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Council 2950**

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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Vivat Jesus

Dear Brother Knights:

Our Council had a very busy August. I'd like to gratefully acknowledge the many great activities and events sponsored by St. Lawrence Council in August:

- Electronics Recycling Fundraiser – Thank you to Scott and Lori Morgan for chairing this event. We collected 3,440 lbs. of electronics for recycling.
- Red Cross Blood Drive – Thanks to Gary Lusk for chairing this important activity.
- MI Picnic - Thanks to John Ternes and everyone who helped with cooking, set-up and clean-up. Thanks to Fr. Roman for giving our benediction. Thanks also to everyone who made our Tootsie Roll Drive such a success.
- Youth Soccer Challenge – Thank you to Joe Lograsso for putting together this great youth activity. Thanks also to Brandon LaPrise, Jim Bokshan, Laura Lograsso, and everyone else who helped make this possible.
- The Mound Road Clean-Up – Thank you to Tony and Julie Schoenherr and everyone who helped to keep our community clean.
- Corporate Communion and Installation of Officers – Thank you to Fr. Roman and Fr. Larry for offering this Mass. Congratulations to our Officers. Thank you to everyone who helped with cooking, set-up, and clean-up.
- August Breakfast – Thank you to everyone who cooked, cleaned, helped and attended our August breakfast. Our next breakfast is September 20th.
- Ultrasound Bus – Thanks to our Pro-Life directors, Chris and Sharon Gill for facilitating the ultrasound bus visit to St. Lawrence.

Please consult our calendar for more events and activities. I wish everyone a happy Labor Day. If this holiday season takes you out of town, I wish you safe travels. Please pray for the Pope's prayer intentions for September.

- **Universal:** That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.
- **Evangelization:** That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

Fraternally,

Jason Meyers
Grand Knight
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FAMILY OF THE MONTH

For the month of September we are honoring Gerald Birr and his wife Carol. They live on Sophia Drive in Shelby Township and have lived there for the past 31 years. They will be celebrating their 48th anniversary this October 6th. They have two adult children: Gerald II (46) and Danielle (43). They also have four grandchildren – Kacely (25), Austin (21), Bailey (18) and Dakota (14)

The family belongs to St. John Vianney Catholic Church where they work on the church picnic.

Gerald has been retired for 11 ½ years and his wife Carol is a domestic engineer and takes good care of her husband.

He joined the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in either 1989 or 1990. He has held the positions of Inside Guard and Outside Guard. They both work the MR Drive and the children's Christmas party.

In their spare time the family enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, bowling, golf, bike riding and traveling. Carol belongs to the Ladies Auxiliary at St. John Vianney.

Congratulations Gerald and Carol for being chosen September Family of the Month by your Brother Knights.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

For the month of September we are honoring Harry Kuk. Harry and his wife, Bernadette have lived on Waldo in Sterling Heights for the last 37 years. They have been married for 45 years and have one daughter named Candace.

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Harry is an usher and Bernadette is an EM Trainer and she is on the Worship Committee.

Harry spends his days in retirement.

He joined St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus around 2005 and has held the positions of Guard and Chancellor.

Harry enjoys bowling, watching baseball, hockey, going on casino trips and bike riding.

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KNIGHT LIFE**

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**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR
SEPTEMBER THRU APRIL**

September 10, 2015 – Our first meeting of the month, 8 pm in the Club Room.

September 14, 2015 – Knights Corp Meeting 7:30 pm.
Attendance of Knights Corp Members is MANDATORY!
This meeting is open to all members. Due to the Labor Day Holiday this meeting is being held on the second Monday this month only!

September 18, 2015 – “Be a Man” video, 9 am in the K of C Club Room

September 20, 2015 – We will be having breakfast at our hall 8:30 am – 12:00 pm. Bake sale for Youth Leadership project by Rachel Whitehead for Special Olympics.

September 24, 2015 – Our second meeting of the month, 8pm In our Club Room.

September 26, 2015 – “Be a Man” video, 9:30 am in the K of C Club Room.

October 4, 2015 – Regional Diocesan Soccer Challenge at Everest Academy in Clarkston.

October 11, 2015 – We will be having breakfast at our hall 8:30 am – 12:00 pm. Please plan on joining us.

