



The Knight's Shield



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

April, 2017

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 22

A Word from Grand Knight Art Krygowski

Please keep in your prayers Brother John Russo who went home to the Lord March 15th. Also pray for his wife, Mary, and his family members so they have peace at this difficult time in their lives.

Please keep our Worthy District Deputy, Mike Mejia's mom, Mary Margaret Mejia, in your prayers as she also went home to the Lord on March 24, 2017.

Please keep our State Fundraising Director Gary A. DeCarlo in your Prayers.

Congratulations to our New Brother Knight, George Trapp, who went through the Major degree, Stephen Sleem who went through the Knighthood Degree, Leon Berdy and Andy Callahan who went through the Formation and Knighthood Degree at St. Ephrem.

Our annual fish fry is under way and doing GREAT! At the time of this writing, we have served 1255 people. I would like to thank the many, many, many Helpers! It would be impossible to thank everyone by name. As always, we Knights, Family, Friends and Students all pull together and do what we do best here at St. Paul of Tarsus — serving the people just as Fr. Michael J. McGivney had intended way back on March 29, 1882, New Haven, CT.

Our annual Open House Pot Luck Dinner and Awards Night was March 13th in spite of the weather, we had a nice turn-out and hopefully everyone had enough to eat and drink! There was so much wonderful and delicious food it was hard to decide on what to have. We were honored to have Worthy State District Secretary Tony Vittorini, Worthy State Activities and

And Community Director Jeff Gapczynski and his wife Chris and Chief Executive Officer / President, John Lynch from Holy Cross Children's Services join us for the evening and inspired us with his words of the good that HCCS does for the young people of our community. Our council made a donation to John Lynch to further the great works of HCCS. On display was a 32" TV that will be donated by our council, to be included as part of the raffle during the annual State Convention on Mackinac Island in May.

The baby bottles are still trickling in and the response from all of the church members was overwhelming. We met our target which allows 11689 to contribute our share in the purchase of the Ultra Sound Machine and also a donation to Abigayle Ministries.

Many people have been asking for the **Larger K of C lapel pins**. I have them available for purchase — the cost is **\$5.00 each**. Anyone interested can get one at the General Membership or Officers meetings.

At our April 10th meeting, we will have our **first round of officer nominations**. The second round of nominations and **elections will take place at our May meeting**. As you all know this is a very important process, so please consider carefully who you would like to see in the leadership positions of your council. Remember also, that **self-nomination is perfectly acceptable**, as long as the nominee is a Third Degree member.

On Friday March 31st at 7:00 pm the Knights of Columbus will lead the Stations of the Cross. If you would like to assist in this Please contact me.

Every year each of us, as K of C members, have an opportunity to really make our mark in helping others. That chance comes when we participate in our annual MI drive. April 7th-8th-9th. The yearly Tootsie

Roll drive, aside from its Insurance business, is the single largest campaign sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. If you didn't know it, this is a country wide fundraising activity. The monies raised go directly to our fellow citizens, both young and old, whose everyday lives are affected by situations of which they have no control. 80% of what we collect stays in our community. It appears that each year our government, including local, state and federal, allocates less and less financial support along these line. Even our public school systems are annually cutting more and more funding normally allocated for Special Education programs, just the type of support those citizens relied on in years past. This is the main reason we as the K of C family must continue to support the MI Drive. Our presence on those street corners, in the lobbies of our stores and banks, wearing that yellow apron is our way of showing the rest of America, that members of the Knights of Columbus CARE. And that is important, almost as important as the fundraising itself. While it is evident that you're generous cash and check donations helps the cause, your participation matters too. Think hard about it. Each and every one of us knows of those that the drive offers some hope. Maybe a family member, a neighbor, even a co-worker. You know who that special person in your life is. You owe it to that person to don the yellow apron to remind the rest of the country that as a nation we cannot stop rendering support to our special citizens. Do it for them. Again, your donations are important but so is your presence. No one has to stand out there hour after hour especially as our membership ages. Any amount of time you contribute, be it 30 minutes, an hour or two, it doesn't matter. What does matter is that **yellow apron** and what it shows: that YOU CARE. Got kids? A very good way to teach them the importance of helping others by doing good works as they too are welcomed to wear the yellow apron and assist you. This year, make it a point to make your mark. To paraphrase an old Eagles song, "Show some love for someone before it is too late"

Vivat Jesus
Art Krygowski
Grand Knight



As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."

