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GRAND KNIGHT - A FEW WORDS FROM SCOTT.... Vivat Jesus



Dear Brother Knights -

I would like to take the time to wish all of you and your families a Happy New Year!

Like most of us we think about our New Year's resolutions around 12-31-19 as we anticipate the New Year. I can say that I usually have good intentions every year but find myself falling back into my comfortable self and my old habits by the end of February. With any luck, I can maintain my commitments and continue to keep to my goals personally, professionally and fraternally. I look forward to the new calendar year and serving as your Grand Knight as there are a short (6) months left! Time has gone too fast!

I feel that all things considered that as a council we are in good shape as always for hitting all of the programs to achieve the Columbian Award provided, we continue our path that we are on.

One area of concern that I have is our membership goals. We are only at 10% (3 members) and we need to have (26) more new members by 6-30-20. This is due to the fact that we suspended 9 members during this fraternal year that affected our status. I am looking for (2) brother knights to join Gary Lusk for recruiting new members. This is needed ASAP since we are having a Delta Drive for membership on the February 15th and 16th weekend after all masses at St. Lawrence Parish. Please reach out to Gary and I if you are willing to help us take on this initiative. I will blast out a separate email as well for help.

As always, I thank you for all that you and your families do to support our council! It is truly amazing to see all that we accomplish! WE ARE MEN OF FAITH AND MEN OF ACTION!

Thanks! Scott

FAITH-IN-ACTION (Faith, Community, Family and Life)

As a reminder to all of those who volunteered for a Faith-in-Action program, please look into your calendars and <u>get those events</u> <u>booked!</u> Please email Joe, Francis and I with your event details and we can plug them into **OUR COUNCIL CALENDAR.** For all other council activities, I encourage all of you to do the same, just email us, with the details. It is just that easy!

MEMBERSHIP GOALS 2019 - 20

- Goal = 29 New Members
- YTD = 3 Members + 3-4 members that we need to get through

Please get <u>FORM 100's</u> from our <u>Membership Director</u>, Gary Lusk @ <u>MD2950@mikofc.org</u> Keep up the great work for recruiting! It is up to all of us to help!

INSURANCE GOALS 2019-20

Goal = 10 YTD = 7

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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? Please contact our <u>Worthy Field Agent</u> to schedule an appointment. Anthony Bliss (248) 224-4396

Anthony.bliss@kofc.org

WHEN ARE OUR MEETINGS?

Our meetings are the 2nd and last Thursday's of the month. The first meeting is our <u>council meeting</u> and the second meeting is our <u>planning meeting</u>. Both are open meetings and all membership is invited to attend. My 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. Keep up the great attendance!

THANK YOU NOTES

- Consider +\$6 Sacred Heart Seminary Endowment
- +\$10 Campaigns for Michigan Take 10 Charities
- Support the STATE RAFFLE WE NEED YOU!
- 2020 March for Life Friday, January 24th o www.mikofc.org
- All that helped at the Children's Christmas Party!
- All that helped for the Winter Diocesan Meeting!
- All that assisted with the new A/V screen in the Club Room!
- All that participated in the new degree exemplification!

As a reminder, please visit some of the following websites for Catholic related content:

ST. LAWRENCE COUNCIL KNIGHT LIFE St. Lawrence Council 2950 44425 Utica Road; Utica, Michigan 48317 Council Website: <u>http://www.uticakofc.com</u> MEETINGS - 2nd and last Thursday of each month OFFICERS

OFFICERS		
Chaplain	Father Roman Pasieczny	
District Deputy		
Grand Knight	Scott A. Morgan	
Deputy Grand Knight		
Warden	Guy Anzell	
Chancellor		
TrusteeDennis Seefried, Jo	e Lograsso, Kim Wiegand	
Recorder		
Treasurer		
Advocate		
Financial Secretary		
Lecturer		
Inside Guard		
Outside Guard	Carlos Pertusi Dan Lekki	
Roundtable Coordinator	Ed Braet	
DIRECTORS		
Program Director	Joe Loarasso	
Faith Director	Paul Cone	
Membership Director		
Church Activities Director	Rick Lumetta	
Health Service Director		
Public Relations Director		
Youth Activities Director		
Family Life Director	Paul Cone	
Community Activities Director		
Insurance Promotion		
CHAIRMAN		
Knight Life Editor	Larry Nardecchia	
Degree Master		
Mentally Impaired ChairmanGeorge Wiegand, Paul Burmeister		
Joseph Lograsso, Daniel Weingartz		
Vocations Chairman		
Holy Cross Children's Services Chairman		
Eyes for the Needy		
Pro-Life	Chris Gill (Sharon)	
Picnic Grounds	Dale Niedzwiecki	
Retentions		
Hall Manager (Main)		
Hall Manager (Back)		
Club Room Manager		
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K OF C FACILITIES RENTAL INFORMATION

