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A Message from the Grand Knight . . .

Thank you to:

- All who came out and helped at Dustin Niedzwiecki's rosary and Celebration of Life (Roy and Tina Attard and Phil and Denise Kupser).
- Gary Lusk for the September 3rd blood drive.
- Guy Anzell, Scott Morgan and Rob Murawski for helping with the new meeting format due to Gov's EO.
- Harry Kuk and Don Haydens for representing the Council at Fred Sleeman's memorial mass.
- Bob Watz for speaking at 4:30 mass for the online membership drive.
- Joe Lograsso selling the Devine Mercy yard signs and Trivia Night.
- Paul Burmeister for the new District Grand Knight medal and new ribbons.
- Jim Bokshan for researching and soon to be reporting on protocol.
- Chris and Sharon Gill and Tom and MaryAnn Dapoz putting together the Celebration of Life/Pro-Life Walk.

Our September meetings will be on Zoom for all members with the exception of some officers that will meet in the clubroom. I am doing this to have the council do its business live as best we can under the Governor's executive orders. Please check your email for the like and contact me with any questions.

The focus this month will be on our two main events to save lives and support the building corporation, respectively. Remember, charity. First up is the **Celebration of Life/Pro-life Walk** on September 20th. Thank you to our Brothers at St. Kieran and St. Therese of Lisieux Councils and the awesome Profoundly Pro-Life Group at St. Lawrence Parish for co-sponsoring! This will be a pre-recorded and live event. First, will be the pre-recorded blessing at the Memorial of the Unborn and the rosary. There will also be a Facebook Life talk with Deacon Gerry and other speakers. The walk will be live but not taped. As the walk is going on, the people on Facebook will say the rosary. While not ideal, we did the best we could in the midst of COVID.

Next is **Trivia Night** at the picnic grounds on September 26th from 6:30 – 10:00 pm. Tickets are still available! The proceeds will benefit the building corporation. Please support these events!

I am fielding new ideas on how to help our charities in the era of

of COVID. We had a very successful bottle drive and are still waiting on the total. Again, thank you everyone that came out to help and/or donate. We couldn't do what we do without you! I am also open to ideas that you may bring to a meeting or let me know what you're thinking about future events at the hall or picnic grounds, I don't know about you but I'm getting antsy just sitting around when I know we could be doing more of the Lord's work. We ARE men of Action! I believe that 100%. Let's get back to work and get it done like we always do!

This leads me into my next topic. We aren't currently holding events at the hall to fundraise due to the pandemic. However, we still can perform works of charity through service projects. I have two service projects currently on the table. The first is passing out candy to Challenger Baseball players, who are handicapped, in costume for Halloween sometime in October (date and time TBD). I have a few volunteers already but let me know if you are interested. Also, I have a request from the Divine Mercy Center in Clinton Twp. for help to scrape and paint 13 areas of fence. This will be a daunting project and I will put the call out to our Brothers far and wide to help. I am willing to hear any other projects anyone may have. Sometimes the work isn't glorious but if not us, than who?

We all have a story of how we were recruited into the KofC. Also, let us remember our time in the Order making new friends while doing good works. Every one of us knows one gentleman who is a practical (practicing) Catholic who would make a fine Knight of Columbus. Encourage him to join us. The work is great but the reward is greater. I know I'm a better overall man for being a Knight. I love our council and being a Knight is special. There are a lot of specials of free membership lately; let's all take advantage of that to get that new Brother in!

Vivat Jesus!

Francis Elwart
Grand Knight
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MEMBERSHIP GOALS 2020-21

New Goal = 20 New Members
YTD = 2 Members (10%)

Please get **FORM 100's** from our **Membership Director, Gary Lusk**
@ MD2950@mikofc.org Keep up the great work recruiting!

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNCIL
KNIGHT LIFE**

St. Lawrence Council 2950

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MEETINGS - 2nd and last Thursday of each month

OFFICERS

Chaplain.....Father Roman Pasieczny
District Deputy.....Jason Meyers
Grand Knight.....Francis V. Elwart
Deputy Grand Knight.....Guy Anzell
Warden.....Rob Murawski
Chancellor.....Harry Kuk
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Recorder.....Antonio Quagliato
Treasurer.....Don Heydens
Advocate.....James Bokshan
Financial Secretary.....Paul Burmeister
Lecturer.....Robert Walz
Inside Guard.....John Gasowski
Outside Guard.....Carlos Pertusi, Dan Lekki
Roundtable Coordinator.....Ed Braet

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Membership Director.....Gary Lusk
Church Activities Director.....Rick Lumetta
Health Service Director.....Gary Lusk
Public Relations Director.....Steven Salter
Youth Activities Director.....Joe Lograsso
Family Life Director.....Paul Cone
Community Activities Director.....Francis Elwart
Insurance Promotion.....Anthony Bliss

