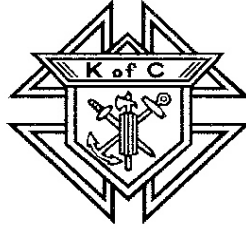




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## FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

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Dear Brother Knights:

On March 16<sup>th</sup> we held our annual St. Patrick's Day Party. It was another success with about 400 people in attendance. Thanks to our "Brisket Bunch" led by our own Ray Campbell who prepared a meal that everyone at the party raved about and to the St. Pat's Committee. Thank you everyone who helped for all of your hard work.

The following weekend was our annual Palm Sunday MI Tootsie Roll Drive. I would like to thank Ron and Eva Wiegand for again doing a great job chairing this program. I would also like to thank everyone who helped in any way to ensure another successful drive. Thanks especially to JoAnne Wiegand for setting up and making sure that there was food for all those that came out to fundraise.

We have some great activities this month:

- \* April 6<sup>th</sup> - We honor Monsignor Reverend John Hall with a dinner at the Hall
- \* April 7<sup>th</sup> - Our European Pheasant Hunt
- \* April 21<sup>st</sup> - Monthly Breakfast

Please come out to any of these great activities!

Nominations for council officers for the coming year will be at the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, with additional nominations and election to be held at the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. All Third Degree members in good standing are eligible to run for council office. Please consider stepping up to one of these positions so we can continue all the good work that we do. It is a very rewarding experience.

Please review upcoming Council activities in this newsletter and make plans to participate. I would love to see some members we haven't see in a while. Together we can accomplish a lot towards our mission of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. As always any questions or suggestions feel free to contact me at [Lograsso@comcast.net](mailto:Lograsso@comcast.net) or (586) 566-8940.

Fraternally,

Joe Lograsso  
Grand Knight

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

For the month of April we are honoring the family of Mike Dixon and his wife Joanne. They live on Glen Pointe in Shelby Township and have lived there for 10 years. They have been married for 17 years and have three children - Alexander, Andrew and Adam.

They belong to St. Lawrence Church. Parish activities include McRest, Applefest, Cub Scouts - Pack 90 and the Blood Drive.

Mike has worked at R. L. Polk for 17 years.

He joined St. Lawrence K of C in 2001. He has been Cub Master for Pack 90 for six years. He also volunteers for the Tootsie Roll Drive.

In their spare time the boys play football, baseball, basketball and the family enjoys camping.

Congratulations to Mike and Joanne for being chosen Family of the Month for April by your Brother Knights.

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

For the month of April we are honoring both Rick Similuk and David Utykanski.

Rick and his wife Laurie have lived in Vintage Oaks in Sterling Heights for the past 16 years. They have been married for 21 years and have three children - Erin, Nick and Evan.

The family attends St. Lawrence parish. The children are enrolled at St. Lawrence school and also Bishop Foley. Parish activities include teaching CCD at St. Lawrence.

Rick has worked at R.K. Hoppe for 17 years and his wife is an Occupational Therapist..

Rick joined St. Lawrence Council in 2012. He Co-chaired the First Annual Euchre Party at the council.

In his spare time he enjoys swimming, snow skiing and entertaining.

David Utykanski and his wife Elisa have lived on Trillium Drive in Sterling Heights for the past 17 years. They have been married for 20 years and have four children - Michelle, Lauren, Daniel and Melissa.

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish and their children attended St. Lawrence School. David is an usher and Eucharistic minister. The family volunteers at Applefest and they participate in a weekly rosary group.

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNCIL  
KNIGHT LIFE**

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**MEETINGS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and last Thursday of each month**

**OFFICERS**

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**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR  
APRIL, MAY AND JUNE**

**April 1, 2013** - Knights Corp Meeting 7:30 pm. (This meeting is open to all members). **Attendance of Knights Corp members is MANDATORY.**

**April 6, 2013** - We are hosting a dinner for the newly appointed Monsignor John Hall. See related article in this newsletter for additional details.

**April 7, 2013** - Second Annual European Pheasant Hunt.

**April 11, 2013** - Our first membership meeting of the month 8:00 pm in the Club Room. We will also be taking nominations for council officers for the next fraternal year.

**(Any third degree member in good standing can be nominated or self-nominate for any council office).**

**April 21, 2013** - Breakfast at our Hall, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. Please plan on joining us.

**April 25, 2013** - Officers and events planning meeting 8:00 pm in our Club Room.

**May 5, 2013** - Mass and tour of Fr. Solanus Casey Center in Detroit. See related article in this newsletter.

**May 6, 2013** - Knights Corp Meeting 7:30 pm in the Club Room. **(This meeting is open to all members).**

**Attendance of Knights Corp members is MANDATORY!**

**May 9, 2013** - Our first membership meeting of the month 8:99 pm in the Club Room. **(We will be taking nominations of officers for the next fraternal year, then holding or election of officers at this meeting, or self nominate for any council office. We will also be electing members to fill open seats on the Building Corporation).**

**May 12, 2013** - Mother's Day breakfast, 8:30 am-12:00 pm. Please plan on joining us.

**May 15, 2013** - Fourth Degree meeting, 7:30 pm in the Club Room. **(We will be taking nominations of officers for the net fraternal year, followed by the election).**

**May 23-25, 2013** - The annual state convention will be held at Mackinac Island.

**May 30, 2013** - Our second meeting of the month, 8:00 pm in our Club Room.

**June 3, 2013** - Knights Corp Meeting 7:30 pm in the Club Room. **(This meeting is open to all members) This meeting is MANDATORY for all building corp. members.**

**June 9, 2013** - Corporate Communion at the 8:00 am Mass at St. Lawrence Church. Please gather in the back of church and we will be escorted into Mass by the St. John Neumann Color Corp.

