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A Message from the Grand Knight . . .

Brothers and Ladies:

My journey as a Knight of Columbus began over six years ago. I had my First Degree on October 9, 2014, along with John Gasow2ski and three others. As the holidays were approaching, I did not come to the meetings. Eventually, I started coming around and working breakfasts and went through my Second and Third Degrees around the same time. In July 2015 I was introduced to my good friend Scott Morgan. We decided to team up on a Chili Cook-off in November and it did not go well. I have a rough event earlier in the month as well. But this is where I learned how awesome our council is. The Lions in London breakfast tanked. However, the council decided to give the proceeds of the breakfast to the cause. The Chili Cook-off did not fare much better. However, the Brothers there pulled squares together for the fame and the event ended up profitable. Both events could have been unhelpful to our charities. However, Brother Knights do not let each other fail. This is one thing I have learned as a Knight if I have not learned anything. We appreciate your support in our functions and events when we are able to have them in what capacity we are allowed to have them. Let us continue to support each other in our charitable works!

The next fraternal year, Jason Meyers became our District Deputy, Steve Salter became the Grand Knight and Scott Morgan the new Deputy Grand Knight. I self-nominated for Warden. I love to cook so this was right up my alley. That year, I also met Brother Knights that wanted to transfer to #2950 since they heard how active and vibrant we were. That night we welcomed into our council Guy and Roy Anzell and Paul Rogensues. Eventually, Paul's brother Bob transferred into our council as well. The following January, I learned I would be a father again. My older boys were 13 and 14 at the time. The Lord works in mysterious ways.

Scott Morgan took over as Grand Knight in July 2018. He asked me to be his Deputy and I gladly accepted. My time as Deputy Grand Knight came with a lot of change for me personally. We had the baby that we named Julian Solanus since Fr. Solanus interceded for us during a rough pregnancy. A year later I fell ill and had to make some positive health decisions for my long-term health. The council was running on all cylinders --- then COVID.

COVID caused the cancellation of many things and the K of C was no exception. The St. Pat's Party was one of the first events cancelled then nothing really happened until the Can and Bottle Drive. A lot

of us joined in that project, happy to be together again. The collection of cans and the return of them is nothing short of incredible. We've had some other very successful events this fraternal year so far -- the UM-MSA football squares, Trivia Night, Tootsie Roll sales and Poinsettia sales to name a few. Although not doing as much as we once did because of the times -- we are still an active and vibrant council. I repeat that to myself every day since becoming the Grand Knight in July 2020. We are still getting it done despite the times.

Some of my goals as Grand Knight are:

1. Service to others. We already serve others through our events raising money for charity. However, I would like to see once things get back to normal, we find service projects to help with. Things as simple as painting a fence at the Divine Mercy Center and crossing trick or treaters really make a difference. Although we make a difference with our corporal works of mercy, we can still do more.
2. Improve the façade of the clubroom. I would like to get the walls drywalled. I would also like to get new bar tables that are lighter, stronger and easier to store away..... If not too much, new carpet and new chairs as well. There will be objections to these needs but we have the money. We keep pushing sales that we normally wouldn't have but have been very persistent to get the sales which equals the profits which I would like to use for the above projects. Why these changes? We work hard as Knights. We really should also enjoy ourselves in our own clubroom. After all, we are a fraternal organization.
3. To make the council more social through the use of an improved clubroom. Maybe have the clubroom open on Friday and Saturday nights especially during the winter. These are things I would like to see once COVID isn't stifling the progress of this council.

I've said it before and I'll say it again -- it's a blessing and an honor to be a Knight. I would go to battle any day of the week for and with any of you gentlemen. You are my Brothers and that's what we do -- look out for each other and others as well.

Vivat Jesus!

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KNIGHT LIFE**

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**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR
FEBRUARY 2021**

February 11, 2021 – Council Meeting and Rosary

7:30 pm (Rosary) 8:00 – 9:00 pm Meeting – Zoom – Main Hall.

February 14, 2021 – HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

February 15, 2021 – PRESIDENT'S DAY

February 25, 2021 – Planning Meeting – Main Hall – 8:00 – 9:00 pm.



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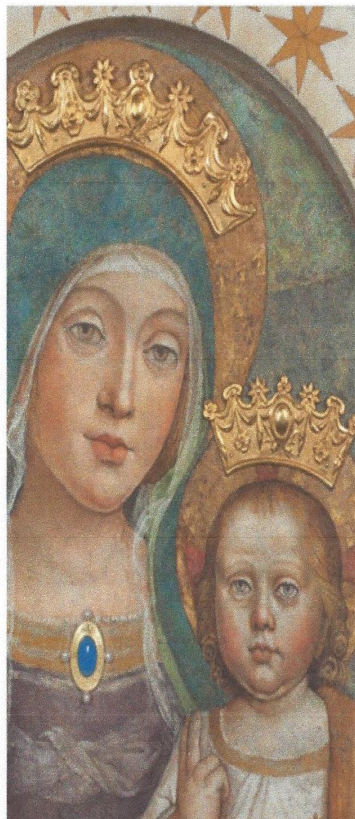
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I would like to apologize for the January KnightLife not being published. My mom went to the hospital right after Christmas where her condition got worse and she was placed in hospice right in the hospital. There was nothing they could do for her except to keep her sedated and free from pain. She left us and went to be with my father and the Lord on the 4th of January.

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,

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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	Allen Rooks
Thomas Deneron	Stephanie Langeveld	Janet Buckner
David Deradoorian Jr.	Roger Mannette	Ray Campbell

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 February a Happy Birthday or a Happy Anniversary.

