

**VOLUME IX** 

#### March 2019 Published Quarterly

#### GRAND KNIGHT - A FEW WORDS FROM SCOTT.... Vivat Jesus

#### Dear Brother Knights:

Happy March to all! I wish that I could say that spring is here, but winter continues to keep everything snow and ice covered. Oh well, we live in Michigan, right? I was looking at our calendar of events this week and I am excited at the number of activities that we have scheduled as a council! As many of you know, a lot of our new transfer members have indicated that one of the reasons they wanted to transfer to our council was that we were so active. The next few Months will be very busy between the <u>St. Pat's Party, MI Drive, Mass</u> for Special Needs, etc. to name a few. There are many ways as Knights that we can contribute to our council, so I encourage you to come out and help out wherever possible. I look forward to seeing all of you in the coming months! As always, I thank each of you for all that you and your families do for our council as I am always grateful for your continued dedication!

We are men of faith and men of action.

#### PROGRAMS UPDATE!

We continue to be very successful in our new Faith-In-Action programs! I want to share all those individuals that have stepped up to run these new events. I am pleased to report that we are on track and I have advised our Worthy District Deputy, Officers and Brother Knights that were at our Planning Meeting this week that I expect that we will complete all of the requirements in order to receive the Columbian award again this year! I will be submitting our SP7 form at the end of this month for consideration...

#### **INSURANCE UPDATE!**

Have you looked at your insurance needs lately? Do you have questions regarding your current policies? Are you looking to get some additional coverage to further support our order? We have a goal of 9 new insurance members for our council. We are currently at 1 of 9.

Please contact our new Field Agent, <u>Anthony Bliss</u>, to schedule an appointment. He has been a great addition to our council!

Anthony Bliss (248) 224-4396 Anthony.bliss@kofc.org

#### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE!

In addition to our successful programs, I am glad to report that we are at 59% of our goal to date. We need 27 new members and are currently at 16 members.

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Who do you know that would be a great candidate as a new member of our council? We all know at least 1-2 people that would make a great Knight!

Please email *Jim Adams* @jojim6@aol.com or *Gary Lusk* @MD2950@mikofc.org. Keep up the great work for recruiting!

#### HAVE YOU MISSED SOME MEETINGS?

Our meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Thursday's of the month. The first meeting is our <u>council meeting</u> and the second meeting is our <u>planning meeting</u>. Both are open meetings and all membership is invited to attend. I want to thank everyone who has been attending as we have had continual attendance of 50+ members at each meeting and it keeps increasing! My goal is to have the meetings last no longer than an hour to be most effective. We continue to make changes to our content to save time each week, so if you have any suggestions to save time, I am always willing to listen. Keep up the great attendance!

#### **NEW COUNCIL POSITIONS...**

#### As an assignment from our Worthy District Deputy – Jason

<u>Meyers</u>, we are looking for a Young Adult Director at this time. This will have to be developed into a new role. Our order is looking for councils to reach out to young adults (age 18-40) to provide insight and interest with what the K of C has to offer.

• Open – Young Adult Director

#### THANK YOU NOTES

- All that helped at our monthly breakfast!
- All that have paid their 2019 dues!
  - Consider a Sacred Heart Seminary Endowment of +\$6.00.
  - +\$10 Campaigns for Michigan Take 10 Charities.
  - Continued support to sell the State raffle tickets.
- Paul Cone and Dennis Murray for putting up more cove base molding in the hall.
- George Wiegand for conducting another successful Casino Bus Trip! \$1,800 was raised for the MI Drive!

#### ST. LAWRENCE COUNCIL KNIGHT LIFE St. Lawrence Council 2950 44425 Utica Road; Utica, Michigan 48317 Council Website: <u>http://www.uticakofc.com</u> MEETINGS - 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Thursday of each month OFFICERS

Chaplain	Father Roman Pasieczny	
	Jason Meyers	
	Scott A. Morgan	
Deputy Grand Knight	Francis V. Elwart	
Warden	Guy Anzell	
	Harry Kuk	
Trustee	Dennis Seefried, Joe Lograsso, Kim Wiegand	
	Antonio Quagliato	
	Don Heydens	
	James Bokshan	
Financial Secretary	Paul Burmeister	
Lecturer	Robert Walz	
	John Gaslowski	
	Paul Cone, Dan Lekki	
Roundtable Coordinato	orEd Braet	
DIRECTORS		

#### DIRECTORS

Program Director	Joe Lograsso
Membership Director	
Church Activities Director	Rick Lumetta
Council Activities Director	Joe Manuszak
Youth Activities Director	Joe Lograsso
Family Life Director	Paul Cone
Community Activities Director	Francis Elwart
Young Adult Director	

