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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Vivat Jesus

Dear Brother Knights.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. November was an eventful month for our Council. We started off the month with our annual Past Grand Knights Ball. Thank you to Deputy Grand Knight Steve Salter for hosting this event and to everyone who helped to make this event successful.

We held a first degree November 23rd, where we inducted two new members to our Council. Please join me in welcoming our new knights: Dave, Sean, and Gasper. I'd like to also thank our degree team for their good work.

On November 12th, we held our annual Memorial Mass. Thank you to Chaplin, Fr. Roman, for presiding at this Mass. Thanks to Don Heydens for the flowers, John Ternes and Dennis Seefried for cooking, and thanks to everyone who attended, and helped setup and cleanup for this event.

Our second annual chili cook-off was November 28th. Thank you to Francis and Scott for chairing this event, and to everyone who cooked, cleaned, set-up, and attended this fundraiser for the FAR Therapeutic Arts and Recreation.

Our Council is sponsoring many great activities for our members' children and grandchildren this month, beginning with our Spelling Bee on December 6th, the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest (posters due December 9th), and a Family Movie Night on December 11th. Many thanks to Joe Lograsso for championing these activities.

The Children's Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 20th at 2:00 pm. Thank you to Warren and Paulette for chairing this event again this year. This is a great event for our member's children and grandchildren. A magician will be the centerpiece entertainment for this year's party.

We're conducting a coat drive for the needy. Please bring your clean, gently used coats for men, women or children to an upcoming meeting or event. We'll be accepting them right up through the Children's Christmas Party. Thank you to our chairman, John Ternes, who has volunteered to deliver the coats again this year. Please check the calendar for our many upcoming events and activities. Wishing you and yours a Blessed Christmas. May Jesus be the Light of your Christmas celebration! Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Jason Meyers, Grand Knight
(586) 580-1882
jason.meyers@uticakofc.com

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

For the month of December we are honoring Maurice Van Hevel. Maurice has lived on Millis for 61 years.

He and his wife Jane have been married for eight years as of the 27th of October.

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where Maurice has been an usher for 50 years.

Maurice has been employed with Ford Motor Company for 30 years and Jane likes to work in her garden.

Maurice joined St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus 45 years ago. He has held a variety of offices. He has chaired the Past Grand Knights Ball and also chairs Eyes for the Needy.

In their spare time they enjoy attending functions put on by the Knights. They also enjoy taking trips to Lexington and Frankenmuth.

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

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

For the month of December we are honoring Paul and Janet Cone. He and his wife reside on Barbara Road in Macomb. They have lived there for 27 years. They have three children: Michael (25), Amanda (23) and Nicholas (17).

The family belongs to St. Therese of Lisieux Parish.

Paul is a homebuilder and has been in construction for 11 years. His wife, Janet, works at Square Deal Building Supply.

Paul joined the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in 2006. He has held the offices of Outside and Inside Guard and Family Life Director. He has co-chaired the St. Patrick's Party and the Halloween Party.

In their spare time the family enjoys reading, vacations with extended family up north, shopping and cooking.

Congratulations to Paul and Janet for being chosen December Family of the Month by your Brother Knights

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KNIGHT LIFE**

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**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR
DECEMBER THRU APRIL**

December 6, 2015 – First level of the Spelling Bee will take place at the St. Lawrence Cafeteria at 12:30 p

December 7, 2015 – Knights Corp Meeting 7:30 pm. (This meeting is open to all members). **Attendance of Knights Corp members is MANDATORY!**

December 9, 2015 – Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Posters need to be turned in to the Parish Office by noon.

December 10, 2015 – Our first membership meeting of the month At 8:00 pm in the Club Room.

December 11, 2015 – Family Movie Night, Muppet’s Christmas Carol, 6:30 pm in the K of C Hall. Dinner/Snacks, Free Will Offering.

December 16-19, 2015 – Texas Hold'em at Wintergarden Tavern – 46777 Gratiot Ave south of 21 Mile Road. Call or email Don Heydens at (586) 781-0885 or dheydens@gmail.com if you can help. See article for details.

December 20, 2015 – Children’s Christmas Party starting at 2:00 pm at the Hall.

