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Grand Knights Report

Brothers,

We had another successful St. Pat's Party! Thanks to Joe Lograsso for leading this fund raising effort for the Council. I would also like to thank the many Knights, spouses and families that help to make the party happen. The set up, raffle, and take down crew of Dan and Kris Weingartz, Laura Lograsso, Paul and Kelly Barbieri and all those who came on Friday night to help set up. The bar team did a great job keeping spirits up during the party, thanks to Dale Niedzwiecki, Chris Boyer, Steve McKay, Jim Adams, and Al Mulka. The kitchen staff was once again amazing and fed over 200 people in record time. Thanks to Rising Stars for food prep, and our Knights who helped to prepare and serve the meal: Jonathan Hartline, Ed Brate, Mark Weaver, Jim Duda, Jim Bokshan and others. Finally thanks to the band, Main Street Drive for providing a fun atmosphere. This event is one of our largest fund raisers, I appreciate everyone who attended our event. Plans are in the works for next year, so tell your family and friends and let's make it even bigger next year.

Next, the kielbasa crew was at it again, cranking out yards and yards of kielbasa. Thanks to Jim Ososkie and Scott Morgan for putting on this event. We had over 30 men singing, watching the NCAA tournament and having a good time.

Finally, our annual MI Drive is April 10,11&12, please consider making a donation or coming out to help the Council collect money at local store fronts and on corners around town. Everyone is welcome to help, spouses, family and friends. Our headquarters location will be the St. Lawrence Cafeteria from about 8am to 6pm each day.

Fraternally,

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Grand Knight #2950

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| Faith | Paul Cone |
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| Membership | Steve Sierawski |
| Membership | Dan Weingartz |
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| Rd. Table Coordinator | Ed Braet |
| Community Activities | Jim DeMaestri |

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Council Meetings

Location: St. Lawrence School Cafeteria

Note: Location subject to change, members will be notified by email

General Meeting

2nd Thursday of the Month

Rosary Starting at 6:30pm

Meeting Starting at 7:00pm

Officer's Meeting

Last Thursday of the Month

Meeting Starting at 7:00pm.

(all members are invited)

Knights Corporation Meetings

April 6 St. Matthias 7:00 – 10:00PM

Knight Life

All articles that are requested to be in the May Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than April 27, 2026.

There is available space for any businesses that would like to advertise in the Knight Life, please contact the editor.

Editor: Paul Burmeister

Email: pburmeister16@gmail.com

March 2026 Council Membership Summary

Associate Members: 223
Insurance Members: 116 - Inactive Members: 14
Total Members: 353

Included In Total:

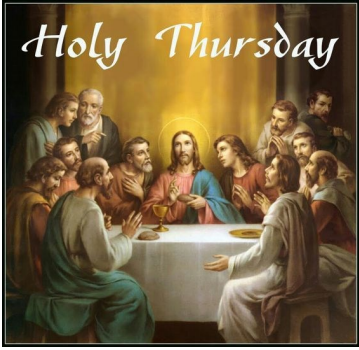
Honorary Members: 15

Honorary Life Members: 87

Council Status: In Good Standing

April Feast Days

Holy Thursday



April 2 - Holy Thursday of the Lords Supper

Lord Jesus,

On this sacred night, we remember Your humble act of washing the feet of Your disciples and the gift of the Eucharist You entrusted to us. Teach us to serve with the same love You showed, to forgive as You forgave, and to give of ourselves without counting the cost. As we keep watch with You in the garden, strengthen our hearts to remain faithful in moments of trial. May this night deepen our gratitude for Your sacrifice and inspire us to live each day as a reflection of Your mercy.

Amen.

April 3 - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Heavenly Father,

On this solemn day, we remember the depth of Your love shown through the cross. We stand in awe of the sacrifice of Jesus, who bore our sins so we could be free. May His courage inspire us, His mercy transform us, and His grace sustain us. Help us to walk humbly, forgive freely, and love deeply, just as Christ has loved us. In moments of sorrow, remind us of the hope that rises with the dawn of Easter. Today, we bow our hearts in gratitude, and we lift our lives in service to Your will. In Jesus' holy name,

Amen.



