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A Message from the Grand Knight . . .

Brothers,

Happy Easter! May the joy and love of the risen Jesus Christ be with you and your families at this time! Spring is upon us and this is a season of new beginnings. I personally don't like change but it's a part of life. It's inevitable.

That said, I would like to address the elephant in the room. As fellow Brother Knights of Council #2950, I feel you all should be well informed of the goings on in your council. Some of you may have heard that the Knights Building Corporation are currently discussing with St. Lawrence school the possibility of selling our hall to them. "The building corp," is made up of dedicated brother Knights either appointed by their position in the council or otherwise voted in the corporation and it manages and makes decisions for the hall and picnic grounds. It's a separate entity from the council for legal purposes, although still made up of Brother Knights like yourself. Let me be clear, at the time of this writing, we are in the early stages of this process. However, if the potential sales goes through, we anticipate everything to go rather quickly. We already had an appraisal and currently have a team in place ready to negotiate a price.

I think it's safe to say, we all love our hall. There are many good memories there for a lot of us. I'm one of the newer Brothers of the council (just short of seven years), but that hall has become my second home as it has for a lot of us. So why are we considering selling our hall? Here are some of the considerations:

1. The school came to us about a month ago and asked if we were interested in selling our hall. The school would like our hall due to a backlog of new students for the upcoming year. They need the space. We are practical Catholic gentlemen and always see the need for more Catholics coming from Catholic school as well. Young Catholics who attend Catholic school are more likely to attend mass regularly and raise their families in the Church as well. These are also our future Brothers in the KofC. These are facts.
2. We don't have new all management coming forward to take over operations of the hall once our managers Phil and Denise Kupser and Dennis Murray decide to hang it up. This is huge. Let's face it, we all know the hall rental business is tough and especially now during COVID. We need new potential managers. Last year, we asked for a new Brother or couple to work under Phil and Denise as potential replacements and no one expressed interest. This

was very concerning for the building corp. I understand running our hall and picnic grounds are tough gigs and I applaud all the current managers for their work and dedication to their respective properties. However, it's impossible to keep a business when no one is there to run it effectively like our current managers do.

3. COVID. The building corp lost a lot of money last year due to COVID and the restrictions. Although things have slightly rebounded this year, we still have many issues to address with COVID taking business away from our hall.
4. Repairs. The hall is about 76 years old and is in desperate need of repair. This will continue to cost us a lot of money.
5. Taxes and utilities. With the lack of business over the last year, the building corp had to eat up a lot of taxes and utilities without having much income. Taxes are approximately \$12,000 per year just on the hall. Add consistent utility bills to that and last year was very devastating to the hall as far as cost to operate without much income. With the future uncertain about this virus, the building corp can't have another year or two of being in the deep red. It simply can't. The hall costs money to run and ever since I've been a Knight in this council, that's been a big issue – funding the hall.

So what are the next steps? The Monday of Holy Week, we received the appraisal which was shared with the school. To date, the building corp has voted to explore the possible sale and picked a negotiating team. Let me state clearly, we have not voted on selling the hall at the time of this writing. That would be determined by negotiating a price and we are just not there yet with the school. We also are currently looking for property to build on should the sale happen. We are looking at a more scaled down building to build to make our lives easier and still be able to do our good works. We are accustomed to having our own building and that won't change in the future. We will have a new building in the future to operate out of and the building corp will make sure of that. In the short and long term, we will be working with the parish (again, should the sale go through) to be present on the St. Lawrence campus. We would also want to rebuild on the campus for the long term. This St. Lawrence campus is our home, and we want to stay. The building corp already voted to stay on campus should the sale happen. I've met with Fr. Roman many times and he assured us the council is invaluable to the parish and he will make accommodations for our council both short and long term since we are obviously working in good faith to greatly help the school accommodate ever growing enrollment. I have a long history with Fr. Roman even before coming to St. Lawrence. He married my wife Julie and me at St. Martin de Porres, his previous parish. He also baptized our youngest

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNCIL
KNIGHT LIFE**

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<http://www.kofc.org/careers>

**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR
APRIL 2021**

April 4, 2021 – Happy Easter

April 8, 2021 – Council Meeting and Rosary – Main Hall – 7:30 – 9:00 pm

April 15, 2021 – State of Michigan Tax Filing Date, Federal date is May 17, 2021.