#### **CHAIRMAN**

Knight Life Editor	Larry Nardecchia	
Degree Master	Don Heydens	
	George Wiegand, Paul Burmeister	
Vocations Chairman	Dale Niedzwiecki	
Boysville Chairman	Warren Sawdon	
Eyes for the Needy	Tom Mueller	
Pro-Life	Chris Gill (Sharon)	
Picnic Grounds	Dale Niedzwiecki	
Retentions	Ray Keller	
	nie's Catering (586) 739-9063/Sam Backos	
Club Room	Ken Grunewald	
Club Room Phone	(586) 739-9063	

#### **ROSARY CHAIN**

Larry Shekoski......(586) 731-3548

#### INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE Anthony Bliss, FICF FSCP

Supreme Council Insurance Field Agent 750 Pine Ridge Lane - Madison Heights, MI 48071 Cell: (248) 224-4396

Email - Anthony.Bliss@kofc.org

To schedule of Field Agent visit, please call: Jakub Shonka – Administrative Ass't (586)381-8574

**K OF C FACILITIES RENTAL INFORMATION** 

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State Website Line – <u>www.mikofc.org</u> Supreme Website Link – www.kofc.org

Supreme Council Website for Career Opportunity – http://www.kofc.org/careers

#### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH – MAY

March 4, 2019 – Knights Corp meeting – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Club Room.

March 6, 2019 - ASH WEDNESDAY

March 10, 2019 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS

March 10, 2019 – Monthly Breakfast – 8:00 am – 12:00 pm – Main Hall

March 14, 2019 – KofC Council Meeting - 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm – Club Room.

March 16, 2019 – KofC St. Pat's Fundraiser –  $6:00 \text{ pm} - 11:30 \text{ pm} - Main and Back Hall.}$ 

March 17, 2019 – ST. PATRICK'S DAY March 20, 2019 – Monthly Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet – 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm – St. Lawrence Church

**March 20, 2019** – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Club Room.

March 22, 2019 – Euchre Night Social – 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm – Club Room.

March 24, 2019 – Youth Leadership Team – 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Club Room

March 28, 2019 –  $1^{st}$  Degree Exemplification - 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Main Hall.

March 28, 2019 – KofC Planning Meeting – 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm Club Room.

March 30, 2019 – Mass for people with special needs – 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm – St. Lawrence Church.

April 25, 2019 – 1st Degree – KofC Hall – 7:00 pm May 30, 2019 – 1st Degree – KofC Hall – 7:00 pm Fraternally, Joe Manuszak

**Council Activities Director** 



Knights of Columbus

### YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

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

#### **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.

#### KofC ROSARY SERVICE WORTHY CHANCELLOR HARRY KUK

This will be held monthly before our council meetings (1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Month) – starting January 2019! Rosary will be from 7:30 pm – 7:45 pm in the Main Hall, Back Hall or Club Room depending on facility schedules.

#### KOFC ROSARY SERVICE AT ST. LAWRENCE – CHRIS AND SHARON GILL

Monthly rosary services at St. Lawrence Church starting at 6:00 pm have been scheduled. Please see the attached flyer for additional information and Rosary dates.





- We have implemented a canned goods drive at all of our council meetings moving forward.
- All collections will go to St. Lawrence Parish to continually support their food pantry.
- We will have a bin in the club room for donations.
- Thank you to Jim Adams for getting the bin set up!

#### OUR SICK MEMBERS

Our prayers are required for the Brother Knights and family members who are sick and recovering:

Joan Hekoski Stan Singer Kenneth Mulka Nancy Campbell Ray Phillips Sharon Hemmon Baby John Venterini Victor Gatt Carol Poma Norm Altz Robert Quaine Sr. Maureen Merpi Robert Quaine, Jr. Robert Rogensee David Wiegand Theresa O'Connor Sandy Papuga Vincent Mallia Maureen Merpi MaryLuDeFauw Ken Von Zitwitt Bert Martin Eric Burnett Maurice D'Hondt

**Beverly Bebee** Tracey Vallelunga Ron Wiegand Linda Nardecchia Olivia Kelly Tsvetkoff Julie Gasowski Eric Burnett Richard Gitter Joann Wiegand John Mohan Roy Ansell Francis Jerome Jeanne Schoenjahn Thomas Zarro Ken Gruenwald Christine Burmeister Leonard Sienkowski Heidi Higgings Ethan Kammer Giuseppe Randazzo Joseph Seagram Thomas Brennan Sandie Ososkie Erin Salter

Jim Langeveld Jeremy Yorke Joshua Walz Griffen Davies Clara Mueller Dan Kosal Rob Sharon Kelly Gill Dolan Gilbert Kevin Popis Paul Rybicki Matt Gumbel Rene Battani Maria Gatt Megan Singer Mike Hoste Alma Anzell Frank Singer Ed Sheridan Jack Peake Linda Braet Allen Rooks Ken Mulka

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: <u>lindanardecchia@gmail.com</u>. Any names that are underlined will come off the list next month unless we hear from you.



