



# KNIGHT LIFE



# St. Lawrence Council 2950

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## FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

### Vivat Jesus

Dear Brother Knights:

This autumn is a 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 September breakfast. Our next breakfast is Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> (the same day as our Corporate Communion); I hope to see you there. We'll be continuing our TV raffle as well as our "Share the Wealth" raffle and the Cub Scouts of Pack 90 will be there selling popcorn. This is also an opportunity to purchase tickets to the Halloween party and the Past Grand Knights' Ball.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, and attended the Fun Square Dance at the picnic grounds on September 27<sup>th</sup>. We were anticipating a great turnout; congratulations to our chairmen: Tom Barg and Roy Attard.

Thanks also to Jim Bokshan and all the volunteers who participated in the Festival of Ministries after Masses on the weekend of September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Our Council is having a First Degree on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, right before our first meeting of the month. Please come out to support our candidates, and welcome our new Brother Knights.

Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> is the OctoBEER fest beer tasting, 7:00 pm in our hall. Approximately nine distributors will be on hand, offering dozens of varieties of craft beer to sample - you'll also be able to place orders for the beers you like. Bratwurst, wings, and snacks are also included. Tickets are on sale now for only \$25 per person.

We're having a Corporate Communion at St. Lawrence on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at the 8:00 am Mass, I look forward to a great turnout as we also commemorate Columbus Day - the 522<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of our patron's discovery of America. Please gather at the back of the Church before Mass; we will be escorted by the St. John Neumann Color Corps. Afterwards, please join us for our monthly breakfast.

The weekend of October 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> is also part of a State-wide membership drive. We will be distributing brochures at St. Lawrence after all Masses. Please contact Jim Bokshan if you can help: (586) 739-8382.

The fall Casino Bus Trip is Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> - Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. It's sold-out, or very near to being sold-out, so thank you to JoAnne Wiegand and everyone for participating.

Our Halloween Party is on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in our hall. Costumes are encouraged - I've got mine already put

together. Music will be provided by Cosmic Groove, featuring St. Lawrence's own Mike Roth. There will be a chili dog bar as well as beer, wine and other refreshments. Tickets are available now for only \$25.00 per person.

Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> is the Past Grand Knights' Ball - Our Council's annual appreciation dinner-dance. I'd like to see a good turnout for this event. Please give our new Deputy Grand Knight, Steve Salter, your support y RSVP'ing your invitations and encouraging others to attend. Please see Steve's article for further details.

Please see our calendar for more upcoming events and activities. The beauty of fall is God's gift to us; I wish you all a joyous autumn season. If you have any vacation or hunting planned this month, I wish you safe journeys. Please take some time this month to pray for peace in war-torn parts of the world.

Fraternally,

Jason A. Meyers  
Grand Knight  
(586) 580-1882  
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## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

For the month of October we are honoring Father Roman Pasieczny. Father Roman is the new Pastor of St. Lawrence Church and has been there for the past two and one-half months..

Father Roman joined the Knights of Columbus in 2006 at St. Pius Council.

Congratulations Father Roman on being chosen Knight of the Month for October by your Brother Knights.

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

For the month of October we are honoring the family of Tony Schoenherr and his wife Julie. They live on Campground Road in Washington Township They have been married for approximately ten years and have two children - Allison Elizabeth and Isabella Grace.

They belong to St. Paul of Tarsus Parish. Besides participating in K of C sponsored activities such as the Snowmobile Run, Tootsie Roll Drive and Adopt A Highway they participate yearly in Adopting a Family at Christmas and the Cystic Fibrosis Walk for a Cure.

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNCIL  
KNIGHT LIFE**

**St. Lawrence Council 2950**

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**Council Website: <http://www.uticakofc.com>**

**MEETINGS - 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Thursday of each month**

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**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR  
OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER**

**October 6, 2014** - Knights Corp Meeting 7:30 pm. (This meeting is open to all members). **Attendance of Knights Corp members is MANDATORY.**

**October 9, 2014** - First Degree at our Hall at 7:30 pm. Please come out and support the new candidates. Following the First Degree will be our first meeting of the month at 8:00 pm in our Club Room.