Awards



Knight of the Year for 2016-2017: Michael Hartel

Family of the Year for 2016 - 2017: Georgios and Kathleen Sakorafos

Past Grand Knight 2013-2016: Bruce Arnold

Nine brothers receive the Michigan Shining Armor Award:

Ted Czarny	Philip Mularski
Ray Ignatowski	Tom Pardo
Jeremy Krygowski	Georgios Sakorafos
Phillip Kwasny	Rob Tusset
George Loewen	

A token of appreciation was given to our newsletter editor, Chris Gapczynski for the fine job she does each month making this newsletter look as good as it does.

Membership Recruitment raffle winner: Ted Czarny

Special Recognition Lifetime Achievement Award — James Hubbard, Joseph Roehrig and Philip Kwasny

Thank You!!

To all that helped (Lady Knights) to organize all the food and drinks at last month's Potluck dinner. This event could not possibly take place without these people.

George Loewen and Ted Czarny as they were in the conference room working the information session before our potluck dinner they (Ted) did sign a new candidate.

To all who attended our Corporate Communion Mass Saturday March 18th at the 4 o'clock Mass. This was nicely attended.

BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER

State Raffle



On Saturday April 22, 2017, you are invited to join the State Officers for the raffle drawing Party at De Carlo's Banquet Center. Doors Open at 12 noon, and a light lunch will be provided, Cash Bar Available, Drawing Held at 2:30pm. If you haven't turned in your tickets consider going to De Carlo's.

One final thought from **Deacon Mike Houghton (Brother Knight)** from St. John Vianney:

To love as Jesus calls us is a great challenge. It takes commitment and effort. It takes patience. It takes us being willing to be the bigger person and not be sucked into the pit of hatred that surrounds us. This kind of love is eternal, as is the reward for living it out. We who are disciples of the Lord are called to display this kind of love for others as we carry out our mission to make disciples of all the nations.



Monthly Prayer Intention



Young People

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

MI Drive: Ladies Needed!

The MI Drive to be held the weekend of April 7-9, 2017, is rapidly approaching, and I am asking now for help with serving the men, as well as with preparing the food.

I need volunteers to prepare soups and sloppy joes. I also need volunteers to bake finger desserts such as cookies and brownies.

If you can help at all, please contact me at 586-231-2379.

Thanks...

Sherri Ignatowski

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

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.

Our State Membership Motto for 2017:

Our Growth Starts With...

"One Member, Per Council, Per Month"

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.

St. Blase, Sterling Heights, MI
May 6, 2017, at 9:00 am

St. John Vianney, Shelby Twp, MI
May 23, 2017 at 6:00 pm

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

Corporate Communion Masses

Our Next Corporate Communion will be held on June 25, 2017, at the 7:45 a.m. Mass.

Lectors: Richard Okerjhelm
Jeffrey Loeb

Acolytes: Denny Kubczak
Gary Skarb

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 March : **Daniel Steele**.

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 March: **"Bruce Arnold 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



Kevin was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed Kevin by the hand and pulled him aside. The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!" Kevin replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor." Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?" He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

One Sunday in a Midwest City, a young child was "acting up" during the morning worship hour. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

A minister was walking to church one morning when he passed one of his members working in his garden. "Can't you hear those bells calling you to church?" asked the minister. "Eh, what's that?" said the member. "Can't you hear those bells calling you to church?" "I'm afraid you'll have to speak a little louder!" said the member. "CAN'T YOU HEAR THOSE BELLS CALLING YOU TO CHURCH?!" shouted the minister. "I'm sorry," said the member, "I can't hear you because of those darned BELLS!"

Sign behind an Amish carriage: Energy efficient vehicle. Runs on grass and oats. Extreme caution: Avoid exhaust.

