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## FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT Vivat Jesus

Dear Brother Knights:

One quarter into the K of C Fraternal year has been brought your fellow Brother Knights together to continue the work of the Council and for some to take on new roles as officers for the Council. The Installation of Officers ceremony was held on September 13, 2012. There was a tremendous turn out and with the guidance of our District Deputy David Kuptz and Chaplain Fr. Bob Fisher, a memorable and meaningful ceremony was experienced by all. Thanks to all that attended.

Thanks to all that cooked, helped and attended our monthly breakfast in September. Our next breakfast is October 14, 2012, and will also include picking the winner of the High-Def TV at 11:45 am. Please come out to eat and help if you can.

Everyone is invited to our Open House on Thursday, October 18, 2012. Focused for welcoming members that we haven't seen in awhile and potential new members, we will have refreshments, food, good discussion and generally a good time. Please RSVP to Kevin Manning, Jim Bokshan or myself if you plan on attending.

Our Halloween Party will be the following week on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30 pm. Tickets are currently on sale and the evening will include fun, food and music as we will have a coney island bar, salad, chicken wings and pizza. The band Mainstream Drive returns from the 2011 St. Pat's Day party to perform. Costume contests, raffles and 50/50 will help make the evening memorable for everyone!

October and early November will be a busy time for our Council. Besides our normal meetings and breakfast, the Fall Casino Bus Trip starts on October 14<sup>th</sup>. We will have an open house for all members and potential new members on October 18, 2012 with a Corporate Communion on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Lawrence Parish . We will be having a First Degree initiation on October 25<sup>th</sup> and finally our fun Fall event, Halloween Party, on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. All the details can be found in the schedule in the Knight Life.

As you can see, we are looking forward to this exciting time of the year. We can use your help to lighten the load - please feel free to come up to any of your Brother Knights and offer to lend a hand. Any amount of time is appreciated! Please see the calendar for all the details of our events!

Fraternally, Joe Lograsso Grand Knight (586) 566-8940

#### FAMILY OF THE MONTH

For the month of October we are honoring the family of Raymond Campbell and his wife Michele. They live on Pinecrest in Shelby Township for 35 years.. They have been married for 35 years and have five children - Chad, Nikki, Tracy, Tiffany and Jennifer and have 11 grandchildren -Shelby, Hunter, Griffin, Isabella, Blake, Carson, Kyle, David, Camren, Emily and RaeAnn

They belong to St. Lawrence Parish where Ray cooks for the vocations breakfast and Michele has taught in the Religious Education program.

Ray retired from Kaltz Excavating after 30 years and Michele is a stay at home mom who watches the grandchildren.

Ray joined the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in 1974. He has held the offices of Family Life Director, Community Director and Guard. Chairmanships held include - St. Pat's Party and Hayride. He is a member of the Brisket Bunch and he also managed the picnic grounds.

In their spare time they spend time up north at their cabin in Harrison, fishing, hunting with son and son-in-laws, spending time with grandchildren taking them to the park and sporting events.

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

#### **KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**

For the month of October we are honoring Maurice Pianello. Maurice and his wife Karen Ann have lived on Carriage Creek Drive in Washington Township for 7 years. He and his wife have been married for 41 years and have three children - Lisa, Kimberly and Christina. They have one grandchild on the way.

The family belongs to St, Karin Parish. Maurice has been the Hall Manager for four years.

#### ST. LAWRENCE COUNCIL KNIGHT LIFE St. Lawrence Council 2950 44425 Utica Road\*Utica, Michigan 48317

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

#### **OFFICERS**

Chaplain	Father Robert Fisher
District Deputy	David Kuptz
Grand Knight	Joe Lograsso
Deputy Grand Knight	Jason Meyers
Warden	John Ternes
Chancellor	Harry Kuk
TrusteeGreg DeFauw,	Jerry Mulka, Kim Wiegand
Recorder	Kevin Manning
Treasurer	Don Heydens
Advocate	Tom Brennan
Financial Secretary	Paul Brumeister
Lecturer	Gary Lusk
Inside Guard	Joe Manuszak
Outside Guard	Jerry Birr, Paul Cone

#### DIRECTORS

Program Director	Ron Morrison
Membership Director	Kevin Manning
Church Activities Director	Maurice Van Hevel
Council Activities Director	Joe Manuszak
Youth Activities Director	Joe Lograsso
Family Life Director	Raymond Keller
Community Activities Director	Ken Grunewald

