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Council 2950

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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Vivat Jesus

Dear Brother Knights:

The month of March is upon us and we are all thinking of Spring and how it needs to be here as soon as possible!

Despite the weather, we forged ahead with a number of great events this past month. We kicked the month off with the Euchre Tournament - thanks to Rick Similuk and Dave Utykanski and their families for running this event. Thanks also to everyone who came out and worked the February breakfast - delicious as always. The Super Bowl party was lightly attended, however, a great variety of potluck food was on hand and those that came enjoyed the evening, despite the fame.

The youth of St. Lawrence School participated in the annual Drug Awareness and Substance Abuse Poster contest. With 100% participation from the 5th graders, nearly ninety posters were created and judged by our Council. Four winners from each classroom were selected and all twelve posters were sent in for the Diocesan level of competition. We have a great chance at having Diocesan winners as the posters St. Lawrence produced are outstanding!

We started to provide viewings of the K of C produced biographical movie "Francis: The Pope from the New World" in the Club Room. The next two viewings are Tuesday, March 4th at 7:00 pm and Friday, March 7th at 11:00 am.

We have two big events in March: The St. Patty's Day party on March 15th and the European Pheasant Hunt on March 30th. Please make sure you sign up to participate or volunteer. We can always use help!

We will be having a Membership Blitz at the end of March. Please think about other Catholic men who you recommend to join the Knights of Columbus. Give them an application to join!

April brings two more events, including Texas Holdem' (April 1-4) and the M.I. Tootsie Roll Drive (April 11-13). Please mark these on your calendars.

In response to requests from Brother Knights and from St. Lawrence Parishioners, we are looking to provide service opportunities in conjunction with the St. Lawrence Parish Christian Service Commission. The first date confirmed is Saturday, June 21, 2014 at the St. Vincent de Paul store in Utica, Michigan. These are perfect opportunities to get involved in the community with your children or grandchildren. Please let me

know if you are interested as there are limited spots.

Please save the date for our first Wine Tasting, which is Friday, June 13, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Our next meeting is on March 13th and we can use help after the meeting with setting up chairs and tables for the St. Patty's Day Party. Please consider coming out for the meeting and lending a hand.

Please refer to the Council Activities report and related articles in the newsletter. As always any questions or suggestions feel free to contact me at Lograsso@comcast.net or (586) 566-8940.

Fraternally,

Joe Lograsso
Grand Knight

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

For the month of March we are honoring Dale and Karen Niedzwiecki. They have lived on Ogden in Sterling Heights for more than 25 years. Dale and Karen have been married for 30 years. They have five children - Amanda married to Chris Boyer, Steven, Dustin, Amy and Rebecca. They also have three grandchildren - Ben, Caleb and Olivia.

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish. Through the parish they help with the Fish Fry and Karen is involved with the Alter Society.

Dale has worked for Messina Trucking for the past 29 years.

Dale joined St. Lawrence Council in 1979. He has held the offices of District Warden, Warden, Guard, Lector, Deputy Grand Knight and Secretary in the Building Corporation. He has chaired the St. Pat's Party and the Hayride and is the New Vocations Director.

Dale and Karen love going up north to their family cabin with their children and grandchildren. Dale also loves being out on Lake St. Clair trying to catch fish with his sons.

Congratulations Dale and Karen for being chosen Family of the Month for March by your Brother Knights.

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNCIL
KNIGHT LIFE**

St. Lawrence Council 2950

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**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR
MARCH, APRIL, MAY AND JUNE**

March 2, 2014 - Corporate Communion at Old St. Mary's in Greektown.

March 3, 2014 - Knights Corp, Meeting 7:30 pm (This meeting is open to all members). **Attendance of Knights Corp members is MANDATORY!**

March 9, 2014 - Monthly Breakfast at our Hall from 8:30 - noon. Please plan on joining us.

March 13, 2014 - Our first membership meeting of the month-8:00 pm in the Club Room. All welcome.

March 15, 2014 - Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Party.; 6:30 pm - 12:00 pm in our Hall. Contact Joe Lograsso for tickets.

March 27, 2014 - Second meeting of the month (Planning Meeting) 8:00 pm in our Club Room

March 30, 2014 - European Pheasant Hunt. Contact Kim Wiegand.

April 1 - 4, 2014 - Texas Holdem

April 6, 2014 - Monthly Breakfast at our Hall from 8:30 - noon. Please plan on joining us.

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

April 10, 2014 - Our first membership meeting of the month-8:00 pm in the Club Room. All welcome.

April 11-13, 2014 - Annual Tootsie Roll Drive

APRIL 20, 2014 - HAPPY EASTER!

April 24, 2014 - Second meeting of the month (Planning Meeting) 8:00 pm in our Club Room

May 5, 2014 - Knights Corp, Meeting 7:30 pm (This meeting is open to all members). **Attendance of Knights Corp members is MANDATORY!**

May 8, 2014 - Our first membership meeting of the month-8:00 pm in the Club Room. All welcome

May 11, 2014 - Monthly Breakfast at our Hall from 8:30 - noon. Please plan on joining us.

May 29, 2014 - Second meeting of the month (Planning Meeting) 8:00 pm in our Club Room

June 13, 2014 - Save the Date - Evening of Wine Tasting

June 15, 2014 - Monthly Breakfast at our Hall from 8:30 - noon. Please plan on joining us.

Fraternally,
Joe Manuszak
Council Activities Director



FATHER ROBERT FISCHER ASSIGNED TO LEAD THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE LITTLE FLOWER

Our council chaplain, and St. Lawrence Parish Pastor, Fr. Bob Fischer has been assigned as pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak, Michigan.

