

## VOLUME V

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# FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT Vivat Jesus

Dear Brother Knights:

November promises to be a busy month for our Council. First, I am pleased to announce that Fr. Roman Pasieczny, pastor of St. Lawrence Parish, as agreed to be our new Chaplin. Fr. Roman will be formally installed by our District Deputy at an upcoming meeting. Fr. Roman has been a great supporter of our Council and our monthly breakfasts. I look forward to working with him. Please join me in welcoming Fr. Roman to our Council.

Our Annual K of C Memorial Mass will be held on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm with a reception to follow. Fr. Roman will be the celebrant. Please plan to attend this Mass to show your support for the families of our deceased Brothers.

This month, our Council will receive a traveling icon of the Immaculate Conception as part of a K of C sponsored prayer program. This icon is an image of Mary as the Immaculate Conception, which is a copy of the original painting housed in the Cathedral Basilica Notre-Dame de Quebec in Canada. The icon will be present at our memorial Mass.

The icon will be displayed at St. Lawrence Church during the weekend of November 16<sup>th</sup>. The Knights will make a formal presentation of the icon at the 8:00 am Mass on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, hopefully with the participation of the St. John Neumann Color Corps. This is a great opportunity to raise awareness within St. Lawrence Parish of the Knights of Columbus and our faithful work in support of the Catholic Church. I hope that you can attend.

On Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm, our Council is sponsoring a Chili Cook-off fundraiser, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the family of our recently departed Brother, Jeff Wright. Please contact our chairman Anthony Quagliato for tickets and further contest details at (734) 646-6468 or <u>anthonyquagliato67@gmail.com</u>

Our Council is also sponsoring a Coat Drive, chaired by John Ternes. Please bring gently used, clean coats to a meeting or to the Children's Christmas Party December 21<sup>st</sup> so they can be delivered to those in need.

I'd like to acknowledge the many great activities and events sponsored by our Council in the last Month:

- Corporate Communion
  - Thanks to all who attended and thank you to the John Neumann Color Corps for leading the procession

- Fall Casino Bus Trip Thanks to JoAnn Wiegand for organizing another successful fundraiser
- OctoBEER Fest Thank you to Joe Lograsso, Ted Ross and Dave Utykanski for chairing this event. Thanks to Paul Burmeister and the other cooks, and everyone who set-up, cleaned, attended and brought guests.
- Rosaries for our Deceased Brothers Thank you to everyone who turned out for the rosaries we held last month. I know that your participation is greatly appreciated by the families.
- Halloween Party Thanks to Joe for chairing this event and to the Brisket Bunch for cooking. This was a great party, although lightly attended. I'd like to see more attendance from our membership.
- Recruitment Drive Thank you to Jim Bokshan for his leadership and everyone who helped make this drive a success.
- First Degree Congratulations to our new Knights and thank you to our Degree Team for our excellent work
- Past Grand Knights Ball Thank you to DGK Steve Salter for chairing this event

Please see the calendar for more events and activities.

I hope all of you will take the opportunity this month to vote in a manner consistent with our Catholic values. I wish you and your families a great Thanksgiving Holiday. Let's thank God for his many Blessings and pray for those in need.

Fraternally, Jason Meyers Grand Knight (586) 383-0284 Jason.meyers@uticakofc.com

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### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

**November 1, 2014** – K of C Dinner Dance and Council Recognition – K of C Social Hall

November 4, 2014 – Knights Corp Meeting 7:00 pm (This meeting is open to all members). Attendance of Knights Corp Members is MANDATORY. PLEASE NOTE DATE AND TIME CHANGE FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER ONLY.

**November 13, 2014 –** Memorial Mass to be held in the Mail Hall at 7:00 pm with a reception to follow.

**November 15, 2014** – Knights will make a formal presentation of The icon of Mary as the Immaculate Conception at the 8:00 am Mas.

**November 24, 2014 –** Officers Meeting at 8:00 pm.in the Club Room.

November 27, 2014 – HAPPY THANKSGIVING

December 2, 2014 – Knights Corp Meeting 7:00 pm. (This Meeting is open to all members). Attendance of Knights Corp Members is MANDATORY. PLEASE NOTE DATE AND TIME CHANGE FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER ONLY December 23, 2014 – Children's Christmas Party, 2:00 pm at our Collection of gently used coats and Share The Wealth Raffle Drawing. (See attached article for details).

#### December 25, 2014 – MERRY CHRISTMAS

#### January 1, 2015 – NEW YEAR'S DAY (HAPPY NEW YEAR)

Fraternally, Joe Manuszak Council Activities Director).

