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## FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT Vivat Jesus

Dear Brother Knights:

Spring is here! (at least by the calendar).

This past month has brought a lot of work to the Council, who again steps up without hesitation to all of the events.

We started with a Corporate Communion at Old St. Mary's in Greektown. Although lightly attended, the church's beauty was beyond comparison and we enjoyed the Detroit Council's hospitality afterward. The following weekend, we joined St. Lawrence Parish is saying goodbyes to our Pastor Fr. Robert Fisher. Fr. Bob will remain as our Chaplain for at least the near term as he and the new pastor at St. Lawrence work into their new assignments.

The next weekend we held our annual St. Patty's Day Party. A very successful event (please see article) brought out many, many Brother Knights, their families and friends. Thank you to everyone that helped and attended our Party!

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, Kim Wiegand is again chairing the European Pheasant Hunt! As of this writing, there are a large group attending and looking to have a great time on what will no doubt be one of the best days of Spring!

April brings three more events, including Texas Holdem' (April 1-4), Sunday Breakfast (April 6) and the M.I. Tootsie Roll Drive (April 11-13). The M.I. Drive is a great opportunity to work with your friends, spouse, children or grandchildren and provide the means of being leader to your family in the name of service to those in need. Please mark these on your calendars.

In response to requests from Brother Knights and from St. Lawrence Parishioners, we are looking to provide service opportunities in conjunction with the St. Lawrence Parish Christian Service Commission. Please see the attached article

Our next meeting is on April 10, 2014. We will be holding a First Degree Exemplification for new candidates. Please encourage Catholic men that are family or friends to join our council. Please come out for that meeting to show support for

new members as well as having an opportunity to sign up for the Tootsie Roll Drive, which is the weekend that follows.

Please save the date for our first Wine Tasting on Friday, June 13, 2014 at 7:00 pm. Please refer to the council activities report and related articles in this newsletter.

Laura and I wish everyone a blessed Easter!

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

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

For the Month of April we are honoring Kim Wiegand. Kim and his wife Theresa have lived on Messmore in Shelby Township for 29 years. They will have been married for 34 years this August. They have four children Adam, Deana, Christina and Amy and a son-in-law - Jason. They have one grandchild - Rosalie.

Kim and Theresa belong to St. Lawrence Church. The family works the Applefest.

Both Kim and Theresa work at Wiegand Heating and Cooling Company have done so for the last 32 years.

Kim joined St. Lawrence in 2008. He has held the office of Trustee and he has chaired the Pheasant Hunt.

In his spare time Kim and Theresa enjoy family dinners, going up north to their cabin, snowmobiling and holidays.

Congratulations Kim on being chosen Knight of the Month for April by your Brother Knights.

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

**April 1 - 4, 2014 - Texas Holdem' Fundraiser**

**April 6, 2014 - Monthly Breakfast** at our Hall from 8:30 - noon. Please plan on joining us.

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

**April 10, 2014 - Our first membership meeting** of the month - 8:00 pm in the Club Room. All welcome. We are holding a First Degree Exemplification for new candidates. Please come out to the meeting and show support for the candidates. The first degree begins at 7:30 pm. 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 11-13, 2014 - Annual Tootsie Roll Drive.** Please come out and support our Council.

**APRIL 20, 2014 - HAPPY EASTER!**

**April 24, 2014 - Second meeting** of the month (Planning Meeting) 8:00 pm in our Club Room

**May 5, 2014 - Knights Corp, Meeting 7:30 pm** (This meeting is open to all members). **Attendance of Knights Corp members is MANDATORY!**

**May 8, 2014 - Our first membership meeting** of the month - 8:00 pm in the Club Room. All welcome

**May 11, 2014 - Monthly Breakfast** at our Hall from 8:30 - noon. Please plan on joining us.

**May 29, 2014 - Second meeting** of the month (Planning Meeting) 8:00 pm in our Club Room

**June 13, 2014 - Save the Date - Evening of Wine Tasting** at 7:00 pm

**June 15, 2014 - Monthly Breakfast** at our Hall from 8:30 - noon. Please plan on joining us.

Fraternally,  
Joe Manuszak  
Council Activities Director



## **FATHER ROBERT FISCHER ASSIGNED TO LEAD THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE LITTLE FLOWER**

Our council chaplain, and St. Lawrence Parish Pastor, Fr. Bob Fischer has been assigned as pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak, Michigan.

