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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Vivat Jesus

Dear Brother Knights.

The month of January was an eventful one for St. Lawrence Council. We hosted a Major Degree ceremony on Saturday, January 23rd, where the following gentlemen were initiated into the second and third degree: Scott Morgan, John Gascowski, Brandon Laprise, and Joe Donato. Please join me in congratulating our brother Knights for this achievement. Thank you to everyone who attended in support of our candidates and to everyone who contributed to making this event a success, especially our Brisket Bunch and the Degree team.

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 21st. Special thanks to Dale Niedzwiecki and family for hosting the Seminarian's Dance this past month. Thank you to all the Knights and Ladies who supported this event.

We hosted another family movie night on Friday, January 15th. Thanks to everyone who worked to make this event a success. The next scheduled family movie night, featuring "Mulan" is on Friday, February 26th.

On the 31st of January, our Council held a corporate communion to celebrate the presence of the Icon of the Holy Family at St. Lawrence Church. Thank you to everyone who participated and especially the color corps.

I'd like to encourage our Council to support the State K of C raffle this year. Everyone should have received tickets; please consider buying two and selling two.

Our annual St. Patrick's Party is on Saturday, March 12th. Please contact our chairman, Joe Lograsso, for tickets and table reservations.

Lastly, please mark your calendars for our Palm Sunday Tootsie Roll Drive for people with intellectual disabilities: Friday – Sunday, March 18th-20th. We need everyone's help to make this year's drive

a success. Please consult our calendar for more events and activities.

As we begin Lent, I wish you and your families another blessed season. As a means to grow together in faith, please consider participating in the Family Faith Challenge (see article for further details). Please pray for our Holy Father's prayer intentions for February.

- **Universal Care for Creation:** That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.
- **Evangelization: - Asia:** That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

Fraternally,

Jason Meyers, Grand Knight
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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

For the month of February we are honoring Fr. Steven Mateja. Fr. Steve was ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ on May 26, 2012, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit. The first parish that he worked at was Our Lady of Good Counsel from 2012 until 2015. In July of 2015 he was assigned to St. Lawrence Church.

He joined the Knights of Columbus in 2004 at All Saints Council in Taylor.

Fr. Steve **Loves** sports. He says that he loves to watch U of M (Go Blue), the Lions and the Tigers. Most of his time is consumed with prayers, reading and serving the people of God which is the greatest of all gifts.

Congratulations Fr. Steve 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 THRU JUNE**

February 3, 2016 – Knights Corp Meeting 7:30 pm. (This meeting is open to all members). **Attendance of Knights Corp members is MANDATORY!**

February 11, 2016 – Our first membership meeting of the month at 8:00 pm in the Club Room.

February 14 – 15, 2016 – Casino Bus Trip. Please see flyer for details.

February 19, 2016 – Basketball Free Throw Competition.

February 21, 2016 - Monthly breakfast for our Council from 8:30 am – Noon. Please come out and support the council.

February 25, 2016 – Officer’s meeting, everyone welcome at 8:00 pm in the Club Room.

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

March 6, 2016 – Monthly breakfast for our Council from 8:30 am – Noon. Please come out and support the council

March 12, 2016 – St. Patrick’s Day Party. See article for details.

March 18 – 20, 2016 – MI Tootsie Roll Drive Palm Sunday Weekend.

April 3, 2016 – Monthly breakfast for our council from 8:30am – Noon. Please come out and support the council.

April 6, 7, 8, and 9, 2016 – Texas Hold'em.

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

May 8, 2016 – Monthly breakfast for our Council from 8:30 am – Noon. Take all those special Moms out to breakfast at the Council.

May 14, 2016 – Recycling Drive for used computer equipment.

June 19, 2016 – Monthly breakfast at our council from 8:30 am – Noon. This is a great opportunity to take Dad out to breakfast for Father’s Day.

Faternally,

Joe Manuszak
Council Activities Director



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "BENEFITS NEWS"

APRIL 15 – TAX DAY – Is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax savings vehicle. A secondary approach is to tout the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? **How does a retirement income that you cannot outlive – guaranteed – sound to you?**


Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee – along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember – **absolute safety of principal**), really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you – at your convenience and in your home – to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance and long term care insurance plans.

As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about one thing you can do to help yourself – opening a Knights of Columbus annuity. It's reasonably priced (\$300 to start), guaranteed, and controlled by someone you trust – you!


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MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, February 26, 2015

Featuring

Mulan



The St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce "Mulan" 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, chips, snacks, fun activities and of course the movie. **Please make reservations no later than February 24, 2016 by emailing Joe Lograsso at lograsso@comcast.net and providing how many spots you will need.**

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Joe Lograsso



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.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

For the month of February we are honoring Dale and Karen Niedzwiecki. They have been married for 33 years and have lived on Ogden in Sterling Heights for 29 years. Their children are: Amanda and Chris Boyer, Steven and Nicole, Dustin, Amy and Rebecca. Their grandchildren are: Ben who is seven years old, Caleb, who is five, Olivia who is four, Landon who is two and one due in June.

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

Dale is employed with Messina Trucking and has worked there for 33 years.

He joined the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in 1979 and he has held the offices of District Warden, Deputy Grand Knight, Vocation Chairman, Secretary on the Building Corporation, Lector, Warden, Guard and Picnic Grounds Manager. Chairmanships held include the Hayride, St. Pat's Party and the Seminarian Dance.