October 19 - 20, 2015 – Casino Bus Trip.

October 30, 2015 – Family Movie Night, Monsters Inc., 6:30 pm at the K of C Hall, Dinner/Snacks included, Free will offering.

November 1, 2015 – We will be having breakfast at our Hall 8:30 am – 12:00 pm. Please plan on joining us.

November 7, 2015 – Past Grand Knights Ball.

November 13, 2015 – Family Movie Night, Despicable Me, 6:30 Pm at the K of C Hall, Dinner/Snacks, Free will offering.

December 11, 2015 – Family Movie Night, Muppet’s Christmas Carol, 6:30 pm in the K of C Hall, Dinner/Snacks, Free will Offering.

December 20, 2015 – Children’s Christmas Party

December 27, 2015 – Blood Drive.

January 29, 2016 – Family Movie Night, Toy Story, 6:30 pm, K of C Hall, Dinner/Snacks, Free will offering.

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

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



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH CONTINUED

Congratulations Harry on being chosen Knight of the Month for September by your Brother Knights.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "BENEFITS NEWS"

"SEPTEMBER IS LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS MONTH"

Raising Awareness About Life Insurance

Each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of life insurance, its uses, its benefits, and its variations among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (UMRA) puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that more than 75 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor, even though 68 percent of them said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable.

In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn.

If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's life insurance, retirement, disability, and long-term care needs. I'll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones. I want to help.

Another UMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about "making the wrong decision." Talk with me, your agent, and, afterwards, you'll understand that the only wrong decision was not purchasing sooner to protect your family's future.

I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family's needs.

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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 information, please contact, Don M. Wesley, FICF, General Agent, at (888) 393-7539 or don.wesley@kofc.org



DR. JIM'S 14TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Dr. Jim's annual golf outing will take place at Cracklewood Golf Course located on 24 Mile Road east of Romeo Plank on September 13, 2015. Tee off time is 1:15 pm. There will be a shotgun start, food on the course, dinner, raffles and more. Families are welcome and can golf. The cost for the golf package is \$120.00. If you would like to join us for dinner only the cost is \$50.00 per person.

Dr. Jim was a doctor who worked at Beaumont Hospital. 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 the U of M Cancer Center in Ann Arbor if you would care to donate. 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. One hundred percent of the proceeds from this Golf Outing go to this fund. Since the inception we have donated over \$190,000. Hope to see you there. Please contact Jim Langeveld if you can attend at (586) 739-8119 or (810) 499-9055. He can also be reached at his email address which is jimlang122@gmail.com.

HELP WANTED

BANQUET HALL LOOKING FOR HELP

The Knights Banquet Hall is still looking for help. If you know of anyone interested in the following please contact Phil Kupser at (586) 232-4123.

* Bartender – This has a \$10.00 per hour rate plus tips – mostly weekend work.

* Hostess – This usually runs three hours in the evening starting at 5:00 pm (an hourly rate also).

* Closer – This consists of closing the party at the end of the night.

* Personal set-up – This is usually the morning of the rental – approximately 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Phil Kupser

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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 September a Happy Birthday or a Happy Anniversary.



2015 SOCCER CHALLENGE

This is the first year that our Council has participated in the Youth Soccer Challenge. With great cooperation by Michael Colburn and his coaches at St. Lawrence, our Council conducted this competition. We had 49 athletes participate in our inaugural year, ages 9-13. The winners below are now invited to the Regional Diocesan competition on October 4, 2015, at Everest Academy in Clarkston. We wish them success this season.

Girls

Age 9 – Angelina Giulianelli
Age 10 – Gabriella Spagnuolo
Age 11 – Abigail Imrick
Age 12 – Breana Mack

Boys

Age 9 – Adam Weingartz
Age 10 – Jack Murphy
Age 11 – Francesco Ayer
Age 12 – Jonathan Heppler
Age 13 – Adam Yaldo

Additionally, with so many participants, we could not have successfully conducted this event without great service from our Brother Knights, their wives and families. Special thanks to those that came out to the soccer field to help.

