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A Message from the Grand Knight . . .

Brothers,

I hope you're doing well! It's been a strange few months as we all know and have felt. We have been coming back physically as a fraternity the last couple months so there have been some questions about how we are to proceed in the hall concerning the pandemic. This is a delicate and highly charged issue; I understand that. Ideally, we have the main hall for a meeting or picnic grounds if necessary, for maximum distancing, during the pandemic. The first meeting of July was in the club room due to unforeseen circumstances. We had hand sanitizer and masks available. We also social distanced the best we could. Masks covering the nose and mouth along with social distancing are encouraged by the CDC will be the council policy at this time as well. The picnic grounds are outdoors, so are a different story. Hand sanitizer will be available at meetings and other council events and please bring your own mask. Brothers, thank you in advance for your understanding, but also respecting different opinions on the subject.

As far as events are concerned, I would like to thank our Worthy Warden Rob Murawski and Sir Knight Rob Rogensues for rising up and answering the call organizing and cooking for our installation dinner at the picnic grounds July 30th. We held a combined installation with St. Kieran and St. Therese of Liseaux. It was nice to meet Brothers and their families and friends from other councils. We are planning more events as a district. John Berg and Rick Fisher, who are the Worthy Grand Knights of the other two councils, respectively, agree this is a good idea as does our Worthy District Deputy Jason Meyers. Also, our bottle and can drive is still in process. We're waiting on Powers Distributing at this time. They have been busy as you can imagine with the recently reopening of bottle returns. We're all caught up on our end. Next, our Document Shredding Fundraiser is on September 19th headed up by our Worthy Lecturer Bob Watz. Thank you, Bob. Finally, we have our 5th Annual Pro-Life walk coming up on September 20th. I want to thank Brother Chris and Sharon Gill and Brother Tom and Maryann Dapoz, for their tireless pro-life work which help literally save lives every day and for helping put together this event. Flyers with all the information for both events are at the bottom of this column. Thank you again, Brothers all (and ladies) for your service to our council and our charities.

Honored and blessed, I have been a Knight for almost 6 years. This council has been here 75 years. Our council's tradition I hold in very high regard and we all individually pale in comparison to it. If we don't have tradition, we have nothing. It is what bridges generations. We

are all connected as Brother Knights through tradition. Let's never forget that. Some of us signed the council charter in 1945 like Maurice Van Coillie and some of us are just joining the council at 27 ½ like my oldest son Zach. I hear the stories around the bar. I know what this council means to everyone. That said, there can and must be room for improvement and change because of the issues that arise in such a large and successful council as ours. And that success can be made possible because of you, Brother Knights. Please stay tuned. These are different but exciting times, because innovations are forced to happen as well.

Due to the pandemic, we've had smaller crowds at our meetings. Pandemic or not, we have a council to run. Many of our tenured Knights are staying away because of COVID and that's completely understandable. Therefore, I have asked Worthy Trustee Scott Morgan to rise up and he answered the call and is exploring options to make a more live/virtual meeting experience possible. Further details will be provided as they become available.

Very exciting news! Our Founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, will be beatified on October 31st in Hartford, Connecticut. A miracle credited to the intercession of Fr. McGivney was approved by the Vatican and announced by Pope Francis on May 27th. Fr. McGivney's intercession was credited for healing a child diagnosed as terminally ill while in the womb. Miracles happen and they happen every day. There is always a glimmer of light and hope, even in times like these. We should be very excited and extremely proud as Brother Knights belonging to an order founded by a likely future saint!

As always, we are honored and blessed to be Knights and let's show the world that by rising up and answering the call to serve. The world needs us and what we stand for now more than ever Brothers! Pray the rosary!

Vivat Jesus!

Francis Elwart
Grand Knight
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MEMBERSHIP GOALS 2020-21

New Goal = 20 New Members
YTD = 2 Members (10%)

Please get **FORM 100's** from our **Membership Director, Gary Lusk** @ MD2950@mikofc.org. Great job so far this year! Let's keep up the recruiting by asking practical Catholic gentlemen whom you think would make a great Knight these 3 things:

ST. LAWRENCE COUNCIL KNIGHT LIFE

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Council Website: <http://www.uticakofc.com>