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.....Joseph Lograsso, Daniel Weingartz
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Holy Cross Children's Services Chairman.....Warren Sawdon
Eyes for the Needy.....Tom Mueller
Pro-Life.....Chris Gill (Sharon)
Picnic Grounds.....Dale Niedzwiecki
Retentions.....Ray Keller
Hall Manager (Main).....Phil Kupser
Hall Manager (Back).....Dennis Murray
Club Room Manager.....Ken Grunewald

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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
September 2020**

September 7, 2020 – Labor Day

September 8, 2020 – Knights Corporation – Building Corporation
Meeting – 7:00 – 9:00 pm – Club Room.

September 10, 2020 – Council Meeting and Rosary – Online Zoom
Meeting – 7:30 – 9:00 pm – Some officers report to Club Room –
Rosary starts at 7:30 pm and meeting at 8:00 pm promptly.

September 12 – 20, 2020 – Novena for Life

September 20, 2020 – 5th Annual Pro-Life Event Celebration of Life
Program - 1:30 – 4:00 pm – Prayer Service at Banquet Hall followed
By rosary procession into Downtown Utica. Fellowship meal to
Follow walk.

September 24, 2020 – K of C Planning meeting – 8:00 – 9:00 pm-
Some officers report to Club Room Main Hall – Online Zoom
Meeting. Some officers report to Club Room.



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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

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT CONTINUED . . .

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INSURANCE GOALS 2019-20

New Goal = 10

YTD = 1 (10%)

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?

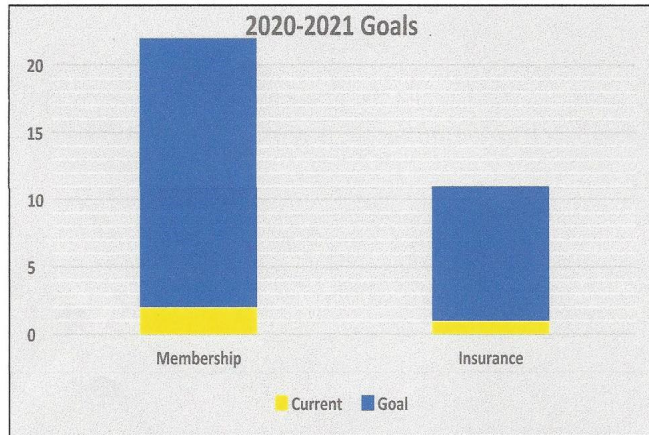
Please contact our **Worthy Supreme Field Agent** to schedule an appointment.

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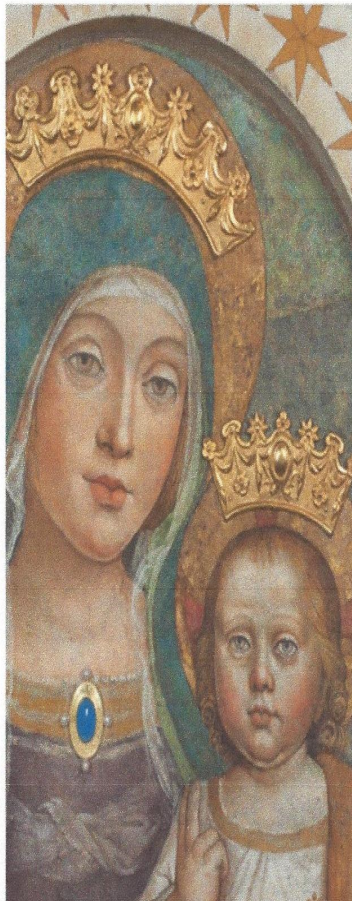
GOALS



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,

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
Dennis Seefried	Rick Montone	Wenzel Koch
Joann Wiegand	Anne Chandler	Frank Singer
Sue Stepiniak	Paul Rybicki	Matt Gumbel
Jennifer Chandler	Lana Kowalski	Rene Battani
David Weigand	Phyllis Papuga	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	Allen Rooks
Thomas Deneron	Stephanie Langeveld	
David Deradoorian Jr.		

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

IN MEMORIUM

Dustin Niedzwiecki

July 14, 1988 - August 20, 2020



"Eternal rest grant unto them, Oh Lord, and May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them. May they rest in peace."

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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



Knights of Columbus "BENEFITS NEWS"

"SEPTEMBER IS LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS MONTH"

September is the one month each year that the life insurance industry coordinates a campaign aimed at educating folks about the importance of life insurance and helping them get the coverage they need. I don't want to bore you with lots of statistics, but a recent survey from LIMRA (Life Insurance Marketing Research Association) found that only 59% of Americans own life insurance and about half of those are underinsured. (Although this report didn't say it, I've got to think these percentages are pretty much the same in Canada.) So that means that 70% of the population either has no life insurance or has too little life insurance.

