



# Knights of Columbus

## St. Lawrence Council #4169

### *Newsletter December 2010*

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#### **FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT**

WOW! Anyone who missed the Council's "Salute to Veterans" missed one of the best programs the Council has put on in many years. The food at the pot luck was fabulous, as pot lucks usually are and the program honoring all veterans from the Revolutionary War to the Afghan War was inspiring. The Fraternal Year is almost half over and although we have accomplished many of our goals, we still have more to do. We ask all of our members to get involved in our activities as that is the only way we can be a viable Council. Our meetings only last about an hour so surprise our officers and show up at our next meeting.

Our next activity is a Christmas pot Luck at St. John on December 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 6 PM. This is co-sponsored by the Altar-Rosary Society of St. John. Spouses are invited and please bring a dish to share and some canned goods for food baskets we are going to donate to the needy. If you wish to be in a gift exchange, please bring a \$5.00 gift marked "man" or either "woman" depending who the gift is for. Although reservations are not required it would help if we know how many are coming as the meat will be provided.

I wish all of our members a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Bob Burzynski  
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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Note: Degree Schedules can be found online at [www.kofcoho.org](http://www.kofcoho.org)*

- December 2<sup>nd</sup>- Christmas Potluck at St. John
- December 9<sup>th</sup>- St. Louis soup Kitchen
- December 9<sup>th</sup>- Regular meeting in St. John Rectory Basement
- December 14<sup>th</sup>- First Degree at St. Hedwig
- December 16<sup>th</sup>- Chapter Meeting at St. Jude Council
- January 11<sup>th</sup>- First Degree at St. Jude
- January 12<sup>th</sup>- Second Degree at St. Pats
- January 30<sup>th</sup>- Corporate Communion
- February 12<sup>th</sup>- Ladies Night Out

### ***Helping Hands of St. Louis Kitchen***

Our Council has been involved with Helping Hands of St. Louis Kitchen since 2007. Members and their wives work in the kitchen preparing food, serving and washing dishes. On Thursday December 9<sup>th</sup> we will again be at St. Louis Kitchen from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm. If you are interested please call Nate Rechel at 419-729-1212. St. Louis Kitchen is located at 443 6<sup>th</sup> Street on the East Side of Toledo. The time goes by fast and nothing is more rewarding than seeing hungry people being fed. I hope that you will volunteer.

Sincerely

Nate Rechel  
Past Grand Knight

### ***Corporate Communion***

On Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup> the council will have a Corporate Communion at St. Michael's Parish at the 8:45 Mass with breakfast to follow. More information will be available in the January newsletter. Please put this date on your calendar.

### ***Ladies Appreciation Night***

Our Council is going to have "Ladies Night Out" on Saturday February 12<sup>th</sup>. We plan to go to the 4:30 pm mass at St. John and after the mass we will go to the Erie Restaurant on Dixie Highway in Erie Michigan. The cost is 16.00 a person with gratuity and tax included. Price includes your beverages, salad bar, ice cream, and all you can eat chicken and Swiss steak dinner. Dinner will start about 6:00 pm. Make reservations by calling Nate Rechel at 419-726-1212 or Bob Burzynski at 419-726-3692. Pay at the door that evening. Check will be accepted and should be made out to Erie Restaurant. If this date is available on your calendar please mark it down. We have a separate room reserved just for our Council. Reservations are a must.

### ***Past Grand Knight Dinner***

Some time in March or April our Council will have a past Grand Knight dinner. Look for more details in upcoming newsletters.

### ***TUSA Update - Toledoans United for Social Action***

The community problems assembly was held Monday 15/Nov/10 and three issues were presented and voted on for presentation to the elected officials at the next Nehemiah Action Meeting. The three problems presented and voted on were Education, Crime & Drugs, and Youth at Risk. The results of the votes casted by each member of the 20 plus congregations present favored Youth at Risk which also encompasses Education and Crime and Drugs.

In addition, the 2011 TUSA officers were presented and took oaths to lead our team of 24 congregations in building strong justice ministries to address current injustices within our community and to take action to demonstrate God's will in working to build a city of God. Our pastor Father Gerald Chmiel accepted the position of Vice President, and our twinned parishes have targeted a goal of 200 people to represent our congregations at the next Nehemiah Action Meeting. Therefore, let's show that we are people of God willing to do his work by attending the upcoming TUSA Rally on 11/Apr/11 at 7:00 PM to prepare for the next Nehemiah Action

Meeting be held 02/May/11 also to be held at 7:00 PM with registration starting at 6:15 PM. The locations for these upcoming TUSA events are yet to be determined and they'll be announced as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you there to help in representing our parish in this work of justice ministry that our God is requesting us to do as his disciples.

### ***Annual Men's Retreat Update***

This years retreat with the theme "I have come so that you can live life ... and have it to the full" was a wonderful spiritual experience at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit, Michigan. The Passionist priest and the retreat staff reminded us of our Lord's passionate love for us and our calling to be his disciples today. Since having life to the full is not the traditional worldly view of the one with the most toys wins. No having life to the full is based upon having an open living loving relationship with God which starts with us to experiencing his intimate presence every time we attend mass and listen to his word, become part of his sacrifice during the paschal mystery, and receive his most precious body and blood to strengthen us to complete the work he's entrusted us to do as his disciples. Since when we commit ourselves to doing his work we don't loose ourselves we find ourselves, and sharing the love of Christ (mercy, compassion, forgiveness, healing, and reconciliation) with all allows the world to see and feel the abundant love of Christ which is to live life to the full with peace, joy, and happiness.

Our next Men's retreat is scheduled for November 4 – 6, 2011 and we look forward to having you join us.

### **SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

Any member of the St. Lawrence Council #4169 may submit information to be included in our monthly newsletter. Any and all information should be submitted to Andy Birr no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Contact Andy Birr by phone at 419-726-1466, by mail at 2747 104<sup>th</sup> Toledo, Ohio 43611, or by email at [jakerileybirr@yahoo.com](mailto:jakerileybirr@yahoo.com). All information is subject to review by Council Officers.

### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

**The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist. -- Pope St. Gregory the Great**



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