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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Vivat Jesus

Dear Brother Knights:

The month of January was very eventful. Our council held another Texas Hold'em fundraiser at the Hamlin Pub on January 11th – 14th. Thank you to our chairman, Don Heydens, for his dedication to this important fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who helped work a shift, or more.

We hosted a major Degree ceremony on Saturday, January 10th, where the following gentlemen were initiated into the second and third degree Justin Kuligowski, Francis Elwrt, Sal Simone, Jim Adams, Chuck Pollum, and George Smedley. Justin Kuligowski also received his first degree. Please join me in congratulating our other brother Knights for this achievement. A representative from Supreme gave our degree team a nice commendation for this work; so, congratulations to you all. Thank you to everyone who attended in support of our candidates and to everyone who contributed to making this event a success.

Our degree team is conducting another first degree at St. Kiera's on Thursday, February 19th. If anyone else is interested in advancing to the third degree, there is a major degree in Clinton Township on February 21st. Please contact me if you are interested.

Thanks to everyone who set-up, cooked, cleaned, and attended our January breakfast in support of the vocations scholarship fund. Our next breakfast is Sunday, February 15th.

Special thanks to Dale Niedzwiecki and family for hosting the Seminarian's Dance this past month. This was a great tribute to the memory of Dale's father, Leo Niedzwiecki, and his many years of service in support of vocations. Thank you to all the Knights and Ladies who supported this event.

Friday, January 23rd was our second family movie night. Thanks to Joe Lograsso for hosting this fun, faith-filled family activity, and thanks to everyone who worked to make it a success. The next scheduled family movie night,

Featuring "The Incredibles," is on Friday, February 27th.

I'd like to encourage our Council to support the State K of C raffle, which will be drawn on April 11, 2015. Everyone should have received tickets. Please consider buying two and selling two.

Tickets for the St. Pat's Party are on sale now for only \$35 per person. We're also selling Big Screen TV raffle tickets, which will be drawn at this year's party. Please contact our chairman, Joe Lograsso, for tickets and table reservations.

Lastly, please mark your calendars for our Palm Sunday MI Tootsie Roll Drive: Friday – Sunday, March 27 – 29. We could use everyone's help to make this year's drive a success.

Please consult our calendar for more events and activities. As we begin Lent this month, I wish you and your families a blessed season. Please pray for the Pope's prayer intentions for February:

- **Prisoners:** That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.
- **Separated spouses:** That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

Fraternally,

Jason Meyers
Grand Knight
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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

For the month of February we are honoring Robert Quaine. Bob has lived on Janis in Utica for 48 years.

He belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where he is an Usher.

Bob has been employed by Shelby Township for 30 years.

He joined the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in 2003. He has held the office of Membership Chairman.

In his spare time Bob enjoys attending car shows.

Congratulations Bob on being chosen Knight of the Month for February by your Brother Knights.

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNCIL
KNIGHT LIFE**

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**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR
FEBRUARY AND MARCH**

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

February 12, 2015 – First meeting of the month in our Club Room at 8:00 pm *We will also be nominating delegates to this year's State convention at Mackinaw Island.*

February 15, 2015 – Sunday Breakfast from 8:30 am – 12 Noon At the K of C Hall. Please join us.

February 19, 2015 – First degree at St. Kieran's. Contact Jason Meyers if interested.

February 21, 2015 – Major Degree in Clinton Township for Anyone interested in advancing to the third degree. Contact Jason Meyers if interested.

February 22-23, 2015 – Casino Bus Trip. (Please contact JoAnne Wiegand at 810-798-0080 to make your reservations.

February 26, 2015 – Officer's Meeting, everyone welcome at 8:00 pm in the Club Room. Open House-Business Networking, 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm.

February 27, 2015 – Family Movie Night. Showing the movie The Incredibles. See article for details

March 14, 2015 – St. Patrick's Day Party

March 27 – 29, 2015 – MI Tootsie Roll Drive (Palm Sunday Weekend)

Fraternally,
Joe Manuszak
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 February a Happy Birthday or a Happy Anniversary.