April 29, 2021 – Planning Meeting – Main Hall – 8:00 – 9:00 pm.



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A Message from the Grand Knight Continued.....

son, Julian. I've known Fr. Roman 13 plus years and Julie and her family have known Fr. Roman 20 plus years. I trust him and his word and it's no different on this matter. Father is a huge proponent of the KofC and this council as we can see through his past support whether it be supporting our sports breakfast, to giving us kind words at the end of mass, to support our works of corporal mercy, etc. We will always have a home at St. Lawrence. Trust Fr. Roman to do right for our council as our Chaplain.

Again, I want to thank everyone on the building corp for their hard work during this time. Their dedication to the council and Knights Building Corporation is greatly appreciated! Change is tough. This is no different. Brothers, I will assure you the Board of the Knights Building Corporation have the best interest of the council at large and the hall in mind and will make the best decision for all involved for our future.

Vivat Jesus!

Francis Elwart

Grand Knight

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KnightLife Articles

All articles for the KnightLife should be sent to my email address which is – lindanardeccchia@gmail.com.

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.
O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.
Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.
Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.
Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.
Under thy protection we seek refuge,

AD SPACE

An opportunity has opened up for you to place your ad in the monthly KnightLife paper.

I have room for a one column ad which would cost \$80.00 for the year. We can also break up the space into three separate business card ads at \$40.00 each. One other option would be to have one business card size ad and the other space equivalent to two business card size ads at a cost of \$60.00 per year.

We do have some conditions you must agree to. Your ad must not be in conflict with any of the ads presently on the back page. They must not be for any type of product that Supreme sells such as Life Insurance and annuities.

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Larry Nardecchia
KnightLife Editor

OUR SICK MEMBERS

Our prayers are required for the Brother Knights and family members who are sick and recovering:

Joan Shekoski	Beverly Bebee	Jim Langeveld
Stan Singer	Tracey Vallelunga	Jeremy Yorke
Kenneth Mulka	Veronica German	Paula Bliss
Catherine Jujack	Linda Nardecchia	Derrick Orban
Suzanne Langeveld	Clara Mueller	Carol Poma
Carly Debiel	Kelly Gill	Bob Snow
Rick Montone	Wenzel Koch	Brian Mink
Anne Chandler	Frank Singer	Griffin Davies
Sue Stepiniak	Paul Rybicki	Matt Gumbel
Jennifer Chandler	Don Heydens Jr.	Rene Battani
David Weigand	Gerald DeClerk	Della Mulka
Megan Singer	Mike Hoste	Mary Quaine
Sandy Papuga	Ron Ternes	Vince Mallia
Ray Campbell	Jack Peake	Maria Gatt
Yousif Denha	Larry Campbell	Linda Braet
Marion Lelito	Fr. Tim Mazur	Paul Polka
Thomas Deneron	Stephanie Langeveld	Janet Buckner
David Deradoorian Jr.	Roger Mannette	Ray Campbell
Addison Caldwell	Garth Wuchner	

Also please remember in your prayers our deceased members and their families: Dennis Seefried and JoAnn Wiegand

If you know of anyone who should be on the list please call us at (586) 978-0579 or email us at: lindanardeccchia@gmail.com. Any names that are underlined and typed in blue will come off the list next month unless we hear from you.

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 and/or a Happy Anniversary.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Jim Langeveld for being selected as one of the Knights of the Month for February. Jim and his wife, Stephanie have lived on Harry in Shelby Township for 42 years. They have been married for 54 years and had four children –Jenine, Mary, Susy and Jim (Deceased).. They have a number of grandchildren which include – Jessica, Nicky, Josh, Lauren, Tyler, Ryan, Jacob and Kaitlyn.

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish. Stephanie belongs to the Quilters Club, Alter Cloths and SVDP for 12 years.

After 36 years on the job Jim decided to retire from Modern Mirror and Glass.

Jim joined St. Lawrence KofC in 2006. He has held the positions of Building Corporation President, Director, and Recorder. He has also co-chaired the Freedom Rally.

The family in their spare time enjoy each other's company. They also go on short trips, watch movies, visit their children and grandchildren, and administer the Dr. Jim fund at the University of Michigan.

Congratulations Jim on being selected Knight of the month for February by your Brother Knights.

