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**St. Lawrence
Council 2950**

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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Vivat Jesus

Dear Brother Knights:

Our August calendar is chockfull of events and activities. We're sponsoring an Electronics Recycling fundraiser on Saturday, August 8th. Special thanks to our chairman, Scott Morgan, for spearheading this event. Please spread the word and come out to show your support. See the flyer for further details.

Our Annual Picnic and MI Check distribution will be at 7:00 pm on Thursday, August 13th at the picnic grounds (21 Mile Road just west of M53). This is an open meeting for you and your family. We're providing the hot dogs and sweet corn. Please bring a dish to pass. Representatives from the organizations we sponsor through our "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities" (Tootsie Roll Drive) will be present to receive their check and tell us about their good works.

Thank you to everyone who cooked, helped, and attended our July breakfast. Our next breakfast is Sunday, August 30th.

Thanks to the efforts of our Council's pro-life directors, Sharon and Chris Gill, we will also sponsor a special pro-life presentation in the social hall after masses on the weekend of August 29th and 30th. We'll be showcasing a special ultrasound bus that offers free ultrasounds to dissuade women from having abortions.

The second Mound Road Clean-Up of the year will take place on Saturday, August 29th. Bring a pair of work gloves and meet us in the club room at 8:30 am. This is a great opportunity to do some community service, and it will only take about an hour of your time.

Our council will host the installation of Officers for our District at our Hall on Thursday, August 27th, which is our regular Officer's meeting night. The evening will start with a Mass at 7:00 pm followed by the installation ceremony, and concluding with a light meal. Officers and their wives should plan to attend. This is an open meeting, so everyone is welcome including families.

Please see our calendar for more upcoming events and activities.

Have a happy remainder of the summer. If you have vacation travels this month, I wish you safe journeys. Also, please take some time to pray for our Holy Father's prayer intentions for August:

- **Universal:** That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.

- **Evangelization:** That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbors to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

Fraternally,

Jason Meyers
Grand Knight
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FAMILY OF THE MONTH

For the month of July we are honoring Francis Elwart and his wife Julie. They live on Town Gate Drive in Macomb Township and have lived there for the past four years. They have been married for four years. They have two children – Zach and Eddie.

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Church where Francis is a Eucharistic Minister and Lector.

Francis has worked for Health Systems for three years and Julie has worked for GM for 15 years.

He joined the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in October 2014.

In their spare time the family enjoys going to sporting events and adopting rescue pets.

Congratulations Francis and Julie for being chosen August Family of the Month by your Brother Knights.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

For the month of August we are honoring Ted Ross. Ted and his family have lived on Declaration Drive in Macomb Township for the last seven years. Ted and his wife Joy have been married for 10 years and have three children – Teddy who is nine years old, Nicolas who is eight years old and Emily who is six years old.

The family belongs to St. Therese of Lisieux Church.

Ted is Director of Wines and Spirits for Vince & Joes Markets for eight years now.

He joined St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in October 2013.

In their spare time Ted and Joy love to travel. They are passionate "foodies" and love to cook and drink great wine. Ted loves the gun club and is an avid target shooter. The children just

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KNIGHT LIFE**

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**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR
AUGUST THRU DECEMBER**

August 3, 2015 – Knights Corp Meeting 7:30 pm **Attendance of Knights Corp Members is MANDATORY! This meeting is open to all Members.**

August 8, 2015 – Electronics Recycling Fundraiser. See Attached flyer for details.

August 9, 2015 – Blood Drive. See article for details.

August 13, 2015 – Annual Picnic and MI Check distribution at 7:00 pm at the Picnic grounds. This is an open meeting and Families are encouraged to attend. Hot dogs and sweet corn will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass.

August 27, 2015 – District-wide installation of officers held at our Hall. The evening will start with a Mass at 7:00 pm. Light meal will be provided. Officers and their wives should plan to attend. This is an open meeting and families are welcome to attend.