#### 2018-19 MEMBERSHIP GOALS AND RESULTS

#### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE!**

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#### KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The March Knight of the month is Gary Lusk. He and his wife, Diane have lived in their home for 22 years. They have been married since 1986 and have three children – Kaitlyn (25), Carley (22) and Kendall (19). The family belongs to St. Lawrence Church. Gary is involved with McRest, ushering and CRE.

Gary has worked for 20 years for CMM.

Gary joined St. Lawrence Council 10 years ago. He has been the Chairman on the Texas Hold'em.

In their spare time the family enjoys spending time watching movies, playing cards and going to the beach.

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

#### FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The March Family of the Month belongs to Keith McNeil and his wife Debbie. They live on Messmore in Shelby Township since moving there in 1988. Keith and Debbie will be married 29 years on June 1<sup>st</sup>. They have three children – Jessica (24), Joey (22) and Adam (20).

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish. The children were alter boys and girl. They have been Eucharistic ministers, support Applefest, attend Mass, and have attended the Alpha Program.

Keith has worked as a die maker at the Chrysler-Sterling Stamping Plant for 20 years. Debbie is a CPA working at her own company for 30+ years. Her company is Years at Zack-McNeil, P.C.

Keith joined St. Lawrence KofC in 2007.

In their spare time the family enjoys spending time at their cottage on Sanford Lake. They also enjoy cooking, traveling, fishing, scuba diving and supporting those hapless Detroit Lions. They are also getting used to their empty nest with Jessica and Joey on to their careers after college. Adam is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Kettering University. These are one set of very proud parents regarding their children's accomplishments.

Congratulations Keith and Debbie on being chosen Family of the month for March. By your Brother Knights.

#### **KOFC CLOTHING ORDERS – OPEN THRU 3-25-19**



Please use the link below to order your KofC clothing online through EA Graphics in Sterling Heights. All orders that are placed will be delivered to the Club Room for distribution at our meetings. Orders that are placed now will be available around 4-9-19.

Thanks, Scott

https://eagraphics.com/kofc/Stores/Page/1000092/Home



#### Knights of Columbus "BENEFITS NEWS"

#### The Value of Membership Referrals

As a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most is when one of my brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to me. This is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they are pleased with what I helped them accomplish that they want me to help others achieve the same level of financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis that I provide.

Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they've never been asked and don't know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own.

If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me or your Grand Knight. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It's always more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don't worry if the candidate is outside the area I serve or beyond the district of the local councils, we can make sure we put these future members in touch with the right people in their communities.

New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.62 billion to charity and provided in excess of 700 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential.

#### "Receive a complete <u>Family Needs Analysis</u> at my expense. Ask about our <u>GUARANTEED</u> LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES, LONG-TERM CARE & DISABILITY INSURANCE

In Christ,

Anthony Bliss, FICF FSCP Supreme Council Field Agent Knights of Columbus Insurance 750 Pine Ridge Lane, Madison Heights, MI 48071 Cell: (248) 224-4396 E-mail: Anthony.Bliss@KofC.org

#### To Schedule a Field Agent Visit, Please Call:

Jakub Shonka Administrative Ass't (586) 381-4574

## THE KNIGHTS ROOM – KNIGHTS BANQUET HALL – BACK HALL

The Knights Corporation is now managing bookings for up to 75 people for the Knights Room (back hall).

These new changes will allow us to rent this space as we have done in the past. As an added bonus, we are not offering a discount for KofC members as an incentive. You must be a member in good standing to qualify.

The following rates have been approved by the Knights Corporation effective immediately for future bookings:

#### Non-Members:

\$375.00 for 4 hours flat rate rental Outside food is allowed Catering options are available if needed Room rental only, no kitchen or facilities use

#### KofC #2950 Members:

\$300.00 for 6 hours Outside food is allowed Catering options are available if needed Room rental only, no kitchen or facilities use KofC Member must be the renter, sign the contract, do set-up & cleanup and be on site for the rental

#### Please contact Dennis Murray for available dates! (248) 650-5895 Dennismurray975gmail.com



## CONTACTUS

All articles for the KnightLife should be sent to my new email address which is – lindanardecchia@gmail.com.

Scott Morgan will now be using the following email address: gk2950@mikofc.org instead of Steve Salter. Joe Lograsso will be using the following email address: pd2950@mikofc.org

#### KofC #2950 EUCHRE NIGHT SOCIAL

#### FRIDAY NIGHT, MARCH 22ND



#### DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM - CARDS AT 7:30 PM

- No Entry Fees
- \$5.00 per person play
- Please bring a dish to pass
- Open event please bring a friend or prospective member
- Spouses welcome
- 12 Tables max
- THIS WILL ALSO BE A CANNED GOODS DRIVE!
- Please visit:
- http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084BA9A92BA1FA7-euchre1 to sign up

#### ULTRASOUND PROGRAM UPDATE



- 28 Ultrasound appointments since October 2018!
- 25 New applicants into their program!
- New Births . . . Coming Soon!