SEMINARIAN REPORT

"Thank You" to all who came to and or sponsored our annual Seminarian Dance and Raffle. Along with you and our GENEROUS Members of the "100" Club we were able to once again raise a substantial amount of money. The Seminarians are very grateful for the support that they receive. They seem to receive the checks when books need to be purchased which is a great help. In addition to the monies raised by the dance, raffle and the Club there was another \$1,425 in memorials of my father, Leo C. Niedzwiecki, who passed away this last October. The grand total raised came to \$9,511. We will be sending the Seminarians checks this Spring and then again in the Fall. We were recently informed that in the April 2015 issue of the "Columbian" (a Knights of Columbus Magazine) the St. Lawrence K of C Council #2950 will be recognized for being #1 in the country for raising funds for the Seminarians.

The 2014/2015 Weekly \$199 Raffle Winners were:

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Mahoney	Lou Jozefiak
Mary Posne	Dale Niedzwiecki*
Phil Kupser*	Paul Doxen
Ed Oliver	Jim and Lou Bokshan
Dustin Niedzwiecki*	Joseph Schudt

The \$500 winner was: Roger Juniak

* Donated their raffle prize back

The \$100 Club Members are:

David Mack	Greg Rusk
Tom & Sandy Barg	Eugene Puwalowski
Larry & Colleen Murazewski	Clem & Doris Kraemer
Tom & Carol Diel	Jim Ososkie
Joe & Laura Lograsso	Kim & Theresa Wiegand
Jim & Lou Bokshan	Tony Donadio
The Kaiser Family	Sal Simone
Dan Weingartz	Ray Lope
Raymond Weingartz	Tim Murphy
Ken Zapcznski	Tony Crimando
Dustin Niedzwiecki	Mary & Jim Sharp
Allan & Diane Mulka	Amanda & Chris Boyer
Phil & Denise Kupser	

David Witulski in Memory of Stanley and Stella Witulski
Messina Family in Memory of Steve Messina
In Memory of Sir Knight Emmanuel J. Mallia
Dennis & Suzanne Mahoney in Memory of James & Marie Milgie
In Memory of Victor Utykanski
In Memory of Dorothy Fortin
In Memory of Stephen M. Gardocki
In Memory of Richard S. Kania, Father of Susan Scheer
In Memory of Matilda Hoste
Richard Duncan in Memory of Barbara Duncan
Dale & Karen Niedzwiecki in Memory of Edna & Leo Niedzwiecki

Thank You,
Dale Niedzwiecki
Vocation Chairman

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

For the month of February we are honoring Phil Kupser and his wife Denise. They live on Abraham Drive in Washington Township. They moved there three years ago from the west side. They have been married for 43 years. They have two daughters. Their daughter Nicole lives in Arizona and their daughter Marcy and her family live in Shelby Township. They have three grandchildren: Parker who is eight years old, Landon who is six years old and Morgan who is five months old.

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish. Their grandchildren attend St. St. Lawrence School. Marcy works on the Gala decorating committee with assistance from Phil using his building skills.

Phil has been retired from his job since 2002 and Denise is still employed.

Phil joined the Knights of Columbus in Garden City 33 years ago and eventually transferred to St. Lawrence. Although he has never held an office with the K of C he has always been willing to help. He is presently working as Hall Manager along with his wife Denise.

The family enjoys outdoor camping, campfires with their grandsons and family gatherings. They also travel to Arizona each year. Presently they are taking care of their elderly mother so traveling is on "hold" for now.

Congratulations Phil and Denise on being chosen Family of the month for February by your Brother Knights.

St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Monthly Breakfast



Sunday, February 15, 2015

Serving 8:30 am to 12 Noon
At the K of C Hall
44425 Utica Road; Utica, MI

Serving:
Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage,
Hash Browns, Biscuits and Gravy and Donuts

\$6.00 Adults
\$3.00 Children 6 to 12
5 and under FREE

K OF C FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, February 27, 2015

Featuring



The St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce "The Incredibles" 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. The showing includes a free dinner (consistent with Lent) and chips and snacks, fun activities and of course the movie. Please make reservations no later than February 25, 2015 by emailing Joe Lograsso at lograsso@comcast.net and providing how many spots you will need.

