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Council 2950

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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Vivat Jesus

Dear Brother Knights:

Happy New Year to you and your families - I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas! I would like to thank everyone who helped and supported all of our many activities and fundraisers in 2013. The Council is planning another year of great events and activities and would love to see as many Brother Knights in attendance or coming to help. We always need an extra hand or two. Please get involved and I'm sure you will find it enjoyable and personally rewarding.

I would like to thank Warren and Paulette Sawdon for again hosting a great Children's Christmas party. The holiday coat drive was another success. I would like to thank Larry Shekoski and John Ternes for collecting and delivering the coats. Also thanks to Don and Barb Heydens, Paul and Lisa Burmeister, George and Debbie Wiegand and Norm and Wanda Grifka for shopping for the families we sponsored in our "Sponsor a Family" for Christmas program. I would also like to thank all those who came out to help wrap the gifts or who donated coats. Thanks also to Gary Lusk and Don Heydens for coordinating the Texas Holdem' fundraisers, especially during the busy holiday season. Thanks also to Lauren Utykanski for running the Red Cross Blood Drive right before Christmas. Thanks also to Gary Lusk for coordinating the date and to Elisa and Dave Utykanski for making sure things ran smoothly.

Our Council sponsored both the annual Spelling Bee and children's Christmas poster contest. Our spelling bee winners go on to the Diocesan Bee this month. We had several very nice poster entries that were displayed on the overhead projector before all the Masses at St. Lawrence and had a record 45 posters entered into the contest.

On Thursday, January 9th we will be hosting a First Degree at 7:30 pm for new members. Please come out to support our Council and new Brother Knights as they join us. We also have our Seminarists Benefit Breakfast on Sunday, January 12th from 8:30 am to noon, with a new raffle starting for a 50" LED High Definition TV. On Sunday, January 19th will be our Seminarists Benefits Dance from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at our Hall. On Saturday, February 1st we will be holding our next Euchre Party. Please contact Brother Knights Rick Similuk or Dave Utykanski for tickets and information. February 9th-10th will be our

mid-winter casino bus trip. We will be participating in a Corporate Communion on March 2, 2014 at Old St. Mary's in Greentown, with their Council. On Saturday, March 15th will be our St. Patrick's Day Party. Rounding out March is the European Pheasant Hunt on March 30th, hosted by Kim Wiegand. Also, mark your calendar for Paul Sunday weekend, April 11th - 13th for our annual Tootsie Roll Drive.

Please refer to the Council Activities report and related articles in this newsletter. As always any questions or suggestions feel free to contact me at lograsso@comcast.net or (586) 566-8940

Fraternally,
Joe Lograsso
Grand Knight

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

For the month of January we are honoring Warren and Paulette Sawdon. They have lived in Chesterfield Township for 24 years.

They have three daughters and son-in-laws - Kelly and Chris, Kristy and Stephan and Katy and Eric. They have five grandchildren - three boys and two girls. Kelly has Alyssa (6) and Benjamin (4); Kristy has twins Hayden and Savannah (2 ½) and Katy has Nolan (18 mos). They have been married for 37 years.

The family belongs to St. Marys Queen of Creation Parish in New Baltimore.

Paulette is a domestic engineer while Warren has worked at BAE Industries for two months as an EDM machinist. In her spare time Paulette is the President of the Riverside Quilters which donates quilts for needy Christmas families. She enjoys quilting, sewing and crafts. She is also a former Religious Education Teacher. Warren enjoys computer work, watching TV and cooking.

Warren joined the Knights of Columbus in 1980. He has held the offices of Recorder, Grand Knight, Vegas Co-Chairman and Bingo Chairman. With the St. John Neumann 4th Degree he has held the offices of Scribe, Captain and Faithful Navigator. He is the current Knights Corp. Treasurer, St. Lawrence Credit Union Director, Co-Chairman of the Children's Christmas Party with his wife Paulette, Chairman of the Holy Cross Children's Services Calendar Raffle and a Member of the Brisket Bunch.