August 29, 2015 - Mound Road Clean-Up. Please meet in the Club Room at 8:30 for coffee and donuts. We will divide up into teams.

August 29 – 30, 2015 – A special pro-life presentation in the Social Hall after Masses.

August 30, 2015 – We will be having breakfast at our hall 8:30 am – 12:00 pm.

August 30, 2015 – Returnable Can and Bottle Drive. See article for details. Bring your returnables when you come for the monthly breakfast.

September 20, 2015 – We will be having breakfast at our hall 8:30 am – 12:00 pm.

October 11, 2015 – We will be having breakfast at our hall 8:30 am – 12:00 pm.

October 19 - 20, 2015 – Casino Bus Trip. See attached flyer.

November 1, 2015 – We will be having breakfast at our hall 8:30 am – 12:00 pm.

November 7, 2015 – Past Grand Knights Ball

December 20, 2015 – Children’s Christmas Party

December 27, 2015 – Blood Drive.

Fraternally,
Francis Elwart
Council Activities Director



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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

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, Stan Kups, Debbie Redding, Terry Donovan, Ann Marie Badke Rick Lametta, Sharon Dilloway, Nikki Davies, Ryan Foster, Teresa Winkler, Della Mulka, Ron Wiegand, Barbara Zientek, Tom Brennan, Rosemary Richason, Cathy Edwards, Tony Vittorini, Ed Campbell 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) 078-0579 or email us at: lanardecchia@prodigy.net. Any names that are underlined will come off the list next month unless we hear from you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "BENEFITS NEWS"

Life Insurance as a Gift?

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning start. "How morbid," they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the securing that it offers – **even while you're alive**. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with various financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family's needs.

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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



DR. JIM'S 14TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Dr. Jim's annual golf outing will take place at Cracklewood Golf Course located on 24 Mile Road east of Romeo Plank on September 13, 2015. Tee off time is 1:15 pm. There will be a shotgun start, food on the course, dinner, raffles and more men. Families are welcome and can golf. The cost for the golf package is \$120.00. If you would like to join us for dinner only the cost is \$50.00 per person.

Dr. Jim was a doctor who worked at Beaumont Hospital. He 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 the U of M Cancer Center in Ann Arbor if you would care to donate. 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. One hundred percent of the proceeds from this Golf Outing go to this fund. Since the inception we have donated over \$190,000. Hope to see you there. Please contact Jim Langeveld if you can attend at (586) 739-8119 or (810) 499-9055. He can also be reached at his email address which is jimlang122@gmail.com.

HELP WANTED

BANQUET HALL LOOKING FOR HELP

The Knights Banquet Hall is still looking for help. If you know of anyone interested in the following please contact Phil Kupser at (586) 232-4123.

* Bartender – This has a \$10.00 per hour rate plus tips – mostly weekend work.

* Hostess – This usually runs three hours in the evening starting at 5:00 pm (an hourly rate also).

* Closer – This consists of closing the party at the end of the night.

* Personal set-up – This is usually the morning of the rental – approximately 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Phil Kupser

Pcups@gmail.com

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH CONTINUED

started playing lacrosse and they are loving it.

Congratulations Ted on being chosen Knight of the Month for August by your Brother Knights.



ADOPT A HIGHWAY

Brother Knights:

Thank you for the great turn-out at our last clean-up. Our next clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, August 29th. Please meet at the Club Room at 8:30 am for coffee and doughnuts and we will form teams. Again, thanks for your continued support and I hope to see you there.

Thank you,

Tony Schoenherr



Where Did You Find God Today? Photo Contest for 6th – 12th Grades Returns



Brother Knights, please encourage your children and grandchildren to participate in this wonderful and meaningful contest.

It may be at the sight of your grandmother, in a baby's face, in a beautiful sunset, or of a flower garden. Maybe it's when you attend a sporting event, a dance, or at Church; or when you see something unique while on the school bus, walking down the street or at the mall. It can be microscopic or as wide as the sky.

