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Council 2950**

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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Vivat Jesus

Dear Brother Knights:

In the early centuries of the Church, once Christmas began to be celebrated as its own feast on December 25th (having originally been celebrated with the [Feast of the Epiphany](#), on January 6th), the Octave (eighth day) of Christmas, January 1, took on a special meaning. In the East, and throughout much of the West, it became common to celebrate a feast of Mary, the Mother of God, on this day. This feast was never established in the universal calendar of the Church, however, and a separate feast, celebrating the Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ (which would have taken place a week after His birth), eventually took hold of January 1st.

With the revision of the liturgical calendar at the time of the introduction of the [Novus Ordo](#), the Feast of the Circumcision was set aside, and the ancient practice of dedicating January 1st to the Mother of God was revived – this time, as a universal feast



Here are the upcoming events for the month of December:

- December 18 – Children's Christmas Parts at the Hall
- Last meeting of the month at the Hall

In January, the Church celebrates some truly awesome Catholics/events:

- January 1 – Mary, Mother of God (**Holy day of obligation**)
- January 4 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – Convert and first native-born American citizen canonized
- January 5 – St. John Neumann – 19th century Czech born American – Body incorrupt in Philadelphia parish
- January 13 – St. Hillary of Poitiers – very early *Doctor of the Church*

- January 21 – St. Agnes – 4th century martyr at 12 years old – listed in Canon of the Mass
- January 23 – St. Marianne Cope – died 1918. Served lepers in Hawaii with St. Damian – interred in New York
- January 24 – St. Francis De Sales – Doctor of the Church – wrote **Introduction to the Devout Life**
- January 28 – St. Thomas Aquinas – 13th century Dominican – considered greatest mind produced by the Church

• 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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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT – A FEW THOUGHTS...

Dear Brother Knights:

I would like to thank all members who attended the Detroit Lions vs New Orleans Saints tailgate that we had in the Club Room on December 4, 2016. A great time was had by all! We met some new friends and may get some potential new members as a result! Francis prepared an outstanding menu – we had brats, cheesy potatoes, beer cheese soup as well as some fellowship! By the way, the Lions won 28 – 13! We should consider this type of event again for playoff games and possibly a Super Bowl Tailgate!

At our last meeting in November, we presented the new event ideas that were voted on. Thank you to those who stepped up to chair these new events! We are still looking for someone to commit to taking the "Fall Hayride/Square Dance/Bonfire" category. Please contact me if you are interested.

Here are the new events:

1. **2017 – 2nd Annual Car Show & Swap Meet**
Event Chair – Scott Morgan. Looking for volunteers to join the car show team. . .
Our first meeting will be on December 8, 2016

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNCIL
KNIGHT LIFE**

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**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR
DECEMBER - JUNE**

December 18, 2016 – Children’s Christmas Party at the Hall at 2:00 pm

December 29, 2016 – Second meeting of the month 8:00 pm in the Club Room.

December 29, 2016 – Blood Drive. See Gary Lusk for details.

January 1, 2017 – NEW YEARS DAY

January 4, 2017 - Knights Corp Meeting 7:30 pm. (This meeting is open to all members.) **Attendance of Knights Corp Members is MANDATORY.**

January 8, 2017 – Monthly breakfast at our council from 8:30 am – noon.

January 15, 2017 – Leo C. Niedzwiecki Memorial Seminarian Benefit Dance at the hall from 2:00 – 7:00 pm. See attached flyer

January 12, 2017 – Our first meeting of the month, 8:00 pm in the Club Room.

January 15 – 18, 2017 – Texas Hold'em. Contact

Don Heydens if you can work at dheydens@gmail.com.

January 26, 2017 – Our second meeting of the month, 8:00 pm in the Club Room.

January 28, 2017 – Annual Dr. Jim Euchre Party at the hall. Check in time is 6⁰⁰ pm. See article for details.