> State Website Line – <u>www.mikofc.org</u> Supreme Website Link – www.kofc.org Supreme Council Website for Career Opportunity – http://www.kofc.org/careers

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR January 2020 – March 2020

January 9, 2020 - Council Meeting and Monthly Rosary -7:30 – 9:00 pm – Main Hall. January 10, 2020 - Trivia Night - 7:00-10:30 pm - Main Hall. See Joe Lograsso. January 15, 2020 - Monthly Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet -6:00 – 7:00 pm – St. Lawrence Church. January 15, 2020 - Men's Fellowship Meeting - 6:00 - 7:30 am -Club Room. January 15, 2020 - St. Lawrence Bible Study - 8:30 - 10:30 am -Knights Room. January 17, 2020 - Euchre Night - - Club Room. January 19, 2020 - Monthly Breakfast - 8:00 am - 12:00 pm -Main Hall. January 20, 2020 - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY January 20, 2020 - KofC District 21 & 24 Meeting - 6:00 - 10:00 pm Club Room. January 29, 2020 - St. Lawrence Bible Study - 8:30 - 10:30 am -Knights Room. January 30, 2020 - 2nd Meeting of the Month - 8:00 - 9:30 pm -Main Hall (Planning Meeting). February 3, 2020 - The Knights Corp (Building Corp) -7:00 – 9:00 pm – Club Room. February 15 – 16, 2020 – Delta Drive for membership after all Masses at St. Lawrence Church. March 6 - 8, 2020 - St. Lawrence Men's Retreat - St. Paul of the Cross (Detroit) March 28, 2020 - Mass for People with Special Needs - 4:30 pm -St. Lawrence Church.



Career Opportunity

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. They offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more ilnformation, please contact, Don M. Wesley FICF, General Agent, at (888) 393-7539, or don.wesley@kofc.org



All articles for the KnightLife should be sent to my new email address which is – lindanardecchia@gmail.com. Scott Morgan will now be using the following email address: gk2950@mikofc.org instead of Steve Salter. Joe Lograsso will be using the following email address: pd2950@mikofc.org

KOFC 32950 – NEW FOOD FOR FAMILIES – BRING CANNED GOODS TO THE NEXT MEETING!



- We have implemented a canned goods drive at all of our council meetings moving forward. All collections will go to St. Lawrence Parish to continually support their food pantry.
- We will have a bin in the club room for donations.



CONGRATULATIONS

- Congratulations 3rd Degree Knights!
 - Vincent Lograsso
 - Bernie Hurchella
 - Christopher Boyer

Congratulations – 1st Degree Knights!

- Matthew Walz
- Joshua Walz
- Pat Baker
- Tim Lemley



OUR SICK MEMBERS

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

Joan Shekoski Stan Singer Kenneth Mulka Nancy Campbell Suzanne Langeveld Carlv Debiel Baby John Venterini Joann Wiegand Sue Stepiniak Jennifer Chandler Robert Rogensee Ken Gruenwald Maria Lograsso Vince Mallia Yousif Denha Marion Lelito Thomas Daneron David Deradoorian Jr.

Beverly Bebee Tracey Vallelunga Kim Wiegand Linda Nardecchia Clara Mueller Kellv Gill Rick Montone Sandy Ososkie Paul Rybicki Lana Kowalski Maria Gatt Megan Singer Sandy Papuga Peggy Sue Higgins Larry Campbell Mary Quaine Dorothy Daniel Anne Chandler

Jim Langeveld Jeremy Yorke Wanda Grifka Griffen Davies Carol Poma Joe Lograsso RoyAnsell Frank Singer Matt Gumbel Rene Battani Della Mulka Mike Hoste Ron Ternes Jack Peake Linda Braet Allen Rooks Fr. Tim Mazur

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: <u>lindanardecchia@gmail.com</u>. Any names that are underlined and typed in blue will come off the list next month unless we hear from you.



