

# **VOLUME VII**

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#### FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT Vivat Jesus

Dear Brother Knights.

Thank you to everyone who made March such a successful month for our Council. Our annual St. Patrick's Party was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who organized, set-up, cooked, cleaned, and attended this important charity fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who supported our March breakfast. Our next breakfast is Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. I hope to see you there.

Thank you to the knights and their families who supported our annual Tootsie Roll Drive for people with intellectual disabilities. This year's drive grossed an impressive \$37,558. A special thank you to our chairmen for their leadership: George, Paul and Joe.

Thank you to Kim Wiegand for organizing the European Pheasant Hunt at Rooster Ranch on April  $3^{rd}$ .

Our council is holding another Texas Hold'em fundraiser on April  $6^{th} - 9^{th}$ . Thank you to everyone who signed-up for a shift.

The next scheduled family movie night, featuring "UP" will be held on Friday, April  $15^{th}$ .

Our council's annual Euchre tournament will be held Friday, April 29th at 6:30 pm in our hall.

We're holding a kielbasa making party on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please see the article in the newsletter for registration. Thank you to Jim Ososkie for organizing this event.

Please consult our calendar for more events and activities. Please join me in praying for Pope Francis's prayer intentions this month.

- Universal: Small Farmers That our small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.
- Evangelization: African Christians That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ and political-religious conflicts.

Fraternally,

Jason Meyers Grand Knight (586) 383-0284 *j*ason.meyers@uticakofc.com

#### KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

For the month of April we are honoring Steve Salter. Steve lives on Executive Drive in Sterling Heights and has lived there for 19 years. He and his wife, Peggy, have been married for 29 years and have four children: Steve Jr. (25), Andy (23), Erin (22) and Billy (19).

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Church Peggy coaches the 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball and they work the Applefest.

Steve has worked for Temo, Inc. for 21 years.

He joined the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in 2013. He currently holds the position of Deputy Grand Knight and has chaired the Past Grand Knight Party.

In their spare time the family enjoys concerts, tiger games and traveling.

Congratulations Steve on being chosen Knight of the month for April by your Brother Knights.

# FAMILY OF THE MONTH

For the month of April we are honoring Kenneth and Lynn Grunewald. They have been married for 46 years and have lived on Schoenherr Road in Washington Township. They have one daughter, Krystle and two grandchildren; Bryce age 9 and Khloe age 3.

The family belongs to Sts. John and Paul Catholic Church. Ken is an usher and money counter at church. He also helps out with the parish picnic and McRest. Lynn is a former EME.

Ken worked for Hellebuyck's Power Equipment for 10 years and retired from Chase.

Ken joined St. Lawrence K of C in 1976. He has held the offices of Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and Trustee. Chairmanships held include the hayride, membership and clubroom.

In their spare time the family enjoys traveling and Ken enjoys hunting.

Congratulations Ken and Lynn for being chosen April Family of the Month by your Brother Knights

#### ST. LAWRENCE COUNCIL KNIGHT LIFE St. Lawrence Council 2950 44425 Utica Road; Utica, Michigan 48317 Council Website: <u>http://www.uticakofc.com</u> MEETINGS - 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Thursday of each month

#### OFFICERS

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Club Room Phone	(586) 739-9063

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# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL THRU JUNE

April 3, 2016 – Monthly breakfast for our council from 8:30am – Noon. Please come out and support the council. April 3, 2016 – European Pheasant Hunt at Rooster Ranch. April 5, 2016 – Knights Corp Meeting 7:30 pm. (This meeting is open to all members). Attendance of Knights Corp

members is MANDATORY!

April 6, 7, 8, and 9, 2016 – Texas Hold'em.

**April 14, 2016** – Our first membership meeting of the month at 8:00 pm in the Club Room. We will also be taking nominations for council officers for the next fraternal year. **Any third degree member in good standing can be nominated or selfnominate for any council office).** 

April 15, 2016 – Family Movie Night, Up, 6:30 pm K of C Hall, Diner/Snacks, Free will offering.

April 28, 2016 – Officer's and events planning meeting, everyone welcome at 8:00 pm in the Club Room.

**April 29, 2016** – Council's annual Euchre tournament with registration at 6:30 pm in our hall.

**April 30, 2016 –** Kielbasa Making Party in our hall at 10:00 am. See article for details.

May 4, 5, 6, 7, 2016 – Texas Hold'em. See article for details. May 8, 2016 – Monthly breakfast for our Council from 8:30 am – Noon. Take all those special Moms out to breakfast at the Council.

May 14, 2016 – Computer and small electronics recycling Event from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. See flyer for details June 19, 2016 – Monthly breakfast at our council from 8:30 am – Noon. This is a great opportunity to take Dad out to breakfast for Father's Day.