**October 10, 2014** - October Beer Tasting at the K of C Hall. Cost is \$25 per person.

**October 11 - 12, 2014** - State-wide membership drive. Contact Jim Bokshan if you can pass out brochures after any of the Masses (586) 739-8382

**October 12, 2014** - Corporate Communion at St. Lawrence Church at the 8:00 am Mass. **(Please meet in the back of the church).**

**October 12, 2014** - We will be having breakfast at our Hall 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. Please make a plan to join us.

**October 19-20, 2014** - Fall casino trip. Contact Joanne Weigand at (810) 798-0070 for additional information.

**October 25, 2014** - Halloween Party at K of C Hall. Cost is \$25 per person. See article for additional information.

**October 30, 2014** - Our second meeting of the month 8:00 pm in our Club Room.

**November 1, 2014** - K of C Dinner Dance and Council Recognition - K of C 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 9, 2014** - Monthly Breakfast 8:30 am - 12:00 noon.

**November 24, 2014** - Officers Meeting

December 2, 2014 - Knights Corp Meeting 7:00 pm

Fraternally,  
Joe Manuszak  
Council Activities Director

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH CONTINUED**

Tony joined the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus when he was 18 years old. He is the Chairman for the Adopt a Highway - Mound Road Cleanup.

With two young girls at home, they currently are the center of the families attention and take up most of their time. However, Julie likes to make cakes, take pictures and scrapbook. Tony enjoys going hunting and fishing. As a family they like being outdoors as much as possible.

Congratulations to Tony and Julie for being chosen Family of the Month for October by your Brother Knights.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "BENEFIT NEWS"

### September is Life Insurance Awareness Month

To help educate consumers about the need for and value of adequate life insurance protection, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) has published the following five facts. These statistics are certainly worth considering.

Fact 1: Nearly 79 per cent of North Americans agree that life insurance is the best way to protect against premature death of the primary wage earner.

Fact 2: Twenty-four million households have no life insurance protection at all. Almost one third of adults have no life insurance protection.

Fact 3: Forty-four percent of all households either don't own life insurance or believe they should, or own life insurance and believe they need more. Among those that already own some life insurance, 40 percent believe they don't have enough\*.

Fact 4: One-fourth of primary wage earners feel they do not have a plan in place to provide a decent standard of living for their family if they died tomorrow. Twelve percent of families would immediately have trouble meeting everyday living expenses and another 15 percent would have difficulty keeping up after several months.

Fact 5: People would like to discuss life insurance with a qualified professional agent. They believe that buying life insurance is an important and complex financial decision. Half find it difficult to decide how much to buy\*, and 43 percent worry about making the wrong decision.

I'd like to meet with you in your home, at your convenience. I'll work with you to make sure your family is protected. As a brother Knight you can trust, I'll take the stress and worry out of the buying decision.

\* Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense!

Ask about our Guaranteed Life Insurance, Annuities, Long Term Care and Disability Insurance

Dale G. Jacks, Field Agent



### HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 25, 2014

7:30 pm - 12:00 am

Costumes Encouraged

Music By: Cosmic Groove

Chili Dog Bar + Salad + Refreshments + Desserts

Door Prizes - Games - Costume Contest

Tickets Available: \$25.00 per person

Contact: Joe Lograsso at (586) 566-8940 or

lograsso@comcast.net



### 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 me to 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](mailto:lograsso@comcast.net)

Warren - [warren@wsawdon.com](mailto:warren@wsawdon.com)

Thanks.

Joe Lograsso  
Program Director



### PAST GRAND KNIGHTS BALL

Please join us for an evening of fun and dancing as we honor our Past Grand Knights, Past Grand Knight Widows, Officers, and others who have helped our council in a special way. This year's party will be held on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at our Hall.

The evening will start at 6:30 pm with cocktails, followed by a short program at 7:00 pm, with dinner served at 8:00 pm.

Encourage family and friends to join you for a great evening of food and entertainment. Tickets are priced at \$30 per person.

For tickets, please call Deputy Grand Knight Steven Salter at (586) 823-9518.



## Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive

*St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus*

**October 2014**

**Monthly Theme: Because the Lord is the God of our ancestors, we want to strengthen the relationships between our family's generations**

**Reflection:** For the Christian community the family is far more than a “theme”: it is life, it is the daily fabric of life, it is the journey of generations who pass on the faith together with love and with the basic moral values. It is concrete solidarity, effort, patience, and also a project, hope, a future. All this which the Christian community lives out in the light of faith, hope and charity, should never be kept to oneself but must become, every day, the leaven to the dough of the whole of society for its greater common good.

