

The Knight's Shield



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

May 2023

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

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A Word from Grand Knight Tom Gray

Spring has arrived, but it is Michigan, so you never know.

We have completed our busy Lenten season. I for one am looking forward to a little rest after that! We did a lot this Lent. We had the fish fries, Easter meat sales, Easter egg hunt, and the MI Drive.

We had a visit from Anthony Mastronardi at our last general meeting, if you remember a few years ago, a Dakota High School hockey player had a tragic injury. We donated to his cause to help support his rehab. He came in with his mother and talked to us about his rehab and what he is doing now. He is now twenty something and making slow progress. He is getting some movement in his legs and arms. He is attending college and working on his therapy. What an inspirational kid! His attitude is just great, and I expect to see great things out of this young man.

We also had a special election to fill the vacant 2 year trustee seat. I want to thank Rich Miller for accepting this position.

This May will complete our officer election process at our general meeting. We will be taking a 2nd round of nominations at that meeting, then having the election. If you are interested in taking on a leadership role in the council or have any questions, let me know. It is perfectly acceptable and encouraged to self-nominate for a position.

Nominations from the April Meeting:

Grand Knight: Paul Parker

Ron Marrese

Deputy Grand Knight: Vince Ursini

Dan Steele

Chancellor: Paul Parker

Joe Phillips Stan Labuda

Warden: Tony Guido
Treasurer: Ray Coughlin
Advocate: Ken Krause

Recorder: Vince Ursini

Ron Marrese

Inside Guard: Stan Labuda

Larry Bukowski

Outside Guard: Tom Pardo

Dan Steele

3 Year Trustee: Tom Gray

Please see the attached note for information about our "field trip" organized by our Worthy Advocate, "a retired teacher," to the Capuchin Center.

Also attached is an article from our Worthy Treasurer / Fish Fry Czar.

After this lent and coming close to the end of my third term as Grand Knight I feel compelled to mention how proud I am of this council. We did great at the fish fries, a real testament to how great you men and your wives are. Everyone just jumps in and has fun while doing something worth while. Bringing people into the church even just for a meal could be the first step to getting them back at mass after Covid. We did really well for the Easter meal sales, more people back at mass and having Easter meals together probably fueled that. We also did really well for the MI Drive. Thank you all for the efforts put in this Lent!

God bless you and all that you do!

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Grav



Thank You

The MI Drive has passed, and Sherri Ignatowski and I would like to thank all the people who donated food for those who worked the Drive.

Thanks so much to:

Janet Valentine Kathy Sakorafos JoAnn Phillips Mrs Grifka Jim Cosgrove Kurt Buhlinger Janice Burda Carol Golec

Your kindness and generosity were very much appreciated by everyone.

Sherri Ignatowski 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 Drive was held on Palm Sunday weekend. It was a huge success.

Sadly, we had only 22 volunteers. Our Council has 200+ members, so I hope to see more of you next year.

To all those who helped, you have our deepest gratitude.

God Bless You All,

Jeff Gapczynski MI Drive Chairman

Corporate Communion Masses



June 25, 2023 7:45 am Mass

Monthly Prayer Intention



Intention for Church Movements and Groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the word.

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!

Special Olympic Summer Games are Back

Special Olympic Summer Games at Macomb Community College are back this year. As always, we are looking for volunteers to work with the athletes. If you have worked in the past, you already know how rewarding it can be to work with these special athletes. If you have not had the opportunity now is the time to help. We have requested the Horseshoe pits again.

It takes place on May 10th at Macomb Community College South Campus in the field house and surrounding outdoor areas. Time is normally 8:00 but a confirmed time will follow.

Contact me at 586.871.8450 for more information or to volunteer.

Thanks, Joe Phillips

2023 Fish Fry

The 2023 Fish Fry was a great success. This achievement was the result of providing an excellent menu, customer service and maintaining a competitive selling price .

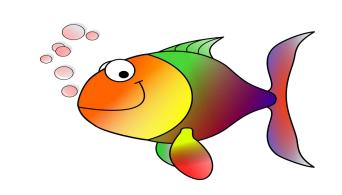
This year's event marked the return of a favorite menu item, grilled fish. We had to develop a new recipe as well as do a test cook at our February meeting. The grilled fish turned out great. All the functions required each week to conduct a successful fish fry such as food preparation, social hall set up, cooking, customer orders, carry out, as well as final clean up was executed extremely well.

We served 2,724 dinners over the 6 weeks. We earned a profit of nearly \$13,000. This will allow the Council to continue its charitable works and provide financial support to the Church .

None of this success would have been possible without the Church allowing us the use of the facilities and the 30 plus Team of volunteers who showed up every week including the snow storm during week two. Our efforts were well recognized and greatly appreciated both within the Church and the local community.

