



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 Tom Gray

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends.

December has been a rough month for this council. We have lost two great Knights, Hank Leflere and Joe Kish. Both wonderful men and Knights. They will be greatly missed for their kindness and generosity. God speed brother Knights...

We are going to be entering a busy time soon with Lent right around the corner. We are going to be doing fish fries with indoor dining this year. We will need all hands on deck to take on this challenge. Please be prepared to work at least a couple...it is fun and rewarding. Not only is this our biggest fundraiser of the year, it is also a great opportunity to meet and greet people and get them back into the church again.

Here is a little description of new years resolutions and how they started. Maybe we should consider making a resolution with our God to hold us to it?

The ever-popular but rarely successful act of making New Year's resolutions is a lot older than many might think. Over 4,000 years ago, the Babylonians made promises to the gods as part of Akitu, a festival that celebrated the new year. The promises often involved things like paying debts or returning borrowed farming equipment. The Babylonians were motivated to actually fulfill these promises because nobody wants to break a promise to a god. The ancient Romans had a similar practice of making New Year's promises to Janus, a two-faced god whose name would give us the month of January. Later Christians would view the celebration of the new year as a time to improve oneself spiritually and vow to do better in the following year. Today, resolutions are not the religious act they once were, and most people make promises to themselves rather than a deity.

From my family to yours, we wish you a Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Gray

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



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

Corporate Communion Masses



TBD

The Lighter Side



There's new offshoot of the Catholic Church that worships a paper bag as the divine manifestation of the One, True God.

It's pretty sack-religious.

Monthly Prayer Intention



Intention for Educators

We pray that Educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable of all.

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.

IN A WORLD WHERE YOU CAN BE ANYTHING

BE KIND



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

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 December: **Jim Daris**

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 December: **"Mike and Karla Hartel Family."** In recognition of their outstanding service to the Parish.

Motions Passed

There were no motions passed at the December meeting.



**Our State Motto
for 2022/2023**

"Faith and Family First"

Knight's Clothing



Gentlemen:

Due to the recent death of Joe Kish, we need a new person to take over the Knights Clothing. Please contact Tom Gray if you are interested.

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!!!!!!



Insurance Check-up For 2023

Can you believe it will soon be 2022? I hope that 2020 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 2022. 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 – **guarantees**. 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 & INCOME DISABILITY INSURANCE**



Protecting God's Children

St Joan of Arc Parish (St Clair Shores)

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

6:00 pm

Ste Anne Parish (Detroit)

Saturday, January 7, 2023

9:00 am

Happy
New Year



Calendar of Events

January

9		Winter Diocesan Meeting
12	6:30 pm Meal	General Membership Meeting
	7:30 pm Meeting	
21-29		Novena for 9 Days of Life
26	7:00 pm Start	Council Planning Meeting
28		District Free-Throw Contest

February

4		Euchre Tournament (See attached flyer)
5		Pancake Breakfast
9	6:30 pm Meal	General Membership Meeting
	7:30 pm Meeting	
20-23	11:00 am to 6:00 pm	Poker at Ciccarellis
21		Fish Fry Prep
22		Ash Wednesday—Start of Lent
23	7:00 pm Start	Council Planning Meeting
24		Fish Fry
28		Fish Fry Prep



A festive graphic for the New Year. The words "Happy New Year" are written in a large, stylized, red-outlined white font. The text is set against a dark background with several bursts of colorful fireworks in green, red, yellow, and purple exploding around the text.

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!!



Richard Dutts	January 2
Joseph Munn	January 2
Patricia Okerhjelm	January 3
George Francis	January 6
Lorrayne Thielmans (Eggers)	January 7
John Anderson	January 8
Brennan McAlister	January 11
Thomas Hudson	January 12
Thomas Murray	January 14
Phillip Bryant	January 15
Donald Duff	January 15
Joseph Frontera	January 16
Kenneth Grobbel	January 17
Daniel Gildner	January 18
Harold Meerschaert	January 19
Roger Gulick	January 20
Vito Guzzardo	January 21
William Pirrami	January 21
Kevin Kennedy	January 23
Dr Robert Amsler	January 27
George Thomas	January 28
Nicholas Mazza, Jr	January 29
Dean Pascaretti	January 29
David Wisneski	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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For the Good of the Order



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

Carol Alexander	BK Chuck Loewen
Kevin Bondra	SK Chuck Luce
Connie Colosimo	Diana MacArthur
BK Ralph Colosimo	Leanne Mackay
Grant Crater	Ronald McGraw
Barbara Csernai	BK John Minicuci
Sherri Czarny	Patty Morgan
Micheal Denomme	Patricia Okerhjelm
Del DiFalco	Mary R Olejniczak
Claudia Dombowski	Maryann Pearson
Kelly Ellis	Ed Peoples
Christine Gapczynski	Judy Perreau
SK Angelo Garvaglia	Justin Pletsch
Janet Gennani	BK Geno Pirrami
BK Ken Gonko	Esther Robidou
Jill Hageman	Larry Rosso
Christopher Hageman	Mary Rosso
Brandon Hale	Joanne Smail
BK Mike Hoste	PGK Karl Sziisz
Beth Hund	William Szya
Sue Hund	Gary Tarbuck
BK Ray Ignatowski	Jim Tarbuck
Kevin Kehoe	Laura Thompson
SK Art Krygowski	Bob Williams
Janice Krygowski	Lynn Williams
Patricia Labadie	Deacon Ed Wilson
Monica Lafleur	BK Dave Wisneski
Peggy Lewis	Barney Young

Happy
New
Year

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		
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	Joe Kish	586-822-4109
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

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

January 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.



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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

ST. PAUL OF TARSUS, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

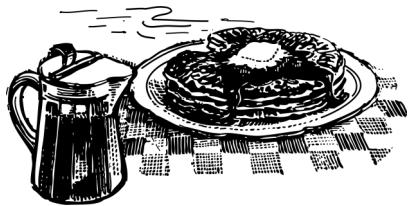
Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, February 5, 2023

Your Knights of Columbus, St. Paul of Tarsus Council, has been serving breakfast after the 7:45 and 9:30 am Masses for years, and with your help we have supported many charitable organizations:

St. Vincent de Paul Society, Abigayle Ministries, Vets Returning Home, MCREST and St. Louis Center are just a few of the recent charities we have helped.

Our **Sunday, February 5, 2023** breakfast proceeds will go to the St. Paul of Tarsus Food Pantry and Casey the Bear. Casey the Bear are teddy bears given to children who are having an operation at a local hospital.

We look forward to serving you pancakes or French toast, eggs, sausage, coffee and juice.
Cost is: adults \$8, children 6 to 12 \$5, children 5 and under free.





Knights of Columbus Social Euchre Party

Saturday February 4 in the Parish Social Hall

\$15.00 per Player/\$30 per Couple

Proceeds will go to St. Paul of Tarsus Food Pantry

Sign-In and Light Meal 5 to 6pm

Start Games by 6:00pm

Open to all Parish Members, Family and Friends (Minimum 18 Years Old) Space is limited. Please register by contacting Mike Hartel at: (586)263-0544.

Please provide name(s) of players and contact information (phone number).

