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## FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT Vivat Jesus

Dear Brother Knights:

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and are ready for Advent and our upcoming Christmas season.

This past month saw the Council involved with a lot of great events and activities. Starting early in the month, Jason Meyers put on a fantastic Past Grand Knights Ball. The following weekend our Council hosted a major degree. Please welcome and congratulate the following gentlemen: Bob Lenzini, Ian Lucas, Richard Lucas, Steve Noble, Anthony Quagliato and Ted Ross. Also, some of the new Brother and current Brothers ascended to the Third Degree: Bob Lenzini, Ian Lucas, Richard Lucas, Tom Mueller, Steve Noble, Anthony Quagliano, Steve Salter, Dave Swartz, Dave Utykanski, Dan Weingartz and Scott Winkler.

Thanks to everyone for the extra help at the November breakfast and to our Chaplain Fr. Bob Fisher for celebrating our Council's Memorial Mass at our Hall.

In December, we will have two opportunities to work and Manage Texas Holdem'. Those date are December 5-8 and 26-29, 2013.

December activities include annual Council Spelling Bee for the youth on December 15, 2013 and the children's Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest.

On December 20<sup>th</sup> our Council is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive. Please come out starting at 2:00 pm. Another great activity for our members' children and grandchildren is our Annual Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 2:00 pm. The winners to the "Share the Wealth" will also be selected at the Children's Christmas Party. Also, if anyone has new or gently used coats for men, women or children, please consider bringing them to the Hall be December 22<sup>nd</sup> as we annually bring coats to the needy right before Christmas.

The next time you're at the Hall, you will see the Dance Floor has been refinished and looking great. Thanks to Jim Langeveld for coordinating the work!

I want to thank Stanley Kups and Ray Keller for their many years as the Eyes for the Needy Program Director and as Family Life Director. Moving forward, Maurice Van Hevel and Paul cone are the new respective directors., thank you as well.

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 Phil and Denise Kupser. They moved to Abraham Drive in Washington in April 2012 from the west side.

Phil and his wife will have been married for 42 years in May.. They have two daughters. Marcy lives in Shelby Township and Nicole lives in Scottsdale, Arizona. They have two grandchildren - Parker age seven and Landou age five. Both attend St. Lawrence School.

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where they have been an R.I.C.A. sponsor in the past. They have done foster parenting for 14 years.

Denise has worked for a marketing company for 16 years. Phil is retired from Ford and takes care of his elderly mother who lives with the family.

Phil joined Immaculate Conception Council #4413 more than 30 years ago

The family enjoys traveling and gathering with friends. Phil enjoys wood working and Denise enjoys reading and playing cards. They both enjoy spending time with the grand kids.

Congratulations Phil and Denise on being selected Family of the Month by your Brother Knights for the month of December.

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

For the month of December we are honoring Roy Attard who has lived on Shelby Woods Drive in Shelby Township for 28 years with his wife Pietrina. They have been married for 37 years and have two children - Jeffrey and Angela.

The family have been parishioners of St. Lawrence Church for 28 years, ever since moving from St. Anne's in Warren. Both Ray and Tina are Applefest co-chairs of the kitchen with Sandy and Tom Barg. They also host taking 11 parishioners to serve dinner for St. Leo's Soup Kitchen in Detroit twice a month since 2009. Roy is the Secretary of the SLP Finance

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**MEETINGS**

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

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**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR  
DECEMBER**

**December 3, 2013** - Knights Corp Meeting 7:30 pm (This meeting is open to all members). **Attendance of Knights Corp Members is MANDATORY!**

**December 5-8, 2013** - Texas Holdem' at Big Beaver /Tavern; 645 Metropolitan Parkway, Troy

**December 12, 2013** - Our first membership meeting of the month 8:00 pm in the Club Room.

**December 15, 2013** - Council Spelling Bee. See article.

**December 15, 2013** - Children's Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. See article.

**December 20, 2013** - Red Cross Blood Drive at the K of C Hall from 2:00 pm - 7:45 pm. See article for details.

**December 22, 2013** - Children's Christmas Party at 2:00 pm

**December 22, 2013** - "Share The Wealth" Raffle Drawing

**December 22, 2013** - Annual Coat Drive-Bring new or used coats to the hall.

**December 25, 2013 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**December 26-29, 2013** - Texas Holdem' at Big Beaver Tavern; 645 Metropolitan Parkway, Troy

**December 26, 2013** - The second meeting of the month 8:00 pm in the Club Room.

**January 1, 2014 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**January 12, 2014** - Monthly Breakfast at our Hall with profits going to the Seminarian Fund

**January 19, 2014** - Annual Seminarian Benefit Dance at our hall from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm. See article for additional details.

**January 25, 2014** - Dr. Jim Euchre Party - K of C Hall. Cost \$25 per person. Check-in time is 6:00 pm.

Fraternally,

Joe Manuszak - Council Activities Director

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH CONTINUED**

Council, Church Sexton, SVdP member, Men's Fellowship Group, McRest driver and Bible Study facilitator.