Once again our children's Christmas party was well attended by kids, parents and grandparents. We want to thank the Campbell family for running the kitchen and the piñatas, Lisa Burmeister for face painting, John Ternes, and Grand Kids for making all the popcorn and the new members for managing the pop. Also a big thanks to all the members and their wives who helped set up, cook, and served hotdogs and stayed to clean up afterwards. But most of all a special thanks to Santa and Mrs. Claus, who put a big smile on all the kids faces.

Fraternally,

Paulette and Warren Sawdon Children's Christmas Party Chair Persons



Knights of Columbus "BENEFITS NEWS"

Insurance check-up for 2020

I hope that 2019 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 2020. 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, 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!) will quickly identify any 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 life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus Life Insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – **guarantee.** As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's (as they say in the credit card commercials) priceless.

*Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense.

Ask about our GUARANTEED LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES, LONG-TERM CARE & DISABILITY INSURANCE

In Christ,

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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The Knight of the Month for January is Robert Walz. He lives on Towering Oaks Drive in Shelby Township.

Bob joined St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in 2015. He holds the Position of Lecturer.

Congratulations Bob on being chosen Knight of the month for the month of January by your Brother Knights.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Family of the month for January is Warren Sawdon and his wife, Paulette. They have lived in Chesterfield Township for the last 30 years. They have three daughters with the matching amount of sons-in-laws. They are: Kelly and Chris, Kristy and Stephan and Katy and Eric. They have ten grandchildren – 4 boys and 6 girls. Kelly's children are Alyssa 12, Ben 10, and Kensley 3. Kristy's children are Hayden and Savannah 8 and Elliott 5. Katy has Nolan 7, Hazel 5, Audrey and Morgan 21 months. They have been married for 43 wonderful years. Paulette and Warren attend St. Mary's Queen of Creation in New

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Warren has been working the last five years for Ka-Wood Gear as an EDM Machinist. Paulette is a home maker.

Paulette is a former Religious Education Teacher. She enjoys quilting, sewing, knitting and crafts. Warren enjoys computer work, watching TV and cooking. Their daughters are married, working, and busy raising their families.

Warren joined St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in 1980. Offices that he held previously include Recorder, Grand Knight, Vegas co-chair and Bingo chairman. With St. John Neumann 4th Degree he held the offices of Scribe, Captain and Faithful Navigator. He is currently the Knights Corp. Treasurer. He is the Co-chairman of the Children's Christmas Party with his wife, Paulette. He also chairs the Holy Cross Children's Services Calendar Raffle and he is a member of the Brisket Bunch.

In their spare time the family enjoys camping, playing with the grand kids and their three little dogs. They also enjoy working and attending KofC functions.

Congratulations Warren and Paulette on being chosen Family of the Month for the month of January by your Brother Knights.

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.

GRAND KNIGHT – A FEW WORDS FROM SCOTT CONTINUED....

http://www.newadvent.org/ http://www.aod.org/ http://vatican.com/

Viva Jesus! Scott

Scott A. Morgan Grand Knight (586) 201-5738 - Cell gk2950@mikofc.org



Canned Food Drive – Support St. Lawrence Pantry! \$5.00/person - \$1.00 Drinks and Dish to Pass

January 17th – Club Room



TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE



• SIGN UP SHEETS HAVE STARTED!! Email Paul, George or Joe to get signed up for this year!

pburmeister16@gmail.com

goergefw1@att.neet

lograsso@comcast.net

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.

LOOKING FOR FUTURE HALL MANAGERS

As another year begins we are looking into the future care and maintenance of the Knights Banquet Hall and Conference Center. With all the recent repairs and updates, the hall is becoming more desirable for renters. We are asking if anyone will consider being hall managers in the future. Now is a great time to shadow and learn the aspects of the hall from our experienced hall managers. The work comes with many rewards and benefits both religiously and from a stipend to the hall managers in the main banquet hall. The money made from the events at the hall allows the Knights to do many charitable projects throughout our area as well as state wide.