GRAND KNIGHT – A FEW WORDS FROM SCOTT CONTINUED....

- All that attended the major degree ceremony at St. Isidore on February 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Paul Burmeister and Rob Murawski for setting up the new desk, filing cabinets and countertop in the club room.
- Chris and Sharon Gill for setting up monthly Rosary Service at St. Lawrence Parish.
- Harry Kuk for conducting a Rosary service for Jim Windlund's family this month.
- All that attended the February Euchre Social night!
- Retention Team and Paul Burmeister for collection of past membership dues.
- Joe Lograsso, Julie and Paul Tsatsos for a successful Catholic Citizenship Essay contest at St. Lawrence School.

As a reminder, please visit some of the following for Catholic related content: <u>http://www.newadvent.org/</u> <u>http://www.aod.org/</u> <u>http://vatican.com/</u>

Viva Jesus!

Scott Morgan Grand Knight (586) 201-5738 - Cell gk2950@mikofc.org

#### COMPUTER AND ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT – COMING IN MAY 2019





- No cost to our council
- \$5.00/Car Load
- Proceeds to St. Lawrence School & KofC Council
- More details to follow as we need to determine the date....
- Start gathering your items!

#### IT'S TOOTSIE ROLL TIME AGAIN



It's that time of year again, *Tootsie Roll* time. This year's dates are April 12, 13 and 14. We are once again looking for your support by either helping on the streets, store fronts or financially.

Every year it seems that we have to become more creative in our ways of collecting funds for this endeavor. Our street access has been limited at best to side roads in low traffic areas, if allowed any access at all; unlike past years where we had visibility on higher traffic intersections and streets. That is why we once again sent out a mailing to all of our members asking them to solicit financial support from their friends and families.

We have done our work getting authorization from the cities in our communities to solicit funds from the streets, now it falls on you to come out and support us by volunteering your time to collect. We will have someone in the club room on all three days of this year to dispense aprons, Tootsie Rolls; coordinate street or store assignments and availability. If you know your local store manager ask if they would allow someone to stand outside with a canister to collect; let us know and we will try to assign someone there.

It's through your support that we can once again make our drive a success and be able to provide the funds so desperately needed to the organizations that do so much for the physically and mentally impaired citizens in our communities.

Once again, thank you in advance for your support.

Your M.I. Drive Co-Chairmen,

Paul Burmeister, Joe Lograsso Dan Weingartz, George Wiegand

Lent starts on Wednesday, March 6, 2019



# FAITH IN ACTION

## PLEASE JOIN US MARCH 30TH, 4:30PM MASS

## OF COLUMBUS ASS FOR PEOPLE SPECIAL NEEDS



st St. Lawrence Church parishioners and the Knights of Columbus Council # 2950 welcome those with special needs, their family, caregivers, and friends for a mass in recognition of their gifts and compassion. All are welcome

### March 30th, 4:30 pm

### St. Lawrence Church

Reception of light refreshments in the Social Hall immediately following

## John 9:2-3

"His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned', said Jesus, 'but this happened so that the works of God may be displayed in him'".



**DF COLUMBUS**<sup>®</sup> Anthony Quagliato : anthonyquagliato67@gmail.com

### **Monthly Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**St Lawrence Catholic Church** 

#### 44633 Utica Rd., Utica, Mi., 48317

In today's world we see more and more people living as if God does not exist, and calling evil good and good evil. Our hearts are broken as we witness hearts becoming cold. We are in a battle for souls, and a battle for truth, beauty and goodness. But God has not abandoned us, and we have the tools to fight. Pope Francis said "Pray the Rosary to fight the devil!" St. Faustina said "Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet to save souls!" And Jesus said "Whatever you ask in prayer you will receive if you have Faith" (Mt. 21-22).

#### Therefore, we dedicate this Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for:

- The protection of human life, from conception to natural death.
- The end to abortion and the culture of death.

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- The conversion of hearts: That all will recognize and reject the evils of the flesh, the world, and Satan, and return more fully to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- In reparation for the sins of abortion, euthanasia and contraception.

#### **Rosary Dates:**

Wednesday March 20 Wednesday April 3 Wednesday May 8 Wednesday June 12

We will begin praying at 6pm in the church and all are welcome to attend.

Sponsored by the Profoundly Prolife Group at St. Lawrence and the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Council #2950

For additional information contact profoundlyprolife@gmail.com