Joe Lograsso

ST. PATTY'S DAY PARTY AND FUNDRAISER



Saturday, March 14, 2015

6:30 pm til Midnight

Doors Open with Cocktails at 6:30 pm

Irish Dinner at 7:30 pm

Free Refreshments All Night

Pizza after 11 pm

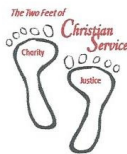
At the St. Lawrence K of C Hall

Music by Mainstream Drive

Dinner-Drinks-Desserts-Music
Raffle Prizes-Door Prizes-50/50

Tickets are now on Sale
Contact Joe Lograsso at (586) 566-8940

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Family Service Opportunity Gleaner's (Warren, MI)

Saturday, March 14, 2015 – 9:00 am – 1:30 am

The St. Lawrence Christian Service Ministry with the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce the next Family Service opportunity at the Gleaner's Food Bank in Warren, MI. 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.

Date: March 14, 2015

Shift: 9:00 – 11:30 am

Location: 24162 Mound Road, Warren, MI 48091

(Note: Their address is not visible from the road, so look for the Salvation Army building at 24140 Mound Road – they are directly behind their building).

30 Spots are available

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, 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 make it successful.

For more information and to register, please contact Joe Lograsso at (586) 566-8940 or email at lograsso@comcast.net.

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, Megan Singer, Beverly Bebee, Mark Schneider, Jim Langeveld, Stan Singer, Stan Kups, Jerry Shekoski, Debbie Redding, Terry Donovan, Ann Marie Badke, Jim Wiegand, Linda Nardecchia, Mary Pascieczny, Cal Posner, Jr, Dianna Manning, Martha Garjack, Gumble Family, Leo Backus, John Lorocca, Teresa Winkler, Larry Shekoski 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.



Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive

St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus

February 2015

Monthly Theme: Because love is filled with hope when it is communicated, our Family wants to promote the life-giving spirit of our families.

Reflection: Whoever is moved by love begins to Perceive what “life” really is. He begins to perceive the meaning of the word of hope that we encountered in the Baptismal Rite: from faith I await “eternal life” – the true life which, whole and unthreatened, in all its fullness, is simply life. Jesus, who said that he had come so that we might have life and have it in its fullness, in abundance, has also explained to us what “life” means: “this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent” (John 17:3). Life in its true sense is not something we have exclusively in or from ourselves: it is a relationship. And life in its totality is a relationship with him who is the source of life. If we are in relation with him who does not die, who is Life itself and Love itself, then we are in life. Then we “live.”

Pope Benedict XVI
Spe Salvi §7

1. How would our family life be different if we did not love at all?
2. In what areas has the faith and God’s love Shown me how to love?
2. Why is living in relationship with God so Important to really “living”?

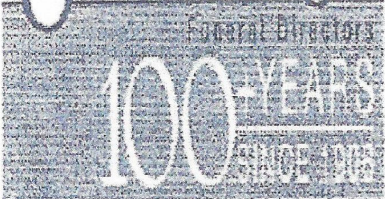
Family Projects: To celebrate the life-giving spirit of your family, prepare a slideshow to enjoy with your family that illustrates the ways your family is fruitful. In the slideshow, include pictures of:

- Parents’ courtship and engagement
- Parents’ wedding celebration
- Birth of each child
- Sacramental celebrations of each child
- Friends, service projects, fun times
- Vacations in the family

Magnificent

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
My spirit rejoices in God my Savior
For he has looked with favor on his lowly
Servant,
From this day all generations will call me
Blessed:
The Almighty has done great things for me,
And holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
In every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their
Thrones,
And has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
And the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
For he remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers,
To Abraham and his children forever.

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