



The Knight's Shield



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

April, 2023

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 28

A Word from Grand Knight Tom Gray

I hope this finds everyone having a grace filled Lenten Season! Easter is just around the corner.

Our 1st quarter corporate communion at 4:00 o'clock Mass was a great success! We had three full rows and many others in attendance. Brother Paul Parker led the Rosary before Mass, and there were many Knights in attendance for this. Paul did a wonderful job...thank you for this effort Mr. Parker! We also held an exemplification after Mass. We had four new Knights brought into the order and had a light meal afterward.

At the writing of this article, we have a couple of more fish fries to do. So far it has been very successful. I have had some wonderful conversations while "working the room" during the events. I have had people from other parishes say that we have the best fish fry. Not only is the food good, but the service is the best. I have had women ask if they can join "The Ladies of The Knights". I had to explain that they are not a sanctioned group, and they were very disappointed as our Ladies look like they are having a wonderful time. I had a priest from another parish ask how I get our Knights and their wives to do so much. His Knights are lazy and don't do anything. So I want to thank you all for what you do. Your efforts are being noticed, and we look really good to the parish and the community.

Palm Sunday weekend is the MI drive. This is the event that defines the Knights. This is one that gives us the most exposure to the public. Jeff Gapczynski has graciously stepped up to run it this year. Please also consider working this event as this also funds many of the charities that we do like to support. We do need some help at the church with this as well as making and serving food.

We are still buttoning up the Easter meat sales. We did many more orders the first weekend than we did last year, so that is good. During the meat sales this last weekend I

had a parishioner that I have known for years come up and say what wonderful things the Knights do for the parish. He was just amazed at how much we do. I told him that it is all good, and that we are just trying to buy our way into heaven. He laughed so hard that he was choking. I thought I was going to have give him CPR. With that being said, seriously, what we are doing is being noticed so keep up the good work!

We are almost through our busy Lent/Easter season...just a final couple week push and we can slow down for a breather. Please don't lose your get up and go just yet.

I look forward to seeing you all at one of our Lenten/Easter activities.

God bless you and all that you do!

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Gray

Spring Road Clean-up



Meet by 8:00am Saturday April 29 in the North parking lot at church for our Spring Road Clean-up.

We will split up into groups and pick up the trash along Canal Road between Romeo Plank and Garfield Roads. Only takes an hour to an hour and a half of your time to complete (Depending on how many people show up). This is your chance to make a difference and help keep the community looking nice!

No Protecting God's Children classes required for this event.

See you there!



Food Donations Needed For MI Drive

The MI Drive will be held on March 31 to April 2.

We are again asking the Ladies of the SPOT Knights to donate food for our workers.

We will need:

1 more meatless soup for Friday.

1 more soup for Saturday

Egg Salad

Cookies

Please let Chris Gapczynski know what you intend to bring and on which day.

You can call at 586-215-5942 or email at chris.gapczynski@gmail.com.

Thanks for all your help!!

Chris Gapczynski

A Prayer For Our Country

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. AMEN

MI (Tootsie Roll) Drive



The MI Tootsie Roll Drive will be held on Palm Sunday weekend, March 31 to April 2. We are in desperate need for workers, especially on Friday.

I thank those who have already volunteered...but we don't have nearly enough help. Please find it in your schedule and in your heart to volunteer for this most important event.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jeff Gapczynski at 586-337-5942 or sign up at the upcoming meeting(s).

Any time you can be available to help would be most appreciated. This is an important ministry of the Knights of Columbus. So let's give it all we've got this year.

Corporate Communion Masses



TBD

Monthly Prayer Intention



Intention for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Vets Returning Home



Vets Returning Home will open a Resale store by June 1, 2022. They will accept clean clothing of all kinds (including children's clothing), furniture, housewares, kitchenware, bathroom accessories and large appliances. Appliance donations will be reviewed for need.

The Resale Store is located at 29523 Gratiot in Roseville about a mile north of their office location. Their telephone number is 586-285-5606, and their office location is 17955 E Eleven Mile (on the corner of Gratiot next to COSTCO).

Thanks,

Phil Kwasny

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

Community Director, Knights of Columbus

**You can do anything...
Just not everything.
But do something!**

The Lighter Side



What's a New York Irish Catholic view of heaven?