As our chaplain, Fr. Bob has been a tremendous supporter of our membership, often present at our council meetings and always at our events. He had provided counsel to many Brother Knights and helped solve issues that have arose. Fr. Bob had been instrumental in helping our Council become more relevant to St. Lawrence Parish and providing a path for more membership.

We congratulate Fr. Bob as he moves forward, wish him success in his new ministry and thank him for his years as a Brother Knight in St. Lawrence Council.

Joe Lograsso

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, Bob Quaine Sr, Tony Bozaan,, Jeffrey A. Wright, Jim Langeveld, Stan Singer, Reynold Wolf, Jane Van Hevel, Bob Manuszak, Stan Kups, Jerry Shekoski, Debbie Redding, Terry Donovan, Ann Marie Badke, Ron Wiegand, William Grindle, Susan Belcher, Frank Settecerri, Eugene Schwartz, MaryAnn Campbell, Anastasia Bubin, Leo Niedzwiecki, 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) 978-0579 or email us at: lanardecchia@prodigy.net. Any names that are underlined will come off the list next month unless we hear from you



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.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

For the Month of March we are honoring two Brother Knights - Donald Heydens and Gary Lusk for their hard work running the Texas Holdem's.

Don and his wife Barbara have lived on Sassafras Drive in Shelby Township for 14 years. They have been married for 44 years. They have three children - Donald Jr., Scott and Melissa. They have three grandchildren - Khloe, Brady and Samantha.

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 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 is the current Co-Chairman of the Texas Holdem Millionaire Parties for both the 3rd and 4th degree.

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

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

Gary Lusk and his wife Diane reside on St. Ives Ct. in Sterling Heights and have lived there for more than 15 years. They have been married for more than 25 years and have three children - Kaitlyn, Carley and Kendall.

Gary and Diane belong to St. Lawrence Parish where they work the Applefest, McRest and Sports/Cheerleading.

Gary works for Alligator Marketing and Consulting Services. He joined St. Lawrence Council 5 years ago and is our current Co-Chairman of the Texas Holdem Millionaire Parties.

In their spare time the family enjoys watching movies, church activities, sports and going on vacation.

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

MOVIE SHOWING



Francis: The Pope from the New World

Viewing - Friday, March 7th at 11:00 am

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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



Welcome to
St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus
Council #2950



Monthly Breakfasts
 March 9, 2014
 April 6, 2014
 May 11, 2014 (Mother's Day)
 June 15, 2014 (Father's Day)
 8:30 a.m. til Noon, \$6 Adults, \$3 Children 6 to 12,
 5 and Under FREE
 Proceeds Benefit K of C Charity and Buildings Funds

Raffle
 50" LED High Def Television
 Drawing June 15, 2014



St. Patty's Day Rockin' Party
 Saturday March 15, 2014
 6:30 p.m. to Midnight
 \$35 Includes Full Irish Dinner, Dessert,
 Refreshments, Prizes, Raffles
 Music by Mainstream Drive
 Proceeds Benefit K of C Charities



European Pheasant Hunt
 Sunday March 30, 2014
 The Rooster Ranch Ubly, MI
 Check-in and Breakfast at 8 a.m.
 Breakfast and Lunch Included
 Proceeds Benefit K of C Charities



Tootsie Roll Drive
 benefitting the Mentally Impaired
 Weekend of April 11-13, 2014
 Please be Generous!



Wine Tasting Evening
 Friday June 13, 2014
 7-9:30 p.m. with over 30 Wines
 Hors D'Oeuvres and Dessert
 \$25 per Person
 Proceeds Benefit K of C Charities



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We are always looking for and in need of New Members!
 Please consider serving your community through the Knights of Columbus!

SPECIAL RAFFLE



St. Lawrence
Knights of Columbus
Special Raffle




Single Prize
Sony PlayStation 4
 with
Insignia 40" LED High Definition TV

Tickets
 \$10 Each
 \$20 for Four Tickets

Winner Picked March 15, 2014 at 11 p.m.
 (Winner Need Not be Present to Win)

Proceeds Benefit
 Covenant House Michigan, Rising Stars Academy
 and the K of C Childrens Christmas Fund for Families in Need

Support from Weingartz, Weigand Heating and Cooling,
 Utica Antiques Market, JW Marketing Services,
 E.W. Smith Insurance and Simone Contracting Corporation

ARE YOU READY?

Again, we are approaching the Palm Sunday Weekend. Are You Ready?

This year, as in the past years, we are conducting the Mentally Impaired Tootsie Roll Weekend on April 11 - 13, 2014.

We need **EVERYBODY'S** help to work the corners, stores, etc. Please sign up at any meeting or function by contacting any officer or chairman. It will make our job easier and creates less confusion on that weekend.

Ladies, we also need your help counting money, bringing in food items, or working the stores and corners. If you wish you can just drop by and say Hello.

Mark your calendar for April 11th, 12th and 13th t for this important weekend. With your help again we can be number one in the state.

See you soon,

Ron Wiegand
 Chairperson M/I Drive



**Knights of Columbus
St. Lawrence – Council 2950**

European Pheasant Hunt



When: MARCH 30TH, 2014

Where: Rooster Ranch
7480 Germania Rd.
Ubyly, 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 \$50.00 deposit (**check only**) payable to Kim Wiegand. Balance to be paid in full by March 14, 2014, 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 \$50.00 deposit

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