MEETINGS - 2nd and last Thursday of each month
OFFICERS

Chaplain.....Father Roman Pasieczny
District Deputy.....Jason Meyers
Grand Knight.....Francis V. Elwart
Deputy Grand Knight.....Guy Anzell
Warden.....Rob Murawski
Chancellor.....Harry Kuk
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Recorder.....Antonio Quagliato
Treasurer.....Don Heydens
Advocate.....James Bokshan
Financial Secretary.....Paul Burmeister
Lecturer.....Robert Walz
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Outside Guard.....Carlos Pertusi, Dan Lekki
Roundtable Coordinator.....Ed Braet

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.....Joseph Lograsso, Daniel Weingartz
Vocations Chairman.....Dale Niedzwiecki
Holy Cross Children's Services Chairman.....Warren Sawdon
Eyes for the Needy.....Tom Mueller
Pro-Life.....Chris Gill (Sharon)
Picnic Grounds.....Dale Niedzwiecki
Retentions.....Ray Keller
Hall Manager (Main).....Phil Kupser
Hall Manager (Back).....Dennis Murray
Club Room Manager.....Ken Grunewald

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Picnic Grounds.....(586) 739-9063

State Website Line - www.mikofc.org

Supreme Website Link - www.kofc.org

Supreme Council Website for Career Opportunity -

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

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR August - September 2020

August 13, 2020 - Meeting and Monthly Rosary - 7:30 pm (Rosary 8:00 pm (Meeting Starts) - Meeting at Picnic Grounds.

August 27, 2020 - KofC Planning Meeting - 8:00 - 9:00 pm - Picnic Grounds.

August 29, 2020 - Mound Road Clean-up. Meet in the Club Room at 8:30 am.

September 7, 2020 - Happy Labor Day

September 10, 2020 - Council Meeting and Rosary - Zoom Meeting
Officers report to Club Room all other members this is an online meeting using zoom - 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm.

September 19, 2020 - Document Shredding Fundraiser - 44425 Utica Road, Utica - 9:00 am till noon.

September 20, 2020 - Pro-Life Event (See Flyer)

September 24, 2020 - Planning Meeting - Zoom Meeting - Officers report to Club Room - All other members this is an online meeting using Zoom 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT CONTINUED . . .



KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS

DO YOU HAVE TIME TO BE A KNIGHT?

1. Can you put a coat on a child whose parents can't afford a new coat?
2. Can you help for just 2 hours collecting money for the mentally impaired drive? (Tootsie Roll Drive)
3. Can you help with our youth activities while your children are participating?

YOU are born a **MAN**
YOU become a **KNIGHT**
VISIT KOFc.ORG/JoinUs

INSURANCE GOALS 2019-20

New Goal = 10

YTD = 1 (10%)

Have you looked at your insurance needs lately? Do you have any questions regarding your current policies? Are you looking to get some additional coverage to further support our order?

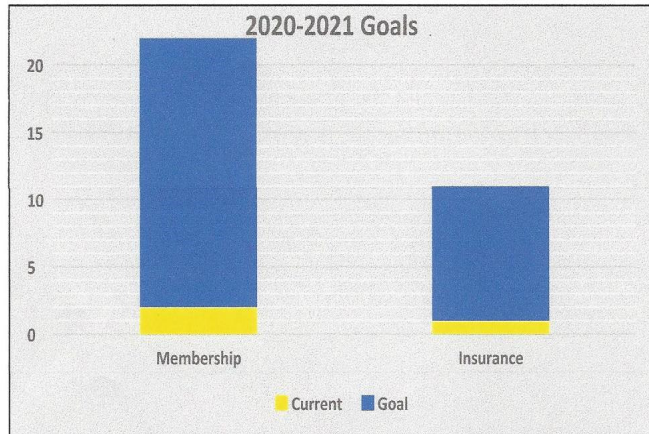
A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT CONTINUED. . .

Please contact our **Worthy Supreme Field Agent** to schedule an appointment.

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GOALS



WHEN ARE OUR MEETINGS?

Our meetings are the **2nd** and **LAST Thursday's** of the month at **8:00 pm** unless otherwise noted. Holy Rosary starts at 7:30 pm before the first meeting. The **first meeting** is our **general membership/council meeting** and the **second meeting** is our **officer/planning meeting**. Both are open meetings and all membership are invited and encouraged to attend. The goal is to have the meetings last no longer than an hour to be most effective. We continue to make changes to our content to save time each week, so if you have any suggestions to save time, I am always willing to listen and implement the changes as needed.

