oh I fixed that long ago. The retired priest asked how? The new priest said, "after I baptized them I never saw them again."

A man is walking through the recreation ground of his local park when he notices a huge football game going on at the football field he is passing.

"What's going on?" he asks a spectator, watching from the side-lines.

The spectator replies "It's a match between the Masons and the Knights of Columbus."

"What's the score?" asks the first man.

"I don't know. It's a secret."

Merry Christmas



Motions Passed

The following motions were approved at the November general membership meeting:

Motion be George Loewen and seconded by Phil Mularski to pay the bills as presented. The motion passed without discussion.

Motion was made by Dave Putin and seconded by Phil Mularski to make a donation/purchase 8 tickets (\$50.00 per ticket = \$400.00) to a fundraiser dinner called Ryan Rocks. The motion passed with a little bit of discussion. The fundraiser is along the lines of Make a Wish.

Our State Membership Motto for 2015:

Our Growth Starts With...

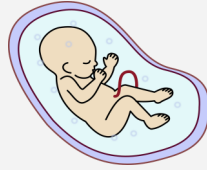
"One Member, Per Council, Per Month"

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.

How to Prove Live Begins at Conception Part 6



Just a Parasite?

At this point, some critics argue that an organism has to exist independently of other organisms. Because an unborn child requires his mother's body to live, these critics maintain he isn't independent and so is not an organism. Some people will go as far to say that the child's dependence makes him a parasite, and that is why abortion is not wrong.

The description of the unborn as a parasite is inaccurate, as is demonstrated in Thomas L. Johnson's excellent essay "Why the Embryo or Fetus is Not a Parasite". But even if this claim were accurate, it would not help the critic's case, since parasites are a kind of organism. To say an organism exists independently of another organism simply means it can't be a literal part of another being, such as an arm or leg. It has to be able to develop itself apart from any other organism's DNA. This doesn't mean however, that the organism survives without interacting with or depending on any other organism in order to survive. There are hardly any organisms like that.

We normally do have the right to kill parasites, but that is true only because parasites usually belong to species that have no right to live. Since the unborn are human organisms, and thus human beings, calling them "parasites" because of how dependent they are is as offensive as calling mentally handicap persons "retards" because of how less developed they are.

A student of history will also remember that, during the Holocaust, the Nazis called Jews parasites and used it as a rational for exterminating them. Does the critic really want to invoke this same kind of rhetoric against another group of human beings?

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,

Richard J. Miller

Field Agent

Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Insurance

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Calendar of Events

November 28 th and 29 th	The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Posters will be distributed to all children at Miami Elementary School.
December 1 st 7:00pm	Officers Meeting — All officers and appointed positions are asked to attend.
December 3 rd & 4 th and 10 th & 11 th	K of C Ham & Kielbasa Orders being taken at all Masses
December 12 th 6:30pm	General Membership Meeting free will donation, dinner 7:30pm Meeting
December 11th	Dedication of Fr. Lou's tree after the 11:30 a.m. Mass
December 21 st	Pick up chairs from Erie Elementary for Christmas Masses.
December 21 st	K of C Ham & Kielbasa Pick Up 2:00:pm to 6:pm
January 9 th	General Membership Meeting — free will donation, 6:30pm dinner, 7:30pm Meeting
January 14 th	Admissions Degree (1 st) St. Paul of Tarsus Registration. 8:30am Start 9:00am
January 14th-15th	Casino Trip



Resolutions to the Brothers of St. Paul Knights of Columbus Council 11689

Whereas,

the Knights of Columbus members in District 24 desire to reduce the number of abortions in Macomb County, and

Whereas,

ultrasound machines have been shown to reduce abortions because reports indicate that up to 90% of women considering an abortion choose to have their baby after seeing an ultrasound image of their child, and

Whereas,

in 2009 the Knight of Columbus Supreme Council established an Ultrasound Program which provides 50% of the cost of the purchase of Ultrasound machines, and

Whereas,

the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has encouraged all state and local councils to participate in the Ultrasound Program and as of November 2012, state and local councils in at least 44 jurisdictions have qualified for matching funds from the Supreme Council for the purchase of over 290 Ultrasound machines at a cost of over \$8,500,000, and

Whereas,

the District 24 Councils desire is to install a Ultrasound Machine in Compassion Pregnancy Center located in Clinton Township, Mi., and

Whereas,

the cost of a Ultrasound machine is \$26,000 and the cost of yearly maintenance (after a two year warranty) and training of qualified Ultrasound technicians is \$3,000. All of District 24 councils are coordinating fund-raising among their council.

Whereas,

The cost to Council 11689 is \$2,660 for the purchase of the Ultrasound Machine and \$750 per year for yearly maintenance (after a two year warranty) and training of qualified Ultrasound technicians.

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

the St. Paul of Tarsus Council 11689 of the Knights of Columbus hereby establishes a Baby Bottle Drive Fundraiser in February 2017 with proceeds up to \$3,410 going to the purchase of the Ultrasound Machine and the first year of yearly maintenance (after a two year warranty) and training of qualified Ultrasound technicians with the excess donations to be given to Abigayle Ministries in Sterling Heights, Mi. Also establish yearly fundraisers to collect \$750 per year for yearly maintenance (after a two year warranty) and training of qualified Ultrasound technicians, and

Be it Further Resolved,

the District 24 Councils of the Knights of Columbus hereby establishes a Council 24 Ultrasound Fund Program to receive donations from local councils solely for the purpose of purchasing an Ultrasound machine for Compassion Pregnancy Center located in Clinton Township, Mi. which meets all the qualifying criteria established by Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Ultrasound Program.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Recommendation approved by Council 11689

Submitted: by Art Krygowski, Grand Knight St. Paul of Tarsus 11689

Happy Birthday!!