#### CHAIRMAN

Knight Life Editor	Larry Nardecchia
Degree Master	Don Heydens
Mentally Impaired Chairman	Ron Wiegand
Vocations Chairman	Dale Niedzwiecki
Boysville Chairman	Warren Sawdon
Eyes for the Needy	Stanley Kups
Pro-Life	Joe Schudt
Picnic Grounds	Dale Niedzwiecki
Retention	Ray Keller
Hall ManagerMau	rice & Karen Pianello
Club Room	Ken Grunewald
Club Room Phone	(586) 739-9063

#### **ROSARY CHAIN**

Maurice Van Hevel	.739-2157
Larry Shekoski	731-3548

#### **INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE**

Jeffrey W. Mashini	(586) 746-8822
Email - jeffrey.mashini@kofc.org	

#### **K OF C FACILITIES RENTAL INFORMATION**

Hall	.739-9063
Picnic Grounds	.739-9063

State Website Link - www.mikofc.org Supreme Website Link - www.kofc.org

#### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

October 1, 2012 - Knights Corp Meeting 7:30 pm in the Club Room. (This meeting is open to all members). Attendance of Knights Corp members is MANDATORY!

**October 11, 2012** - Our first meeting of the month, 8:00 pm in the Club Room.

**October 14-15, 2012** - Fall Colors Casino Bus Trip. (**Please contact JoAnne Wiegand at (810) 798-0070 to make your reservation).** 

**October 14, 2012 -** We will be having breakfast at our hall 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. Please plan on joining us.

October 14, 2012 - Major Degree.

**October 18, 2012 -** Open House, 8:00 pm - 12 midnight. Please RSVP to Kevin Manning, Jim Bokshan or Joe Lograsso.

October 20 - 21, 2012 - Membership Drive.

**October 21, 2012 -** We are having a Corporate Communion at the 8:00 am Mass. (**Please meet in the back of the church**).

**October 25, 2012 -** Our second meeting of the month 8:00 pm in our Club Room.

October 25, 2012 - First Degree Initiation.

October 26, 2012 - Halloween Party

**October 29 - November 1, 2012 -** Texas Holdem at Snookers. Please contact Gary Lusk if you can help. **November 3, 2012 -** Our annual Past Grand Knights Dinner Dance, 6:30 pm in our hall.

November 5, 2012 - Knights Corp Meeting 7:30 pm (This meeting is open to all members). Attendance of Knights Corp members is MANDATORY!

**November 8, 2012 -** Our annual memorial Mass 7:30 pm at our Hall. Mass will be followed by our first general membership meeting of the month. This is an open meeting so please invite your family to join us. A light lunch and refreshments will be served.

November 22, 2012 - Happy Thanksgiving

**November 29, 2012 -** Second meeting of the month, 8:00 pm in the Club Room.

**Annual Coat Drive -** Bring new or clean gently used coats to the hall on meeting nights or at the Christmas Party.

**December 3, 2012 -** Knights Corp Meeting 7:30 pm. (This meeting is open to all members). **Attendance of Knights Corp members is MANDATORY!** 

**December 13, 2012 -** Our first membership meeting of the month 8:00 pm in the Club Room.

**December 16, 2012 -** The Children's Christmas Party, 2:00 pm in our Hall. If you can help set up please plan on arriving around 1:00 pm.

December 25, 2012 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**December 27, 2012 -** The second meeting of the month 8:00 pm in the Club Room.

Fraternally, Joe Manuszak Council Activities Director

#### SEMINARIANS

#### Dear Brother Knights:

We are including a copy of a report that was in our church paper. That way the parishioners will know what we are doing with our deonations that we got from the voluntary envelopes. We sent out the Seminarians Benefit Raffle tickets. We hope you will support this raffle like you did in the past.

### VOCATIONS ARE EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS Dear Parishioners,

From St. Lawrence K of C Vocations Director

First of all the St. Lawrence K of C would like to congratulate our three new Priests for the Archdiocese of Detroit - Fr. Paul Snyder, Fr. Steve Matreja and Fr. Salvatore Palazzolo, who is our new Associate Pastor. They were ordained on May 26<sup>th</sup> and we were happy to have helped them out with their education. May God Bless Them.

I would like to make a report of the voluntary contributions made by the St. Lawrence Parishioners and St. Lawrence K of C to support the seminarians and religious who are studying for the priesthood and ministry in the Archdiocese of Detroit.. The parishioners from St. Lawrence have been very, very generous. Since July 1, 2011 - 2012 we have received \$14,000 from the voluntary envelopes and \$400 from the pancake breakfast that the K of C put on. Thank you very much!