January 29, 2017 – Corporate Communion – **8:00 AM MASS** – with Color Corps.

February 4, 2017 – Major Degree – First Degree exemplification. Afterwards, all First Degree Knights invited to become 2nd and 3rd Degree Knights.

February 5, 2017 – Monthly breakfast at our council from 8:30 am – noon.

February 12 – 13, 2017 – Winter Casino Bus Trip.

March 5, 2017 – Monthly breakfast at our council from 8:30 am – noon.

April 2, 2017 – Monthly breakfast at our council from 8:30 – noon.

April 2, 2017 – European Pheasant Hunt (See flyer for details).

May 14, 2017 – Mother’s Day breakfast at our council from 8:30 am – noon.

June 18, 2017 – Father’s Day breakfast at our council from 8:30 am – noon.

Fraternally,
Joe Manuszak
Council Activities Director



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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT – A FEW THOUGHTS CONTINUED

- 2. 2017 Beer Tasting**
Location and date – TBD
Event Chairs – Joe Lograsso and Rick Similuk
- 3. 2017 Family Dinner Night**
Knights Hall, Date(s) – TBD
Event Chair – Francis Elwart
- 4. 2017 Fall Hayride/Square Dance/Bonfire**
Knights Picnic Grounds – Date (s) – TBD
Event Chair – Open, need volunteers to manage.
Could be separated into a few events?

I appreciate everyone's participation and honesty during the past few months in order to get to some of the inner workings of our council, specifically the SWOT analysis. When applied, these factors will ultimately help us in planning, working and succeeding in our future events.

As always, if you have an idea for something we should consider doing, please let us know. It is your great ideas that will take us to the next level!

We are men of faith and men of action!

See you at the next meeting!

Fraternally,

Scott A. Morgan
Deputy Grand Knight
Smorgan905@gmail.com
(586) 201-5738

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

For the month of January we are honoring Carlos Pertusi as Knight of the Month. Carlos lives on Pinot Noir Drive in Sterling Heights.

Carlos joined St. Lawrence K of C in 2015.

Congratulations Carlos for being chosen January Knight of the Month.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



St. Lawrence Hall
Sunday, December 18, 2016
2:00 pm

Hot dogs, pop, popcorn, entertainment, pinatas, visit from Santa Claus

If you can help please be at the hall at 12:30 pm
If you have clean, gently used coats please bring them to the party and drop them off in the Club Room

KNIGHTLIFE DEADLINES

This is just a quick refresher to let everyone know that the Knightlife paper is published every month with an email edition of the paper. If you have an email address and wish to receive the monthly edition of the paper please submit your email address to either Larry Nardecchia at lanardecchia@prodigy.net or to Warren Sawdon at warren@wsawdon.com. The paper goes out via regular mail four times per year – January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1.

If you have an article for the paper please submit it no later than the last meeting of the month. Remember anything that is submitted for the January, April, July and October paper will be seen by the entire membership.

Larry Nardecchia
KnightLife Editor

TEXAS HOLD'EM



Texas Hold'em at Rosie O'Grady's
30400 23 Mile Road
Chesterfield

January 15 – 18, 2017

Times Needed: 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm and 10:00 pm – 2:00 am

Please contact Don Heydens at dheydens@gmail.com if you can work

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



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

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, Terry Donovan, Ann Marie Badke, Dustin Niedzwicki, Mary Ann Campbell, John Manuszak, Nikki Davies, Stephanie Langeveld, Laurie Deradoorian, Ron Wiegand, Joshua Walz, Mike Hoste, Joyce Maylock, Jane Van Havel, Marion Lelito, Jerry Noonan, Lois Simuluk, Alex Coluzzi, Richard Wisniewski Sharon Dillaway, Jeff Toth, Sandy Papuga, Maurice Van Havel, Larry Hojna, Richard Gitter, Madaline Scheff, 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) 078-0579 or email us at: lanardecchia@prodigy.net. Any names that are underlined will come off the list next month unless we hear from you.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

For the month of January we are honoring Robert Lenzini and his wife Therese. They live on Tilch in Macomb and have lived there for 20 years. They have been married for 28 years. They have two children – Erin who is 23 and Joe who is 17.