He joined St. Isidore Council and later transferred to St. Lawrence Council. He has held the office of Deputy Grand Knight and Inside Guard. He has been Program Director and Pro-Life Chairman.

Roy has been retired since 2007. He worked at United Industrial Engineering for 10 years, Smith Hinchmen and Grylls Architects and Engineers for 10 years, and finally he retired from Chrysler Advanced Engineering Group after 23 years..

Roy joined St. Lawrence Council in 2009 and he joined the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly #478 in 2012. He is currently a director and the secretary of the Councils Building Corporation. He was co-Chair of the hayride in 2011 and the Freedom Rally in 2012.

The family enjoy their summer house on Lake Huron. Roy enjoys building things, gardening, vintage cars, and going to the Eastern Market with his best friend Doug Kuligowski

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

## ST. LAWRENCE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 2950 - SHARE THE WEALTH RAFFLE

It's coming close to the day for the winners of the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Raffle to be selected. This is a "50/50" type of raffle where 1,000 tickets are being sold at \$20 per ticket. There will be three prizes worth a maximum \$6,000, \$3,000 and \$1,000 to the lucky winners, assuming all of the tickets are sold. Prizes will be prorated down based on actual tickets sold.

The winners will be picked on Sunday, December 22, 2013 at 4:00 pm at the St. Lawrence K of C Hall, just in time for Christmas. Winners need not be present to win.

All proceeds go to the St. Lawrence Council Charity Fund.

Please contact Joe Manuszak at (586) 322-1660 for more information or to get your tickets. Don't miss your chance at the "Big Raffle."

Joe Manuszak



### DR. JIM EUCHRE PARTY

Hope to see you on Saturday, January 25, 2014, at the St. Lawrence K of C Hall #2950 which is located at 44425 Utica Road in Utica for an evening of fun and fellowship at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Jim Euchre Party. Dr. Jim, who was a Doctor at William Beaumont Hospital, 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 this Euchre Party go to this fund. Check-in time is 6:00 pm with games starting at 7:00 pm. Door prizes, cash prizes, pizza, beer, wine and pop are included. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Hope to see you there. Please contact Jim Langeveld if you can attend at (586) 739-8119 or (810) 499-9055. Walk-ins are welcome at the door.

Jim Langeveld

## 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, Joey Caretti, Tony Bozaan,, Jeffrey A. Wright, Jim Langeveld, Stan Singer, Reynold Wolf, Jane Van Hevel, Mrs. Fisher, Bob Manuszak, Stan Kups, Jerry Shekoski, Debbie Redding, Linda Judnick, Terry Donovan, Don Sparks, Ann Marie Badke, Ron Wiegand, Faith Mary Livingston, Della Mulka, Steve Seroski 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.

## COLLECTING CLEAN USED COATS

We will be collecting clean used coats for our Coat Drive. It can be your way of making someone's Christmas a little warmer. The last date for collecting coats will be December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Warren Sawdon



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

"Dads and Moms," Good Boys and Girls, mark your calendar. The Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The K of C will be hosting a Blood Drive on Friday, December 20, 2013 at our Hall from 2:00 pm - 7:45 pm.

Laura Utykanski, daughter of Brother Knight David Utykanski is the student coordinator for the Blood Drive. You can reach Lauren if you have any questions or for reservations at the Utykanski's home number which is (586) 997-9922. If you are able to donate, please give her a call.

## K OF C LOGO SHIRTS

Kim Wiegand has a friend who will print St. Lawrence Council shirts with the K of C logo -

White and Blue Polo Shirts - \$25.00

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For additional information regarding the shirts or ordering please call Kim Wiegand at (586) 254-4348 or email him at [kweig@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kweig@sbcglobal.net).

Kim Weigand



## CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

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: Christ! 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 Sunday, December 15, 2013. 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.

Joe Lograsso



## ST. LAWRENCE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPELLING BEE

We are happy to announce the return of the K of C Spelling Bee. 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. In the past, students from St. Lawrence Council have won the Diocesan and State Level Bees!

**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. You can also email me if you have any questions.

The first level of competition is scheduled Sunday, December 15, 2013 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

## SPELLING BEE CONTINUED

Allowed to move on to the Diocesan Spelling Bee. The Diocesan Spelling Bee is January 12, 2014 at St. Clare Montefalco Parish starting at 1:00 pm.

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.

Joe Lograsso

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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

## SAVE THE DATES

January 12, 2014 is the monthly breakfast and all profits will be going to the Seminarian Fund

January 19, 2014 is the Annual Benefit Dance at our Hall from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm. More information to follow.

The Council along with St. Lawrence Parish sent out this fall \$14,500 to the Seminarians. Great job and thanks to all who bought or sold tickets.

Dale Niedzwiecki  
Vocation Chairman

## SEMINARIAN BENEFIT DANCE

Sunday, January 19, 2014

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

\$16.00 per person

Pizza, beer and setups provided

Call Dale at (586) 254-3495 for tickets



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