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2nd and last Thursday of each month

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**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR
JANUARY**

January 1, 2014 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 6, 2014 - Knights Corp Meeting 7:30 pm (This meeting is open to all members). **Attendance of Knights Corp members is MANDATORY!**

January 9, 2014 - First Degree for new members at 7:30 pm at our Hall

January 12, 2014 - Monthly Breakfast at our Hall with profits going to the Seminarian Fund. Breakfast from 8:30 to noon

January 19, 2014 - Annual Seminarian Benefit Dance at our hall from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm. See article for additional details.

January 25, 2014 - Dr. Jim Euchre Party - K of C Hall. Cost \$25 per person. Check-in time is 6:00 pm.

January 30, 2014 - Second meeting of the month 8:00 pm in our Club Room.

February 1, 2014 - Annual Euchre Party. See Rick Similuk or Dave Utykanski for tickets and information.

February 9-10, 2014 - Mid-Winter Casino trip. See attached flier for details.

March 2, 2014 - Corporate Communion at Old St. Mary's in Greektown.

March 15, 2014 - Annual St. Patrick's Day Party.

March 30, 2014 - European Pheasant Hunt. Contact Kim Wiegand.

April 11-13, 2014 - Annual Tootsie Roll Drive

Fraternally,
Joe Manuszak
Council Activities Director

FAMILY OF THE MONTH CONTINUED

The family enjoys camping, playing with the grandchildren and their three little dogs and working K of C functions. Their daughters are married, working and busy raising their families.

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



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DR. JIM EUCHRE PARTY

Hope to see you on Saturday, January 25, 2014, at the St. Lawrence K of C Hall #2950 which is located at 44425 Utica Road in Utica for an evening of fun and fellowship at the 8th 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 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 this Euchre Party go to this fund. Check-in time is 6:00 pm with games starting at 7:00 pm. Door prizes, cash prizes, pizza, beer, wine and pop are included. 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. Walk-ins are welcome at the door.

Jim Langeveld

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Once again our children's Christmas party was well attended by kids, parents and grandparents. We want to thank the Campbell family for working the piñatas, Lisa Burmeister for face painting and John Ternes and Norm Grifka for making all the popcorn and Harry Kuk for managing the pop. Also a big thanks to all the members and their wives who helped set up, cook and serve hotdogs, pop and then stayed to clean up afterwards. But most of all a special thanks to Santa and Paulette Sawdon as Santa's helper, who put a big smile on all the kids faces.

Fraternally,
Paulette and Warren Sawdon

OUR SICK MEMBERS

Our prayers are required for the Brother Knights and family members who are sick and recovering: Lillian Sparks, Stan Pollum, Louie Jonas, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kwiecien, Meghan Singer, Beverly Bebee, Joey Caretti, Tony Bozaan,, Jeffrey A. Wright, Jim Langeveld, Stan Singer, Reynold Wolf, Jane Van Hevel, Mrs. Fisher, Bob Manuszak, Stan Kups, Jerry Shekoski, Debbie Redding, Linda Judnick, Terry Donovan, Ann Marie Badke, Ron Wiegand, Faith Mary Livingston, Della Mulka, Steve Seroski and MaryLu DeFauw.

Also please remember in your prayers our deceased members and their families: Donald E. Sparks and Roman Cisco

If you know of anyone who should be on the list please call us at (586) 978-0579 or email us at: lanardecchia@prodigy.net. Any names that are underlined will come off the list next month unless we hear from you.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

For the month of January we are honoring Father Salvatore Palazzolo who is the Associate Pastor at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Utica, Michigan. Father Sal is working at his first priestly assignment as he was ordained last May at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral for the Archdiocese of Detroit. He served as a deacon at St. Michael in Livonia while finishing his last year of seminary at Sacred Heart. Father Sal is the Associate Pastor of St. Lawrence where he serves on the Evangelical Committee, Young Adult Group, Vocations Committee and Athletic Board.