April 4 - Holy Saturday



O Father, on this solemn Holy Saturday, we pause in sacred stillness, reflecting on the depths of Your love and the sacrifice of Your Son. We lay before You our sorrows and hopes, waiting in faith for the promise of resurrection. Renew our spirits as we prepare to rejoice in Your triumph.

Amen

April 5 - Easter Sunday

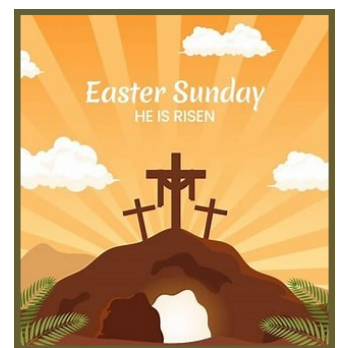
Heavenly Father,

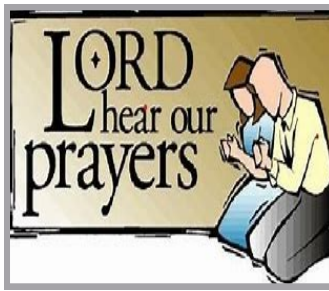
On this glorious morning, we rejoice in the victory of life over death, light over darkness, and hope over despair. Thank You for the gift of Your Son, whose resurrection renews our hearts and restores our faith.

Fill us with the peace that comes from knowing You are alive and with us. Help us to carry the message of love, forgiveness, and grace into every corner of our lives. May our words and actions reflect the joy of this day, so others may see Your light through us.

Bless our families, friends, and all who gather in Your name. Let this Easter be a reminder that no night is too dark, and no burden too heavy, for the power of Your love.

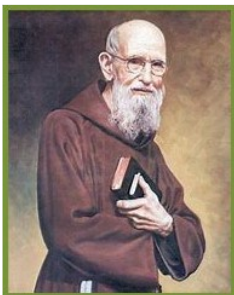
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.





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

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| Peter Backus | Mark Holz | Paul Rybicki |
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| Jerry Higgins | Chuck Pollum | |
| Elmer Holz | Mary Quain | |



The Father Solanus Casey prayer for healing is a powerful way to heal yourself and others by using his words as a guide.

The best part? It's free! Here's how it works:

Ask Father Solanus Casey to help you forgive someone who has hurt you, or ask him to help you heal from an illness or injury. Then repeat the prayer below three times: "You alone can make me well; You alone can make me whole. My body and soul will be healed through Your divine grace."



The Knight of the Month for April is Elmer Holz. Elmer resides on Meteor Dr. in Sterling Heights.

Elmer was married to his late wife Betty for 69 years just two month shy of 70 years.

Elmer belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where he is an usher.

After working for Bower Roller Bearing from 1953 to 1967 he retired from Ford Motor Company after 33 years.

Elmer Joined the Knights of Columbus in October 1977 and is a 4th degree member of St. John Neuman Assembly. He volunteers as much as he can working at the Capuchin Kitchen, Tootsie Roll Drive, and our poker room events.

In his spare time Elmer enjoyed listening to bands and dancing with his late wife Betty. He enjoys gardening, fixing things such as carpentry, electrical and plumbing, seeing the country travelling by car, spending time with his five children, computer games and is a YouTube watcher about things to learn/didn't know facts.

Congratulations Elmer on being chosen the Knight of the Month for April by your Brother Knights.



The Family of the month for April is Mark and Diane Wenninger. Mark and Diane reside on Rhineland in Sterling Heights for past 29 Years.

Mark and Diane have been married fir 30 years and belong to St. Lawrence Parish where they are both lectors and Diane hosts the rosary for St. Lawrence.

Mark is currently unemployed and Diane works for Trinity Hospital in Pontiac for the last three years.

Mark joined the St. Lawrence Knights Council 2950 in April of 2024. Mark supports our Council at our events and is currently our Program Director.