They belong to St. Lawrence Parish. Their daughter Erin is a lector and their son Joe is a Eucharistic Minister and a member of Aftershock Youth Group. Therese is on the Pro-Life Committee, Alpha Program and Bible Study.

Robert works at Henry Ford Macomb/Chesterfield as a CT Technologist for six years and in Radiology for 36 years. Therese works at Bishop Foley in the Cafeteria.

Robert joined St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in 2013.

In their spare time they watch movies, enjoy visiting with friends and family and doing puzzles.

Congratulations Robert and Therese for being chosen January Family of the month by your Brother Knights.



VOCATIONS ARE EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Dear Members and Family:

Vocations are Everybody's Business

As we start the 36th year of our Seminarian Program, you should be proud of the help you provided to so many fine young men. They are our future Priests, Council Chaplains and Ambassador's for the Knights of Columbus. They continue to promote the Knights in all of their future parishes. I'd like to thank you in advance of your continued support.

A Huge "THANK YOU" goes out to St. Lawrence Parish and our Knights of Columbus. The 35 Seminarians at Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit and 3 Seminarians at SS Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake just received a check from the Seminarian Fund at the Knights of Columbus. The total sent out was over \$20,000.00. The Thank you cards that the Seminarians are sending are very touching. They are over whelmed with gratitude for everyone's support and prayers.

You should have received your Seminarian raffle tickets. With the fall winds blowing Ole Man Winter in, don't forget to buy your tickets. First prize is a Snow Blower, second prize is \$200 and third prize is \$100.

The drawing will take place at our annual Fund Raising Dance on January 25, 2017, at our hall. All are invited and encouraged to attend. Some of the Seminarians attend and it gives us all a chance to meet our future Priests.

I ask you to sell the tickets to family and friends. Please send the money or the unsold tickets back to me at: 8056 Ogden Drive, Sterling Heights 48314. Please make sure you put your name and address on your returns. You can make the checks payable to St. Lawrence K of C. If you would like additional tickets feel free to call (586) 254-3496 or email knedz61@hotmail.com and we will gladly send you more tickets.

We will also be having the \$100 Club again. It has grown in popularity and has helped greatly with raising funds for the Seminarians.

Thank You,

Dale Niedzwiecki
Vocations Chairman



I hope this letter finds you and your family well. On behalf of the Seminarian Fund at the St. Lawrence Council, I wanted to invite you to join the "One Hundred Dollar Club." Joining the club is quite easy, donate \$100 and you're in. Our Council, along with the St. Lawrence Parish and generous people like you, are able to support an average 25 young men at \$1,000 each annually to help with their financial needs. The last five years of chairmanship of the Vocation program has opened my eyes to the difficulties faced as a Seminarian, both mentally and financially. All Club members will once again be recognized at our annual dance January 15, 2017. As a token of appreciation, all Club members will receive two free tickets to the dance that will be at the door on dance day. The dance is a nice afternoon out and a chance to meet the Seminarians. Hope you join and if not please come to the dance.

Please be part of it, it is VERY rewarding.

Thank you,

Dale Niedzwiecki
K of C Vocation Chairman

Please respond on or before January 1, 2017

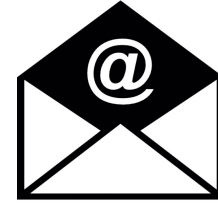
Send to: \$100 Club
8056 Ogden
Sterling Heights, MI 48314

Name: _____

Or In Memory of _____

Any questions call (586) 254-3495

EMAIL ADDRESSES



Warren Sawdon is trying to update his current email list and would deeply appreciate it if you would send him your current email address. He can be contacted at warren@wsawdon.com or you can contact me at lanardecchia@prodigy.net. We want to make sure that all members receive a copy of the KnightLife paper.