Thanks for making us a great Council and the best Fish Fry in Macomb County!

Ray Coughlin Fish Fry Czar



Vets Returning Home



Vets Retuning 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 Rose-ville 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



A redneck goes up to a Catholic church in the South He stands there for a little while and soon an old lady walks up to him

She asks, "Excuse me sir, is mass out"

He tips his hat and says, "No ma'm but your hats on crooked"

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	\$30
	and name embroidered	
•	Long sleeve polo in black or gray w/logo	\$30
	and name embroidered	
•	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

I have the following shirts that were ordered. If you ordered one of these and did not receive it please see me at the meeting or call me at 586.871.8450. Joe Phillips

Large long sleeve black – ROB

Extra large short sleeve black – Greg/Bill Large short sleeve black – James

Medium short sleeve gray - Kenneth

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 April: William Hill

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 April: <u>"Rich and Lisa Miller Family."</u> 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

- 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
- 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 April Meeting:

\$100 to Turning Point

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 <u>GUARANTEED</u> LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES, LONG TERM CARE & INCOME DISABILITY INSURANCE



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Protecting God's Children

Online Webinar Thursday, April 27, 2023 9:00 am

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

Ouick 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.



Calendar of Events

May

11 6:30 pm Meal 7:30 meeting

General Membership Meeting

10 24-26 Special Olympics State Convention



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!!



Michael O'Donnell Mike Wojtaszek Guy Serafino Kathy Roehrig John Garavaglia Mike Roehrig Kenneth Krause Owen Dueweke John Sweeney Anthony Radman Charles LeMoine Marlene Kropidlowski Michael Mayer June Marheineke	May 1 May 4 May 6 May 10 May 10 May 11 May 13 May 14 May 14 May 14 May 15 May 16 May 17 May 18
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Janice Burda Gary Gozdzielski James Engardio James Rohde Ronald Langlois	May 18 May 19 May 19 May 20 May 22 May 23

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	
SK Frank Burda	Katie Lechene	
Janice Burda	Peggy Lewis	
Susan Buria	BK Chuck Loewen	
Eric Burns	SK Chuck Luce	
Connie Colosimo	Leanne Mackay	
BK Ralph Colosimo	Ronald McGraw	
Grant Crater	BK John Minicuci	
Barbara Csernai	Patty Morgan	
Sherri Czarny	Mary R Olejniczak	
Micheal Denomme	Maryann Pearson	
Claudia Dombrowski	Ed Peoples	
Christine Gapczynski	Judy Perreau	
Greg Gapczynski	Justin Pietsch	
SK Angelo Garavaglia	BK Geno Pirrami	
Janet Gennani	Esther Robidou	
BK Ken Gonko	SK George Sakorafos	
Christopher Hageman	Kurt Scharapimski	
Jill Hageman	Joanne Smail	
Brandon Hale	PGK Karl Sziisz	
Barbara Hickner	William Szypa	
Katie Hickner	Gary Tarbuck	
BK Mike Hoste	Jim Tarbuck	
Beth Hund	Laura Thomson	
Sue Hund	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!!



George & Sue Eichorn	May 9
John & Chris Sweeney	May 11
Stan & Annmarie Labuda	May 20
Kevin & Tina Kennedy	May 24
Ken & Christine Krause	May 25
Thomas & Estelle Hayes	May 30

If you'd like to see your anniversary posted, please send an e-mail to Chris Gapczynski at spot-knights11689@gmail.com, or call at 586-263-5942.



Please Remember our Beloved Deceased Brother Knights



Carl A. Owen Frank C. Kava Chester E. Raszkowski Robert A Post Martin W. Rosenau Julius T. Abraham **Clemente Truden** Walter W. Kawka James P. Koss **Dominic Morello** John P. Banas Catan W. Bernardo Robert W. Majkowski Alfonso Carvaial Brian R. McGinnis Arthur J. Hug **James Bischoff** Russell J. Licovoli **Donald Lynch** Joseph Anthonucci John Billotti **Morris Demetsenare Conrad Leder** Joseph T. Frontera **Gary Golec Walter Baumgart Robert Serafino Guy Serafino Thomas Saura** Frank Gaal William Carron **Gregory Kropidlowski** Vincent McInnes Joseph Ricard **Albert Johnson** Joseph Godell **Raymond Dawson** Michael J. Francis **Donald Duff** Harold Patterson William Galbraith **Donald Badowski** Fr. Louis Grandpre John Marotta Ralph Labadie Reginald Topolewski James Kaza John Russo Ed Marcinkowski Ross Vizzaccerro Joseph Bono **Bruno Belline** James Lisuzzo **Harry Motta**

