



The Knight's Shield



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

January, 2016

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 21

A Word from Grand Knight Bruce Arnold

I hope everyone had a great Christmas. This year, perhaps more than ever, I again realized how much it means to spend quality time with the ones you love. I hope all my Brother Knights had that same opportunity.

Congratulations to Knights of Columbus Council 11689. On January 20, 2016 we celebrate the 20th anniversary of our council. We have accomplished so many great things and yet so much still lies ahead of us. Let's continue the great work that this council and the Knights of Columbus stands for.

As we find ourselves entering the second half of the Fraternal year, we can't help but notice how many activities are on our K of C calendar during the first quarter of 2016. Some of our bigger council events will include; a pancake breakfast, membership recruitment weekend, Vocations Pasta Dinner, six Friday's of Lenten fish fries, a Major Degree ceremony, Easter ham and kielbasa sales, our March open house pot luck dinner, annual Easter Egg Hunt, and of course our annual M I Drive. As you can see the next 3 months will be very busy for our council, please consider helping whenever you are able.

We need to thank Brothers Jerry Hund and Ray Coughlin who worked all the Masses, for two consecutive weekends, on the Christmas ham and kielbasa fundraiser. Thanks also to the other Brother Knights who offered their help, as well as those who helped with the distribution process.

Another great success was the Keep Christ In Christmas lawn signs and lapel pins. Approximately 175 lawn signs were passed out the first weekend and over a 100 more the second weekend. The pins and

lawn signs were well received and supported by the parish members.

The sweatshirts and gift cards that were brought in for Holy Cross Childrens Services were taken to St. Lawrence on Wednesday, December 16th and given to a HCCS representative at our annual Fourth Degree Christmas party. Thank you to everyone who made a donation.

George Sakorafos arranged to have folding chairs picked up at Erie Elementary for the Christmas Masses in the social hall. Thank you to those who volunteered to help.

Fr. Ron and Brother George Eichorn expressed their sincere thanks for the banners that we agreed to purchase and are now placed on the altar in church.

Everyone should have received the Michigan State Council raffle tickets in the mail. Along with the many prizes being offered, there are also incentives for the top prize ticket sellers as well as a rebate program to the council. Please consider promoting this most worthwhile fundraiser for the State Council and ultimately for Special Days Camp.

Thank you to Steve Kargenian, Denny Kubczak, Rich Okerhjelm, Ralph Pullis, and Gary Skarb who volunteered to work the 7:45 Mass at the "Welcoming Table" to pass out booklets to new parish members.

Once again this year, our Charter Grand Knight, Jeff Gapczynski and his wife Chris took time out of their very busy schedule to purchase sweatshirts and socks on behalf of our council. They also delivered these items to the Henry Ford Macomb Hospital emergency room where they will be distributed to needy patients when they arrive for

treatment through the Emergency Room.

A special thank you to Chris Gapczynski, our newsletter editor, for her work each and every month, making this newsletter look like it is professionally done.

Vivat Jesus and Happy New Year,
Bruce Arnold
Grand Knight



Fish Fry Meeting

On Saturday, January 16th at 10 AM we are going to have a meeting for anyone who wishes to help with this years Lenten fish fries. Whether you help with; purchasing products, hall set up, cooking, collecting money, serving, washing dishes, or clean up afterward you should make every effort to attend this meeting. As everyone knows these fish fries are a lot of work, and your help is needed and very much appreciated.

Brother Ray Coughlin will run the meeting and assign a lead person/persons for each area. We host these fish fries for 6 consecutive Fridays. However, your commitment to help is not required every week. We ask that you do what you can when your schedule permits.

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 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



Monthly Prayer Intention

Universal: Interreligious Dialogue

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Evangelization: Christian Unity

That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.



Free Throw Contest

On Saturday, January 23rd our youth, that have signed up, will be going to St Clement of Rome to participate in the annual Free Throw Contest. Thank you to our Youth Director Art Krygowski for heading up this event and to Hank Leflere for once again being there to assist.



Euchre Tournament

Saturday, January 23rd is the date of our next Euchre Tournament. Brother Mike Hartel and his wife Carla have volunteered to run the January event.

These Euchre Tournaments are meant to be a purely social evening. So far the participation has been a little less than what we expected. Join us in January to share some fraternalism with your brother knights



Motions Passed

The following motions were passed at the December general membership meeting:

Motion to pay the bills by Chuck Loewen supported by Hank Leflere

Motion to designate Abigayle Ministries and Gianna House as the organizations that will receive the proceeds of the January 31, 2016 pancake breakfast.

Pancake Breakfast / Membership Recruitment

January 31, 2016 is our next pancake breakfast. The proceeds of this event will be split between Abigayle Ministries and Gianna House.

Also, we will use that weekend as our last recruitment weekend of the Fraternal year. Hopefully that recruitment goes well so we can have many candidates when we host the major degree in February.

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. Two upcoming Protecting God's Children classes in our area are:

Thursday, January 21, 2016 at St. Therese Lisieux in Shelby Township at 6:30 PM

Saturday, January 23, 2016 at St. Ephrem in Sterling Heights at 9:00 AM.

Go to www.virtusonline.org to resister.

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 December: "**Ted Czarny.**" 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 December: "**Vito Guzzardo Family.**" In recognition of their out-standing service to the Council.

Corporate Communion Masses

To Be Determined



The Lighter Side



A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her students to look at television commercials and see how they could use them in ways to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results: (more to follow next month)

God is like ... Bayer Aspirin – He works miracles

God is like ... Ford – He's got a better idea

God is like ... Coke – He's the real thing

God is like ... Hallmark Cards – He cares enough to send His very best

God is like ... Tide – He gets the stains the others leave behind

God is like ... General Electric – He brings good things to life

God is like ... Walmart – He has everything

God is like ... Alka-Seltzer – try Him, you'll like Him

God is like ... Scotch Tape – You can't see Him, but you know He's there

"To get what you want STOP doing what isn't working." - Dennis Weaver

"Excellence is doing ordinary things extraordinarily well." - John Gardner

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.

