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# FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT Vivat Jesus

Dear Brother Knights.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday and I wish you and yours all the best for the New Year. Thank you to everyone who supported our many events and activities this past year – you should be rightly proud of your efforts and their results – especially our contributions to charity.

December was another eventful month for our Council. We held another Texas Hold'em Fundraiser December 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone who worked a shift, or two, or more. Once again, our Council sponsored the children's spelling bee and "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Special thanks to Joe Lograsso for championing these activities and thanks to everyone involved in helping and judging.

Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> was our family movie night. Thanks again to Joe Lograsso for hosting this fun, faith filled family activity and thanks to everyone who worked to make it successful. Please consult the calendar for future movie nights.

I would like to thank Warren and Paulette Sawdon for once again hosting the Children's Christmas party. Thank you to Santa Clause and everyone who setup, cooked, and cleaned for this event. Thanks to everyone who donated to our coat drive and especially to John Ternes for collecting and delivering the coats.

Many thanks to Don and Barb Heydens, Paul and Lisa Burmeister, George and Debbie Wiegand, John and Shirley Ternes, and Norm and Wanda Grifka for shopping for our sponsored families this Christmas. Thanks to everyone for helping bring a little Christmas joy to families in need.

Thank you to Gary Lusk for chairing our blood drive on December 27<sup>th</sup> and thanks to everyone who contributed.

Thank you to Dale and Karen Niedzwiecki for chairing the upcoming Seminarians' Benefit dance on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Please give them your support by selling raffle tickets and buying tickets for the dance.

Our council will host a Major Degree on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> with the first degree exemplification beginning at 9:00 am in our hall. This is an excellent opportunity for any first degree member who would like to receive the full honors of membership. Please RSVP to me by January 21, 2016.

#### Upcoming events of note:

Sunday, January 17 – Seminarian Benefit Dance at our Hall from 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

Sunday, January 24 – Seminarian Benefit Breakfast from 8:30 am until noon.

Sunday-Monday, February 14-15 – Mid-Winter Casino Trip Saturday, March 12 – St. Patrick's Day Party

Friday-Sunday, March 18- 20 – MI Tootsie Roll Drive (Palm Sunday)

Please consult our calendar for more events and activities. I wish you and your families a joyous winter season. Please take some time to pray for our Holy Father's Intentions this month:

#### Universal: Interreligious Dialogue

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

#### **Evangelinzation: Christian Unity**

That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

Fraternally,

Jason Meyers, Grand Knight (586) 580-1882

jason.meyers@uticakofc.com

#### KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

For the month of January we are honoring Jim Bokshan and his wife Lou. They live on Blueridge Drive in Shelby Township. They have been married for 26 years this last November. They have three children – Amanda (22), and the twins Anthony and Alexis who are 17.

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish. They are involved with McCrest, Applefest, and miscellaneous church, school and K of C projects The children were altar servers.

Jim is a self-employed health insurance agent and Lou is a homemaker.

Jim joined St. Lawrence K of C in 2007. He is the current Membership Chairman.

The family enjoys spending time on vacations up north in the summer. They enjoy Florida in the winter. They enjoy playing cards, volunteering and having pool parties in the summer.

Congratulations Jim on being chosen Knight of the month for January by your Brother Knights.

## ST. LAWRENCE COUNCIL KNIGHT LIFE

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## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY THRU APRIL

January 1, 2016 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

**January 4, 2016** – Knights Corp Meeting 7:30 pm. (This meeting is open to all members). **Attendance of Knights Corp members is MANDATORY!** 

**January 14, 2016** – Our first membership meeting of the month at 8:00 pm on the Club Room.

January 15, 2016 – Family Movie Night, Toy Story, 6:30 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.

**January 23, 2016 –** Our Council will host a Major Degree with the First degree exemplification beginning at 9:00 am in our hall.