Fraternally, Joe Manuszak Council Activities Director



### 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. For more ilnformation, please contact, Don M. Wesley FICF, General Agent, at (888) 393-7539, or don.wesley@kofc.org

# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "BENEFITS NEWS"**

#### We Stand Strong on Ethical Ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies.

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

But, don't just take our word for it. In **2016**, the Knights of Columbus was named a **"World's Most Ethical Company"** by the Ethisphere Institute for a **3<sup>rd</sup> Year**. We were one of only two life insurance companies to earn the honor this year.

"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."

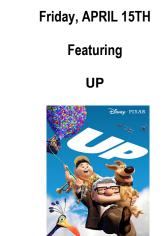
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#### \*Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense

#### Ask about our <u>GUARANTEED</u> LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES, LONG-TERM CARE & DISABILITY INSURANCE



# **MOVIE NIGHT**



The St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce "Up" as the next movie that will be shown at the K of C Hall, in conjunction with the national K of C focus on Building the Domestic Church! Each movie contains a family theme that is pertinent in today's culture.

As usual, we will have a nice meal. We will also have a free game for the adults for a restaurant gift certificate.

Doors open at 6:30 pm. There is no cost to this although free will offerings will be accepted. This showing includes a free dinner, chips, snacks, fun activities and of course the movie. <u>Please</u> make reservations no later than April 13<sup>th</sup> by emailing Joe Lograsso at lograsso@comcast.net and providing how many spots you will need. Please pass this on to your friends.

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Joe Lograsso

# **KIELBASA MAKING PARTY**



April 30, 2016

10:00 am

St. Lawrence K of C Hall 44425 Utica Road Utica, Michigan

Cost - \$25.00

\$25.00 Includes:

5 pounds of Kielbasa Polka Music One can of Pabst Blue Ribbon The art of making kielbasa A few laughs

Registration Deadline is April 23, 2016

If you have a sausage stuffer, please let Jim Ososkie know

You can either bring your own seasoning or use Jim's grandma's recipe

For questions and to register please contact Jim Ososkie at (586) 530-4030



# **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

We would like to wish all those people who are celebrating birthdays and/or anniversaries during the month of April a Happy Birthday or a Happy Anniversary.



**TEXAS HOLD'EM** 

Wintergarden Tavern 46777 Gratiot Avenue (South of 21 Mile Road)

May 4, 5, 6, 7, 2016

Openings for all four days

Call Don Heydens at (586) 419-3420

Email him at <u>dheydens@gmail.com</u> If you can volunteer some time to help out with the Texas Hold'em

# ANNUAL EUCHRE TOURNAMENT



April 29, 2016 Doors Open at 6:30 PM and Play Starts at 7:30 PM

> Knights of Columbus Hall 44425 Utica Road

Entry Fee is \$25.00 per Person for those 18 and over only

Round Robin Format Pizza, Snacks, Beer, Wine and Pop Cash Prizes/Raffles

Contact: Rick Similuk at (586) 243-3968 or Dave Utykanski at (586) 214-7517

# 2016 MI DRIVE



The 2016 MI Drive (Tootsie Roll Drive) is now behind us, and though we couldn't collect on all of the streets that we have in the past it was another successful campaign, raising \$37,558.00 from the streets and other efforts. The weather was better than normal considering it being mid-March and for the most part we had plenty of sun, above normal temperatures with just a liittle rain.

We would like to thank all of the Knights and Ladies that donated their time whether it was an hour or for all (3) days working the streets and stores, or through their financial support. We would also like to thank the ladies and men that spent their weekend counting all of the monies collected from the drive, and Barb Heydens for coordinating it all. Without their support the task would have been overwhelming.

We would also like to thank JoAnne Wiegand and Wanda Grifka for donating and preparing the food and managing the kitchen. They kept us all nourished throughout the weekend. Also thanks to JoAnne for her many years of sponsoring the CASINO bus trips that have helped raise funds for the mentally impaired.

Next year's drive will be a little later in the spring, April 7, 8, 9 and hopefully we can have as good if not better turn out from our Knights and beat this years total. It is only through the effort of the entire council that we are able to achieve these goals. Once again, thank you!

Your Co-Chairmen,

Paul Burmeister Joe Lograsso George Wiegand

# ST. PATTY'S DAY PARTY - THANK YOU!

Our committee would like to thank everyone that came out to the St. Patty's Day Fundraiser and Party. We are very fortunate to have a very generous St. Lawrence Community and to have an awesome Council to come out for a great time and help us support Rising Stars Academy, Covenant House MI and our own programs for those in need. We earned over \$15,000 and appreciate everyone who had anything to do with the party.