Jim Bokshan
Joanne Dixon
William LaPrise
Vincent Lograsso
Jim Ososkie
Adam Weingartz
Kris Weingartz

Mark Bruni
Michael LaPrise
Brandon LaPrise
Laura Lograsso
Abby Weingartz
Will Weingartz
Dan Weingartz

Joe Lograsso
Youth Activities Coordinator

Where Did You Find God Today? Photo Contest for 6th – 12th Grades Returns



Brother Knights, please encourage your children and grandchildren to participate in this wonderful and meaningful contest.

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 6th – 12th Graders to submit a unique and original photograph of where you find God. We will be collecting photographs until October 15, 2015, and then judging those that are the most original and convey God's influence.

NOTE: This contest is for photos taken by 6th – 12th 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.



BAKE SALE

September 20, 2015

At the K of C Hall after the 8 am and 10 am Masses

All proceeds go to Rising Stars Academy

Rising Stars is a school that teaches mentally impaired young adults culinary skills in hopes of getting them a job in the restaurant business.

Donated baked goods are needed as well as youth volunteers for the bake sale.

Please contact Peyton Weingartz at (586) 739-0633 or weingartz@comcast.net with any questions and to sign up for bake sale donations



Invite Jesus Into Your Home!

 Men of the Sacred Hearts



Our Chaplin, Reverend Fr. Roman is the Spiritual Director for the Men of the Sacred Hearts. This organization has 167 volunteers on 47 teams who give their time to introduce Our Lady of Fatima into our family homes.

Their Home Enthronements are meant to bring you and your family closer to each other and to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus, and His Mother through prayer. This is their mission and why they have been here for 51 years!

As part of the emphasis on the family, we are encouraging the families of all Brother Knights to invite the Men of the Sacred Hearts to your house where they will place a beautifully hand painted, three-foot tall statue of Our Lady of Fatima that stays with the family for a week, or longer.

The Enthronement process includes a recitation of the Holy Rosary on each visit. The family is asked to pray together every day as a means of preparing for the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart, which occurs on the second appointment.

For more information or to make an appointment, please contact the Men of the Sacred Hearts at info@menofthesacredhearts.org or call at (586) 264-8550.

Joe Lograsso
Program Director

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, Stan Kups, Debbie Redding, Terry Donovan, Ann Marie Badke Rick Lametta, Sharon Dilloway, Nikki Davies, Ryan Foster, Teresa Winkler, Della Mulka, Ron Wiegand, Barbara Zientek, Tom Brennan, Rosemary Richason, Cathy Edwards, Tony Vittorini, Ed Campbell 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. Any names that are underlined will come off the list next month unless we hear from you.

St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus

Family Activities

Brother Knights:

Please see all of the information below on Family Activities for this year. They are all great and fun events. Please plan on attending, or coming out to help and put these events on.



Fridays at 6:30 pm at the K of C Hall
Dinner/Snack Included
Free Will offering

October 29, 2015 - Monsters Inc.



November 13, 2015 – Despicable Me



December 11, 2015 – Muppet's Christmas Carol



January 29, 2016 – Toy Story



February 26, 2016 – Mulan



April 15, 2016 – Up



Monthly Breakfasts

Sundays 8:30 am till Noon
Proceeds to Charity

August 30, 2015 – Including Can/Bottle drive for Youth Leadership Project by **Rachel Whitehead** for Special Olympics

September 20, 2015 – Including Bake Sale for Youth Leadership Project by **Peyton Weingartz** for Rising Star Academy

October 11, 2015

November 2, 2015



Just For Men

"Be a Man" video by Fr. Larry Richards – viewing in the K of C Club Room. **Are you even ready for what it takes to be a real man? Think so? Come and see for yourself!** Sometimes funny, sometimes difficult – you'll enjoy it! Two dates for your convenience.

- **Friday, September 18, 2016 at 9:00 am in the K of C Clubroom**
- **Saturday, September 26, 2015 at 9:30 am in the K of C Clubroom**

(Please – 18 years and older only)

For Your Family – Home Enthronement

The Men of the Sacred Hearts provide a beautifully hand painted, three foot tall statue of Our Lady of Fatima that stays with the family for a week, or longer. The Enthronement process includes a recitation of the Holy Rosary on each visit. The family is asked to pray together every day as a means of preparing for the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart which will occur on the next appointment.

Please consider enthroning your home!

For reserving your spots or more information, contact Joe Lograsso at (586) 566-8940, or lograsso@comcast.net.

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