So what does that have to do with the Knights? The historian, Christopher Kauffman, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book that he wrote on the 100th anniversary of our founding. That book, Faith and Fraternalism notes on page 13, "...he (Fr. McGilvney) was deeply interested in pursuing the topic of a Catholic fraternal insurance society among groups of Catholic laymen of New Haven." Then on page 35 Mr. Kaufman goes on, "...he (Fr. McGilvney again) spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature....his emphasis in business was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family.."

Fr. McGilvney lived with the social and the financial insecurity of a desperate family, with the breadwinner suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings. He didn't want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament. That, and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order. Everyone who joined in those first years was insured, that was part and parcel of being in the organization. Now every member has a choice and every member should know what we do, and how we do it. Here's the process I use when I meet with families:

1. Discover – Identify and prioritize your financial goals.
2. Gather Data – Collect facts and figures based on your current situation.
3. Analyze – Input data, run calculations, identify shortfalls.
4. Recommend – Propose a financial strategy designed to satisfy your goals.
5. Implement – Choose a financial strategy and implement.
6. Periodic Review – Review regularly, measure success, make adjustments.

As you can tell, this is a painless process. But it can help any family, at any age, determine if they have blind spots in their coverage. It can help you avoid the pain of being underinsured. With a variety of life insurance products we offer we can help just about any person within any budget.

I don't know about you, but I don't want to buy life insurance.....I want to buy what life insurance provides; no change in lifestyle for the survivors.....in the house they want to be. It'll pay for a daughter's wedding, a child's college education and much more. What does life insurance provide? Peace of mind, security, freedom from anxiety, a safeguard from the unknown.

That's where I can help.

***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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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

St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus

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Saturday
September 26, 2020

6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
K of C Picnic Grounds

Night
Benefit for
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\$25 per Person
Pizza, Beer, Hard Seltzer, Soda

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DR. JIM'S 18TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Save The Date

When: September 13, 2020
 Where: Cracklewood Golf Course
 Time: 1:15 pm Tee Time
 Shotgun Start
 Food on course
 Dinner: Steak Dinner and Raffles
 Families Welcome
 Cost: \$150 Golf and Dinner
 \$50,00 Dinner only
 Contact: Jim Langeveld if attending
 At (586) 739-8119; Text
 (810) 499-9055; email
 jimlang122@gmail.com

Dr. Jim was a doctor at Beaumont Hospital who 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 the Golf Outing go to this fund. Since the inception we have donated over \$270,000. Hope to see you there. Please contact Jim Langeveld if you can attend at (586) 739-8119, Text at (810) 499-9055, or email jimlang122@gmail.com. Please pass this on to anyone that you know might be interested in Golfing.

Jim Langeveld

Family of the Month

Knight of the Month

Have been selected and will return in next months edition of the KnightLife.



5th Annual
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Celebration of Life

... standing together for life 2020



Due to Covid-19 restrictions, this year's pro life event will be conducted with a limited attendance to allow for proper social distancing. Attendance at the event will be by invitation only; however, all others are welcome to join us online.

This family event will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 20, 2020 and includes:

- a brief prayer service and prayer of blessing over the pro life memorial stone
- a pro life rosary procession into downtown Utica (approximately 1 mile)
- a rosary recited by special guests for those participating online (to participate online, please go to: UticaKofC.com/pro-life)
- Join us in doing the *Prayer for Life Novena* beginning September 12 (see UticaKofC.com/pro-life)



For more information, contact: Francis at 248-722-4798, gk2950@mikofc.org; or Sharon at 586-254-9481, profoundlyprolife@gmail.com

Novena for Life

In conjunction with the **Celebration of Life** event to be held on **September 20, 2020**:

We invite all parishioners to join the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus and the Profoundly Pro-life Group to join us in a **Novena for Life**, beginning on **September 12** and ending **September 20**. Please recite the following daily prayer and go to www.UticaKofC.com/pro-life for additional information:_____

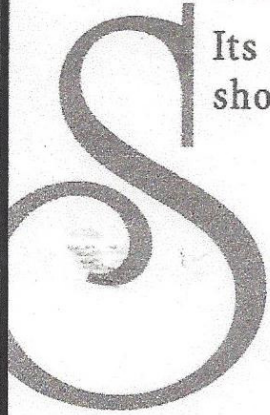
O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time.

*Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. **Amen.***

Every life
is unique.

Its celebration
should be too.



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