Carl R. Maron

Ken Dombrowski

William F. Gowland

March 5, 1997 October 3, 1998 August 8, 2000 August 1, 2001 September 24, 2001 October 8, 2001 December 7, 2001 December 25, 2002 May 4, 2003 March 12, 2005 April 16, 2005 June 13, 2006 June 28, 2006 March 11, 2007 October 24, 2007 January 17, 2008 February 11, 2008 April 2, 2008 May 1, 2008 November 18, 2008 May 20, 2009 July 9, 2009 September 5, 2009 September 7, 2009 April 4, 2010 August 15, 2010 January 16, 2012 March 7, 2012 April 3, 2012 January 12, 2012 July 8, 2012 May 11, 2014 August 16, 2014 September 22, 2014 January 22, 2015 February 5, 2015 February 25, 2015 February 28, 2015 July 30, 2015 October 20, 2015 November 22, 2015 March 16, 2016 February 20, 2016 March 26, 2016 March 27, 2016 June 28, 2016 September 26, 2016 March 15, 2017

Thomas Hayes Anthony Valentine Lawrence Novak Joseph Roehrig Joseph Marheineke Giuseppe Riera Clarence Gajewski Paul Ross **George Trapp II Neil Norat Ben Candela** Robert C. (Chuck) Lomasney **Alton Obrecht** Joseph Hopersberger **Leon Eggers Guido Fracassa Ronald Serefino Donald Szlezyngier George Francis** Natalino DiFalco **Henry Leflere** Joseph Kish Raymond Ignatowski

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August 30, 2017

January 28, 2018

February 1, 2018

May 9, 2018

June 8, 2018

August 31, 2018

February 26, 2018

September 6, 2017

September 28, 2017

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

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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	586-2861038
Outside Guard	Dan Steele	586-634-5249
1 Yr Trustee	PGK Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
2 Yr Trustee	Rich Miller	586-465-6933
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
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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
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Communications	Phil Kwasny	586-469-1997



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 spot-knights11689@gmail.com

Articles for the May newsletter must be submitted by no later than **May 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 spot-knights11689@gmail.com. Doing so would save our Council a great deal of money for printing and postage.



Fr. Solanus Center Capuchin Visit As announced at the March General Meeting, many Knights expressed an interest in visiting the Fr. Solanus Center in Detroit. I have been in contact with the Center and they are excited that our Knights of Columbus Chapter will be visiting. The date of the visit is set for Friday, June 2, 2023. We will leave between 9:30 - 10:00 am. If you are interested St. Paul of Tarsus has a mass that morning at 8:30 am since it is the first Friday of the month so you can attend mass before we leave. The cost of the visit and lunch will be based on the number of attendees. A sign-up sheet will be at the April and May general meetings. Or you may email me if you plan on attending. Please include your name, email and the name of your spouse or significant other if they will be attending with you. Also, I need to know, if you are driving or hope to drive with another Knight so we can set up carpooling.

The Solanus Center is located at 1780 Mount Elliot St., Detroit, MI 48207.

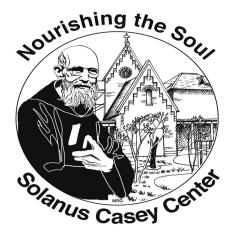
My email is krause2house@yahoo.com

Highlights of the trip will include:

- Possible visit to the Distribution Center (clothing and food) This is where the 1000 coats were donated to earlier in the year. Or the Soup Kitchen.
- A visit to Fr. Solanus indoor grave site.
- A tour of the Fr. Solanus Center detailing Fr. Solanus Life.
- Prayer time inside St. Bonaventure Chapel
- A possible talk by one of the Brothers at the Center.
- Private Confession
- Lunch at on the Rise Bakery.
- Time to browse the gift shop
- Website for the Solanus Casey Center https://www.solanuscasey.org/about-the-solanus-casey-center/

The link below is often given to students visiting the Center. It is a scavenger hunt sheet designed to get them to experience the different displays and information that is available throughout the Solanus Casey Center. This will give you an idea of the many things you will learn about Fr. Solanus, the Capuchins, and many other important individuals in our Faith

https://www.solanuscasey.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Scavenger hunt NEW .pdf



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

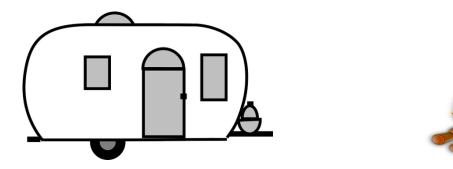
We are suggesting, for the majority of our council campers, to try and select a site in the **South** end of the Riverfront Loop. You can of course pick a site wherever you prefer.

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 (mhartel 5054@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.