With the help of so many people, we again had a sell-out crowd who enjoyed great food and great music. The raffle was awesome and we appreciate everyone who came out to help with our set-up, food preparation, shopping and clean-up. Thank you to St. Lawrence Parish for lending us tables and chairs, without which we would not have been so successful.

Thanks especially to our Brisket Bunch. Once again, a great dinner and many, many compliments from our guests on the food. Lou Bokshan and her crew made an awesome dessert table. Thanks also to Phil and Denise Kupser, getting the hall ready early in the week and making sure all of the Church material was delivered back to the Parish. Thanks also to Rick Similuk and crew that came out Sunday morning

# ST. PATTY'S DAY PARTY - THANK YOU! CONTINUED

(with a "leap forward" clock change) to get the hall ready for Sunday. We couldn't have gotten ready like we did without the help of all the Brother Knights who stuck around after Thursday's meeting to set up the whole hall in 30 minutes and who also then came out Saturday morning to cut all the vegetables for Saturday's dinner. Thanks to Karen, Kris, Laura, Peyton and Vince who also set up all the table announcements, balloons and decorations. Thanks to Alexis and friends for selling tickets and doing the pots and pans. Thanks also to Lisa, Christina and Debbie for selling tickets. Our raffle table was run by Brandon and Sara LaPrise, with help from Mark and Jim; this year's raffle table was the most successful to date! Thanks to Maurice and Kris for manning the admissions table for a couple of hours. Thanks to Kris and Paul for shopping for prizes as well, and to Don for the cooler!

Our hall was easily filled with the valiant efforts of ticket sellers, who continue to make this part of the party easy:

Don and Barb Heydens Karen and Dale Niedzwiecki Jim and Ricci Ososkie John Ternes Kim and Theresa Wiegand Kris and Dan Weingartz

We couldn't be as successful as we were this year without the financial support of our sponsors, our Brother Knights and their wives and their companies:

Donato Landscape - Joe and Stacy Donato

Global Sales and Marketing – Joe and Tammy Mansour Homebuilder Construction and Remodeling – Paul and Janet Cone

MJC Homes – Scot and Amy Moceri

Simone Contracting Corporation – Sal and Cindy Simone Utica Antiques – Dale and Karen Niedzwiecki

Weingartz – Dan and Kris Weingartz

Wiegand's Heating and Cooling – Kim and Theresa Wiegand Zack-McNeil P.C.A. – Debbie McNeil

Jim and Lou Bokshan

Don and Barb Hevdens

Jim and Ricci Ososkie

Rick and Laurie Similuk

Dave and Elisa Utykanski

Thanks again for everyone's participation and help! Next year's party is on March 17, 2017!

St. Patty's Committee,

Jim and Lou Bokshan Paul and Janet Cone Joe and Laura Lograsso Dale and Karen Niedzwiecki Jim and Ricci Ososkie Dan and Kris Weingartz Kim and Theresa Wiegand

# **OUR SICK MEMBERS**

Our prayers are required for the Brother Knights and family members who are sick and recovering: Lillian Sparks, Louie Jonas, Megan Singer, Beverly Bebee, Jim Langeveld, Stan Singer, Debbie Redding, Terry Donovan, Ann Marie Badke, Griffin Davies, <u>Diane Bilczewski</u>, Paulette Sawdon, <u>Beverly Finn</u>, Nikki Davies, <u>Teresa Winkler</u>, Ron Wiegand, Fr. Tom Sutherland, Joshua Walz, Bob Quaine, Roger Bock, Paul Cone, Mike Adams, Diana Ignagni, Barbara Zientek, Mike Hoste, Renee Jones, Joyce Maylock, Jane Van Havel, Jack Peake, Diana Manning, Madeline Scheff, Marion Lelito, Jackie Rys and MaryLu DeFauw.

Also please remember in your prayers our deceased members and their families: Richard Duncan

If you know of anyone who should be on the list please call us at (586) 078-0579 or email us at: <u>lanardecchia@prodigy.net</u>. Any names that are underlined will come off the list next month unless we hear from you.



#### CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET

Attached is a flyer for the Car Show and Swap meet. Two hundred and fifty flyers were delivered to the Woodward Tri-Five Cruisers for their table at the Autorama.

Two thousand 5 x 7 postcards will be arriving in a few days and if each member takes a stack and starts passing them out to neighbors, friends, family and any businesses you wish it would be deeply appreciated. A list of the car shows can be printed off that members can visit and pass out information regarding our car show and swap meet.

Please mark May 1<sup>st</sup> on your calendar. This is the "Bearing Burner" show that has rented our picnic grounds for their car show. As was discussed, we should attend to learn how the grounds are laid out so we can be prepared when we start to map out the grounds for our space.