Father Sal joined K of C Council #7200 before joining the seminary in 2005.

In his spare time Father Sal enjoys reading, making wine, hunting,, fishing, camping and hiking.

Congratulations Father Sal on being chosen Knight of the Month for January by your Brother Knights who wish to thank you for all your hard work with the Council.

SAVE THE DATES

January 12, 2014 is the monthly breakfast and all profits will be going to the Seminarian Fund

January 19, 2014 is the Annual Benefit Dance at our Hall from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm. More information to follow.

The Council along with St. Lawrence Parish sent out this fall \$14,500 to the Seminarians. Great job and thanks to all who bought or sold tickets.

Dale Niedzwiecki
Vocation Chairman

“SHARE THE WEALTH” RAFFLE WINNERS

On Sunday, December 22, 2013, our Council selected the winners for the “Share the Wealth” raffle. With 300 tickets sold and \$6,000 taken in, the prizes for first, second and third place were \$1,800, \$900 and \$300 respectively. The winners were as follows: First Place - Jason Wojnicki, Second Place - Jim and Lou Bokshan, and Third Place - Reta Pollum.

Special thanks and a big hand go out to Joe Manuszak, our raffle chairman. Without him this would not have happened. From licensing, to printing, to promoting and selling, the council's efforts led by Joe allowed \$3,000 to be raised for our Council's charity fund. Thank you Joe and congratulations to the winners!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "BENEFITS NEWS"

Insurance check-up for 2014

Can you believe it will soon be 2014? I hope that 2013 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 2014. 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.

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SEMINARIAN BENEFIT DANCE

Dance the blues away at our Annual Seminarian Benefit Dance to be held on Sunday, January 19, 2014, from 3:00 pm until 7:00 pm. The cost is \$16.00 per person which includes pizza, beer and pop. The music will be provided by Duane Malinowski. Even if you don't dance come out and meet the Seminarians that we support. Everyone in attendance always has a good time. Hope to see you there. For more information or tickets call Dale at (586) 254-3495.

Fraternally,

Dale Niedzwiecki

FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

We will be having a First Degree Exemplification at our general meeting on January 9th. The exemplification is scheduled to start at 7:30 pm. We would like your participation and attendance at this meeting please.

If you know of a Catholic gentleman that has wanted to join or that you have wanted to ask, please consider this to be the time. If you need applications, please let me know. We would like to have this be a good size group of inductees.

Thanks.

Joe Lograsso

FAMILY OF THE YEAR 2013

For the year 2013 we are honoring the family of Jim and Lou Bokshan as "Family of the Year." Jim and Lou have been married for 24 years. They have three children: Amanda, and twins, Anthony and Alexis.

Jim joined the Knights of Columbus in 2010. He currently holds the position of Membership Director. Jim also organizes "Open Houses/Social Nights." He also co-chairs the St. Patty's Day Party and Lou does the basket raffle and dessert table. Jim also co-chaired the Halloween Party and Lou works her magic for the dessert table. Jim has also helped keep up the appearance of our hall by trimming the bushes when needed.

The Bokshan family has lived on Blue Ridge Drive in Shelby Township for 12 years. They are members of St. Lawrence Parish, where they all volunteer for Applefest. Jim has been involved with McRest and the Marketing Committee. Lou has done baskets for the St. Lawrence Gala and the Applefest for three years. Amanda, Anthony and Alexis attended St. Lawrence School and also were Altar servers. The family also chaired a fundraiser for the Rutkowski family. You will find Alexis and Anthony helping out regularly at the Breakfasts and the St. Patty's Day Party.

Jim is a self-employed insurance salesman for 20 years. Lou is a teller with PNC Bank for two years. Amanda, 20, is a student at the University of Michigan. Anthony and Alexis, 15, are students at Notre Dame Preparatory High School.

In their spare time, the family enjoys playing cards, listening to music, swimming in the pool and "Family Movie Nights." They also like going up north to Sugar Island for boating and relaxing.

Congratulations for being selected the Family of the Year for 2013!



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