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**FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT  
Vivat Jesus**

Dear Brother Knights:

The Past Grand Knight's Ball was held November 11<sup>th</sup>. We honored three Knights that evening:

- Larry Nardecchia was honored with a commemorative pin for his 50 years as a Knight.
- Ray Keller was honored with a Howard Miller clock for his 60 years as a Knight.
- Dale and Karen Niedzwiecki were honored as Family of the Year for 2017.

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The church teaches that Mary was conceived free of the stain of original sin. She is the only person referred to in the New Testament as "Full of Grace."

This teaching was promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, but has been assumed since the early days of the church.

**Here are the upcoming events:**

- Dec. 3 – First Level of the Spelling Bee competition at the St. Lawrence Social Hall at 12:30 pm.
- Dec. 12 – There will be a K of C Poster Contest again this year. Joe Lograsso is heading this up. Posters are to be submitted no later than December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Dec. 17 – Children's Christmas Party at the Hall at 2:00 pm. Last chance to drop off gently used coats.
- Feb. 10, 2018 – The Knights are hosting a Wild Game Dinner on February 10, 2018. We are in need of volunteers. Please help us out. The brothers chairing this event are Bob Walz, Scott Morgan, Francis Elwart, John Gasowski, Rob Murawski and Steve Salter. The proceeds from this dinner will be equally divided up among four charities.
- Please bring any winter clothes items to the St. Vincent De Paul bin, located at the northeast part of the church parking lot.
- There will be no December breakfast. The breakfasts will resume in January.

In December the Church celebrates some truly awesome Catholics/events:

1. Dec. 6 – St. Nicholas. Santa Claus was a derivative of St. Nicholas. He had a life of secret gift-giving and is considered a miracle worker through this intercession. 3<sup>rd</sup> century.
2. Dec. 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is a Holy day of obligation.
3. Dec. 25 – Nativity of the Lord Jesus.
4. Jan. 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Just a reminder, go to **NewAdvent.org** for a wonderful web site for all things Catholic.

Viva Jesus,

Steve Salter  
Grand Knight  
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**FAMILY OF THE MONTH**

For the month of December we are honoring Brother Knight Chris Gill and his wife Sharon. They live on Allegheny Drive in Sterling Heights.

Chris joined the Knights of Columbus in 1992. He is the Pro-Life Activities Chairman

Congratulations Chris and Sharon for being chosen December Family of the Month by your Brother Knights.

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**

For the month of December we are honoring Brother Knight Edward Braet. He and his wife Kimberly have lived on Golden Oaks Lane in Shelby Township for 29 years. On December 15<sup>th</sup> they will be celebrating their 39<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They have four children: Meghan (37), Daniel (35), Ashley (29) and Nicholas (25). They have four grandchildren: Brenden (6), Julianna (4), Vanlentina (3) and Charlotte (2). The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where Ed has helped out with the Applefest.

Ed is a retired electrician with 25 years with General Motors. He is now a self-employed contractor. His wife raised their children and

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KNIGHT LIFE**

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**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR  
DECEMBER - FEBRUARY**

**December 3, 2017** – First Level of the Spelling Bee competition at the St. Lawrence Social Hall at 12:30 pm.

**December 6, 2017** - Knights Corp Meeting 7:30 pm. (This meeting is open to all members.) **Attendance of Knights Corp Members is MANDATORY.**

**December 12, 2017** – K of C Poster Contest. Posters need to be Submitted no later than December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**December 14, 2017** - First meeting of the month at our Hall at 8:00 pm.

**December 17, 2017** – Children's Christmas Party at the Hall at 2:00 pm.

**December 28 2017** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the month at our Hall at 8:00 pm.

**January 7, 2018** – Diocesan Spelling Bee.

**February 10, 2017** – Wild Game Dinner.

\* Please Note: There will be no November or December Breakfast.

Fraternally,  
Joe Manuszak  
Council Activities Director



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "BENEFITS NEWS"  
"UPDATE YOUR BENEFICIARIES"

**UPDATE YOUR BENEFICIARIES**

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take, for example, the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it may very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your policies should be updated to reflect your spouse as beneficiary. Maybe you've had children since, who are not named on the policies.

Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary, an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceased the insured.

I routinely call all of my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – that is, the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family's needs.

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**ST. LAWRENCE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPELLING BEE**

Brother Knights and families, we are happy to announce the return of the K of C Spelling bee. The fun, challenging and great event is open to two competition levels: **Level 1 is 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades and Level II is 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grades.** In the past, students from St. Lawrence have won the Diocesan and State Level Bees!

Please invite your children and grandchildren to participate!!