Motions Passed

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

Motion to pay the bills by Bruce Arnold and seconded by Georgios Sakorafos. Motion passed.

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Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The winners of the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest:

Ages 5-7:	1 st Place	Sophea Guimond
	2 nd Place	Bridgette Guadarrama-Pelayo
Ages 8-10:	1 st Place	David Gadzinski
	2 nd Place	Vivian Dudley
Ages 11-14:	1 st Place	Adrianna Angelouski
	2 nd Place	Alex Oabrowski

The Value of Membership Referrals

As a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most is when one of my brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to me. This is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they were so pleased with what I helped them accomplish that they want me to help others achieve the same level of financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis that I provide.

Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they've never been asked and don't know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own.

If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me or your Grand Knight. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It's always more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don't worry if the candidate is outside the area I serve or beyond the district of the local councils, we can make sure we put these future members in touch with the right people in their communities.

New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.55 billion to charity and provided in excess of 673 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential.

***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 – Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Insurance - Field Agent

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MI Drive

HELP US — HELP THEM

Throughout the Palm Sunday weekend, April 7-9, 2017, our Council will conduct our annual MI (aka Tootsie Roll) Drive. It was originally and still is referred to as the MI (Mentally Impaired) drive. But it is now more enlightened and more humanely known as a fundraiser for our fellow residents that are intellectually challenged.

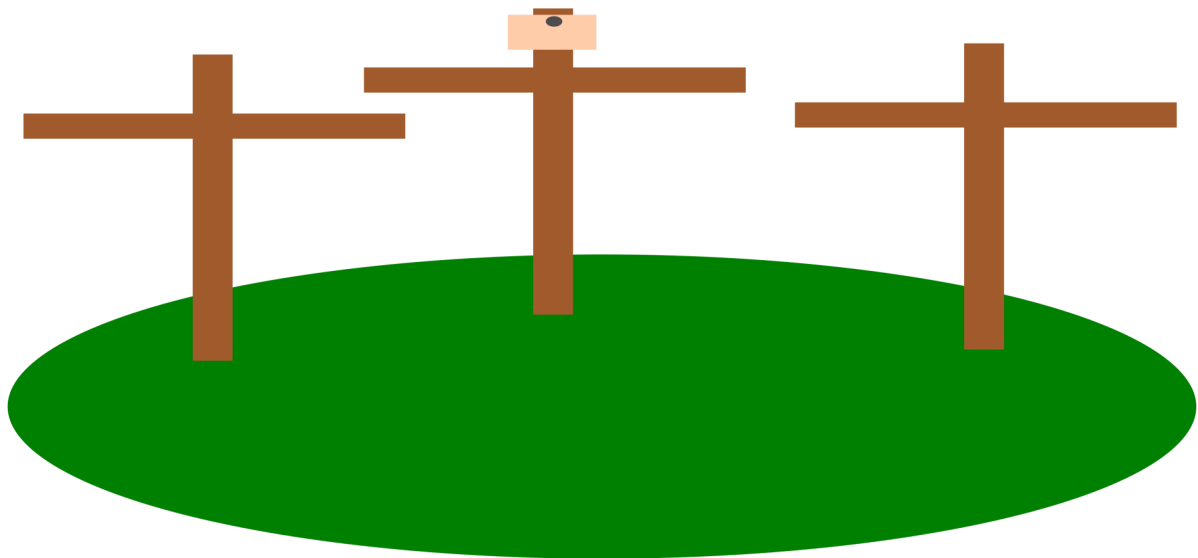
We will be very successful (more money per organization) if each Brother will devote the most time that he can, and in some cases, your family members as well. Since the most productive locations are the street corners and turnarounds, I encourage you to select those locations if you are physically able. You cannot, in any way, obstruct, impede or otherwise interfere with the normal flow of traffic on public streets or highways.

Volunteers will also be needed at all the Masses (2 in the back and at least 3 in the front of church. Our parishioners are generous contributors.

The weather may be uncomfortable, but you can warm your heart knowing that you will be helping to raise money to financially support those local organizations that are dedicated to serving the special needs of some of our less fortunate fellow residents.