Insurance Check-Up 2016

Can you believe it will soon be 2016? I hope that 2015 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. It's said that time flies, and the older we get, the more that statement seems true. As we review the past year and prepare to welcome a new one, we wonder where the time goes.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for 2016. If I may, I'd like to make two suggestions regarding your resolutions. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. Writing a resolution down is the first step towards achieving it. Whether your goal is to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – **guarantee**. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's (as they say in the credit card commercials) priceless.

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

Ask about our **GUARANTEED LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES, LONG TERM CARE & DISABILITY INSURANCE**

In Christ,

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State Raffle

By now you should have received your Michigan State Council raffle tickets. This annual raffle is a great fundraiser for the State Council to continue its charitable donations. Not only are there 4 great trips to be won, there are also 26 cash prizes up for grabs. This raffle is also a nice fundraiser for our council, with 20% of our ticket sales coming back to us. Additionally, there are incentives for the sellers of the top 3 prizes, as well as council and district incentives.

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me



Calendar of Events

Jan. 1		New Years Day
Jan. 11	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (6:30 PM free will offering meal)
Jan. 16	8:30 AM	First Degree Ceremony at St Clement Council
Jan. 16	10:00 AM	Lenten Fish Fry meeting
Jan. 17-18		Casino trip
Jan. 19	7:00 PM	District planning meeting at St. Paul of Tarsus
Jan. 22		Newsletter deadline
Jan. 23	8:00 AM	District Free Throw Contest at St. Clement of Rome gymnasium
Jan. 23	7:00 PM	Euchre Tournament (tentative time)
Jan. 28	7:00 PM	Officers meeting – Keep Christ in Christmas poster judging
Jan. 30	5:00 PM	Pancake breakfast setup
Jan. 31	8:00 AM	Pancake breakfast
Feb. 6	6:00 PM	Vocations Dinner
Feb. 8	7:30 PM	General membership meeting (6:30 PM free will offering meal)
Feb. 10		Ash Wednesday
Feb. 12	4-7 PM	Fish Fry
Feb. 13	9AM-2PM	Major Degree
Feb. 19	4-7 PM	Fish Fry
Feb 22		Newsletter deadline
Feb. 25	7:00 PM	Officers meeting
Feb. 26	4-7 PM	Fish Fry
Feb. 27	5:00 PM	State Deputy Tribute Dinner – DeCarlos Banquet Hall



Happy Birthday!!



Richard Dutts	January 2
Guido Fracassa	January 2
Patricia Okerhjelm	January 3
George Francis	January 6
George Mejaly, Jr.	January 7
Lorrayne Thielmans	January 7
Thomas Hudson	January 12
Thomas Murray	January 14
Philip Bryant	January 15
Donald Duff	January 15
Kenneth Grobbel	January 17
Harold Meerschaert	January 19
Donald Badowski	January 23
Thomas Lomasney	January 27
Dean Pascaretti	January 29
Kim Murphy	January 31

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!!



Jerry & Sue Hund	January 22
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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 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
Harold Patterson	October 20, 2015



For the Good of the Order

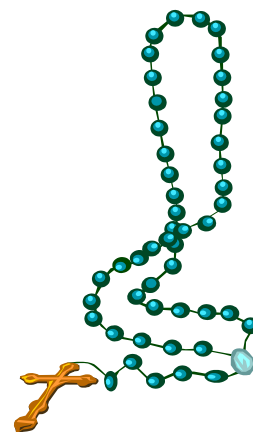
**Please keep the Knights, Relatives or Acquaintances of Knights
below in your prayers.**



Michelle Abrams
Joanne Ales
BK-Dick Allore
Curt Arnold
Joyce Aufmuth
Melvin Aufmuth
Kevin Bondra
Lucas Carlson
Gail Clisby
Michael Denomme
James Diehl
Joel Edwards
BK-Richard Emmers
Barbara Fairhurst
BK-Clarence Gajewski
Chris Gapczynski
Ed Gormez
Racheal Hund
Sue Hund
Alan Johnson
Caroline Krmel
Anita Kubczak
SK-Ralph Labadie
Janet Loewen
Jennifer Loewen

Ken Lomasney
Ron Lomasney
Peter Mocerì
Cindy Mulcahy
Mark & Jill Nelson
Monica Noch
Patricia Okerhjelm
Millie Orley
Antonina Parado
BK-Bill Parus
Marie Peever
Don Reikslander
Candace Schmidt
Duane Schoenherr
Marth Seruga
Zachary Shevsky
Chip Storck
Loretta Suval
Paul Suval
Sarah Swanson
SK-Karl Sziisz
Mildred Tarbuck
Robert Williams
Lynn Williams
Charlene Wojtaszek

NOTE: 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
Grand Knight	Bruce Arnold	586-566-0628
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	PGK Karl Sziisz	586-286-5238
2 Yr Trustee	Tom Gray	586-468-2165
3 Yr Trustee	Steve Kargenian	586-746-9073
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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	Gary Skarb	586-286-1040
Family	Richard Okerhjelm	586-263-0544
Youth	Art Krygowski	586-996-2221
Membership	George Loewen	586-731-5299
Field Agent	Donald Wesley	888-393-7539
Vocations Director	Jeff Gapczynski PCGK and PDD	586-263-5942
Pro-Life	Jim Kaza	586-263-5395

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 January newsletter must be submitted by no later than December 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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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.