**June 13, 2013** - Our first membership meeting of the month 8:00 pm in our Hall.

**June 16, 2013** - We will be having breakfast at our Hall 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. Talk Dad into bringing everyone.

**June 19, 2013** - The Fourth Degree Meeting, 7:30 pm in the Club Room.

**June 27, 2013** - Our second meeting of the month 8:30 pm in our Club Room.

Fraternally,  
Joe Manuszak  
Council Activities Director

## 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, Al Greb, Meghan Singer, Beverly Bebee, Joey Caretti, Eddie Everheart, Tony Bozaan,, Jeffrey A. Wright, Ed Morrison, Coralie Cone, Jim Langeveld, Stan Singer, Reynold Wolf, Renee Jones, Jerry Mercer, Jane Van Hevel, Tom Bard, Marge Goeddeke, Gene Schwartz, Michelle Campbell, Don Sparks, Linda Nardecchia, Larry Maduri and MaryLu DeFauw.

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: [lanardecchia@prodigy.net](mailto:lanardecchia@prodigy.net). Any names that are underlined will come off the list next month unless we hear from you..

## SEMINARIAN DANCE AND RAFFLE 2013

A great time was had by all at our 2013 K of C Seminarian Dance. Thank you to the nearly 200 people who attended the event and who kept the dance floor full. All of us baby boomers could take a few dancing lessons from the "Greatest" generation.

Another "Thank you" goes to the nearly 20 Seminarians who attended the party and helped us draw the raffle winners.

Over 40 raffle prizes were obtained by my sisters, Ann and Judy and Dad "Leo" from different businesses all over Macomb County. "Great Job!!"

We had 13 Generous sponsors for the dance totaling \$1,400.00. Awesome!

State Rep. Ken Goike	Messina Trucking
Weingartz Supply	Tony Elaine Cavaliere
Jim & Carol Kaiser	Utica Antiques Market
Jim & Mary Sharp	Simone Construction
Wahls Tent	Mike and Sherry Berry
Larry Muraszewski	Dale & Karen Niedzwiecki
Allan & Diane Mulka	

Thank you to ALL who helped out with selling and buying of the progressive raffle tickets, to those who helped at the dance and the breakfast. Without all of the volunteers the dance and raffle would not have been a success.

The winners of the progressive raffle were:

Jollenane Wancour	Marie Brennan
Nathan Vallelunga	David Shevsky
Frank Sapanaaro	Sheri Zelek
Marcie	David Utykenska
Bob Ternes	Norb Woloszyk

And the \$500 winner was Marie Brennan

The dance along with the prize raffle and progressive raffle and sponsors raised \$6,752.00. This all goes to help us support our much needed and appreciated Seminarians.

Thank you.

Dale Niedzwiecki  
Vocation Chairman

## REVEREND JOHN HALL'S ELEVATION TO MONSIGNOR

*Join us for a celebration  
Of Reverend John Hall's elevation*

*To*

*Monsignor John Hall*

*Saturday, April 6, 2013  
6:00 pm to 11:00 pm*

*Buffet Dinner. Cake, Music, Dancing,  
Beer and Wine (provided by St. Lawrence  
Parish)*

*St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus  
Banquet Center  
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*Tickets - \$25 each can be purchased from  
St. Lawrence Parish Office*

*Or*

*K of C Members Roy, Doug or Dale  
Call (586) 372-9063*

*Celebration starts with Saturday 4:30 pm  
Mass*

*At St. Lawrence Church  
Presided by Monsignor John Hall*

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH CONTINUED

David is a patent attorney at the firm of Harness, Dickey and Pierce and has worked there for 23 years and Elisa is a domestic engineer and has held that position for 20 years.

David joined St. Lawrence K of C in October 2012 and he co-chaired the St. Lawrence Euchre Party.

The family enjoy weekends at their cottage on the lake. David enjoys playing cards, bowling, shooting sports and Tiger ball games. Elisa enjoys going to the movies, reading and dining out.

Congratulations to both Rick and David on being chosen the April Knight of the Month by your Brother Knights.



## **NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL OFFICERS**

**Nominations to be held at April 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**All 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Members in Good Standing Eligible to Run**

**Election on May 9<sup>th</sup>**

## **REMINDER**

If you would like an article to be published in the KnightLife it needs to be submitted no later than the second meeting of the month. You can either give the article to Larry Nardecchia the night of the meeting or it can be sent via email to: [lanardecchia@prodigy.net](mailto:lanardecchia@prodigy.net). Thank you.

## **TRIP TO FATHER SOLANUS CASEY CENTER**

We are planning a trip to the Father Solanus Casey Center, at St. Bonaventure Church, on Mt. Elliot and Kercheval in Detroit, on Sunday, May 5, 2013. We will meet at the St. Lawrence parking lot across from the hall at 8:00 am. We will car pool at that time down to the center for the 9:00 am Mass. After Mass, we will have donuts and coffee followed by a tour of the Father Solanus Center. We should be done with the tour at around noon. On the way back to St. Lawrence we will stop for lunch at a restaurant, we will choose, depending on the amount of people going. You do not have to stop for lunch if you don't want to. The cost of this trip will be \$5.00 per person, plus chipping in for gas for the drivers. Please RSVP by February 28<sup>th</sup> to Jim Langeveld at (810) 499-9055 or email to [jimlang122@gmail.com](mailto:jimlang122@gmail.com)

Jim Langeveld

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