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## FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

### Vivat Jesus

Dear Brother Knights:

The month of March is an especially busy time for our council, with many events and activities, none of which would be successful without the support of our Brother Knights. Thanks to everyone who set-up, cooked, cleaned, and attended our February breakfast. Our next breakfast is Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you there. We'll be continuing our TV raffle.

Thanks also to JoAnne Wiegand and everyone who participated in the winter casino bus trip fundraiser.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, and attended the Family Movie Night on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to our chairman, Joe Lograsso, for organizing this fun series of family events. There is another family service event at Gleaner's on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Please see the article for further details.

Our council will participate in a "40 Days of Life" event on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, as we pray to end abortion. Further details and sign-up are coming soon.

The weekend of March 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> is our annual Tootsie Roll Drive for the Mentally Impaired. We could use everyone's help to make this year's drive a success. You can sign up at our March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. You should also be receiving information in the mail.

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. One dollar of each ticket sale comes back to our Council. Please consider buying two and selling two tickets.

St. Lawrence Council is hosting a Pro-Life movie night on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> in our back hall from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, featuring a short film by Ray Comfort called "180" followed by a short debate and discussion on life and abortion. Please RSVP by April 6<sup>th</sup> with your name and phone number to [profoudlyprolife@yahoo.com](mailto:profoudlyprolife@yahoo.com).

Our council's annual Euchre tournament will be Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm in our hall. The cost is \$25.00 per person.

Please consult our calendar for more events and activities. I wish you and your families a beautiful Lenten season. Please join me in praying for Pope Francis's prayer intentions this month:

- Scientists: That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.
- Contribution of women: That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

Fraternally,

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Grand Knight  
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## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

For the month of March we are honoring Brandon LaPrise. Brandon and his wife Sara have lived on Donna Drive in Sterling Heights for just over ten years.

Brandon and Sara were married on September 17, 2005 and will be celebrating their tenth anniversary. They have two children: Michael who will be eight on March 4<sup>th</sup> and William who is five years old.

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where the boys attend CRE and they attend church regularly on Saturdays. Brandon has been employed by General Dynamics Land Systems for 14 years and Sara is currently a home maker. She is actively renewing her teaching certificate.

Brandon joined the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in December 2011.

Brandon and his family enjoy spending time together playing board games. During the summer they enjoy the outdoors and go for walks and camping as much as their schedule will allow.

Congratulations Brandon on being chosen Knight of the Month for March by your Brother Knights.

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

For the month of March we are honoring Dale Niedzwiecki and his wife Karen. They have lived in Sterling Heights for 32 years.

They have five children and four grandchildren.

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish and they try to help out anywhere they can.

Dale has worked for Messina Trucking for 31 years.

He joined St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in 1979. He has held the offices of: Guard, Lector, Deputy Grand Knight, District Warden, and Council Warden. He has chaired the Hay Ride, St. Pats Dance and he has been the Picnic Grounds Chairman for 26 years.

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNCIL  
KNIGHT LIFE**

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**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR  
MARCH AND APRIL**

**March 8, 2015** – Sunday Breakfast from 8:30 am – 12 Noon at the K of C Hall. Please join us.  
**March 12, 2015** – First meeting of the month in our Club Room at 8:00 pm  
**March 14, 2015** – St. Patrick’s Day Party. See article for details.  
**March 14, 2015** – Family Service Opportunity at Gleaner’s in Warren from 9:00 am – 11:30 am  
**March 21 – 22, 2015** – Parish Recruitment Drive after all Masses.  
**March 22, 2015** – “40 Days of Life” Event as we pray to end abortion.- details TBD  
**March 26, 2015** – Officer’s Meeting, everyone welcome at 8:00 pm in the Club Room.  
**March 27 – 29, 2015** – MI Tootsie Roll Drive (Palm Sunday Weekend)  
**April 6, 2015** – Knights Corp Meeting 7:30 pm **Attendance of Knights Corp Members is MANDATORY! This meeting is Open to all Members.**  
**April 10,, 2015** – Family Movie Night. Showing the movie Beauty and the Beast. See article for details  
**April 11, 2015** – Pro-Life Movie Night in the back hall from 1:00 Pm – 3:00 pm. A short film by Ray Comfort called “180” followed By a short debate and discussion on life and abortion. RSVP by April 6<sup>th</sup> with your name and phone number to: [orofoudlyprolife@yahoo.com](mailto:orofoudlyprolife@yahoo.com)  
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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 March a Happy Birthday or a Happy Anniversary.