Patricia Loewen	December 1
Angelo Garavaglia	December 1
Pat Bonnette	December 2
Arthur David, Jr.	December 4
Ellen Francis	December 6
Ralph Pullis	December 8
Patricia Guzzardo	December 9
Steven D'Onofrio	December 9
Clarence Gajewski	December 10
Sandy Grobbel	December 11
Eugene Chelsey	December 11
Frank Sommariva	December 12
Michael Koss	December 12
George Schulte	December 14
Kathleen Sakorafos	December 19
Andrew Callahan	December 19
Natalino DiFalco	December 20
Georgios Sakorafos	December 21
Sherri Czarny	December 27
Thomas Gray	December 29

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!!



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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
William Galbraith	November 22, 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

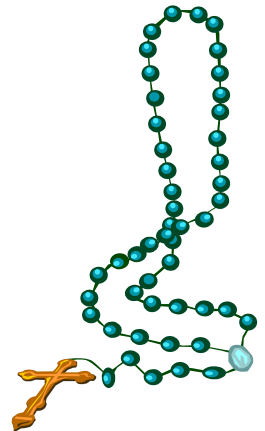
**Please keep the Knights, Relatives or Acquaintances of Knights
below in your prayers.**



Carol Alexander
SK-Dick Allore
Kevin Bondra
Larry Call
Gail Clisby
Larry Connell
Sherri Czarny
Micheal Denomme
James Diehl
James D'Ursa
Jerry Emmer
Fr. Ron Essman
Guido Fracassa
BK-Clarence Gajewski
Carol Garavaglia
Sandy Grobbel
Robert Gutkowski
Elaine Hartel
Ben Hoste
BK-Mike Hoste
Barbara Hubbard

Sue Hund
BK-Steven Kargenian
Caroline Krmel
Ken Lomasney
Tom Lomasney
Leanne Mackay
Christine McNally
Lucille Mejaly
Monica Notch
BK-Rick & Patricia Okerhjelm
Millie Orley
Don Riekslander
Zachary Shevsky
Chip Storck
PGK-Carl & Joanne Sziisz
Mildred Tarbuck
Sandra Ventimiglia
Kim Vestrand
Bob Williams
Lynn Williams
Deacon Ed Wilson

NOTE: BK = Brother Knight
SK = Sir Knight



**Officers of S.P.O.T.
K of C Council #11689
District #24**

District Deputy	Mike Mejia	586-948-3073
District Warden	Gary Kopp	586-873-6906
Grand Knight	Art Krygowski	586-469-2996
Deputy Grand Knight	Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
Chancellor	Ted Czarny	586-286-6026
Financial	Ray Ignatowski	586-946-0129
Recorder	Rob Tusset	586-477-0232
Treasurer	Ray Coughlin	586-412-7178
Warden	Tony Guido	586-201-4409
Inside Guard	Joe Bono	586-263-4306
Outside	Gerry Vento	586-231-5777
1 Yr Trustee	Tom Gray	586-468-2165
2 Yr Trustee	Steve Kargenian	586-746-9073
3 Yr Trustee	PGK-Bruce Arnold	586-566-0628
Advocate	Ken Krause	586-263-7115
Lecturer	Jim Hubbard	586-286-1658
Program	Henry Leflere	586-468-5122
Church	Angelo Garavaglia	586-412-3327
Community	George Loewen	586-731-5299
Council	George Sakorafos	586-610-3576
Family	Richard Okerhjelm	586-996-2221
Youth	Art Krygowski	586-469-2996
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Field Agent	Richard Miller	586-610-1545
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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:

Chris Gapczynski at 586-263-5942 or

spotknights11689@gmail.com

Articles for the October newsletter must be submitted by no later than September 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

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

Anyone who wishes to view our newsletter via the Internet instead of by regular mail, should contact Chris Gapczynski at 586-263-5942 or at spotknights11689@gmail.com. Doing so would save our Council a great deal of money for printing and postage.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



S.P.O.T. K of C Annual Winter Get-Away

Sunday-Monday

January 15-16, 2017

\$115 per person

(Double Occupancy) for
this exciting trip!!
\$140 for Single.
\$65 back from the
Casinos in
Free play and food!!

Stop at Soaring Eagle on the
Way to Little River



Contact Jeff Gapczynski at 586-263-5942.

Make out checks to: **SPOT K of C 11689.**

Mail checks to Jeff Gapczynski

41240 Scarborough Ct.
Clinton Twp., MI 48038

Advance reservations are required.
Reservations and payment are due
by no later than December 20,
2016.

Bus departs from the Kroger parking lot at
Garfield and Canal Road at 7:00 a.m. sharp.

Breakfast stop at McDonalds Birch Run.

Little River Casino Trip – S.P.O.T. K of C

January 15-16, 2017

Contact Jeff Gapczynski at 586-263-5942

All Rooms are Non-Smoking

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip Code _____
Casino Card # _____
Casino Card # _____ Birth Date _____
(Need numbers for each Casino visited) (Full Birth Dates are Required)

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip Code _____
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(Need numbers for each Casino visited) (Full Birth Dates are Required)

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Special Bus or Hotel needs for _____

Total Paid \$ _____