**Registration is now open!** Please email Joe Lograsso ([lograsso@comcast.net](mailto:lograsso@comcast.net)) to register. Please include the student's name and grade. The appropriate level word list will be emailed back to you. You can also email me if you have any questions.

The first level of competition is scheduled **Sunday, December 3, 2017** at the St. Lawrence Social Hall at **12:30 pm**. There will be one winner and three runner-ups for each level that will be allowed to move on to the Diocesan Spelling Bee on January 7, 2018.

We encourage anyone with any bit of interest to sign up for the spelling bee and come out and compete. The earlier you register, the more time you have to see the word list. Please don't wait.

Joe Lograsso

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESS**

All articles for the KnightLife should be sent to my new email address which is – [lindanardeccchia@gmail.com](mailto:lindanardeccchia@gmail.com).

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ST. LAWRENCE SCHOOL**

If you need to be at our hall during school pick-up or drop-off times, please note the following information:

St. Lawrence School uses our Back lot and driveway (exit side) as a means of routing traffic before and after school.

The following are the approximate times that the school uses our lot. Parking behind the hall will **NOT** be available during these times.

**DROP OFF – 8:15 AM – 9:15 AM**

**PICK UP – 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM**

**\*\*MOST IMPORTANT -** please note that there are **NO LEFT TURNS** out of our parking lot during the afternoon pickup.





## FUTURE TEXAS HOLD'EM DATES

January 17, 18, 19 and 20, 2018

Please contact Don Heydens at [dheydens@gmail.com](mailto:dheydens@gmail.com) for additional details and for volunteering your time.

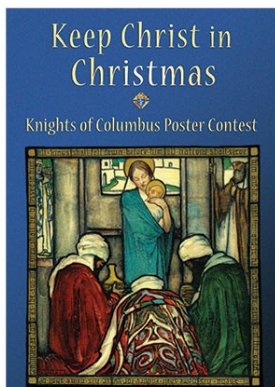
## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH CONTINUED

now has helped with watch the grand children not in school.

Ed joined the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in 2016. He has helped with various projects at the Council.

In his spare time Ed enjoys barbecuing and having the family over. He also likes to take vacations up north or out of state trips to Disney and Las Vegas.

Congratulations Ed Braet on being chosen the December Knight of the Month by your Brother Knights.



## CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

We are pleased to announce our annual K of C Christmas Poster Contest for children in grades **Kindergarten through Third Grade**. This is to promote the true spirit of Christmas in our children.

The posters should be a minimum of 11 x 14 inches. They need to be original and display the true spirit of Christmas: **Christ!**

Please submit the posters to the St. Lawrence Parish office and make sure your name, grade and phone number are on the back.

**Posters need to be submitted no later than Noon on Tuesday, December 12, 2017.**

There will be one winner from each grade and the winning posters will be displayed on the Church slideshow before Mass. Winners will also receive a special prize!

Please bring out your artistic skills and colorful Christmas Spirit!

Please email Joe Lograsso ([lograsso@comcast.net](mailto:lograsso@comcast.net)) for any questions.

**Joe Lograsso**

## OUR SICK MEMBERS

Our prayers are required for the Brother Knights and family members who are sick and recovering: Lillian Sparks, Megan Singer, Beverly Bebee, Jim Langeveld, Stan Singer, Terry Donovan, Ann Marie Badke, Mary Ann Campbell, John Manuszak, Jeremy Yorke, Kenneth Mulka, Richard Bino, Ron Wiegand, Joshua Walz, Mike Hoste, Marion Lelito, Richard Wisniewski, Sharon Dillaway, Ed Campbell, Bonnie Attard, Joseph Kone, Selma Lograsso, Linda Picio, Sharon Gill, Griffen Davies, Ray Phillips, Olivia Kelly Tsvetkoff, Sue Vittorini, Brett Matyunas, Coralie Kone, Crystal Gittens, Lisa Burmeister and MaryLu DeFauw.

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](mailto:lindanardeccchia@gmail.com). Any names that are underlined 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 December a Happy Birthday or a Happy Anniversary.



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

"Moms and Dads" Good Boys and Girls, mark your calendar. Our Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 2:00 pm. There will be hot dogs, popcorn, pop, entertainment, piñatas, and a visit from Santa Claus with a surprise. Hope to see you there!! Also, it you can help setup, we need you. It would be appreciated if you could be there by 12:30 pm.

Thanks,

Warren and Paulette Sawdon and Santa's Elves

P.S. We will be collecting clean used coats for our Coat 'drive. It can be your way of making someone's Christmas a little warmer.



**February 11-12, 2018**

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- (2) Complete this registration form and return it with your full payment (by check please) - to the Address Below. Please make checks payable to **Sunburst Tours**.
- (3) You should receive a confirmation/reminder postcard 1-2 weeks before the departure date.

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