



KNIGHT LIFE



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A Message from the Grand Knight . . .

Brothers,

Happy March! This time of year we emerge from a long, cold winter to rejuvenation and a fresh start. This has been a harrowing year for all of us – some more than others I'm sure. However, with God and His son Jesus in mind as they watch over us, we are always protected. There is nothing we can't do without our Lord or together as Brother Knights.

As Brother Knights, we have had a difficult year because of COVID. This will be the second year without the St. Pat's party. We had to cancel all breakfasts, the Past Grand Knights Ball and the Wild Game Dinner to name a few. However, we continue to beat the odds and get things done. I appreciate all the hard work everyone puts into events, meetings, etc. We have an incredible group of dedicated Catholic gentlemen who are able to overcome difficulties and don't take no for an answer. I respect and appreciate all of you men for your ability to laugh in the face of adversity. We will overcome this and move together stronger as a council because we are resilient and are greater in numbers than we are as individuals. I have no doubt in my mind that our council will come out the other side of this as strong as ever!

The MI Drive this year will have a different look than in the past. It will look more like last year when COVID first hit. Due to COVID, we will not be collecting money out on the streets like we have in the past years. Instead, all Brothers should have already received a letter in the mail that will explain how to donate to the cause. I encourage you to read it and get involved in helping our disabled brothers and sisters amongst us. The clubroom will be open March 27th from 11:00 am – 8:00 pm to drop off donations. We will serve food and refreshments as well.

We will have our Corporate Communion on March 21 at the 10:00 am Mass. Just like the last one we had back in November, we will not meet in the gathering space nor have reserved seating in the front of the Church. Instead, please come into church with a mask and please take a seat. However, everyone is invited and encouraged to attend to show your support of your council as a Brother Knight. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Council dues are due at this time. If you haven't already, please pay your dues. If there is a situation or an issue, I need to be made aware as to why you haven't paid your dues, please contact me. I am here to help in any way I can. However, I can't help if I don't know of any issue you may be having. Thank you if you have already paid your dues. If you haven't, please do so today or again, contact me with any questions.

Membership is important for any organization. The K of C is no different. We haven't been able to have a church membership drive in over a year. I mention this all the time and I will do so again here. We have a code for practical Catholic gentlemen to join us free for the first year. Have them use the code "**MCGIVNEY2020**" when they go to **KofC.org/joinus**. We have been struggling on membership. I challenge each Brother reading this to recruit one Catholic gentleman to join us. We all know one man who will make a great Knight. The #1 reason men don't join the KofC is very simple – they aren't asked. Ask, it's that simple. Ask my wife Julie as she gets embarrassed when I walk up to random strangers and inevitably, I talk about the Knights and our mission. All of us have a passion for what we do as Knights of we wouldn't be here or do what we do. Let's have some new men get that passion too. Please ask. Others want to join us but they haven't been asked. I'll say it again it bears repeating – **ASK**.

At this time. We don't have many official dates for any council events as in the past when our schedule would be normally bursting at the seams. Again, I am asking for help in this. We are an active and vibrant council and I know being idle is killing some of us slowly inside and I'm one of you. We are men of action. We can't just sit around and wait for things to happen; **WE** need to make it happen. Please, if you have an idea for an event at the hall of picnic grounds or any service projects our council may get involved in, let me know. We are all wanting to do our corporal works of mercy. However, it's difficult to donate to charity when we don't have events to raise money. I am asking for your help in brainstorming what can be done and safely to raise money for charity during these difficult times.

Things will improve but times are tough. We are tougher. There is no way this virus will beat us. As your Grand Knight, I can only do so much. I am asking for your help in the above initiatives to move our council forward. I've said it before and I'll repeat it until you gentlemen get tired of hearing it – I am willing to go to battle with any of you at any time. You are My Brothers, I know in today's world devout Catholics aren't as common as they once were, unfortunately. We have to stick together and take on a world devoid of practical Christianity and Catholicism. I'm not here to preach gloom and doom but you see what I see. We can't pretend it's not there. We have to stick together as Brother Knights while continuing to recruit likeminded men to our cause. We have to continue our good works because, it not us then who? We all know deep down what we all need to do. Let's get it done.

Vivat Jesus!

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KNIGHT LIFE**

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MEETINGS - 2nd and last Thursday of each month

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Picnic Grounds.....(586) 739-9063

State Website Line – www.mikofc.org

Supreme Website Link – www.kofc.org

Supreme Council Website for Career Opportunity –

<http://www.kofc.org/careers>

**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR
MARCH 2021**

March 17, 2021 – Happy St. Patrick's Day

March 21, 2021 – Corporate Communion at St. Lawrence. No

Meeting in gathering space, wear mask, find your own seat.