**January 24, 2016 –** Semenarian Benefit Breakfast from 8:30 am Until noon. Please support this benefit breakfast.

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

March 12, 2016 - St. Patrick's Day Party

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

**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

#### **FAMILY OF THE MONTH**

For the month of January we are honoring Warren and Paulette Sawdon. They have been married for 39 wonderful years and have lived in Chesterfield Township for 26 years. They have three daughters and son-in-laws: Kelly and Chris, Kristy and Stephan and Katy and Eric. They have seven grandchildren; four boys and three girls. Kelly has Alyssa (8 yrs old) and Benjamin (6 yrs old). Kristy has twins, Hayden and Savannah (4 ½ yrs old) and Elliott. Katy's children are Nolan (3 ½ yrs. old) and Hazel (1 yr. old).

The family belongs to St. Mary's Queen of Creation in New Baltimore.

Warren is employed at Ka-Wood Gear and has worked there for five months as an EDM machinist. Paulette is a home maker.

.Warren enjoys working on the computer, watching TV and cooking while Paulette enjoys quilting, sewing, knitting and crafts. She is a former Religious Education teacher. Their children are married, working and busy raising their families.

Warren joined the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in 1980. He has held the offices of Recorder, Grand Knight, Vegas Cochair and Bingo chairman. He belongs to the St. John Neumann 4th Degree where he has held the offices of Scribe, Captain and Faithful Navigator. He is currently the Knights Corporation Treasurer, Co-chairman of the Children's Christmas Party with his wife Paulette, Chairman of the Holy Cross's Services Calendar Raffle and a member of the Brisket Bunch.

In their spare time they enjoy going camping, playing with their grandchildren and their two little dogs. They also enjoy working K of C functions.

Congratulations to Warren and Paulette for being chosen January Family of the Month by your Brother Knights



#### Brother Knights:

I write to you today to share some wonderful news. On November 3, your Knights of Columbus surpassed \$100 billion of life insurance in force, further cementing our position as one of the largest life insurers in North America.

It is a tremendous achievement, and one that we should all celebrate – let me tell you why.

It's not about the number. It's not that \$100 Billion isn't impressive – it is. It's not that it doesn't matter – it does. But it's about the purpose and the potential of those dollars, not the dollars in and of themselves.

It's \$100 billion of protection for brother Knights and their families. It's \$100 billion of real money, waiting to be paid out, to keep the hopes and dreams of Catholic families alive when a breadwinner suddenly dies. It's a \$100 billion promise that our members have entrusted to us.

I smile when I see that number. I smile, not because I like big numbers. It's not the number that impresses me. But the Supreme Council office tells me that on an average night that 74 brother Knights passed away, 74 of them. And yet only 30 have insurance with the Knights of Columbus. There are 44 widows somewhere out there to whom we have nothing to give. To be sure we have prayers, and dinners, and fundraisers. But we don't have enough. We don't have enough to send the children to school. We don't have enough to make a terrible time easier.

That \$100 billion number makes me smile because I know that bringing that number up, means bringing the number of unprotected widows down. I know that sometime in the not too distant future, 100 will become 150, and 150 will become 200, and subsequently the number of brother Knights left uninsured at the time of their death will decrease, the number of widows and orphans provided for will increase, and Catholic families will flourish, despite the odds, because of the diligent planning of a brother Knight – just as Father McGivney would have wanted.

What a tremendous number. What a point of pride for you and for me.

For those of you that have given the Knights of Columbus the privilege of helping to protect your family's financial future: thank you for your trust.

For those of you that haven't yet: there has never been a better time to turn to your Knights of Columbus. We are here to protect you, just as Father McGivney intended us to be. That is a claim that no other company can ever make. We are the premier Catholic insurance company, and we are yours.

\*Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense

Ask about our <u>GUARANTEED</u> LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES, LONG-TERM CARE & DISABILITY INSURANCE



#### **Knights of Columbus BENEFIT'S NEWS"**

#### Insurance Check-Up for 2016

Can you believe it will soon be 2016? I hope that 2015 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. It's said that time flies, and the older we get, the more that statement seems true. As we review the past year and prepare to welcome a new one, we wonder where the time goes.

