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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT Vivat Jesus

Dear Brother Knights.

Happy springtime! I'd like to acknowledge some of the many great activities and events sponsored by the Council in April:

- April breakfast Thank you to everyone who cooked, helped, and attended our April breakfast.
- Texas Hold'em Fundraiser Thank you to everyone who worked a shift.
- Family Movie Nights Thank you to everyone who setup, cooked, cleaned, and participated.
- First Degree and Major Degree Thank you to our degree team and congratulations to our new brother Knights and our brother Knights who received their 2nd and 3rd degree this month.
- Euchre Party Thanks to Rick Similuk, and everyone who participated and helped with the Euchre party fundraiser.
- Kielbasa Making Party Thanks to Jim Ososkie for organizing this fun event and everyone who participated; it was a lot of fun and the sausage was very tasty.

Fr. Steve is having a Men's Mass on Thursday, May 12th at 6:30 pm in the church; I hope many of you will attend. That same Thursday night is also our first meeting of the month, where we will hold our annual May crowning event so I hope many of you will also come out to pray the Rosary with us. And, as if that's not enough, we will also hold final nominations and elections for the next fraternal year. Thank you to all our current officers and those of you who are standing for office this next fraternal year.

Our next monthly breakfast will be held on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th. I hope many of you will treat your mom to breakfast or come out to lend a helping hand. We anticipate a big crowd; extra help is always needed and appreciated.

Our council will hold our second-ever electronics and small appliance recycling fundraiser on Saturday, May 14th, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, in the parking lot across from St. Lawrence School. Please come out to lend a hand, or bring by any electronics you'd like to recycle. We're asking for a \$5.00 donation per car load.

Mark your calendar: our first St. Lawrence K of C Car Show is on Sunday, June 12^{th} at the picnic grounds, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. There'll also be music and food. There will be a \$5.00 general admission, 12 and under are free. Please see the flyer in the newsletter.

Please consult our calendar for more events and activities. I wish everyone a happy Mother's Day. Please also have a great Memorial Day weekend; take some time to remember those who have died in the service of our country. If the holidays take you out of town, I wish you safe travels. Please pray for Pope Francis's prayer intentions for May:

- Universal Respect for Women That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contributions to society may be highly esteemed.
- Evangelization: Holy Rosary That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace.

Fraternally,

Jason Meyers Grand Knight (586) 383-0284 *j*ason.meyers@uticakofc.com

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

For the month of May we are honoring Ray Osantowski. Ray lives on Gable Inn Street in Shelby Township.

He joined the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in September 2000.

Congratulations Ray on being chosen Knight of the month for May by your Brother Knights.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

For the month of May we are honoring Chris and Catherine Tuzinsky. They have been married for 17 years in June and have lived on Grant Park in Utica for 16 years. They have two children – Mary age 13 and Jacob who is 10 years old.

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Church. Chris and Catherine teach catechism. Catherine makes baptism bibs and Jacob is an alter server.

Chris is employed by Plastic Molding Development in Sterling Heights and has worked there for 10 years. Catherine has the

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

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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR MAY THRU JUNE

May 4, 2016 – Knights Corp Meeting 7:30 pm. (This meeting is open to all members). Attendance of Knights Corp members is MANDATORY!

May 4, 5, 6, 7, 2016 – Texas Hold'em. See article for details. May 8, 2016 – Monthly breakfast for our Council from 8:30 am – Noon. Take all those special Moms out to breakfast at the Council.

May 12, 2016 – Fr. Steve is having a Men's Mass at 6:30 pm at the church.

May 12, 2016 – Our first membership meeting of the month at 8:00 pm in the Club Room. We will also hold final nominations and elections for the next fraternal year. (Any third degree member in good standing can be nominated or selfnominate for any council office). We will hold our annual May crowning event so come out and pray the rosary with us. May 14, 2016 – Computer and small electronics recycling event from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. See flyer for details May 26, 2016 – Officer's and events planning meeting, everyone welcome at 8:00 pm in the Club Room.

June 12, 2016 – First annual St. Lawrence K of C Car Show at the picnic grounds from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. See flyer for details. June 19, 2016 – Monthly breakfast at our council from 8:30 am – Noon. This is a great opportunity to take Dad out to breakfast for Father's Day.

June 11, 2016 - Mound Road Clean-up. Meet in the Club Room at 8:30 am.

Fraternally, Joe Manuszak Council Activities Director



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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "BENEFITS NEWS"

We Stand Strong on Ethical Ground

May is Disability Insurance Awareness Month!

