



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

My Brother Knights, Happy Fraternal New Year! The new fraternal year starts July 1. I look forward to serving as your Grand Knight. I would like to thank Bruce and my predecessors who have been very willing and able to offer advice and suggestions on how to be a good Grand Knight. I have learned a lot, and hopefully will be able to put it to good use this fraternal year. I have many goals, and with your help and support, we can again have a year that all of us can be proud of.

I would also like to congratulate our new officers for this fraternal year, and would solicit your support and prayers for us.

There are not many things better than representing our Council at a State Convention and being recognized by our State officers and our peers for all the great works we do. The convention was very rewarding. It was interesting to see all that is involved in making the Knights of Columbus work as it does.

We welcome our newest member, Brother Phillip Abraham, who completed his First Degree ceremony at St. Isidore on Thursday, June 23rd. Please congratulate Phillip and welcome him to the Council.

Great success with the Rosary Rings project!! Phil Mularski and all helpers did great!! There were over 1,100 Rosary Rings given out.

Our Corporate Communion Mass was well attended. Thank you to all Knights and their families who attended. So I believe 7:45 is not too early after all...lol.

Thursday, June 23rd, was Fr Kiselica's 32nd anniversary of his ordination. Also, Friday, June 24th was his birthday. Bruce Arnold presented him with a card and a Men's Wearhouse gift card.

Have a great month!!

Vivat Jesus,
Art Krygowski
Grand Knight

Memorials

The mother of Carol Garavaglia, Angelo Garavaglia's mother-in-law Delores Moquin, 104 years old, passed away on June 15, 2016.

The wife Gordon Wilczynski, Claudia Wilczynski, 67 years old, passed away on June 17, 2016.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.



Let us pray

Monthly Prayer Intention



Universal: indigenous Peoples

That indigenous peoples, whose identity and very existence are threatened, will be shown due respect.

Evangelization: Latin America and the Caribbean

That the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean, by means of her mission to the continent, may announce the Gospel with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

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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A Word from Past Grand Knight Bruce Arnold

I hardly know where to start as I write this article. First and foremost; I want to say thank you! Thank you to the entire membership of Council 11689, for the confidence you have shown by first electing me, then re-electing me (twice) to lead our council as Grand Knight. It was truly a very rewarding, humbling, fulfilling, and yes, sometimes stressful experience.

I want to thank all of the council officers and directors, that I have worked with over the past three years, for all of your time and dedication. It was great to have all of your support, understanding, and cooperation as we worked together. I also want to thank every event chairmen and those who helped work any council events.

As another new fraternal year approaches, our council takes on new leadership. I am very confident that our new Grand Knight, Art Krygowski, and Deputy Grand Knight, Mike Hartel will do an outstanding job moving our council forward in a positive direction. I would ask that the membership give them the same support that was given to me.

It was truly an honor and privilege to have served as your Grand Knight. I now look forward to my new position as Three Year Trustee. I plan to remain active and will do whatever I can to help Council 11689 succeed.

Vivat Jesus
Bruce Arnold—PGK

Thank You

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.

Ice-cream Social

Brother Rich Okerhjelm has selected the weekend of July 30-31 for the Annual Ice-cream Social.

There will be a sign-up sheet available at the June and July meetings for anyone wishing to help.

This is a free event open to all members of our parish.



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!

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 June: "Art Krygowski."
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 June: "Richard Dutts 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.



Motions Passed

The following motions were approved at the May officers meeting:

Motion by Phil Kwasny, supported by Ted Czarny to keep the 7:45 Mass in the rotation for the Corporate Communion schedule.

The following motions were approved at the June officers meeting:

Motion by George Loewen, supported by Chuck Lomasney, to accept the new application of Phillip Abraham (first reading).

Motion by George Loewen, supported by Phil Mularski, to accept the new application of Phillip Abraham (second reading).

Motion by George Loewen, supported by Rich Okerhjelm, to pay the bills.

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.

The Lighter Side



"It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt." - Mark Twain

"The miracle is not that we do this work, but that we are happy to do it." - Mother Teresa

Jesus was walking along one day, when He came upon a group of people surrounding a lady of ill repute. It was obvious that the crowd was preparing to stone her, so Jesus made His now-famous statement, "Let the person who has no sin cast the first stone." The crowd was shamed and one by one began to turn away. All of a sudden, a lovely little woman made her way through the crowd. Finally getting to the front, she tossed a pebble towards the woman. Jesus looks over and says, "I really hate it when you do that, Mom."

An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He says, "Sir, have you been drinking?" "Just water," says the priest, fingers crossed. The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"

The preacher stopped by the other day. He said, at my age, I should be thinking of the hereafter. "Oh, I do it all the time," I said. "No matter where I am—in the living room, in my bedroom, in the kitchen, in the den or basement—ask myself, 'Now, what am I here after?'"

How to Prove Live Begins at Conception #1

Science backs the pro-life position.
By Trent Horn

I remember my first year as a pro-life advocate arguing with a college student over the question of when life begins. As a crowd swelled around us, he said, "Look, no one knows when life begins. It's a religious question that can't be answered!"

I was determined to prove that life begins at conception, but, without any data at my finger-tips, I blurted out, "Everyone knows that life begins at conception. I've read twelve embryology text books that say so."

As people began to disperse, an older pro-life man came up to me and smiled. "Twelve books," he said. "That was quite a line."