December 20, 2015 – Annual Coat Drive – Bring new or clean, Gently used coats to the hall by this date.

December 25, 2015 – MERRY CHRISTMAS

December 27, 2015 – Blood Drive.

December 31, 2015 – NEW YEARS EVE

January 1, 2016 – NEW YEARS DAY

January 15, 2016 – Family Movie Night, Toy Story, 8:30 pm K of C Hall, Dinner/Snacks, Free will offering.

January 17, 2016 – Leo C. Niedzwiecki Memorial Seminarian Dance at the Knights Banquet Hall from 2 to 7 pm.

February 26, 2016 – Family Movie Night, Mulan, 6:30 pm, K of C Hall, Dinner/Snacks, Free will offering.

April 15, 2016 – Family Movie Night, Up, 6:30 pm K of C Hall, Diner/Snacks, Free will offering.

Fraternally,
Joe Manuszak
Council Activities Director



CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST



We are pleased to announce our annual K of C Christmas Poster Contest for children in grades Kindergarten thru 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 Noon on Wednesday, December 9, 2015. 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) for any questions.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, December 27, 2015
8:30 am – 1:45 pm

Please visit redcrossblood.org

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

Thanks,

Gary Lusk



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TEXAS HOLD'EM

Our next Texas Hold'em will be held on December 16-19, 2015, at the Wintergarden Tavern at 46777 Gratiot Ave. just south of 21 Mile Road. The event will be held from 7:00 pm till 2:00 am on Wednesday and Thursday and from noon till 6:30 pm on Friday and Saturday. If you are available to work any of those times, please contact Don Heydens at (586) 781-0885 or by email at dheydens@gmail.com.

Thanks.

Don Heydens
Chairman

JANUARY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

All newsletter articles need to be submitted **no later than December 18th** due to the Christmas holiday. We need time to put the paper together before the Post Office Bulk Mail Center closes for the holiday.

Thank you.

KnightLife Editor

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Note: If you can help setup, we need you. It would be appreciated if you could be there by 12:30 pm.

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.

Warren and Paulette Sawdon and Santa's Elves

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, Debbie Redding, Terry Donovan, Ann Marie Badke, Sharon Dilloway, Nikki Davies, Teresa Winkler, Ron Wiegand, Barbara Zientek, Tom Brennan, Amy Martin, Sharon Engel, Mike Adams, Emily Adams, Bob Quaine, Renee Jones, Joyce Maylock, Clara Mulka, Anna Bokshan, Michelle Campbell, Jack Peake, Diane Mueller, Madeline Scheff, Marion Lelito and MaryLu DeFauw.

Also please remember in your prayers our deceased members and their families: Stan Kups

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.

VOCATIONS ARE EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS



Dear Member and Family:

Vocations are Everybody's Business.

As we start the 15th year of our Seminarian program, I would like to thank you for the support you've given me in my three years as chairman. From the start of not knowing a whole lot about the program, I quickly discovered how important our Seminarian fund is to so many young men devoting their life to serve God and their fellow man.

I was personally shocked to learn how costly education is to become a priest. Though God doesn't provide cash under their pillow He does provide them with US to help them in a small but appreciative way.

Last year we were able to support 25 Seminarians with \$1,000 each with the monies from the raffle, dance, St. Lawrence Church and the \$100 Club.

I have mailed out raffle tickets and ask that you please try to sell or buy the tickets. Send the money or the unsold tickets back to: Dale Niedzwiecki, 8056 Ogden, Sterling Heights, MI 48314. Make sure and put your name and address on your returns. Checks are to be made out to St. Lawrence K of C.

If you need any more tickets, or if you have questions on how to join the \$100 Club please give me a call at (586) 254-3495.

Also, check out the St. Lawrence K of C website for more.

Thank you,

Dale Niedzwiecki
Vocations Chairman

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE KNIGHTLIFE EDITOR

From our family to yours may you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of His love at Christmas and always.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Your KnightLife Editor

Larry and Linda Nardecchia



Friday, December 11, 2015
Featuring
Muppet's Christmas Carol



The St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce "Muppet's Christmas Carol" as the next movie that will be shown at the K of C Hall, in conjunction with the national K of C focus on Building the Domestic Church! Each movie contains a family theme that is pertinent in today's culture.