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Knights of Columbus "BENEFITS NEWS"
January
Insurance check-up for 2021

I hope that 2020 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. It's said that time flies, and the older we get, the more that statement seems true. As we review the past year and prepare to welcome a new one, we wonder where the time goes.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for 2021. If I may, I'd like to make two suggestions regarding your resolutions. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. Writing a resolution down is the first step towards achieving it. Whether your goal is to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, and read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) I will quickly identify my gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain kofc insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

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In Christ,

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Knights of Columbus "BENEFITS NEWS"
February

By the time you read this you and I have probably been working from home, sheltering in place or on lockdown for 11 months! Who would have thought it? I hope you and your family are safe and healthy.

Being at home so much over the past 11 months has been different...mostly in a good way, although I think most of us have "corona virus fatigue." We'll keep socially distant and do our part by wearing a mask, but we're tired of all the restrictions. On the home front we've had our minor squabbles but being at home has helped me have more dialogue with my family and has taught me how precious time together is. It's taught me to slow down, consider the important people in my life and resolve to keep this attitude when the restrictions are lifted.

February is the month of Valentine's Day and being home makes me appreciate my wife even more. Whether or not you have children at home, our wives don't get nearly enough credit for all they do. What would we do without them? In *Fiddler On The Roof*, Mama and Golde sing, "Who must know the way to make a proper home...Who must raise a family and run the home?" Of course, that song about "Tradition" is the old-fashioned way of looking at "the mama." That's one theme of the play; the changing roles in the family and in society. Many of our spouses have the role of breadwinners, professional, provider, business owner, etc....and manage to also make a proper home, raise the family and run the household. They are remarkable! So, don't forget that dozen roses, the heart-shaped box of chocolates, the card or the gift as a token of your love and letting her know how much she means to you. And if you want to really let her know how much you love her, take a few minutes with me and take stock of where you are with your life insurance and disability insurance coverage. With so many spouses in the workplace, it would be neglectful to not make sure they are properly protected. Many households rely on two incomes to pay the bills and the loss of either one, to an untimely death or an illness or accident that means one is unable to work, can be devastating.

I've met with many of you over the past months and I can continue to meet virtually over the computer...everyone stays safe. The Order has equipped me to make sure I can properly meet and service all my assigned brother knights and their families.

Let's spend a few minutes together and make sure everything is in place for the ones you love.

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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The Knight of the Month for November was Don Heydens. He and his wife, Barb have lived on Sassafra Drive in Shelby Township for the last 20 years. They have been married for 51 years and have three married children: Donald Jr. (Ellen), Scott (Kerri) and Melissa (Jack). He has four grandchildren ages six to nine – Khloe is 9, Brady – 7, and Luke – 6.

The family attends St. John Vianney Church. Don is a member of the 5:00pm Saturday Night Ushers Team. He and Barb are counters for the Sunday Collection and help out with the Mc Rest program.

Don is currently retired after more than 40 years in the automotive industry. Barb retired from the Utica Community Schools.

Don joined St. Lawrence Council in 1973 and has held the positions of warden, Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight. He is the current Treasurer. He is the chairman and contact for the Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Center in Madison Heights, MI. He is the Degree master for the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity team. He is also the chairman for the Millionaire's parties.

He joined St. John Neumann Assembly in 1984 and has held the office of Comptroller, Captain and Navigator. He currently holds the position of Trustee.

The family enjoys spending time at their Lake house in Fenton with their family and grandkids. Barb is an avid golfer and enjoys crafts and makes greeting cards. Don enjoys sports and watching college football, especially the Spartans.

The February Knight of the Month is Robert Alan Walz. Robert and his wife Suzanne have lived on Towering Oaks Drive in Shelby Township for 24 years. Robert and Suzanne have been married for 45 years and 7 months. They have two children: Joshua Andrew 30 and Matthew Alexander 28.

Robert and his family joined St. Lawrence since April of 1996. Sue is a 4th grade teacher at St. Lawrence School. Bob is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Bob is employed at Walz Engineering for eight years and Sue is a 4th grade teacher at St. Lawrence School for 21 years.

Bob joined St. Lawrence Council in 2016. He has held the office of Worthy Lecturer and Chairman of the Wild Game Dinner.

In their spare time the family enjoys traveling, playing cards and board games and getting together with friends and family.

Congratulations Robert on being selected as Knight of the month for February by your Brother knights.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Family of the Month for December was Dan and MaryJo Mack. They have lived on Lutz Drive in Warren for the last 22 years. They have been married for 22 years. They have two children. Their son Daniel age 31, is married and lived in Kalamazoo. Their daughter Breana is 17, where she is a senior at Bishop Foley High School. For the past seven years St. Lawrence has been their parish.

Dan, Mary Jo and Breana are all extraordinary Eucharistic ministers. Dan is also a lector. Dan and Breana attended the last Catholic Heart Work Camp to Steubenville, Ohio. Breanna has been on the past three Catholic Heart Camps. Dan is also chaplain for American Legion Post 1.

Dan works for the Department of Defense for the past 10 years. MaryJo is currently retired as a Registered Nurse.

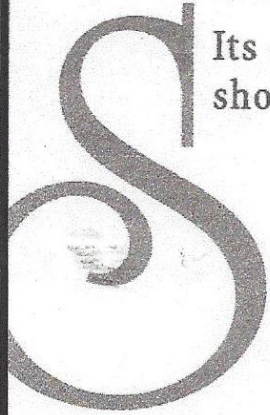
Dan joined St. Lawrence Council about five years ago. He was previously a member of St. Anne Council in Warren.

The family enjoys traveling, watching movies and spending time together.

Congratulations to Dan and Mary Jo March for being chosen as the December Family of the Month.

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is unique.

Its celebration
should be too.



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