P.S. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BREAKFAST SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> HAS BEEN CANCELLED. THE DRAWING FOR THE TV WILL BE CONDUCTED BY JOE LOGRASSO THAT DAY AND THE MEMBERSHIP WILL BE NOTIFIED VIA EMAIL WHEN THE TICKET IS DRAWN.



#### **CHILI COOK-OFF**

St. Lawrence Council #2950 – Utica, Michigan Saturday, November 29, 2014 Benefiting the Jeff and Eileen Wright Family Fund and K of C Sponsored Charities Doors Open at 2:30 pm Cost: \$15 per Contestant \$12 per Adult / \$7 per Child Includes Hot Dogs, Chili, Chips, Beer and Pop Bring your Best of Just Enjoy Watch the Michigan vs Ohio State game at 3:30 pm Contact: Anthony Quagliato to enter or for tickets (28) 646-6468 or anthonyquagliato67@gmail.com

#### KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH

For the month of November we are honoring Roy Attard. Roy and his wife Pietrina (Tina) live on Shelby Woods Drive in Shelby Township. They have lived there for the past 28 years.

They have been married for 38 years and were married at St. Anne's Church in Warren. They have two children. Their oldest son Jeffery is 49 years old and their daughter Angela is 23 and she is married to Nicholas Donegan.

They have been parishioners of St. Lawrence Church for 28 years, ever since moving from St. Anne's in Warren. Roy and his wife are both Apple Fest co-chairs of the kitchen with Sandy and Tom Barg. They also host taking 11 parishioners to serve dinner for St. Leo's Soup Kitchen in Detroit twice a month since 2009. Roy's other church activities include Secretary of the SLP Finance Council, Church Sexton, SVdP member, Men's Fellowship Group, McRest driver, and Bible Study facilitator. Tina's parish activities are St. Leo's Soup Kitchen, quilters, funeral luncheon, McRest and hosts food for the Little Rock Prayer Group's Healing Mass's.

Roy has been retired since 2007. He worked at United Industrial Engineering for ten years, Smith, Hinchmen and Grylls Architects and Engineers for 10 years and he retired from Chrysler Advanced Engineering Group after 23 years. Tina's career has always been their home.

Roy joined St. Lawrence Council in 2009 and the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly #478 in 2012. He is currently director/recorder of the Councils Building Corporation. He was co-chair of the hayride in 2011, the Freedom Rally in 2012 and this year co-chaired with Tom Barg a "Fun Square Dance."

Roy and Tina enjoy their summer house on Lake Huron near Grindstone City. They also enjoy gardening, making puzzles, playing cards, his CLK convertible and Roy enjoys going to the Eastern Market with his friend Doug Kuligowski

Congratulations Roy for being chosen the November Knight of the Month by your Brother Knights.

Our next candidate for Knight of the month for November is Tom Barg. Tom and his wife Sandy live on Mathison Drive in Sterling Heights. They have lived there for 12 years. Tom and Sandy have been married for 45 years. They were married at the Naval Security Station in Virginia. They have four children – Steve, Tony, Adrienne and Drew. They have 10 grandchildren.

Tom has been a member of St. Lawrence Church since he was born in 1945 and Sandy joined him in 1969 when they were married. Tom and his wife volunteer at funeral luncheons, E,M. at Henry Ford Hospital and Serve at St. Leo's Soup Kitchen in Detroit. Sandy is leader of the Quilting group and is a member of the Christian Service Commission. Tom serves in the Usher Ministry and as secretary. He is also a Sexton. They are both co-chairs with Roy and Tina Attard in the kitchen at the Apple Fest.

Tom retired from General Motors Pontiac after 42 years working mainly in shipping and receiving. Sandy worked for Eaton Corp. as a QC inspector for 22 years. She has a degree in culinary arts from Macomb Community College.

Tom joined the St, Lawrence Knights of Columbus in 1979. Larry Jessup was his sponsor. When he first joined he worked afternoons, so he didn't become very active. He did chair a couple of K of C picnics with his good friend Don Horger and they worked the Tootsie Roll Drives for many years. He recently got back to coming to meetings and becoming

### KNIGHT OF THE MONTH CONTINUED

active. He was elected as a Trustee to the Council's Building Corporation. He co-chaired The

Freedom Rally in 2012 and this year co-chaired the "Fun Square Dance" fundraiser with Roy Attard.

Tom and Sandy enjoy spending time with their grandchildren and following their sporting events. They enjoyed camping and fishing with their children in Holland, Michigan and traveling. They travel as much as possible. Tom enjoys woodworking and Sandy enjoys gardening. Congratulations Tom on being chosen Knight of the Month for November by your Brother Knights.

#### FAMILY OF THE MONTH

For the month of November we are honoring Don Heydens and his wife Barbara. They have lived on Sassafras Drive in Shelby Township for more than 14 years. They have been married for 44 years. They have three children – Donald Jr., Scott and Melissa. They have four grandchildren.