A Knight's of Columbus with an open bar.

Knight's Clothing



If you are in need of Knights of Columbus clothing, please contact me at 586-871-8450...or see me at the meeting.

Prices are as follows and are subject to change due to the fluctuating market. When the order is placed, I can confirm the cost.

- T-Shirts — Royal Blue printed with logo \$14
- Short sleeve polo in black or gray w/logo and name embroidered \$30
- Long sleeve polo in black or gray w/logo and name embroidered \$30
- Sweatshirts in black or gray w/logo \$30
- Stocking hats black w/logo (one size fits all) \$15
- Baseball caps black w/logo S-XL \$25

*T-shirts must be ordered at least 12 at a time. I am currently putting an order together, so if you are interested call me.

If you had ordered any items recently and did not receive them, please contact me and I will reorder them for you. There are currently no orders at the supplier.

Joe Phillips
586-871-8450



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 Months for March: **Fr John Kiselica**

The **Family of the Month** is selected by the Board of Officers as a Family who exemplifies the principles of the Catholic Family Life and who contributes to the success of our Council, Church and Community.

The Family of the Month for March: **"Nick and Michelle Oliveri Family."** In recognition of their outstanding service to the Parish.

Council Picnic

Construction is finally all done, and we are looking forward to once again hosting the K of C Picnic at the Buhlinger Farm.

Please save the date: Saturday, August 12, 2023

More details to come as the date gets closer.



**Our State Motto
for 2022/2023**

"Faith and Family First"

The Apostles Creed

I, *your name*, Believe in, MY 22

1. God
 2. The Father Almighty
 3. Creator of Heaven and Earth
 4. And in Jesus Christ
 5. His only Son, Our Lord
 6. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
 7. Born of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8. Suffered under Pontus Pilate
 9. Was Crucified
 10. Died
 11. And was buried
 12. He descended into Hell
 13. And on the third day He rose again
 14. He ascended into Heaven
 15. And is seated at the right hand of the Father
 16. From where He will come again to judge the living and the dead
 17. I believe in the Holy Spirit
 18. The Holy Catholic Church
 19. The communion of Saints
 20. The forgiveness of sins
 21. The resurrection of the dead
 22. And life everlasting
- AMEN!!!!!!

Motions Passed

Motions passed at the March Meeting:

The council decided to order new aprons.

Donations to:

Song and Spirit Institute \$250
St. Aloysius \$250
Forgotten Harvest \$100
Gleaners \$100
DAVL dinner table
Deaconate formation breakfast and lunch

Spring Cleaning for Your Insurance

Easter greetings! As we roll through the first full month of spring we celebrate Easter with thoughts of gratitude for the gift of new life. The Resurrection and thoughts of our Savior's sacrifice and triumph over death are fresh in our minds and hearts. The dreariness of winter and Lent fade away with April rains that seem to have their own scent. All nature seems in bloom. Trees barren not long ago are now budding and flowers begin to poke through the warming soil. For many, it's their favorite season of the year. Along with everything else going on in April, it is also Autism Awareness month. The Autism Speaks website (www.autismspeaks.org) contains much more information that I can give you here. Autism has been more widely discussed and better understood in recent years. Although the TV show "The Good Doctor" portrays a doctor who has autism, those with Autism Spectrum Disorder exhibit a broad range of characteristics. Many have much less functionality than the doctor portrayed on the show. I mention this because many of us know of someone who is on this autism spectrum. If diagnosed early in childhood and intervention begun, those with autism may still live a relatively normal life. However, many with autism struggle and have other complicating medical or psychological issues and need much support during their lives. That's where the Knights of Columbus Family Fraternal Benefits may be able to help. The Family Fraternal Benefits cover a number of situations. One benefit addresses the child who is older than 60 days and younger than 18 and is uninsurable according to our ordinary underwriting practices. Many children with autism as a primary or secondary diagnosis fall into this category...uninsurable. For those children, the Order has a special family fraternal benefit that allows the issuing of an ordinary permanent life insurance policy on this uninsurable child. Some members may be unaware of this benefit, but it's great news for any parent with a child who does not qualify for life insurance. There are some other qualifiers for the parents and any other children in the family, including that the father must be a member in good standing in his council. I won't go into the others here, but this is a very worthwhile benefit, not only for those children with autism, but for any child who may be uninsurable. If you know of a Catholic family that may have a child with autism or any family with a child who is uninsurable, please reach out to me. They may be unaware of this benefit. I will be happy to contact them explain this valuable protection that is available. If you prefer, give my name and contact information to that parent so they can contact me at their convenience. As always, there is never any requirement to purchase any product, but a consultation about this benefit may bring them some small comfort. As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve you, my members. Enjoy your spring! Receive a complete [Family Needs Analysis](#) at my expense!