A flyer was mailed out to Cruz News, posted on the Scott Morgan facebook page and calendar along with posting it on the K of C facebook page.

Any questions, please call or email. Feel free to distribute the flyer. Also attached is the official letter for those of you that are seeking donations from companies and or businesses for the event.

Best Regards,

Scott Morgan (586) 201-5738 smorgan905@gmail.com

#### FAMILY FAITH CHALLENGE



February 8 to May 13, 2015

I am about to introduce to you the most creative way to grow closer to God and your family! This activity is known as the Family Faith Challenge.

The Family Faith Challenge consists of forty different Catholic activities. Your goal is to complete as many challenges as you can in the given time frame. Every five challenges you complete will earn you a raffle ticket. That raffle ticket will be placed into a drawing. You can win as many as eight raffle tickets.

You may ask yourself, why would I want to do the Family Faith Challenge anyway? Well, for starters it's an excellent way to enrich your faith with God. Also, it's a great way to draw closer to your family. Best of all, we won't take a single penny out of your pocket! Therefore, you get to enrich your faith and win prizes with no fee! Yes there are prizes included in the raffle. You could win up to a \$200 gift card, as well as a \$150, \$100, \$50 or \$25 gift card. Plus, however much money you win, an equal amount will be donated to the Vocations Scholarship fund, in your name. Lastly, you have from February 8<sup>th</sup> until May 13, 2016, to complete your challenges and return your log sheet to your teachers or the Knights of Columbus Hall or contact me.

You can find all the details and your log sheet at <u>http://uticakofc.com/familyfaith</u> Remember, the more challenges you complete the more raffle tickets you can earn which leaves you with a better chance of winning. Also, the prizes will be given away on Sunday, May 15, 2016 (Pentecost Sunday). The Family Faith Challenge is a great opportunity to try something new and spend more time with your family. If you have any questions please contact Angelina Donato at joe@donatolandscape.com

Thank you and May God bless!

Angelina Donato





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS St. Lawrence Council #2950 44425 Utica Road Utica, MI 48317

February 9, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

We are asking for your support in the form of a donation of a gift or gift certificate to be used as part of a raffle at our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Car Show & Swap Meet on June12<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The saproceeds from this raffle will be benefiting St. Leo's Pantry in Detroit, MI.

A KofC member will be asking for your support again this year. It is through the continued support of businesses like yours that we are able to help support charities in need, therefore any donation that you can make will be greatly appreciated.

Our non-profit organization tax identification number is 38-184-9375. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Just Co Mary

Scott A. Morgan – Event Chairman 47400 Old Orchard Macomb, MI 48044 586-201-5738 cell

Sincerely,

Jason A. Meyers Grand Knight



St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Council #2950 44425 Utica Road Utica, MI 48317



# Computer and Small Electronics Recycling Event

# Saturday May 14, 2016 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Across the street from the Knights Hall RAIN OR SHINE!!

Have an old computer or other electronic that is unused and in your way? The green team at Council 2950 Knights of Columbus wants you to collect those old electronics and help our organization! Our community has an great opportunity to safely and properly dispose of computers and small electronics. Computer Recyclers, a Michigan firm works with many other business, schools and non-profits. They will collect our product at no charge! They also guarantee that no component will end up in a landfill and ALL information will be destroyed!

Fundraiser to support Knights of Columbus Charities. Cost = \$5.00 per car load

# Items Accepted for Knights of Columbus Event:

Desktop PC's and Workstations Monitors: LCD Only Keyboards, Mice and Scanners Ink Cartridges New and Used (*Please bag leaking cartridges*) Etc.) Video and Projection Equipment Calculators: Desk and Handheld Computer Drives, CD, DVD, Hard, Floppy Misc. Electronic Small Items Batteries, bagged please (Auto OK)

Electronics contain many hazardous materials that can contaminate groundwater if placed in landfills. They also consist of valuable resources, such as precious metals, copper, and engineered plastics, all of which require considerable energy to process and manufacture. Recycling electronics <u>recovers</u> valuable materials, rather than manufacturing them, conserves natural resources, and results in lower environmental emissions (including green-

Notebooks, Laptops, and Tablet PC's Printers; Both Ink and Laser Laptop Bags Phones; Cell, PDAs Business, and Home Audio Equipment (Stereo Receivers, Speakers,

Cameras; Both Old Style and Digital Home Media, Servers, External Hard Drives, Cord/Wire; Computer, Electrical, Cable Small Household Appliances: Toasters, Irons, Etc.) \*\*\*NO TVS! NO CRT MONITORS!\*\*\*



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