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

**March 27, 2021 – Club Room open for donations for MI drive –
11:00 am – 8:00 pm.**



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YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

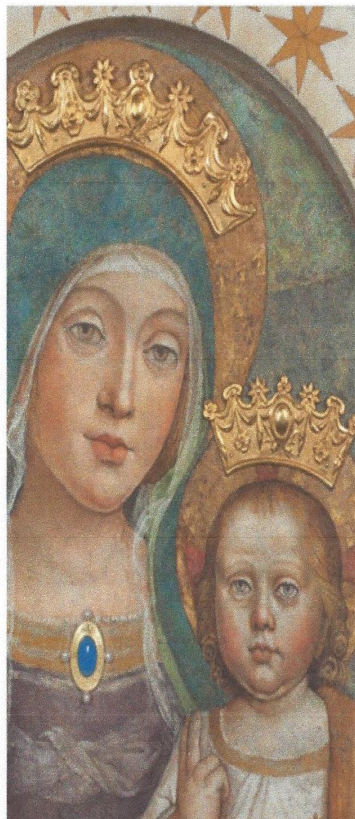
Career Opportunity

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 information, please contact, Don M. Wesley FICF, General Agent, at (888) 393-7539, or don.wesley@kofc.org

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,

AD SPACE

An opportunity has opened up for you to place your ad in the monthly KnightLife paper.

I have room for a one column ad which would cost \$80.00 for the year. We can also break up the space into three separate business card ads at \$40.00 each. One other option would be to have one business card size ad and the other space equivalent to two business card size ads at a cost of \$60.00 per year.

We do have some conditions you must agree to. Your ad must not be in conflict with any of the ads presently on the back page. They must not be for any type of product that Supreme sells such as Life Insurance and annuities.

If interested, please call Linda Nardecchia (Newsletter typist) at (586) 978-0579 regarding ad placement. Remember also that light colors do not show up very good and they make terrible ads.

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	Paul Polka
Thomas Deneron	Stephanie Langeveld	Janet Buckner
David Deradoorian Jr.	Roger Mannette	Ray Campbell
Addison Caldwell	Garth Wuchner	

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 March a Happy Birthday or a Happy Anniversary.

Knight and Family of the Month

The Knight and Family of the Month will be back in next month's issue of the paper. I had some computer problems.

Typist



Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!



Knights of Columbus "BENEFITS NEWS"
The Value of Membership Referrals

As a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most is when one of my brother Knights clients or his wife refers another member to me. This is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they were so pleased with what I helped them accomplish that they want me to help others achieve the safe level of financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis I provide.

Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they've never been asked and don't know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own.

If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me or your Grand Knight. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It's always more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don't worry if the candidate is outside the area I serve or beyond the district of the local councils, we can make sure we put these future members in touch with the right people in their communities.

New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.75 billion to charity and provided in excess of 700 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential.

***Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense.**

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In Christ,

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MI Drive

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies:

We are writing this letter on behalf of the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Council No. 2950, to inform you that with the current situation with the COVID-19 virus we are postponing this year's street MI Drive that is scheduled for March 27th, 28th, and 29th. For this reason, we are making this appeal to you, your families and friends in hopes that you financially help this cause. Please consider making a donation to help make up for the loss in funding that these organizations depend on that are normally collected from the streets through the MI Drive.

To add a bit of fun this year, we are adding an exciting raffle. For every \$10.00 donated you will earn one ticket in the drawing for the chance to win the following:

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| 1 st Place: | 75" Smart TV |
| 2 nd Place: | Shinola Uni-Sex Watch |
| 3 rd Place: | St. Joseph New American Bible |

Donations must be received by Monday, April 5, 2021, to be eligible for the drawing. The drawing will be held on April 8th at 9:00 pm in the hall. (Need not be present to win)

Example: A \$10.00 donation will earn one ticket entered with your name in the drawing. A \$50.00 donation will earn you five tickets with your name in the drawing.

The KofC Club Room will be open on Saturday, March 27, 2021, from 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm if you would like to drop off a donation. Food and refreshments will be served.

Please make your check payable to **St. Lawrence K of C 2950, MI Fund** and mail to **Paul Burmeister, 45995 Plum Grove, Macomb, MI 48944**. With your tax deductible donation, we hope to raise the monies needed to support the many organizations in our area.

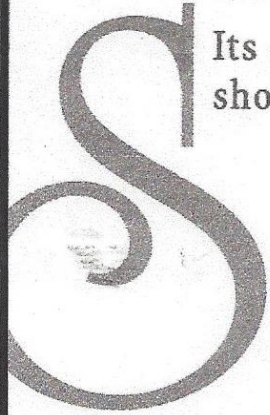
****We are also accepting online donations, please go to:**
www.uticakofc.com and select the MI Drive tab to make your donation.

Respectively,

St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus MI Co-Chairmen –
Paul Burmeister
Joe Lograsso
Dan Weingartz
George Wiegand

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is unique.

Its celebration
should be too.



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