Hope and a future presuppose memory. The memory of our elderly people sustains us as we journey on. The future of society - is rooted in the elderly and in the young: the latter, because they have the strength and are of the age to carry history ahead; the former, because they are a living memory. A people that does not take care of its elderly, its children and its youth has no future because it abuses both memory and promise.

*Pope Francis*  
*Message to Participants in the 47<sup>th</sup> Social Week of Italian Catholics*

1. Who is one person in my family whose faith shaped my own faith?
2. What are some ways our family tries to live out belief in God and his Church?
3. Which virtue seems to be particularly strong in our family - faith, hope or charity?
4. Why is memory important to the future?
5. What strengths do the children in our family have?

### **Family Project**

Our family defines each and every one of us. Because our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents chose life, we are here today. Take this month as an opportunity to celebrate your family history and learn more about it, all while thanking God.

- Making a family tree is a great way to learn where you came from and celebrate your ancestry. During this month, make time to sit down as a family to build your family tree. See how far back you can trace. You can decorate your tree with copies of old photos and era-related items.
- Bring some joy to your grandparents or some other relative who does not live nearby, or may be alone, by sending a “Thinking of You” card signed by your whole family.
- You can also send a video of your family to this relative, or call them to pray the rosary so they can join in.
- Set aside time to regularly visit the graves of deceased relatives and to pray for them.



## ST. LAWRENCE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS K OF C HALL MANAGER

Recently the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus has made changes to the manner of catering and management of the K of C Hall. With these changes, the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus is looking for a new hall manager.

If you are someone who has interest and experience in hall management, scheduling, setup, basic hall cleanliness and appearance, and promotion, you may be the right fit for the Knights of Columbus Hall. You will need to have a *flexible schedule* and *available evenings and weekends*.

If interested in hearing details about this position and its duties, please contact Jim at (810) 499-9055.

## 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, Meghan Singer, Beverly Bebee, Mark Schneider, Jeffrey A. Wright, Jim Langeveld, Stan Singer, Tony Boozan, Stan Kups, Jerry Shekoski, Debbie Redding, Terry Donovan, Ann Marie Badke, Jim Wiegand, Eugene Schwartz, Leo Niedzwiecki, Renee Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lipinski, Ron Wiegand, Tony Peters, Sal Cirusa, Pat Kello, Linda Nardecchia, Dean Wiegand, Ray Wiengartz, Joseph Schroeder and MaryLu DeFauw.

Also please remember in your prayers our deceased members and their families: Reynold Wolf

If you know of anyone who should be on the list please call us at (586) 978-0579 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.

## SAVE THE DATES !!!

*Friday, October 10, 2014 -* Octobeer Fest at K of C Hall

*Saturday, October 25, 2014 -* Halloween Party at K of C Hall

*Saturday, November 1, 2014 -* K of C Dinner Dance and Council Recognition - K of C Hall

## FROM THE EDITOR

Please submit **ALL** articles to be included in the KnightLife by the last meeting of the month so that the paper can be sent out to the membership in a timely fashion. Articles can be emailed to either: [lanardecchia@prodigy.net](mailto:lanardecchia@prodigy.net) or [lanardecchia@att.net](mailto:lanardecchia@att.net). You can also give your articles to Larry Nardecchia at the meeting.

If you have moved or have a new email address please let me know.

Thank you.

## WHERE DID YOU FIND GOD TODAY?

### Photo Contest for 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades Returns

It may be at the sight of your grandmother, in a baby's face, in a beautiful sunset, or of a flower garden. Maybe it's when you attend a sporting event, a dance, or at Church; or when you see something unique while on the school bus, walking down the street or at the mall. It can be microscopic or as wide as the sky.

We know that God is everywhere but where do you see God?

The St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus is offering you a chance to capture how you see God in the world and compete for some cool gift cards from Amazon (??). We encourage 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Graders to submit a unique and original photograph of where you find God. We will be collecting photographs until November 1, 2014, and then judging those that are the most original and convey God's influence.

**NOTE:** *This contest is for photos taken by 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders*

\* Please make sure that your submission is from a digital camera or smart phone. The higher the resolution of the photo, the better it will look. Include your name, grade and a quick sentence on how you see God in the photo. For questions and submittals, please contact Joe Lograsso at [Lograsso@comcast.net](mailto:Lograsso@comcast.net).



## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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



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