Hall managers handle phone and internet inquiries, bookings, cleaning, set up the hall, make repairs, and attend many of the events. The goal for an event at the hall is to ensure the event is memorable and runs smoothly. Many events are booked through word of mouth and many renters book multiple times.

If any couple or person is interested in learning more about the positions, please contact any of the managers listed below.

Phil Kupser	(734) 718-1572	Main Banquet Hall
Roy Attard	(586) 295-9387	Knight's Room
Dennis Murray	(248) 650-5895	Knight's Room



DANCE LESSONS FUNDRAISER

Ever wonder how people learn the line dances at weddings? Interested in learning a few dances? The St. Lawrence KofC is offering group dance lessons Tuesday nights for six weeks at the Hall starting February 4th. A professional dance instructor will guide participants through basic dance moves in a fun and relaxed way. Classes start at 7:00 pm and will last 1 ¹/₂ hours and you can come to one or all six. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served. Cost is \$25.00 per person per class with the proceeds going to fund projects at the Hall. Class size will be limited to a maximum of 30 and to register contact Jim at (586) 739-8382 or jbok99@gmail.com.

Jim Bokshan



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?

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Jbok99@gmail.com

(248) 840-2074



✤ Need (2) Membership Recruiters – 2020!!

<u>Membership Drive</u> – Delta Drive St. Lawrence Church February 15th and 16th!!



Dr. Jim's 14th Annual Euchre Party

Saturday - January 25th, 2020



University of Michigan Health System Comprehensive Cancer Center



Dr. Jim Langeveld 1972-2002

Location

<u>Time</u> 6:00 PM - Check-In 7:00 PM - Euchre Starts St. Lawrence K of C Hall 44425 Utica Road (West of Van Dyke, south of M-59) 586-739-9063

Cost

\$25/Person Includes Pizza, Refreshments and Pop Corn

Reservations/Questions

Jim Langeveld e-mail: jimlang122@gmail.com Home - 586-739-8119 Cell - 810-499-9055 Fax - **888-262-1752**

Cash Prizes, Door Prizes, 50/50 Must be 18 Years Old Bring Quarters for Euchres!

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT

Dr. James Langeveld BMT Patient Support Fund at University of Michigan for adult cancer patients' expenses not covered by insurance

MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS



St. Lawrence Church parishioners and the Knights of Columbus Council # 2950 welcome those with special needs, their family, caregivers, and friends for a mass in recognition of their gifts and compassion. All are welcome

Saturday, March 28th, 2020 , 4:30 pm

St. Lawrence Church

Reception of light refreshments in the Social Hall immediately following

John 9:2-3

"His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned', said Jesus, 'but this happened so that the works of God may be displayed in him'".



KNIGHTS St. Lawrence Council # 2950 OF COLUMBUS[®] Anthony Quagliato : anthonyquagliato67@gmail.com



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ation: Utica K of C Annual Winter Casino trip Feb 10-11, 2019

- <u>Call first</u> to make sure there is still room available and to get your name 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 <u>Sunburst Tours</u>.
- (3) You should receive a confirmation/reminder postcard 1-2 weeks before the departure date.

Advance registration with <u>full payment</u> is required. Sunburst promotional coupons and special discounts <u>may not</u> be used for this trip. Trip must be <u>paid in full</u> at least 2 weeks prior to departure. 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 30 days prior to departure date. Casino incentive packages are controlled by the casinos and are subject to change without notice and you <u>must</u> 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 megligent or willful act or failure to act of any such supplier or of any other third party over whom

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State Deputy & State Leadership is looking for brother knights who are interested in being part of our leadership team. We are in need of District Deputies, Diocesan Directors and State Directors. If you are interested in helping the Order move forward and you have the skills and ability to lead please contact: State Program Director,

Bill LeVeque or send a resume to:

W.Leveque@mikofc.org.

We are looking for candidates for all leadership positions. We have an immediate need for a Website design and maintenance person that can also develop an app for smart phones. February 8th, 2020 Svent Time: 5:00pm to 10:00pm Donation: \$55.00 / Tables of (3) \$440.00 Includes: Appetizers, Dinner, Beer, Wine, & Soft Drinks * 12:17725 * DOD3: PRIZES * Knights Sanguet Hall 44425 Utica Road, Utica MI 43317 * LINITED SERVICE - CHULTODAY *



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