## 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 guaranteed retirement income that you cannot outlive; sound to you?**

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300.00. 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, disability income, 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 (\$300.00 to start), guaranteed, and controlled by someone you trust – YOU!

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## FAMILY OF THE MONTH CONTINUED

The family enjoys outdoor activities including hunting, and ice fishing. Camping  
Congratulations Dale and Karen on being chosen Family of the month for March by your Brother Knights.



# Raffle

March 8<sup>th</sup> K of C Hall Breakfast

- 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

March 14<sup>th</sup> K of C Hall St. Patrick's Day Party

- 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

We will be collecting needed items and selling raffle tickets for the Covenant House Michigan. Covenant House Michigan is a faith based organization that provides hope, shelter, and education to homeless, runaway, and at risk youth ages 13 – 22.

Items needed are:

- NEW wash clothes and towels
- Twin size sheet sets
- NEW Underwear (Men's boxers all sizes/Women's small sizes 5-7)
- Jeans (Men and Women all sizes)
- Scrubs (All sizes, especially Medium and Large)

For each item donated a raffle ticket will be given in exchange. In addition, raffle tickets can be purchased for \$5.00 each. All proceeds will be used to purchase the items listed above.

The winning raffle ticket will receive 12 Suite tickets to the Palace of Auburn Hills on March 31, 2015, to watch the Detroit Pistons take on the Atlanta Hawks.

The drawing will take place on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm at the St. Patrick's Party. **Need not be present to win.**

Thank you in advance for helping support the youth of Covenant House Michigan.

Ireland Majewski

Ireland is performing this project as part of the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Youth Leadership Initiative.

## K OF C FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, April 10, 2015

Featuring



The St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce "The Beauty and the Beast" 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.

This is a great time and includes girl's dressing up as their favorite princess.

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 April 9, 2015 by emailing Joe Lograsso at [lograsso@comcast.net](mailto:lograsso@comcast.net) and providing how many spots you will need.

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### 2015 St. Patty's Day Party



The St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus are holding our annual St. Patty's Day party and fundraiser on Saturday, March 14, 2015. This excellent, fun event is one of the highlights of the year for our St. Lawrence Community and supports Covenant House MI, Rising Stars Academy and the K of C Christmas Fund for Families in Need.

Admission is \$35 per person and includes Irish Dinner, Full Bar of Refreshments, Desserts, and Pizza at 11:00 pm. Music is by the excellent and St. Lawrence favorite Mainstream Drive. There's also wonderful raffle prizes, door prizes and 50/50.

Doors open at 6:30 pm and dinner is served by 7:30 pm. Tickets are available and limited. Please contact Joe Lograsso at (586) 566-8940 or [lograsso@comcast.net](mailto:lograsso@comcast.net) for tickets or questions.

The St. Patty's Party is generously sponsored by our Brother Knights and families and the companies that own or work at: E.W. Smith Agency, Health Insurance Consultants, Global Sales and Marketing, Homebuilder Construction, MJC Homes, Simone Contracting Corp., Utica Antiques, Weingartz, Wiegand's Heating and Cooling, and Zach-McNeil P.C.A.

Joe Lograsso



### Family Service Opportunity Gleaner's (Warren, MI)

Saturday, March 14, 2015 – 9:00 am – 11:30 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](mailto:lograsso@comcast.net).

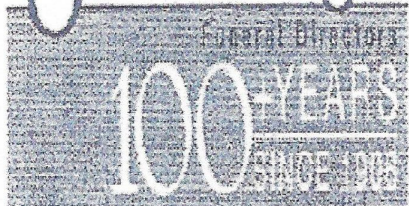
### OUR SICK MEMBERS

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 Kwecien, 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, Rick Lametta, Sharon Dilloway, Nikki Davies, Ryan Foster, 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](mailto:lanardecchia@prodigy.net). Any names that are underlined will come off the list next month unless we hear from you.

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