Congratulations to Andrew Peklo for being selected as another February Knight of the Month. Andy and his wife Diane have lived in Shelby Township on Aragon Drive for 29 years. They have been married for 40 years. Their children include – son Drew (34) and spouse Maggie (33), son Shawn (31) and spouse Christina (30) and son Justin (20) and



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The Order's Board of Directors has taken action, though, to assure that a brother Knight's widow maintains the right to purchase additional insurance for a limited time. This can be of great benefit and comfort to those we leave behind.

This "right to apply" is available only to the widows of insured members. If a member has not availed himself of our top-rated life insurance program, or purchased an annuity or long-term care policy, Disability Insurance, this benefit is not available to his widow. But if the member was an insured member, his widow has the right to apply for additional insurance on her life and on the lives of the member's minor children. This right can be exercised for up to one year following the Order's receipt of proof of the insured's death.

Know two things. First, I'll assist your widow and children in any way possible if you should die, both with your Knights of Columbus insurance and any other life insurance you may have. Second, I'll provide them my best professional advice and service, to assure that they continue to have adequate insurance protection. As a professional agent and a brother Knight, I have no greater responsibility.

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In Christ,

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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH CONTINUED

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where they volunteer at the Applefest and volunteer at McRest. Lecture, Eucharistic Minister and St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Andy has worked for 40 years in Supply Chain Management for Stellantis (FCA). Diane works for Pro-Tech Lighting and has worked there for 20 years as the Office Manager.

Andy originally joined Pope John Paul II council and in 2016 he joined St. Lawrence council.

Andy and his wife enjoy spending time with their children and their dogs. They also like to go to Northern Michigan and spend time with family and friends. Traveling, golfing, bass fishing, reading, movies and gardening are also enjoyed in their spare time.

Congratulations Andy on being selected as one of the February Knights of the Month.

Family of the Month

Congratulations to Robert Murawski and his wife Michele for being selected as the January Family of the Month. They just moved to Brighton on Cowell Road in December of 2020. Robert and Michele were married on August 26, 1988 which gives them 32.5 years of marriage. They have two daughters – Alexandra (28) and Madeline (24).

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish. Alexandra is a Eucharistic Minister at St. Lawrence.

Robert is a Program Director (and IT Manager) for Shaw PPC Design in Novi, MI for over 20 years. Michele recently retired from a successful career as a Cosmetologist for over 30 years.

Robert joined St. Lawrence KofC in November 2017. He is the current Warden and he is an Outside Sentinel with St. John Neumann Assembly.

In their spare time the family enjoys spending time outdoors year round – boating, fishing and hiking.

Congratulations Robert and Michele and being chosen Family of the Month for January.

Congratulations to Catherine and Chris Tuzinsky for being selected as the February Family of the Month. They have lived in Utica for 21 years.

Chris and Catherine have been married for 22 years and have two children – Mary (18) and Jacob (14).

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where Catherine teaches catechism and Jacob is an altar server.

Chris is employed by Plastic Molding Development for 15 years, Chris joined St. Lawrence KofC 16 years ago.

In their spare time the family enjoys traveling to the Upper Peninsula.

Congratulations Chris and Catherine on being selected as the February Family of the Month.

Congratulations to Chris and Amanda Boyer for being selected as the April Family of the Month. They have lived on Wheaton Drive in Sterling Heights for 11 years.

They have been married for 10 years and have four children: Olivia (9), Landon (7), Brady (4) and Leanna (3).

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish. Olivia and Landon are in catechism. Amanda helps out at Vacation Bible School and the children attend. Chris attended CRE in 2019.

Amanda has a very important job that of being a domestic engineer and stay at home mom. Chris is the Director of Adoption at Foster Care Adoption Agency (Family and Community Services).

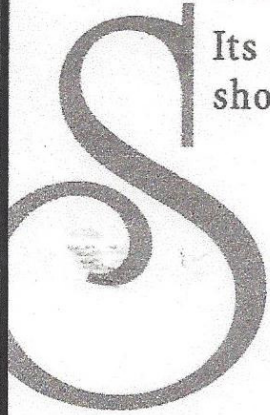
Chris joined St. Lawrence KofC in 2019.

In their spare time the family enjoys family bike rides, hikes and board games. They also spend time at Amanda's family cottage playing in the woods and water.

Congratulations to Chris and Amanda for being chosen as the April Family of the Month.

Every life
is unique.

Its celebration
should be too.



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