We know that God is everywhere but where do you see God?

The St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus is offering you a chance to capture how you see God in the world and compete for some cool gift cards from Amazon (\$\$). We encourage 6th – 12th Graders to submit a unique and original photograph of where you find God. We will be collecting photographs until October 15, 2015, and then judging those that are the most original and convey God's influence.

NOTE: This contest is for photos taken by 6th – 12th graders.

*Please make sure that your submission is from a digital camera or smart phone. The higher the resolution of the photo, the better it will look. Include your name, grade and a quick sentence on how you see God in the photo. For questions and submittals, please contact Joe Lograsso at lograsso@comcast.net.



RETURNABLE CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE

When? Sunday, August 30th

How? To participate please bring your returnable cans and bottles to the K of C Hall on Sunday, August 30th when you come to the monthly breakfast.

Why? My name is Rachel Whitehead and I am 13 years old. I belong to and go to St. Lawrence Parish, and I am hosting a bottle drive to raise money for the **Special Olympics**. The Special Olympics are sporting events for children and adults who have been diagnosed with intellectual disabilities. To learn more about Special Olympics or volunteering, visit this website: <http://www.specialolympics.org>.

Rachel is heading up this project as part of the St. Lawrence K of C Youth Leadership Initiative. We wish her success!



All money will be donated to the Special Olympics Foundation. That is a guarantee. Thank you in advance for your support.

Invite Jesus Into Your Home!

 Men of the Sacred Hearts



Our Chaplin, Reverend Fr. Roman is the Spiritual Director for the Men of the Sacred Hearts. This organization has 167 volunteers on 47 teams who give their time to introduce Our Lady of Fatima into our family homes.

Their Home Enthronements are meant to bring you and your family closer to each other and to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus, and His Mother through prayer. This is their mission and why they have been here for 51 years!

As part of the emphasis on the family, we are encouraging the families of all Brother Knights to invite the Men of the Sacred Hearts to your house where they will place a beautifully hand painted, three-foot tall statue of Our Lady of Fatima that stays with the family for a week, or longer.

The Enthronement process includes a recitation of the Holy Rosary on each visit. The family is asked to pray 5together every day as a means of preparing for the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart, which occurs on the second appointment.

For more information or to make an appointment, please contact the Men of the Sacred Hearts at info@menofthesacredhearts.org or call at (586) 264-8550.

Joe Lograsso
Program Director

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, August 9th
8:00 am – 1:15 pm

Please visit redcrossblood.org

Enter Sponsor code – stlawrenceutica or call Carley at
(586) 218-0944

Thanks,

Gary Lusk



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October 19-20, 2015

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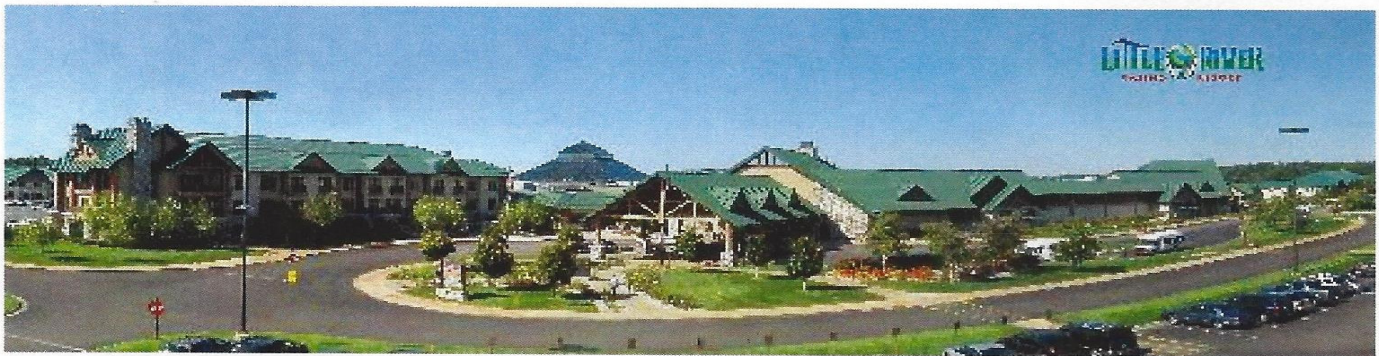