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



Knights of Columbus
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YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Dale G. Jacks, Field Agent
Office: (586) 419-0276
46355 Rockford Drive
Shelby Township, MI 48315-5626
dale.jacks@kofc.org



Protecting God's Children

St Blasé Parish (Sterling Hts)

Saturday, May 20, 2023

9:00 am

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish (Plymouth)

Monday, June 5, 2023

6:00 pm

Quick Notes

If you move or have a change in phone number, please notify Financial Secretary, George Sakorafos at 586-610-3576.

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.

"Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time, we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all." (Galatians 6:9-10)

Pope Francis invites us to sow seeds of goodness, so that we might reap a harvest of salvation for ourselves and others.



Calendar of Events

April

1-2		MI Drive
5	2:00 to 6:00 pm	Easter Meat Pickup
6		Holy Thursday
7		Good Friday
9		Easter Sunday
13	6:30 pm Meal 7:30 pm Meeting	General Membership Meeting
27	7:00 pm Start	Council Planning Meeting



Career Opportunity:

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. They offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. See the new Supreme Council website for career opportunity: <http://kofc.org/careers> . For more information, please contact, Don M. Wesley FICF, General Agent, at 888-393-7539, or don.wesley@kofc.org

Happy Birthday!!



Conrad Bagans	April 1
James Carnaghi	April 2
Gary Skarb	April 6
Janet Valentine	April 7
Jeff Gapczynski	April 9
Jeffrey Motta	April 10
Ronald Perfetto	April 11
Albert Valenti	April 12
Michael Finn	April 16
Albert Watanabe	April 20
Mary Russo	April 21
Donald Seidl	April 23
Thomas Blake	April 27
John Riesterer	April 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.

For the Good of the Order



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

Carol Alexander	Patricia Labadie
Kevin Bondra	John Lechene
Eric Burns	Katie Lechene
Connie Colosimo	Peggy Lewis
BK Ralph Colosimo	BK Chuck Loewen
Gant Crater	SK Chuck Luce
Barbara Csernai	Leanne Mackay
Dr Vince Cusumano	Ronald McGraw
Sherri Czarny	BK John Minicuci
Micheal DeNomme	Patty Morgan
Claudia Dombrowski	Mary Rose Olejniczak
Kelly Ellis	Maryann Pearson
Rochelle Everhart	Ed Peoples
Christine Gapczynski	Judy Perreau
BK Greg Gapczynski	Justin Pietsch
SK Angelo Garavaglia	BK Geno Pirrami
Janet Gennani	Esther Robidou
BK Ken Gonko	Joanne Smail
Christopher Hageman	PGK Karl Sziisz
Jill Hageman	William Szypa
Brandon Hale	Gary Tarbuck
Barb Hickner	Jim Tarbuck
Katie Hickner	Laura Thomson
BK Mike Hoste	Bob Williams
Kevin Kehoe	Lynn Williams
SK Art Krygowski	Deacon Ed Wilson
Janice Krygowski	BK Dave Wisneski
David Kwasny	Barney Young
Mark Kwasny	

Happy Anniversary!!



