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## FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

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Dear Brother Knights:

For the first time this fall, it has become quite cold - actually normal for late November. With Thanksgiving slightly earlier this month, we had the majority of our activities on the front-end of this past month. I want to acknowledge the following events and Brother Knights:

- \* Gary Lusk for organizing the most successful Texas Holdem' Fundraiser (so far) for our Council and to everyone that came out to help
- \* Jason Meyers for a fantastic Past Grand Knights' Ball
- \* Our Chaplain Fr. Bob Fisher for celebrating our Council's Memorial Mass at our Hall
- \* another great Breakfast and to everyone who came out to help!

December starts with our annual Council Spelling Bee for the youth on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Another great activity for our members' children and grandchildren is our Annual Children's Christmas Party on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 2 pm. On December 27<sup>th</sup> our Council is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive, organized by Erin Similuk, daughter of Brother Knight Rick Similuk. Please come out starting at 2 pm and support Erin if you are able.

Please come out January 20<sup>th</sup> for our annual Seminarian Dance. We really want everyone to support this great event that puts our Council on the map. Dale and Karen Niedzwiecki have received the baton from Leo in sharing our Vocations committee - come out and show the strength of our Council!

Laura and I wish everyone a *Merry Christmas* and *Blessed New Year!*

**Please see the calendar for all the details of our events!**

Fraternally,

Joe Lograsso  
Grand Knight  
(586) 566-8940

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

For the month of December we are honoring the family of Tony Schoenherr and his wife Julie. They live on Campground Road in Washington Township. They have been married for 8 years and have two children - Allison Elizabeth and Isabella Grace.

They belong to St. Paul of Tarsus Parish. Besides participating in K of C sponsored activities such as the Snowmobile Run, Tootsie Roll Drive and Adopt a Highway they participate yearly in Adopting a Family at Christmas and the Cystic Fibrosis Walk for a Cure.

Tony joined the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus when he was 18 years old. He is the Chairman for the Adopt a Highway - Mound Road Cleanup.

With two young girls at home, they currently are the center of the families attention and take up most of their time. However, Julie likes to make cakes, take pictures and scrapbook. Tony enjoys going hunting and fishing. As a family they like being outdoors as much as possible.

Congratulations to Tony and Julie for being chosen Family of the Month for December by your Brother Knights.

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

For the month of December we are honoring Kevin Manning. He and his wife Denise live on Sterritt in Utica.

Kevin joined the Knights of Columbus in August 2007 and he currently holds the difficult position of Recorder here at St. Lawrence. He has also held the position of Membership Director.

Congratulations Kevin on being chosen the Knight of the Month for December by your Brother Knights.

## FROM THE EDITORS

We wish to express our sincere and heartfelt wishes to our Brother Knights and their families for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Successful New Year.



**ST. LAWRENCE COUNCIL  
KNIGHT LIFE**

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**MEETINGS**

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

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**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR  
DECEMBER AND JANUARY**

**Annual Coat Drive** - Bring new or clean gently used coats to the hall on meeting nights or at the Christmas Party. Last date of acceptance is December 13<sup>th</sup>.

**December 2, 2012** - K of C Spelling Bell, 1:30 pm at St. Lawrence Church Social Hall.

**December 3, 2012** - Knights Corp Meeting 7:30 pm. (This meeting is open to all members). **Attendance of Knights Corp members is MANDATORY!**

**December 13, 2012** - Our first membership meeting of the month 8:00 pm in the Club Room.

**December 23, 2012** - The Children's Christmas Party, 2:00 pm in our Hall. If you can help set up please plan on arriving around 1:00 pm.

**December 25, 2012 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**December 27, 2012** - Our Council is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive starting at 2:00 pm.

**December 27, 2012** - The second meeting of the month 8:00 pm in the Club Room.

**January 1, 2013 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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

**January 10, 2013** - Our first membership of the month 8:00 pm in the Club Room.

**January 19, 2013 - Council and District** Free-throw Contest on Saturday at 8:00 am. Austin Catholic Academy, 24125 26 Mile Road, Ray Township 48096

**January 20, 2013** - Seminarian benefit dance and drawing, 3:00 - 7:00 pm in our hall.

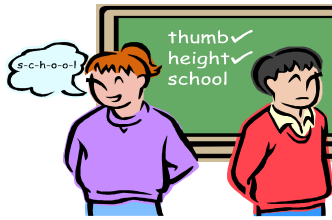
**January 31, 2013** - Second meeting of the month 8:00 pm in our Club Room.

Fraternally,  
Joe Manuszak  
Council Activities Director

**CURTIS CRUISERS**

Ron Wiegand is taking up a collection for the Curtis Cruisers Snowmobile Run held during the Martin Luther King Weekend. The funds collected will benefit the MR Drive. If you would like to donate please send your checks to:

Ron Wiegand  
P. O. Box 517  
Curtis, Michigan 49820



## ST. LAWRENCE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPELLING BEE

Brother Knights and families, we are happy to announce the return of the K of C Spelling Bee! In the past, students from St. Lawrence Council and Parish have won the Diocesan and State Level Bees. This fun, challenging and great event is open to two competition levels: Level I is 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades and Level II is 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grades.