A Founding Notion: Protecting the Breadwinner's Income

While jobs may be safer in 2016, accidents, injuries, and illnesses that can impact your ability to work still happen. Most, in fact, do not happen on the jobsite or place of employment. Did you know that a 2011 study revealed that more than 95 percent of the long-term disability claims on file were not work related?

The Knights have always sought to protect members' families from the "loss" of a breadwinner. I'm sure you know all about Father McGivney's vision for our first, insurance program. But you may not know that Father McGivney also wanted to find a way to help members who couldn't work because of an illness. After all, the "loss" of the breadwinner does not have to mean that person's death; it can also mean the loss of the breadwinner's income.

Consider that loss for a moment. How would your family fare if a source of income suddenly stopped? Could dual-income family manage on one income stream? What about young families with a working father and a mother who cares for the children? What if his income halted due to an accident or illness?

I've heard some people say they have coverage at work, but too many aren't sure what this coverage entails, how much income it world provide or for how long. Having this protection counts for something, certainly, but it isn't "yours"; it's provided by the company for which you work at their discretion. It could be eliminated tomorrow.

That's where a personally owned disability income insurance product, like Income Armor, comes into play. It can offer valuable income replacement in the event of an injury or illness. If you have a job, you must know about this coverage.

I'd like to meet with you in your home, at your convenience. I'll work with you to make sure your family is protected. As a Brother Knight you can trust I'll take the stress and worry out of the buying decision.

Receive a complete <u>Family Needs Analysis</u> at my expense! Ask about our <u>GUARANTEED</u> LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES, LONG-TERM CARE & DISABILITY INSURANCE



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ADOPT A HIGHWAY

Brother Knights,

The snow is finally gone, spring is starting to show up, and it's time to do our part for the community and help "Spring Clean" Mound Road. Our first cleanup is scheduled for Saturday morning June 11th. Please meet at the Club Room at 8:30 am and we will form teams and go from there. I would like to thank all of you for your participation in years past and I hepe you can continue to support this year.

Thank you,

Tony Scheonherr

FAMILY OF THE MONTH CONTINUED

Important job of being a stay-at-home mom to both of their children.

Chris joined St. Lawrence K of C in 2004 and he joined the $4^{\rm th}$ Degree in 2005.

In their spare time the family enjoys any activity that involves the outdoors, such as camping, biking, swimming, and vacationing. They also spend a lot of time with family and friends. Jacob enjoys baseball, scuba diving, biking, dirt bikes and video games. Mary enjoys being a typical teenager, her phone or any electrical devices and hanging out with her squad. She also loves to draw.

Congratulations Chris and Catherine for being chosen May Family of the Month by your Brother Knights

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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



Wintergarden Tavern 46777 Gratiot Avenue (South of 21 Mile Road)

May 4, 5, 6, 7, 2016

Openings for all four days

Call Don Heydens at (586) 419-3420 Or

Email him at <u>dheydens@gmail.com</u> If you can volunteer some time to help out with the Texas Hold'em

FAMILY FAITH CHALLENGE

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, Griffin Davies, Kevin Manning, Dustin Niedzwicki, Dennis Mulka, Phil Kupser, Paulette Sawdon, Nikki Davies, <u>Teresa Winkler</u>, Ron Wiegand, Fr. Tom Sutherland, Joshua Walz, Bob Quaine, Roger Bock, Paul Cone, Mike Adams, Donna Ignagni, Barbara Zientek, Mike Hoste, Renee Jones, Joyce Maylock, Jane Van Havel, Jack Peake, Diana Manning, Madeline Scheff, Marion Lelito, Jackie Rys and MaryLu DeFauw.

Also please remember in your prayers our deceased members and their families: Eugene Anthony Swartz

If you know of anyone who should be on the list please call us at (586) 078-0579 or email us at: <u>lanardecchia@prodigy.net</u>. Any names that are underlined will come off the list next month unless we hear from you.



CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET

Attached is a flyer for the Car Show and Swap meet. Two hundred and fifty flyers were delivered to the Woodward Tri-Five Cruisers for their table at the Autorama.

Two thousand 5 x 7 postcards will be arriving in a few days and if each member takes a stack and starts passing them out to neighbors, friends, family and any businesses you wish it would be deeply appreciated. A list of the car shows can be printed off that members can visit and pass out information regarding our car show and swap meet.

Please mark May 1st on your calendar. This is the "Bearing Burner" show that has rented our picnic grounds for their car show. As was discussed, we should attend to learn how the grounds are laid out so we can be prepared when we start to map out the grounds for our space.