As a reminder, please visit some of the following websites for Catholic related content: <http://www.aod.org/> <http://vatican.com/> <http://solanuscenter.org/>

KnightLife Articles

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

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
Nancy Campbell	Linda Nardecchia	Derrick Orban
Suzanne Langeveld	Clara Mueller	Carol Poma
Carly Debiel	Kelly Gill	Bob Snow
Baby John Venterini	Rick Montone	Wenzel Koch
Joann Wiegand	Sandy Ososkie	Frank Singer
Sue Stepiniak	Paul Rybicki	Matt Gumbel
Jennifer Chandler	Lana Kowalski	Rene Battani
David Weigand	Phyllis Papuga	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	
Thomas Deneron	Stephanie Langeveld	Allen Rooks
David Deradoorian Jr.	Anne Chandler	

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

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.

IN MEMORIAM

"Eternal rest grant unto them, Oh Lord, and May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them. May they rest in peace."



Norman Richard Grifka
October 14, 1931 – July 22, 2020





Knights of Columbus "BENEFITS NEWS"

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. "How morbid," they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers – even while you're alive. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable. Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

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In Christ,

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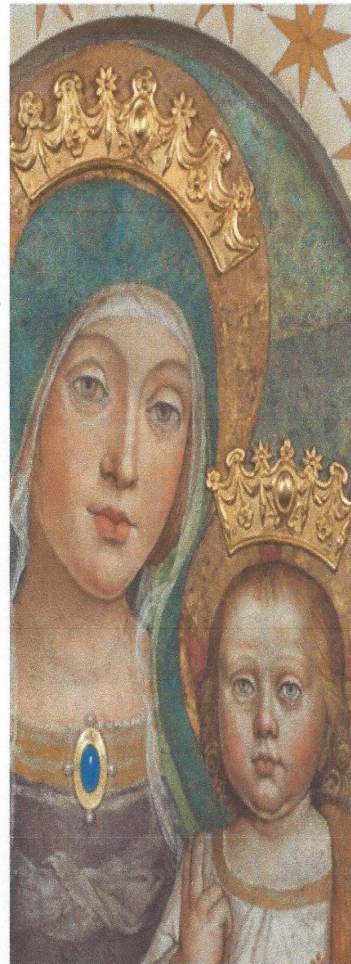
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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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

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.

If interested, please call Linda Nardecchia (Newsletter typist) at (586) 978-0579 regarding ad placement. Remember also that light colors do not show up very good and they make terrible ads.

Larry Nardecchia
KnightLife Editor

A Message From Your Past Grand Knight Scott Morgan



VIVAT JESUS!

Worthy District Deputy, Worthy Officers, Brother Knights –

WE ARE MEN OF FAITH AND MEN OF ACTION!

As we start our 75th year of our council, I would like to take this time to thank all of you for entrusting me as your Grand Knight for the past 2 years! This has been a wonderful experience for me and my family during this time. We have conquered many difficult roads this year, but in the end, we have had our best thoughts and actions in mind, which always prevail in our successes! Brothers, this is our CHARITY.

One of the things that I have cherished most during my tenure is that no matter what time of day or night, the volume of work that is done in this council is truly amazing! Early morning phone calls, calls during lunchtime, calls late at night, texting – yes there are many texts, all show that we have a strong bond between us that allow us to get the job done every time. Without this passion, we are men without a purpose. Over time, every one of you have come to me with comments, concerns, ideas and changes for continual improvements for our council! As a result, we have implemented many things that have made it easier to conduct council business. I feel that our bond continues to strengthen and our passion is strong regardless of what challenges we are faced with. Brothers, this is our FRATERNITY.

One of the greatest things I feel that we have done as a council was the installation of the Ultrasound machine in 2018. This was accomplished with the guidance and direction of our Past Grand Knight, Steve Salter! With that initiative we are saving the lives of unborn children! By pulling together all our resources we were able to support and continually fund the Image of God Center in Madison Heights. I would like to thank all officers who have served during my tenure! I could not have done this job without you. I would also like to thank all of the Past Grand Knights for your continual support and advice. I was always told, we will not let you fail. I am truly blessed to be a Knight and I am honored to have stood amongst all of you, the greatest men in my life.

THANK YOU!

Scott Morgan, PGK



ADOPT A HIGHWAY

Brother Knights,

I hope you all are doing well. The Macomb County Road Commission has given us permission to resume our "Adopt a Highway" initiatives. Thus, we have the chance to go out and do our part to clean up Mound Road. We will have one clean-up activity this year and it is scheduled for Saturday, August 29th. As long as you feel comfortable, please meet at the Club Room at 8:30 am and we will form small teams and go from there. Depending on where we are at with COVID-19, please bring your masks. I would like to thank all of you for your participation in years past and I hope you can continue to support this year.