If you're like most peple, you've made some resolutions for 2016. If I may, I'd like to make two suggestions regarding your resolutions.

First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. Writing a resolution down is the first step towards achieving it. Whether your goal is to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "Insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because, unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – **guarantee.** As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's (as they say in the credit card commercials) priceless.

Receive a complete <u>Family Needs Analysis</u> at my expense!

Ask about our <u>GUARANTEED</u> LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES,
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#### **Career Opportunity**

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. They offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more ilnformation, please contact, Don M. Wesley FICF, General Agent, at (888) 393-7539, or don.wesley@kofc.org

#### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**



Joe Lograsso and his Wife Laura Knight of the Year



Dan and Kris Weingartz and their children Family of the Year



#### **VOCATIONS ARE EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS**



Dear Member and Family:

Seminarian Update

Thank you to all who have purchased their raffle tickets, If you have not sent them in please do ASAP as the drawing will be January 17, 2016.

The Council sent out 34 checks to the Seminarians at \$500 each and the Seminarians were very appreciative.

Please also save the date for the Dance on January 17, 2016 at the Council Hall. Many of the Seminarians will be at the dance.

Thank you,

Happy New Year Dale Niedzwiecki Vocations Chairman

#### **SEMINARIAN DANCE**



January 17, 2016 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

\$16.00 per person which includes pizza and drinks
For more information call Dale Niedzweicki at (586) 254-7495 or
email knedz61@hotmail.com

#### **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 Corlie Cone, Nikki Davies, Teresa Winkler, Ron Wiegand, Eva Wiegand, Tom Brennan, Amy Martin, Paul Cone, Mike Adams, Emily Adams, Bob Quaine, Renee Jones, Joyce Maylock, Don Heydens Jr., 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: Frank Stanley Filipecki, Jr.

If you know of anyone who should be on the list please call us at (586) 078-0579 or email us at: <a href="mailto:lanardecchia@prodigy.net">lanardecchia@prodigy.net</a>. Any names that are underlined will come off the list next month unless we hear from you.

#### **MOVIE NIGHT**

Friday, January 15, 2016 Featuring Toy Story



The St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce "Toy Story" 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 January 13, 2016 by emailing Joe Lograsso at lograsso@comcast.net and providing how many spots you will need.

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#### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

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

#### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Once again our children's Christmas party was well attended by kids, parents and grandparents. We want to thank the Campbell family for running the kitchen and the piñata; Lisa Burmeister for face painting; John Ternes, Norm Grifka and Jerry Mulka for making all the popcorn and Ron Morrison and Harland Wagner for managing the pop. Also a big thanks to all the members and their wives who helped set up, cook and served hot dogs and stayed to clean up afterwards. But most of all a special thanks to Santa and Paulette Sawdon as Santa's helper, who put a big smile on all the kids faces.

Fraternally,

Paulette and Warren Sawdon.

#### \$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

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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.
Ubly, 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*						
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\* 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.

Advance registration with full payment is required. Sunburst promotional coupons and special discounts may not be used for this trip. Trip must be paid in full at least 2 weeks prior to departure. Cancellations cannot be refunded within two weeks of departure, but reservations may be transferred (sold) to another person (we must be notified) up until departure. Trips may be canceled and refunded if the required minimum has not registered by 15 days prior to departure date. Casino incentive packages are controlled by the casinos and are subject to change without notice and you must be on the bus when it arrives at the casino in order to receive it. Sunburst and the sponsoring organization are not responsible for changes in itinerary or injury due to inclement weather, acts of God, breakdowns, or accidents. Sunburst does not own or operate any of the suppliers of services or accommodations for your trip, as a result it is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such supplier or of any other third party over whom Sunburst has no control.

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