The St. Lawrence K of C Seminarian Benefit Dance and Drawing with donations totaled \$5,190. We received \$5,000 from the Supreme Office for the 2011 and 2012 fraternal years. I would like to remind you again that for every \$500 donated to support vocations we receive \$100 back. We donated to 35 Seminarians who received \$27,000 in this fraternal year. All the Seminarians who received help from us want to thank the parishioners and the K of C for the help we are giving them. They sure appreciate it. St. Lawrence K of C and I would personally like to thank all the parishioners who participated with contributions. We would also like to thank Fr. Bob Fisher and his associate, Fr. Philip Ching, for all the help and support. Keep up the good work and God will bless you for it. Don't forget to look for the pink voluntary envelopes. This is our 32<sup>nd</sup> year of supporting Seminarians. Let's make it a good year. We would like to see the younger generation participate more. It is for your future and your children to get more Priests and Postulates.

I would like to congratulate my son Dale and his wife Karen for taking over my job that I started in 1981. With everyones support over half a million dollars was raised. I appreciated all the support that you gave me in the past.

Thank you very much and May God Bless you all.

Fraternally Yours, Leo C. Niedzwiecki K of C Vocations Director

#### **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.

#### KNIGHT OF THE MONTH CONTINUED

He joined Leo XIII in 1972. He has held the Membership, Program and Activities Chairmanships.

In their spare time the family enjoys camping, traveling and family functions.

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

#### STORIES OF INSPIRATION

All of us have moments and experiences in our lives when the presence of the Lord is most evident. These situations may come with what we might consider to be miracles, during difficult times or struggles that we endure, by the simple observations of natural beauty, or just through the reflection of what God has done for us. All of these events strengthen our faith and make the Holy Spirit more relevant to us.

These insightful stories are not only inspiring to us but serve as inspiration to all. Jesus is present in so many different ways and these stories will encourage us to be open to recognize and seek Him in our daily lives and in other people.

Our Council is collecting **your story** and compiling it with similar testimonies of faith from our Brother Knights, their families and the parishioners of St. Lawrence Parish. This collection will be electronically published in time for Advent.

These stories need not be very long and should not exceed 1,000 words. To respect privacy, please omit or change names of people involved; also, the stories will be published anonymously. Please consider writing your story and having it included in our collection. We will be collecting stories through October.

Please send your stories and any questions you may have to our email address:

testimony-stl@comcast.net

Joe Lograsso Grand Knight

#### **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, Hedwiges Ternes, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kwiecien, Al Greb, Jim Wiegand, Jeffrey A. Wright, Meghan Singer, Harold Kaltz, Beverly Bebee, Richard Lumetta, Joey Caretti, Suzanne Langeveld, Wayne Peterson, Edward Winkler, Bonnie Attard, Eddie Everheart, Tony and Karen Bozaan, Jerry and Marge Goeddeke , Marge Quaine, Pat Kello, Steve Shekoski, Leo Niedzwiecki, Ed Durham, Robert Fetsco, Larry Maduri, Mrs. Diep and MaryLu DeFauw.

Also please remember in your prayers our deceased members and their families: Desmond Imre Dobday

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



**PLEASE NOTE:** Please park in the Church lot across from the Council

# PAST GRAND KNIGHTS BALL

Brother Knights,

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 <u>Saturday, November 3rd</u> at our hall.

# Past Grand Knights Ball

Saturday, November 3, 2012 6:30 p.m. – Midnight

**Knights Banquet Center** 

 $\texttt{Dinner} \cdot \texttt{Dancing} \cdot \texttt{Live Music}$ 

Tickets: \$30 per person

Ph. (586)580-1882

http://uticakofc.com/pgkball

The evening will start at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails, followed by a short program at7:00 p.m., with dinner being served at 8:00 p.m. To finish off the evening, dancing will begin at 9:00 p.m. and go until



12:00 midnight with music by The Tri City Plus Band. There will also be an open bar.

Encourage family and friends to join you for a great evening of food and entertainment. Tickets are priced at \$30.00 per person.

Tickets can be purchased by phone by calling me, Jason Meyers, at <u>(586) 580-1882</u> and through our website: <u>http://uticakofc.com/pgkball</u>. You can also make inquiries via e-mail: <u>pgkball@uticakofc.com</u>

Fraternally,

Jason A. Meyers

Deputy Grand Knight