Don and Barb belong to St. John Vianney Church. He is an usher and they both assist with McRest, counting the Sunday collection, Parish Annual Picnic and Barb works with the Christmas Giving Tree.

Both Don and Barb are now retired. Don retired after 40 years with the Auto Industry and Barb from the Utica Community Schools.

Don joined St. Lawrence Council in 1974. He has held the offices of Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Warden and Treasurer. He is the Past Faithful Navigator of St. John Neumann Assembly. He also was the co-chairman of the Texas Holdem' Millionaire Parties for both the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> degree.

The family enjoys going up north and spending time with the grandkids. Barb enjoys crafts, especially making greeting cards.

Congratulations Don and Barb on being chosen Family of the month for November by your Brother Knights.

### 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, Renee Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lipinski, Ron Wiegand, Linda Nardechia, Dean Wiegand, Ray Wiengartz, Ryan Foster, Dominic Lametta, Dan Rys, Taylor Van Hoorheis, Mary Pascieczny, Steve Winkler, Teresa Winkler, Larry Shekowski and MaryLu DeFauw.

Also please remember in your prayers our deceased members and their families: Leo Niedzwiecki, Jeff Wright and Timothy Szymkowski

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



# K OF C COOKBOOK

Brother Knights, Ladies and Families:

We are excited to start something new. We are accepting your tried and true recipes that will be compiled into a cookbook from the families of the Knights of Columbus. Our goal is to have 50 recipes and be ready to publish the book in time for Christmas (depending upon the response we receive). Also, we may set up a potluck event where we bring the dish of one of the recipes we've put into the book.

Please pick a few of your best recipes and send them to me or Warren at the email addresses below. If there is enough interest, we will make special bound books. Please start sending them in now.

If at all possible, please send them electronically in email or Microsoft word. If not possible, contact me and we will make sure to get them included.

Joe - lograsso@comcast.net

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Thanks, Joe Lograsso Program Director



## POLL: SUCCESS LINKED TO ETHICS

A poll of Americans and high-level business leaders proved what Knights of Columbus Insurance agents have known for generations: religious beliefs and values should be an integral guide to business decision making.

Those surveyed also revealed they believe personal and corporate gain drives executives' decisions. Overall, they believe, as do the majority of the executives polled, that the moral compass of corporate America points in the wrong direction.

Only 19 percent of Americans would award corporate America a grade of A or B for its honesty and ethical conduct. Forty percent of these respondents had the banking and financial industry in mind when answering.

The positive side is that 75 percent of Americans surveyed believe that it is possible to be successful and ethical in business. They also believe that high ethical standards strengthen a company's advantage over its competitors, in both the short- and long-term.

# POLL: SUCCESS LINKED TO ETHICS CONTINUED

Additionally, more than 90 percent of people strongly consider a company's reputation for honesty and ethical conduct when considering whether or not to invest with them.

Nearly two-thirds of those polled believe corporate leaders should rely on their religious values for guidance in the business arena.

In this tough economic climate, it's of paramount importance that all Knights are reminded of the moral, ethical commitment of the Order to serve its members and their families. Earning just a passing grade is not acceptable to me or the other professional insurance agents of the Knights of Columbus.

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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 November a Happy Birthday or a Happy Anniversary.

## YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT



### HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S SERVICES BATHROOM TOTES

We will be collecting personal hygiene items to make baskets for the young girls at Holy Cross Children's Services located in Saginaw, Michigan.

We are collecting the following items: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste and toothbrushes, Chap stick, hair gel or mousse, body and hand lotion, deodorant, bath loofas, and emory boards. Please find these in regular size at your local dollar store.

Please no scissors, hairspray, nail clippers, brushes, pencils, sharp objects, or aerosol cans.

Collections for the girl's items will be in front of the K of C Hall on Sunday November 9, 2014, from 9:00 am till noon due to the cancellation of the November breakfast. Money donations will also be accepted.

Thank you in advance for supporting Holy Cross Children's Services.

Maria Schudt





# 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: <u>Level I is 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades and Level II is 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grades.</u> In the past, students from St. Lawrence Parish have won the Diocesan and State Level Bees!

**Registration is now open!** Please email Joe Lograsson (<u>lograsso@comcast.net</u>) 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 <u>Sunday, December 7,</u> <u>2014</u> at the St. Lawrence Social Hall 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.

We encourage anyone with any bit of interest to sign up for the spelling been 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

## ARTICLES

Just a quick reminder that all articles for the Knight Life need to be turned into the editor by the last meeting of the month so that the newsletter gets out in a timely fashion, especially when we need to get the one for mailing done. Articles can be given to Larry at the meeting or emailed to: <u>lanardecchia@prodigy.net</u>. They can also be mailed to: <u>36168 Del Ray Drive</u>; Sterling Heights 48310.