In their spare time they enjoy going fishing, hunting, going to their cottage and hanging out together.

Congratulations Dale and Karen for being chosen February Family of the Month by your Brother Knights



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Saturday, March 12, 2016
6:30 pm – 12:00 am

At the Knights Banquet Hall

Music by Mainstream Drive

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

Cocktails at 6:30 pm
Open Bar All Night
Dinner at 7:30 pm

Dinner includes Corned Beef and Cabbage, Irish Stew and all the fixings

Cost - \$35.00 per Person

ST. LAWRENCE K OF C VOCATION UPDATE

"Thank You" to everyone who attended the "Leo C. Niedzwiecki Memorial Seminarian Benefit Dance" and who supported the raffle. A great time was had by all! A profit of \$8,000 was realized from the dance, raffles and \$100 Club Members.

A special **thanks** goes to Weingartz and Utica Antiques Market for sponsoring the raffle and another **Thank You** to Fr. Steve and the many Seminarians who attended the dance.

The following are the \$100 Club Members . **Thank You Once Again!!!**

Ray and Marie Weingartz; Tim Murphy; Kim and Theresa Wiegand; Dustin Niedzwiecki; Clem and Doris Kraemer; Dave Utykanski; Benjamin and Teresa Harrison; Jim Ososkie; Bernie and Ann Pelc; Richard Grobel; Darrel and Sharon Niedzwiecki; Salvatore B. Simone; Jim and Lou Bokshan; Ken and Karen Zapczynski; Tom and Sandy Barg; Richard and Veronica Wancour; Allan and Diane Mulka; Dan and Kris Weingartz; Amanda and Chris Boyer; Dick Duncan; Colleen and Larry Muraszewski; Mary and Jim Sharp; Rebecca Niedzwiecki; State Rep. Ken Goike; Steven and Nicole Niedzwiecki; Amy Niedzwiecki;

In Memory of:

Dennis McGivinnity by Ray and Meg Lope

Fr. John E. Nader by Joe and Laura Lograsso

Janet Richey by Joseph 'Donato

Leonard P. Wygocki by Alex Wygocki

Stanley and Stella Witulski by the Witulski Family

Sienkowski and Martin Parents by Leonard and Connie Sienkowski

Anthony Coluzzi by Alexander Coluzzi

Dorothy Fortin by Thomas Fortin

Rose Marie Wagner by Harlan Wagner

Karen and Dale's Parents by Dale and Karen Niedzwiecki

Edwin and Betty Jarocha by the Kaiser's

Anthony Randazzo by Grace and Robert Meldrum

Barbara Duncan by Dick Duncan

The winners from the Raffle Were:

1 st place	Snow blower	"The Caruso Family"
2 nd place	\$200	Bill Shultz
3 rd place	\$100	Ken Stanczak

Sincerely,

Dale Niedzwiecki
Vocations Chairman

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
Mary Anne Campbell
Nikki Davies
Teresa Winkler
Ron Wiegand
Eva Wiegand
Tom Brennan
Fr. Tom Sutherland
Paul Cone
Mike Adams
Barbara Zientek
Mike Hoste
Renee Jones
Joyce Maylock
Don Heydens Jr.
Jane Van Hevel
Jack Peake
Dianna Manning
Madeline Scheff
Marion Lelito
Jeff Lonskey
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.



FAMILY FAITH CHALLENGE



February 8 to May 13, 2015

I am about to introduce to you the most creative way to grow closer to God and your family! This activity is known as the Family Faith Challenge.

The Family Faith Challenge consists of forty different Catholic activities. Your goal is to complete as many challenges as you can in the given time frame. Every five challenges you complete will earn you a raffle ticket. That raffle ticket will be placed into a drawing. You can win as many as eight raffle tickets.

You may ask yourself, why would I want to do the Family Faith Challenge anyway? Well, for starters it's an excellent way to enrich your faith with God. Also, it's a great way to draw closer to your family. Best of all, we won't take a single penny out of your pocket! Therefore, you get to enrich your faith and win prizes with no fee! Yes there are prizes included in the raffle. You could win up to a \$200 gift card, as well as a \$150, \$100, \$50 or \$25 gift card. Plus, however much money you win, an equal amount will be donated to the Vocations Scholarship fund, in your name. Lastly, you have from February 8th until May 13, 2016, to complete your challenges and return your log sheet to your teachers or the Knights of Columbus Hall or contact me.

You can find all the details and your log sheet at <http://uticakofc.com/familyfaith>. Remember, the more challenges you complete the more raffle tickets you can earn which leaves you with a better chance of winning. Also, the prizes will be given away on Sunday, May 15, 2016 (Pentecost Sunday). The Family Faith Challenge is a great opportunity to try something new and spend more time with your family. If you have any questions please contact Angelina Donato at joe@donatolandscape.com

Thank you and May God bless!

Angelina Donato





**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: huntr.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 #: (____) _____ - _____

Number of People: _____ Payment: Check # _____



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A Fund Raiser for the Utica K of C - MI Drive

* Packages based on the current offering - they are controlled by the casinos themselves and are subject to change at any time without notice.

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**.
- (3) You should receive a confirmation/reminder postcard 1-2 weeks before the departure date.

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Special Bus or Hotel needs for (name) _____

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