As our chaplain, Fr. Bob has been a tremendous supporter of our membership, often present at our council meetings and always at our events. He had provided counsel to many Brother Knights and helped solve issues that have arose. Fr. Bob had been instrumental in helping our Council become more relevant to St. Lawrence Parish and providing a path for more membership.

We congratulate Fr. Bob as he moves forward, wish him success in his new ministry and thank him for his years as a Brother Knight in St. Lawrence Council.

Joe Lograsso

## **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, Bob Quaine Sr, Tony Bozaan,, Jeffrey A. Wright, Jim Langeveld, Stan Singer, Reynold Wolf, Jane Van Hevel, Bob Manuszak, Stan Kups, Jerry Shekoski, Debbie Redding, Terry Donovan, Ann Marie Badke, Ron Wiegand, Frank Settecerri, Eugene Schwartz, MaryAnn Campbell, Will Gordon, Anastasia Bubin, Leo Niedzwiecki, and MaryLu DeFauw.

Also please remember in your prayers our deceased members and their families: David M. Tobey

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 yo

## **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

## **FAMILY OF THE MONTH**

For the month of April we are honoring George and Debby Wiegand along with JoAnne Wiegand. George and Debby have lived on Donna Mae lane in Leonard for more 11 years. While JoAnne has lived on Wiegand Lane in Almont for 16 years. George and his wife have been married for 31 years. and JoAnne and George Jr. were married for 55 years prior to his passing in 2010. George and Debbie have one daughter, Bethany who is an RN at Crittenton and Royal Oak Beaumont Hospitals. They have two grandchildren - nine year old twins Brendan and Brianna. JoAnne and George have seven children - George (Debby), Theresa (Jim), Robert (Ronda), Cheryl (Ed), Carol (Mike), Jessie (Dale) and John. She has 23 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

George and Debby belong to St's John and Paul Church while JoAnne belongs to St. John the Evangelist. George and Debby help when they are able to with Habitat for Humanity. Debby bakes for funeral lunches. JoAnne works funeral lunches and decorating the church for Holidays.

In the community Debby and George are both involved with the MI Drive, and help with adopt a family for Christmas program sponsored by the council. Bethany helps with the MI drive when she is able. George also helps with the Mound Road cleanup. Debby volunteers at Hamilton-Persons Elementary School in her free time and is on the infection control committee at Crittenton Hospital. JoAnne volunteers with the seniors and works the MI Drive and sponsors charity bus trips both for the MI Drive and her church.

George has worked for Chrysler for 23 years and Debby has worked as an RN at Crittenton Hospital for 38 years.

George joined the Knights of Columbus 39 years ago and the Fourth Degree 32 years ago. He has held the offices of Trustee of the Building Corporation, Council Activities Director, Trustee, Past Treasurer of the Building Corporation, Past Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Squires Councilor, Fourth Degree Admiral, Navigator, Pilot, Trustee, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the SLC Credit Union. He was co-chairman for the Vegas parties for eight years, Member of the Brisket Bunch and also the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the SLC Credit Union.

George and Debby enjoy spending time with their grandchildren, camping, playing golf, spending time up north in Bellaire, boating, casino trips and the time they spend with their family and friends.

Congratulations George, Debby and JoAnne for being chosen Family of the Month for April by your Brother Knights.

## ST. LAWRENCE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS K OF C HALL MANAGER

Recently the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus has made changes to the manner of catering and management of the K of C Hall. With these changes, the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus is looking for a new hall manager.

If you are someone who has interest and experience in hall management, scheduling, setup, basic hall cleanliness and appearance, and promotion, you may be the right fit for the Knights of Columbus Hall. You will need to have a *flexible schedule* and *available evenings and weekends*.

If interested in hearing details about this position and its duties, please contact Jim at (810) 499-9055.



## FAMILY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

The St. Lawrence Christian Service Ministry with the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus are planning a series of service opportunities available especially for families. Bringing together families from the St. Lawrence Parish to unite in projects strengthens our sense of ministering to those in need and allows us to further realize the Holy Spirit in our lives.