Thanks. Larry Nardecchia Knight Life Editor



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

"Dads and Mom's," Good Boys and Girls, mark your calendar. The Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 23, 2014 at 2:00 pm. There will be hot dogs, popcorn, pop, entertainment, pinatas, and a visit from Santa Claus with a surprise. Hope to see you there!!! Also, if you can help setup, we need you. It would be appreciated if you could be there by 1:00 pm.

Thanks,

Warren and Paulette Sawdon and Santa's Elves

# K of C Family Movie Night

Friday, December 19, 2014

Featuring



The St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce the first in a series of movies 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 of hot dogs, chips and snacks, fun activities and of course the movie.

<u>Important</u>: The movie is meant for the family and is not a "drop=off" for the kids. Also, there are limited tickets available, on a first-come/first-served basis. Reservations are available by emailing Joe Lograsso at <u>lograsso@comcast.net</u> and providing how many spots you will need.

Movies also planned include "The Lion King" on January 23, 2015 and "The Incredibles" on February 27, 2015.

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Joe Lograsso

## ADVERTISING

We have room on the back page of the newsletter for two advertisements if anyone is interested. One ad is business card size and would cost \$40.00 for the entire year. The other ad is larger and would cost \$80.00 per year. We cannot accept any ads that may conflict with the current ads or refer to life insurance or any products that the Knights of Columbus have for their members. If you are interested in placing an ad please call Larry Nardecchia at (586) 978-0579 or email at lanardecchia@prodigy.net.

Larry Nardecchia Knight Life Editor

# Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive

St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus

November 2014

Monthly Theme: Because God rested on the seventh Day, we want to Celebrate Sunday as a family

<u>Reflection</u>: In the Gospel we do not find discourses on the family but an event which is worth more than any words: God wanted to be born and to grow up in a human family. In this way he consecrated the family as the first and ordinary means of his encounter with humanity.

In his life spent at Nazareth, Jesus honored the Virgin Mary and the righteous Joseph, remaining under their authority throughout the period of his childhood and his adolescence. In this way he shed light on the primary value of the family in the education of the person.

Jesus was introduced by Mary and Joseph into the religious community and frequented the synagogue of Nazareth. With them, he learned to make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem, as the Gospel passage offered for our meditation by today's liturgy tells us.

When he was 12 years old, he stayed behind in the Temple and it took his parents all of three days to find him. With this act he made them understand that he "had to see to his Father's affairs," in other words, to the mission that God had entrusted to him.

This Gospel episode reveals the most authentic and profound vocation of the family: that is, to accompany each of its members on the path of the discovery of God and of the plan that he has prepared for him or her.

Mary and Joseph taught Jesus primarily by their example: in his parents he came to know the full beauty of faith, of love for God and for his Law, as well as the demands of justice, which is totally fulfilled in love. From them he learned that it is necessary first of all to do God's will, and that the spiritual bond is worth more than the bond of kinship.

The Holy Family of Nazareth is truly the "prototype" of every Christian family which, united in the sacrament of marriage and nourished by the Word and the Eucharist, is called to carry out the wonderful vocations and mission of being the living cell not only of society but also of the Church, a sign and instrument of unity for the entire human race.

Let us now invoke for every family, especially families in difficulty, the protection of Mary Most Holy and of St. Joseph. May they sustain such families so that they can resist the disintegrating forces of a certain contemporary culture which undermines the very foundations of the family institution.

May they help Christian families to be, in every part of the world, living images of *God's* love.

Pope Benedict XVI Angelus Address, Dec. 21, 2006 1. What does it mean to me to see the rest of the family pray or attend Mass with me?

2. Why might God want me to be a part of this particular family, giving me these people to love and care for?

3. What is one thing about Mary of Joseph that I admire?

4. How can I allow others to help me discover God's plan for me? How can I encourage others to be open to God's plan for them?

# Family Project

Sunday is the Day of the Lord (Dies Domini) in which we remember and give thanks for the work of creation, his gift of the Holy Spirit, and the joy of our faith. All this happens to the family, and so Sunday is also the Day of the Family. Celebrating as a family the sacredness of this holy day each week strengthens us in our vocation to holiness. Sunday is a special day, the day of the Resurrection and the day of Christians. Each Sunday, Easter returns and we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death. Sharing a special meal as a family is one way to celebrate together an honor this day.

Have each family member help make the meal special by:

- Preparing a tasty dessert
- Using a special tablecloth and good dishes
- Lighting candles
- Composing a toast to share

Also, consider planning a Sunday trip to visit an adoration chapel in a nearby parish and spend time together as a family adoring God, truly present to us in the Eucharist.