Calendar of Events

March 24 th	4:00—7:00 pm	Fish Fry . We accept credit cards.
March 25 th and 26 th	After All Masses	K of C Ham & Kielbasa Orders . We accept credit cards.
March 31 st	4:00—7:00 pm	Fish Fry. We accept credit cards.
March 31 st	3:00 pm	Stuff Easter Eggs for Easter Egg .
March 31 st	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross — K of C Leading.
April 1 st and 2 nd	After All Masses	K of C Ham & Kielbasa Orders . We accept credit cards.
April 2 nd	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Annual Easter Egg Hunt .
April 7 th	4:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Final Fish Fry. We accept credit cards.
April 8 th	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Diaconate formation Day K of C Cooking breakfast and Lunch.
April 9 th	Palm Sunday	
April 10 th	6:30pm	General Membership Meeting .
April 13 th	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Ham & Kielbasa Pick Up .
April 15 th	12:00 pm	Blessing of the Food Baskets .
April 16 th	Easter Sunday	
April 27 th	7:00 pm	Officer's and Director's meeting .



Happy Birthday!!



Raymond Ignatowski	April 1
Traci Czarny	April 1
Conrad Bagans	April 1
James Carnaghi	April 2
Nancy Czarny	April 3
Jeanette Badowski	April 6
Gary Skarb	April 6
Janet Valentine	April 7
Jeffrey Gapczynski	April 9
Valerie Cosgrove	April 9
Ronald Perfetto	April 11
Albert Valenti	April 12
Salvatore Bica	April 14
Michael Finn	April 16
Jerome Garrisi	April 17
Albert Watanabe	April 20
Mary Riera	April 21
Donald Seidl	April 23
Joseph Bono	April 26
Thomas Blake	April 27
Timothy Kropidlowski	April 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!!



Greg & Barb Csernai	April 6
Phillip & Pat Bonnette	April 11
Karl & Joanne Sziisz	April 14
Tony & Janet Valentine	April 26

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



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
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
James Kaza	September 26, 2016
John Russo	March 15, 2017

For the Good of the Order

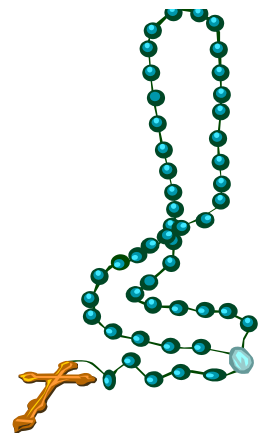
**Please keep the Knights, Relatives or Acquaintances of Knights
below in your prayers.**



Carol Alexander
Joyce Aufmuth
Melvin Aufmuth
Kevin Bondra
SK-Ralph Colosimo
Sherri Czarny
Micheal Dejiovanni
Micheal Denomme
James Diehl
James D'Ursa
Richard Emmers
Fr. Ron Essman
BK-Guido Fracassa
SK-Angelo & Carol Garavaglia
Sandy Grobbel
Robert Gutkowski
BK-Mike Hoste
Barbara Hubbard
Sue Hund
Alan Johnson
Ken Kargenial

Steve Kargenian
Felicia Krause
Caroline Krmel
Fred Lewis
Ann Lisuzzo
BK-Jim Lisuzzo
Jennifer Loewen
Leanne Mackay
BK-Edward Marcinkowski
Monica Noch
BK-Richard & Patricia Okerjhelm
BK-Jim & Barbara Petoskey
Don Riekslander
Mary Rosso
Zackary Shevsky
PGK-Karl & Joanne Sziisz
Mildred Tarbuck
Matthew Thomas
Bob Williams
Lynn Williams
BK-Deacon Ed Wilson
Lisa Sapienza

NOTE: BK = Brother Knight
SK = Sir Knight



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

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District Warden	Gary Kopp	586-873-6906
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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	586-822-6657
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
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Community	George Loewen	586-731-5299
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Pro-Life Chairman	Sal Ales	586-263-3483



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 May newsletter must be submitted by no later than April 22, 2017.

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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