A flyer was mailed out to Cruz News, posted on the Scott Morgan facebook page and calendar along with posting it on the K of C facebook page.

Any questions, please call or email. Feel free to distribute the flyer. Also attached is the official letter for those of you that are seeking donations from companies and or businesses for the event.

Best Regards,

Scott Morgan (586) 201-5738 smorgan905@gmail.com



February 8 to May 13, 2015

I am about to introduce to you the most creative way to grow closer to God and your family! This activity is known as the Family Faith Challenge.

The Family Faith Challenge consists of forty different Catholic activities. Your goal is to complete as many challenges as you can in the given time frame. Every five challenges you complete will earn you a raffle ticket. That raffle ticket will be placed into a drawing. You can win as many as eight raffle tickets.

You may ask yourself, why would I want to do the Family Faith Challenge anyway? Well, for starters it's an excellent way to enrich your faith with God. Also, it's a great way to draw closer to your family. Best of all, we won't take a single penny out of your pocket! Therefore, you get to enrich your faith and win prizes with no fee! Yes there are prizes included in the raffle. You could win up to a \$200 gift card, as well as a \$150, \$100, \$50 or \$25 gift card. Plus, however much money you win, an equal amount will be donated to the Vocations Scholarship fund, in your name. Lastly, you have from February 8th until May 13, 2016, to complete your challenges and return your log sheet to your teachers or the Knights of Columbus Hall or contact me.

You can find all the details and your log sheet at <u>http://uticakofc.com/familyfaith</u> Remember, the more challenges you complete the more raffle tickets you can earn which leaves you with a better chance of winning. Also, the prizes will be given away on Sunday, May 15, 2016 (Pentecost Sunday). The Family Faith Challenge is a great opportunity to try something new and spend more time with your family. If you have any questions please contact Angelina Donato at joe@donatolandscape.com

Thank you and May God bless!

Angelina Donato



With Honor & Gratitude We Remember



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS St. Lawrence Council #2950 44425 Utica Road Utica, MI 48317

February 9, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

We are asking for your support in the form of a donation of a gift or gift certificate to be used as part of a raffle at our 1st Annual Car Show & Swap Meet on June12th, 2016. The saproceeds from this raffle will be benefiting St. Leo's Pantry in Detroit, MI.

A KofC member will be asking for your support again this year. It is through the continued support of businesses like yours that we are able to help support charities in need, therefore any donation that you can make will be greatly appreciated.

Our non-profit organization tax identification number is 38-184-9375. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Scott A. Morgan – Event Chairman 47400 Old Orchard Macomb, MI 48044 586-201-5738 cell

Sincerely,

Jason A. Meyers Grand Knight



St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Council #2950 44425 Utica Road Utica, MI 48317



Computer and Small Electronics Recycling Event

Saturday May 14, 2016 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Across the street from the Knights Hall RAIN OR SHINE!!

Have an old computer or other electronic that is unused and in your way? The green team at Council 2950 Knights of Columbus wants you to collect those old electronics and help our organization! Our community has an great opportunity to safely and properly dispose of computers and small electronics. Computer Recyclers, a Michigan firm works with many other business, schools and non-profits. They will collect our product at no charge! They also guarantee that no component will end up in a landfill and ALL information will be destroyed!

Fundraiser to support Knights of Columbus Charities. Cost = \$5.00 per car load

Items Accepted for Knights of Columbus Event:

Desktop PC's and Workstations Monitors: LCD Only Keyboards, Mice and Scanners Ink Cartridges New and Used (*Please bag leaking cartridges*) Etc.) Video and Projection Equipment Calculators: Desk and Handheld Computer Drives, CD, DVD, Hard, Floppy Misc. Electronic Small Items Batteries, bagged please (Auto OK)

Electronics contain many hazardous materials that can contaminate groundwater if placed in landfills. They also consist of valuable resources, such as precious metals, copper, and engineered plastics, all of which require considerable energy to process and manufacture. Recycling electronics <u>recovers</u> valuable materials, rather than manufacturing them, conserves natural resources, and results in lower environmental emissions (including green-

Notebooks, Laptops, and Tablet PC's Printers; Both Ink and Laser Laptop Bags Phones; Cell, PDAs Business, and Home Audio Equipment (Stereo Receivers, Speakers,

Cameras; Both Old Style and Digital Home Media, Servers, External Hard Drives, Cord/Wire; Computer, Electrical, Cable Small Household Appliances: Toasters, Irons, Etc.) ***NO TVS! NO CRT MONITORS!***



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