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for Information or Reservations

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Registration:

Utica K of C Fall Color Casino trip Oct 19-20, 2015

- (1) **Call JoAnne first** - to make sure there is still room available and to get your name "penciled" in on the list. This spot will be held until payment is received (up to 7 days).
- (2) Complete this registration form and return it with your full payment (by check please) - to the Address Below. Please make checks payable to **Sunburst Tours**.
- (3) You should receive a confirmation/reminder postcard 1-2 weeks before the departure date.

Advance registration with full payment is required. Sunburst promotional coupons and special discounts may not be used for this trip. Trip must be paid in full at least 2 weeks prior to departure. Cancellations cannot be refunded within two weeks of departure, but reservations may be transferred (sold) to another person (we must be notified) up until departure. Trips may be canceled and refunded if the required minimum has not registered by 21 days prior to departure date. The incentive "packages" are controlled by the casinos and are subject to change without notice. You must be on the bus when it arrives at the casino in order to receive your package. Sunburst and the sponsoring organization are not responsible for changes in itinerary or injury due to inclement weather, acts of God, breakdowns, or accidents. Sunburst does not own or operate any of the suppliers of services or accommodations for this trip, as a result it is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such supplier over whom Sunburst has no control.

JoAnne Wiegand, 5024 Wiegand Ln, Almont, MI 48003
 (phone 810 798-0070)

Please complete all information below. It is required by most casinos (**including Odawa**) in order to receive their "package" and by M.D.O.T. for the bus manifest.

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 (formal name as on Driver's Licence) (nickname)

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Casino Card # _____ **Birthdate** ____/____/____

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Name _____ | _____ **Phone** _____

Address _____

City _____ **ZIP** _____

Casino Card # _____ **Birthdate** ____/____/____

List any Special Bus or Hotel needs _____



Prices listed are per person, double occupancy 3 or 4 in a room is \$5 less, single is \$25 more.

Total Paid \$ _____

Support
Our
Community!

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Computer and Small Electronic Community Recycling Day!

Saturday, August 8, 2015, 9am – 1pm
**Event will be held in parking lot across the street
from hall.**

Have an old computer or other electronic that is unused and in your way?

The recyclers with The Knights of Columbus/St Lawrence Church wants you to collect those old electronics and help our charities! We are asking for a **\$5.00 donation per car load**. ALL proceeds will be collected by and given to our Knights for charities. Our St Lawrence community has an inexpensive opportunity to safely and properly dispose of computers and small electronics. Computer Recyclers, a Michigan firm, works with many other schools and non-profit organizations. 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!

Items Accepted for Knights of Columbus Event:

Desktop PC's and Workstations
Monitors LCD (Flat Panels)
Keyboards, Mice and Scanners
Ink Cartridges New and Used
(Please bag leaking cartridges)

Video and Projection Equipment
Calculators: Desk and Handheld
Computer Drives, CD, DVD, Hard, Floppy

Notebooks, Laptops, and Tablet PC's
Printers: Both Ink and Laser
Small Household Appliances: irons, can openers, etc.
Phones: Cell, PDAs Business, and Home
Audio Equipment (Stereo Receivers, Speakers, Etc)
Cameras: Both Old Style and Digital
Home Media, Servers, External Hard Drives,
Cord/Wire: Computer, Electrical, Cable

NO TELEVISIONS OR CRT MONITORS ACCEPTED!

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 recovers valuable materials, rather than manufacturing them, conserves natural resources, and results in lower environmental emissions (including greenhouse gases). Do Your Part! All hard drives collected at this event will be destroyed, No Charge!



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