Georgios & Kathleen Sakorafos April 9

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	Thomas Hayes	September 9, 2018
Frank C. Kava	October 3, 1998	Anthony Valentine	September 16, 2018
Chester E. Raszkowski	August 8, 2000	Lawrence Novak	November 19, 2018
Robert A Post	August 1, 2001	Joseph Roehrig	January 8, 2019
Martin W. Rosenau	September 24, 2001	Joseph Marheineke	January 10, 2019
Julius T. Abraham	October 8, 2001	Giuseppe Riera	January 21, 2019
Clemente Truden	December 7, 2001	Clarence Gajewski	February 3, 2019
Walter W. Kawka	December 25, 2002	Paul Ross	May 25, 2019
James P. Koss	May 4, 2003	George Trapp II	July 14, 2019
Dominic Morello	March 12, 2005	Neil Norat	November 25, 2019
John P. Banas	April 16, 2005	Ben Candela	December 27, 2019
Catan W. Bernardo	June 13, 2006	Robert C. (Chuck) Lomasney	May 15, 2020
Robert W. Majkowski	June 28, 2006	Alton Obrecht	August 17, 2020
Alfonso Carvajal	March 11, 2007	Joseph Hopersberger	August 19, 2020
Brian R. McGinnis	October 24, 2007	Leon Eggers	November 18, 2020
Arthur J. Hug	January 17, 2008	Guido Fracassa	January 19, 2021
James Bischoff	February 11, 2008	Ronald Serefino	November 22, 2021
Russell J. Licovoli	April 2, 2008	Donald Szlezzyngier	March 10, 2022
Donald Lynch	May 1, 2008	George Francis	March 19, 2022
Joseph Anthonucci	November 18, 2008	Natalino DiFalco	April 21, 2022
John Billotti	May 20, 2009	Henry Leflere	December 11, 2022
Morris Demetsenare	July 9, 2009	Joseph Kish	December 13, 2022
Conrad Leder	September 5, 2009	Raymond Ignatowski	February 12, 2023
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		
Ed Marcinkowski	August 30, 2017		
Ross Vizzaccerro	September 6, 2017		
Joseph Bono	September 28, 2017		
Bruno Belline	January 28, 2018		
James Lisuzzo	February 1, 2018		
Harry Motta	February 26, 2018		
Carl R. Maron	May 9, 2018		
Ken Dombrowski	June 8, 2018		
William F. Gowland	August 31, 2018		

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

District Deputy	Dan Nowakowski	586-722-8225
District Warden	Ed Perkins Harry Barriger	586-940-0148 810-488-2724
Chaplain	Fr. John Kiselica	586-228-1210
Grand Knight	Tom Gray	586-265-9885
Deputy Grand Knight	Kevin Kennedy	586-206-0150
Chancellor	Paul Parker	586-805-1120
Financial	George Sakorafos	586-610-3576
Recorder	Vince Ursini	248-635-4366
Treasurer	Ray Coughlin	586-980-4483
Warden	Tony Guido	586-201-4409
Inside Guard	Stan Labuda	586-286--1038
Outside Guard	Dan Steele	586-634-5249
1 Yr Trustee	PGK Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
2 Yr Trustee	Rick Okerhjelm	586-469-2996
3 Yr Trustee	Kurt Buhlinger	810-794-0833
Advocate	Ken Krause	586-263-7115
Lecturer	Frank Burda	828-400-1816
Program Director	Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
Church	Rich Okerhjelm	586-469-2996
Community	PGK George Loewen	586-731-5299
Council	Gary Skarb	586-612-3329
Family	Ron Marrese	586-481-1168
Youth	PGK Art Krygowski	586-322-9411
Membership	Phil Mularski	586-876-9060
Field Agent	Dale Jacks	586-419-0276
Vocations	PCGK & FDD Jeff Gapczynski	586-337-5942
Pro-Life Chairman	Sal Ales Leon Berdy	586-263-3483 586-201-1990
Communications	Phil Kwasny	586-469-1997
Webmaster	Ken Dudley	586-553-2007



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 at

spotknights11689@gmail.com

Articles for the May newsletter must be submitted by no later than

April 22, 2023.

K of Supreme: www.kofc.org

K of C Michigan State Council: www.mikofc.org

Michigan District #1: www.michigan district1.com

St. Paul of Tarsus: www.stpauloftarsus.com

SPOT Knights: www.spotknights.com

Our Council newsletter is now available on-line on the St. Paul of Tarsus Parish website, www.stpauloftarsus.com.

Anyone who wishes to receive their 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.



Easter Ham and Kielbasa Sale



The Knights of Columbus are offering Hams and Kielbasa for the Easter holiday. These high quality meats come directly from Dearborn Brand.