Thank you,

Tony Schoenherr



DR. JIM'S 18TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Save The Date

When: September 13, 2020
Where: Cracklewood Golf Course
Time: 1:15 pm Tee Time
Shotgun Start
Food on course
Dinner: Steak Dinner and Raffles
Families Welcome
Cost: \$150 Golf and Dinner
\$50.00 Dinner only
Contact: Jim Langeveld if attending
At (586) 739-8119; Text
(810) 499-9055; email
jimlang122@gmail.com

Dr. Jim was a doctor at Beaumont Hospital who died at the age of 30 due to cancer. He was the son of Jim Langeveld who is a brother Knight. There is a Tax-Deductible fund in Jim's name at U of M Cancer Center in Ann Arbor. This fund helps adult cancer patients and their families pay for personal expenses that are incurred due to the time that they have to spend in Ann Arbor at the Cancer Center. This is the only fund of this type at U of M. 100% of the proceeds from the Golf Outing go to this fund. Since the inception we have donated over \$270,000. Hope to see you there. Please contact Jim Langeveld if you can attend at (586) 739-8119, Text at (810) 499-9055, or email jimlang122@gmail.com. Please pass this on the anyone that you know might be interested in Golfing.

Jim Langeveld

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

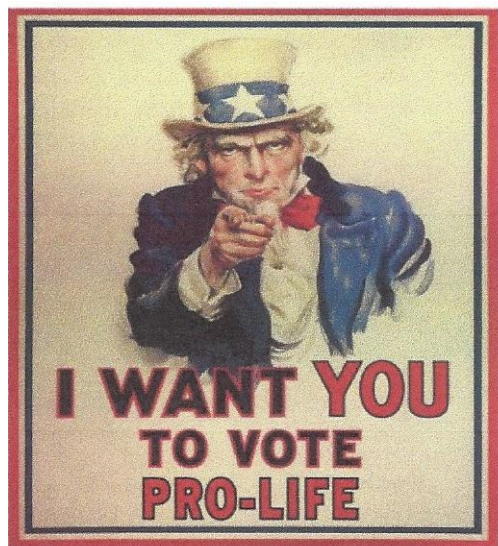
The Knight of the Month for August is Jim Demaestri. He and his wife, Sandy have lived in Shelby Township on Ben Franklin Drive for 21 years. They have one son, Nick, who is 16 years old. Jim and Sandy just celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary on July 16th. (Happy Belated Anniversary). The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where their son finished up with his catechism in 2018. They also love to attend K of C activities and events when possible.

Jim has worked for Fluke Process Instruments for 20 years.

He joined St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in 2018.

In their spare time the family loves to travel, bowl, outdoor fun and visiting with family.

Congratulations Jim on being chosen Knight of the Month by your Brother Knights for the month of August.



You can't be BOTH Catholic and Pro-choice. This next election is vital for human life! <https://rti.org/legislation/ballot/>. We must elect those who will be the voice for the voiceless, whom are our precious children in the womb.



Labor Day – September 7, 2020

This day celebrates the American Labor movement and the Contributions and achievements of the American worker.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The August Family of the Month belongs to Phil Kupser and his wife Denise. They have lived on Abraham Drive in Washington Twp. for eight years. Phil and Denise have been married for 48 years. They have two grown daughters, Marcy and Nicole. They have three grandchildren – Parker (14), Landon (12) and Morgan (6).

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where Phil is an usher and a St. Lawrence Bible Study Facilitator.

Phil states that both he and Denise are both retired but mostly just tired.

Phil first joined the Knights of Columbus at Immaculate Conception in Garden City in 1973 and transferred over to St. Lawrence in 2012. He has held the position of Hall Manager

In their spare time the family does wood working projects, watching the grandkids, reading and playing cards. In better times they enjoy traveling.

Congratulations Phil and Denise on being chosen Family of the month for August by your Brother Knights.

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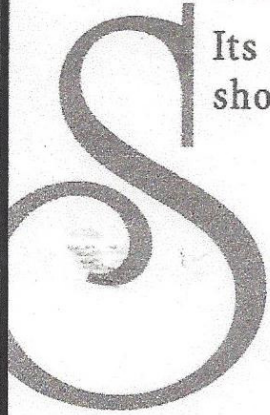
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