Doors open at 6:30 pm. There is no cost to this although free will offerings will be accepted. This showing includes a free dinner and chips and snacks, fun activities and of course the movie.

Please make reservations no later than December 9, 2015 by emailing Joe Lograsso at lograsso@comcast.net and providing how many spots you will need.

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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 1 is 4th through 6th grades** and **Level 11 is 7th through 9th grades.** In the past, students from St. Lawrence Parish have won the Diocesan and State Level Bees

Registration is now open! Please email Joe Lograsso (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 6, 2015** at the St. Lawrence Cafeteria at 12:30 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 on January 10, 2016.

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

\$100 CLUB

Hope this note finds you and your family well. On behalf of the Seminarian Fund at the St. Lawrence Council, I wanted to make you aware of a new aspect of the program that was started four years ago. It is called the "One Hundred Dollar Club." Joining the Club is quite easy. Just donate \$100 and you're in. Our council, along with the St. Lawrence Parish and generous people like you, are able to support an average of 25 young men at \$1000 each annually to help with their financial needs. The last three years of chairmanship of the Vocations program has opened my eyes to the difficulties faced as a Seminarian, both mentally and financially. All Club members will once again be recognized at our annual dance January 17, 2016. As a token of appreciation, all Club members will receive two free tickets to the dance.

Please be part of it, it is VERY rewarding.

Thank you,

Dale Niedzwiecki
K of C Vocations Chairman

Please respond on or before January 1, 2016

Send to: \$100 Club
8056 Odgen
Sterling Heights, MI 48314

Name _____

Or In Memory _____

of _____

Any questions call (586) 254-3495



EUCHRE PARTY

Hope to see you on Saturday, January 30, 2016, 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 10th Annual Dr. Jim Euchre Party. Dr. Jim was a Doctor at William Beaumont Hospital and 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 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. Since inception over \$200,000 has been donated. One hundred percent of the proceeds from this Euchre Party go to this fund. Check-in time is 6:00 pm. The games start at 7:00 pm. There will be door prizes, cash prizes, pizza, beer, wine and pop included. The 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



**Knights of Columbus
St. Lawrence – Council 2950**

European Pheasant Hunt



When: Sunday, April 3rd, 2016

Where: Rooster Ranch
7480 Germania Rd.
Ubyly, MI 48475
989-658-2332

Website: huntrr.com

Cost: \$260.00 per person

***** All proceeds go to the K of C charities *****

Agenda for the Day: 8 am to 4 pm

- 8 am – Meet at the clubhouse for a country breakfast
- 8:15 am – Clay target warm-up shoot
- 9 am – European Hunt Begins
- 1 pm – A super lunch is served (BBQ Beef rounds with all the trimmings)
- 2 pm – Walk up Hunt

OPTIONAL:

- (2) Cabins available @ 30.00 per person (available for Saturday afternoon)
- New this year: Worble Clay Shoot
CALL FOR DETAILS

All birds are cleaned, bagged, and distributed evenly per hunter

Come out and enjoy a day of hunting in the great outdoors! There will be food, 50-50, and of course, Pheasants. To reserve your spot a \$60.00 deposit (**check only**) payable to Kim Wiegand. Balance to be paid in full by March 18, 2016, or a credit card can be used for a one-time payment of \$260.00. ***All credit card payments are processed through Rooster Ranch, please contact them with your card information.** Since there is limited space, first come first serve applies. **Please mail your deposit to: Kim Wiegand, 8606 Messmore, Utica, MI 48317, contact # (586-747-9613).** A valid small game license, hunter orange and safety glasses required.

Cut the bottom half of this flyer off and hand it in with your \$60.00 deposit

Name: _____ Email _____ Phone #: (____) _____ - _____

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Registration: Utica K of C Annual Wintertime Casino trip Feb 7-8, 2016

- (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**.
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JoAnne Wiegand, 5024 Wiegand Lane, Almont, MI 48003
(phone 810 798-0070)

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