The first level of competition is scheduled Sunday, December 2, 2012, at the St. Lawrence Social Hall at 1:30 pm. There will be one winner and three runner-ups for each level that will be allowed to move on to the Diocesan Spelling Bee. The Diocesan Spelling Bee is January 13, 2013, at St. Clare Montefalco Parish.

We encourage anyone with any bit of interest to sign up for the spelling bee and come out and compete. The earlier you register, the more time you have to see the word list. Please don't wait! Brother Knights, please encourage your children and grandchildren to sign up.

The sooner you sign up the more time you will have to study the word lists! **Registration is now open!** Please email Joe Lograsso ([lograsso@comcast.net](mailto:lograsso@comcast.net)) to register. Please include the student's name and grade. The appropriate level word list will be emailed back to you along with the rules. You can also email me if you have any questions.

## 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, Hedwiges Ternes, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kwiecien, Al Greb, Jim Wiegand, Meghan Singer, Harold Kaltz, Beverly Bebee, Joey Caretti, Wayne Peterson, Bonnie Attard, Eddie Everheart, Tony and Karen Bozaan, Jerry and Marge Goeddeke, Marge Quaine, Leo Niedzwiecki, Larry Maduri, Jeffrey A. Wright, Ed Morrison, Coralie Cone, Robert Kent, Jim Langeveld, Stan Singer, Reynold Wolf, Beth Bock, Ray Raymold 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..



## CHRISTMAS PARTY

"Dads and Moms," Good Boys and Girls, mark your calendar, The Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 23, 2012 at 2:00 pm. There will be hotdogs, popcorn, pop, entertainment, piñatas, and a visit from Santa Claus with a surprise. Hope to see you there!!! Also, if you can help setup, we need you. It would be appreciated if you could be there by 1:00 pm

Thanks, Warren and Paulette Sawdon and Santa's Elves

P.S. We will also be collecting clean used coats for our Coat Drive. It can be your way of making someone's Christmas a little warmer.

## CAR MAGNETS

Larry Shikoski is selling "Keep Christ In Christmas" car magnets for a \$5.00 donation. Please see him if interested in purchasing one.



## CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST SPONSORED BY ST. LAWRENCE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We are pleased to announce our annual K of C Christmas Poster Contest for children and grandchildren of members in our Council in grades Kindergarten through Third Grade. This is to promote the true spirit of Christmas in our children.

The posters should be a minimum of 11 x 14 inches. They need to be original and display the true spirit of Christmas. Please submit the posters to the St. Lawrence Parish office and make sure your name, grade and phone number are on the back. Posters need to be submitted no later than Wednesday, December 12, 2012. There will be one winner from each grade and the winning posters will be displayed on the Church slideshow before Mass. Winners will also receive a special prize.!

Please bring out your artistic skills and colorful Christmas Spirit!

Please email Joe Lograsso ([lograsso@comcast.net](mailto:lograsso@comcast.net)) for any questions.



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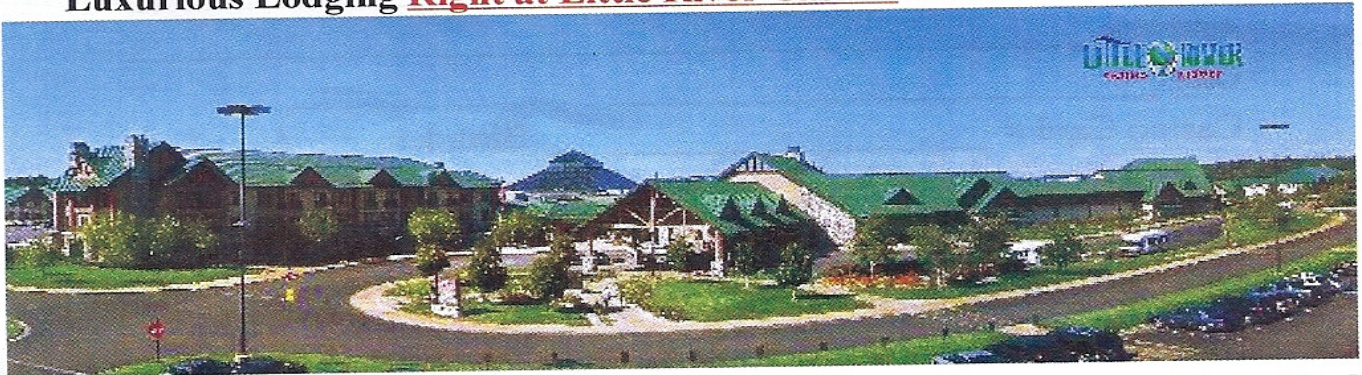
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