Proceeds from this sale will be used to support the charitable efforts of the St. Paul Knights of Columbus Council 11689.

To order: Complete the pre-paid (Cash, Check or Credit Card) order form on the bottom and return to the Knights in the lobby after Mass on the weekends of March 18-19 or March 25-26.

Pick Up Date:
Wednesday, April 5 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm in Parish Hall

We thank you for your support and know you will enjoy these fine Dearborn™ products.
For more information please call: Jerry Hund at (586) 286-6516



St. Paul of Tarsus Knights of Columbus
Easter Ham and Kielbasa Sale
Pre-Paid Orders due by March 26, 2023
Checks Payable To: SPOT K of C 11689



Print Name: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____
Home Phone: _____

Item #	Qty	EA	Total
1 <u>Half Spiral Sliced Torch Glazed Ham</u> (approx. 8 lbs.)		\$47	
2 <u>Whole Spiral Sliced Torch Glazed Ham</u> (approx. 14 lbs.)		\$77	
3 <u>Half Classic Trimmed Semi-Boneless Ham</u> (approx. 8 lbs)		\$32	
4 <u>Whole Classic Trimmed Semi-Boneless Ham</u> (approx 14lb)		\$54	
5 <u>Fresh Kielbasa</u> (5 lbs.)		\$25	
6 <u>Smoked Kielbasa, Fully Cooked</u> (5 lbs.)		\$26	

Totals _____ **\$** _____

Pick Up: Wednesday, April 5 from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. in Parish Hall
For More Information call: Jerry Hund at (586) 286-6516



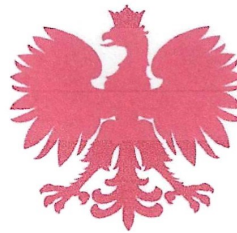
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

DETROIT ARCHDIOCESAN VOCATIONS LEAGUE

30th Annual VOCATIONS DINNER

Featuring

POLISH



FOOD

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Cocktails: 3pm | Dinner: 4pm

Zuccaro Banquet & Catering

46601 Gratiot Ave. | Chesterfield Township, 48051

Donations: \$50 per person | \$90 per couple | \$450 discounted table of 10

All proceeds fund scholarships for seminarians and postulants.

FEATURING:

50/50 Raffle

Gift Card Raffle

GUEST SPEAKERS:

State Chaplain Fr. Aidan Logan

Seminarian Matthew Kurt

Reservations to: Greg Brunson | (810) 824-9533

P.O. Box 380763 Clinton Township, MI 48038

Questions to: Bob Greening | (586) 615-1740

or Curt Best | (586) 382-9397

Knights of Columbus

Sixth Annual Camping Trip

This summer we will camp along the shore of the beautiful St. Clair River at Algonac State Park for the weekend of Friday and Saturday July 28 and 29.

All campers will need to reserve their own site. Go to: www.michigan.gov/dnr

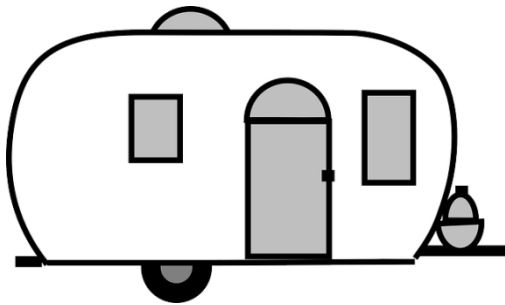
We are suggesting, for the majority of our council campers, to try and select a site in the **South** end of the Riverfront Loop. You can of course pick a site wherever you prefer.

The sooner your reservation is made, the more choices you will have for sites.

We will have a pot luck dinner on Saturday evening around 7PM.

Even if not camping, you are welcome to stop by and visit. Especially plan to join us for the pot luck! Due to limited parking at the campsites, guests will need to park in the Day Use area. If necessary, we can come and pick you up there.

This is a great opportunity to get to know your Brother Knights and their families!



If you have any questions, please contact Mike Hartel or Ken Krause.

Please send Mike Hartel (mhartel5054@wowway.com) an email after you make your reservation or let Mike or Ken know if you plan to attend the pot luck so you can be updated on the event.