He had me. At that time, I had read excerpts of maybe one or two books, so perhaps I combined the numbers 1 and 2 and came up with 12. More to the point, I had become flustered in the face of the skeptic who denied that anyone can know when life begins.

He probably took a cue from *Roe v. Wade*, the U.S. Supreme Court case that decriminalized abortion, which said:

We need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins. When those trained in the respective disciplines of medicine, philosophy, and theology are unable to arrive at any consensus, the judiciary, at this point in the development of man's knowledge, is not in a position to speculate as to the answer.

Why is there disagreement over this question? The problem is, the question of when human life begins is actually two distinct questions. It can be a scientific question about the beginning of a human organism, or it can be a philosophical question about when a human organism acquires intrinsic value, a right to life, or becomes a "person." In this essay I'll focus on the scientific question and show that there is no doubt that unborn children are young biological 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.

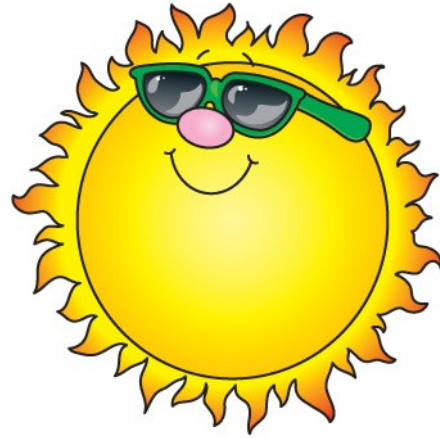
I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family's needs.

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

**Ask about our GUARANTEED LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES,
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In Christ,

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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
gjl047@gmail.com
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



Calendar of Events

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| July 1 | | Start of 2016-2017 fraternal year |
| July 4 | | Independence Day |
| July 11 | 7:30 PM | General membership meeting (free will offering meal at 6:30 PM) |
| July 16 | 7:05 PM | 2016 K of C Tigers Day — Detroit Tigers vs. Kansas City Royals |
| July 22 | | Newsletter deadline |
| July 28 | 7:00 PM | Officers meeting |
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| August 15 | | Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Assumption Grotto Church in Detroit in the Grotto (all day event with an evening Mass at 7:00 PM) |
| August 8 | 7:30 PM | General membership meeting (free will offering meal at 6:30 PM) |
| August 22 | | Newsletter deadline |
| August 25 | 7:00 PM | Officers meeting |



Happy Birthday!!



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| Bob Pastrick | July 2 |
| Al Obrecht | July 3 |
| Robert Tusset | July 4 |
| Thomas Jarfas | July 5 |
| Ronald Marrese | July 6 |
| Gerald Grzech | July 7 |
| Jerome Hund | July 10 |
| Thomas Pardo | July 10 |
| Richard Miller | July 11 |
| Justin Cabe | July 12 |
| Joseph Shalla | July 13 |
| Mary Russo | July 17 |
| Joseph Mejaly | July 17 |
| Robert Tette | July 17 |
| Jeff Daris | July 18 |
| Carol Serafino | July 18 |
| Henry Kwiatkowski | July 18 |
| Phillip Mularski | July 18 |
| Kenneth Dombrowski | July 19 |
| Leonard Gutkowski | July 20 |
| Richard Emmers | July 20 |
| Dominic Carrafelli | July 22 |
| John Filipkowski | July 23 |
| Timothy Burtka | July 24 |
| Rosemary Schulte | July 25 |
| Joanne Sziisz | July 25 |
| Thomas Ratusznik | July 25 |
| Michael Olejniczak | July 26 |
| James Kaza | July 27 |
| Daniel Steele | July 28 |
| Paul DeMetsenare | July 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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| Jeff & Traci Czarny | July 5 |
| John & Mary Russo | July 16 |
| Jeff & Chris Gapczynski | July 20 |
| August & Michelle Oliveri, Jr. | July 21 |
| Leon & Lorryayne Eggers | July 22 |

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Please Remember our Beloved Deceased Brother Knights

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| 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 |
| 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 Marfotta | March 26, 2016 |
| Ralph Labadie | March 27, 2016 |



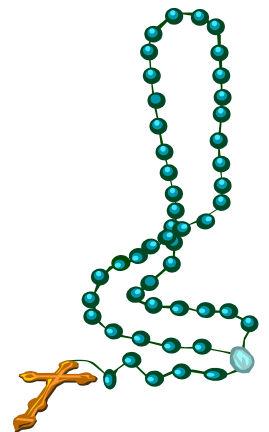
For the Good of the Order

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



Joanne Ales
SK-Dick Allore
Kevin Bondra
Janice Burda
Micheal Denomme
James Diehl
Barbara Fairhurst
BK-Clarence Gajewski
Chris Gapczynski
Linda Garrisi
Rose Garrisi
Donna Giezyng
Renie Giezyng
Chuck Hoste
BK-Mike Hoste
Sue Hund
Allan Johnson
BK-Jim Kaza
Anita Kubczak

Dolores Moquin
Jill Nelson
BK-Scott & Franscian Obrecht
Jim Otteman
Regina Parker
BK-John Russo
Zachary Shevsky
Rosann Steele
Loretta Suwal
Paul Suwal
Sarah Swanson
Mary Jane Sweeney
SK-Karl & Joanne Sziisz
Reginald Topolewski
BK-Gerry Vento
Bob Williams
Lynn Williams
Char Wojtazsek



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District #66**

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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

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

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