The first project scheduled is:

St. Vincent de Paul Store (Utica, MI) - Saturday, June 21, 2014  
All participants need to be 12 years or older  
Times available are 9:30 am to noon or 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm  
There are 20 spots available for each time slot

Please call your friends to come with you as a small group of families to make this a great example of the joy of our Christian faith. Brother Knights, this is a great opportunity for you to have a family event with your children or grandchildren. Please consider this signing up for this event and making it successful

For more information and SVdP permission slips, please contact Joe Lograsso at (586) 566-8940 or email at [Lograsso@comcast.net](mailto:Lograsso@comcast.net)

Joe Lograsso

## DINNER DANCE HONORING FATHER ROBERT FISCHER



Please join us in honoring Fr. Bob Fisher our Chaplin and St. Lawrence Pastor for many years at a Dinner Dance at St. Lawrence Knights Banquet Hall on Friday, April 25, 2014 from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. The cost is \$20.00 per person limited to the first 350 people. The night includes appetizers, dinner, beer, wine, liquor and dancing. Please make your reservations with Jim Langeveld by calling (810) 499-9055 or by emailing [jjmlang122@gmail.com](mailto:jjmlang122@gmail.com).

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## ST. PATTY'S DAY PARTY WRAP UP!

Our committee would like to thank all those that were able to attend and support this year's St. Patty's Day party. With over 400 people in attendance at the K of C Hall, another fun and safe event was held. We were able to raise \$12,000.93 for our selected charities. This year's funds support Covenant House Michigan, Rising Stars Academy and the K of C Christmas Fund for Families in Need. Your generosity is unmatched and we appreciate everyone's support.

Our success is again maximized with the help and support of local businesses and companies, many owned by our own Council and Parish members. Thanks to:

Health Insurance Consultants - Jim and Lou Bokshan  
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Wiegand Heating and Cooling - Kim and Theresa Wiegand

Additionally, many Knights and their families supported the evening. We would like to recognize"

- Ray Campbell and all of the Brisket Bunch for cooking another superb meal and all the days of preparation
- Debbie McNeil (Zach-McNeil P.C.) for printing all the placemats
- Gene Baranski and Mark Kullen for running the Raffle Table
- Harry Kuk, Chad Campbell and Mike Dixon for bartending skills
- Lou Bokshan for organizing all the desserts and Theresa Wiegand for the sheet cakes
- Karen Niedzwiecki for decorating and getting the refreshments
- Marie Dearment and Joanne Dixon for bookkeeping the night of the party
- Lisa Burmeister and Debbie Wiegand for running the 50/50
- Jim Ososkie, John Ternes, Kim and Theresa Wiegand and Dan and Kris Weingartz for literally bringing in over 250 attendees.

We look forward to another great time next year!

Jim Bokshan, Paul Cone, Joe Lograsso, Dale Niedzwiecki and Kim Wiegand

## JUST A REMINDER FROM YOUR KNIGHTLIFE EDITOR

All articles that need to be included in the KnightLife need to be turned in no later than the second meeting of the month. You can either submit them to Larry Nardecchia at the meeting or email them to: [lanardecchia@prodigy.net](mailto:lanardecchia@prodigy.net). Thank you for your cooperation.

KnightLife Editor

## ARE YOU READY?

Again, we are approaching the Palm Sunday Weekend. Are You Ready?

This year, as in the past years, we are conducting the Mentally Impaired Tootsie Roll Weekend on April 11 - 13, 2014.

We need **EVERYBODY'S** help to work the corners, stores, etc. Please sign up at any meeting or function by contacting any officer or chairman. It will make our job easier and creates less confusion on that weekend. Ladies, we also need your help counting money, bringing in food items, or working the stores and corners. If you wish you can just drop by and say Hello.

Mark your calendar for this very important weekend. With your help again we can be number one in the state.

See you soon,

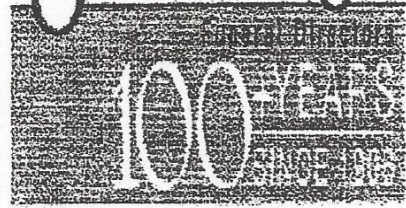
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