Anyone with a Wowway or Wideopenwest email address must add Warren's email address to their address book because their mail is coming back to him as spam.

Larry Nardecchia
KnightLife Editor



EUCHRE PARTY

Hope to see you on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at the St. Lawrence K of C Hall #2950, 44425 Utica Road in Utica for an evening of fun and fellowship at the 11th Annual Dr. Jim Euchre Party. Dr. Jim, who was a Doctor at William Beaumont Hospital, died at the age of 30 due to Cancer. He was the son of Jim and Stephanie Langeveld. There is a Tax Deductible fun 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. Since inception over \$220,000 has been donated. One hundred percent of the proceeds from this Euchre Party go to this fund. Check-in time is 6:00pm with the games starting at 7:00 pm. Door prizes, cash prizes, pizza, beer, wine and pop are included. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Hope to see you there. Please contact Jim Langeveld if you can attend at (586) 739-8119 or (810) 499-9055 or you can email jimlangh122@gamil.com. Walk-ins are welcome at the door

Jim Langeveld

**Leo C. Niedzwiecki Memorial
Seminarian Benefit Dance
Sunday January 15, 2017**



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

2 pm to 7pm

Beer and Set-Ups
Pizza served at 5pm
All you can eat

Music By: Duane Malinowski

Tickets \$16.00
Advance tickets call:
Dale 586-254-3495
Tickets also sold at the door

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- (1) **Call first** - to make sure there is still room available and to get your name "penciled" in on the list. This spot will be held until payment is received (up to 7 days).
- (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.

Advance registration with full payment is required. Sunburst promotional coupons and special discounts may not be used for this trip. Trip must be paid in full at least 2 weeks prior to departure. Cancellations cannot be refunded within two weeks of departure, but reservations may be transferred (sold) to another person (we must be notified) up until departure. Trips may be canceled and refunded if the required minimum has not registered by 15 days prior to departure date. Casino incentive packages are controlled by the casinos and are subject to change without notice and you must be on the bus when it arrives at the casino in order to receive it. Sunburst and the sponsoring organization are not responsible for changes in itinerary or injury due to inclement weather, acts of God, breakdowns, or accidents. Sunburst does not own or operate any of the suppliers of services or accommodations for your trip, as a result it is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such supplier or of any other third party over whom Sunburst has no control.

George Wiegand, 371 Donna Mae Lane, Leonard, MI 48367
 (phone 586 752-4935)

Please complete **all** information below. It is required by hotel we stay at, by D.O.T. for the bus, and by most casinos in order to receive their incentive package.

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Name _____ **Phone** _____
Address _____
City _____
Casino Card # _____ **Birthdate** ____/____/____

Special Bus or Hotel needs for (name) _____



Knights of Columbus
St. Lawrence – Council 2950

European Pheasant Hunt



When: Sunday, April 2nd, 2017
PHONE: 989-658-2332

Where: Rooster Ranch - 7480 Germania Rd. - Ubyly, MI 48475
Website: huntrr.com

Cost: \$260.00 per person

***** All proceeds go to the K of C Charities *****

Agenda for the Day: 8 am to 4 pm

- 8 am – Meet at the clubhouse for a country breakfast
- 8:15 am – Clay target warm-up shoot
- 9 am – European Hunt Begins
- 1 pm – A super lunch is served (BBQ Beef rounds with all the trimmings)
- 2 pm – Walk up Hunt

OPTIONAL:

- (2) Cabins available @ 30.00 per person (available for Saturday afternoon)
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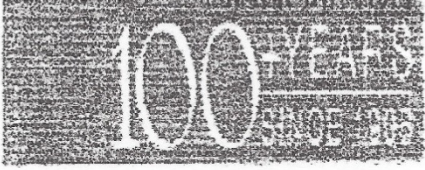
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