In their spare time Mark enjoys golfing, working out, attending men's groups and going on bike rides and walks with Diane. They also enjoy dining out with friends, spending time with their cats and attending St. Lawrence music events.

Congratulations Mark and Diane on being chosen Family of the Month for April by your Brother Knights.



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54th Annual M.I. Drive
To Assist Michigan Citizens with Intellectual / Developmental Disabilities

February 23, 2026

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies,

St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus are holding their **54th Annual M.I. "Tootsie Roll Drive"** on April 10,11 & 12, 2026. As in the past we are asking for donations to help support the local organizations that benefit by this worthy cause.

Again, this year we are holding a raffle: for every \$10.00 dollars donated you will earn one ticket in the drawing for a chance to win the following prizes:

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| 1st Prize | \$500.00 Cash |
| 2nd Prize | \$250.00 Cash |
| 3rd Prize | \$200.00 Cash |
| 4th Prize | \$150.00 Cash |
| 5th Prize | \$100.00 Cash |

Winners will be selected on Sunday April 12th at the closing of the drive. (Need not be present to win)

Three ways to make a payment:

Pay On-line at www.uticakofc.com and select the M/I Drive Donation tab to make your donation.

1. Send check to the Financial Secretary

Pay with Zelle: Send Zelle payment to pburmeister16@gmail.com

Please make your check payable to St. Lawrence K of C 2950 MI Fund and mail to:

Paul Burmeister, 45995 Plum Grove Dr., Macomb, MI 48044. With your tax-deductible donation, we hope to raise the monies needed to support the many organizations in our area.

Respectively,

St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus MI Co-Chairmen,
Paul Burmeister, Joe Lograsso, Joe Manuszak, Dan Weingartz



Come and Enjoy an All You Can Eat Breakfast!!

Sunday April 19, 2026

8:30am - 12:00pm

Menu includes: scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, pancakes, biscuits & gravy, coffee and orange juice.

Adults: \$10:00 / Children 12 and under \$5.00

Sponsored By: St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus



As of March 28 there are **69** members that have not paid their membership dues for 2026.

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| Total Paying Members | 252 |
| Paid Members | 183 |
| Unpaid Members | 69 |

Please keep in mind that the Council has paid the per capita taxes to the Supreme and State Council for all members on our roster for 2026.

Please Help Stock the Food Pantry!!



Knights of Columbus are committed to helping end hunger through the Food for Families Program which has donated millions of dollars and millions of pounds of food toward this cause. Council and parish families will raise funds to support their local food pantries, food banks and soup kitchens. For every \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food donated, the Supreme Council will refund \$100 back to the Council – up to a maximum of \$500 per council per fraternal year. Though in-kind donation of food is valuable, leaders of hunger-relief organizations often comment that financial contributions can be stretched even further and allow nonprofits to procure the exact items needed by the organization and its clients.

St. Lawrence 2950 will be collecting nonperishable food items at all of our Council meetings to help support the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry located in the St. Lawrence Parish. If possible, please include the receipt for your donation so we can apply it to the refund from the Supreme Council.



Fraternally,
St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus



Volunteers Needed!!

(Minimum 10 People)

“Whatever you did for the least of these my brothers, you did for me.”
-Matthew 25:40

Saturday May 30, 2026
10:30am – 1:15pm

4390 Conner, Detroit.

We will arrange to carpool at STL Social Hall at 9:30am.
Please contact me with any questions or to reserve your spot.
Wear your Knights Shirt and comfortable shoes.

Peace

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Knights Park & Pavilion



If you're planning an event and would like a beautiful outdoor facility, check out our 25 acre park located in Shelby Township, MI

The park offers a 40' x 120' pavilion with clean his and her indoor bathrooms, kitchen facilities, which includes ample refrigeration and a freezer, a commercial 6 burner stove and large oven. 40 picnic tables offer seating of 240 people under the pavilion, which leaves plenty of room for even more people and to serve your food.

The park also features a large safe environment for the children to play in, with swings, slide, monkey bars and all the beach sand they can handle. With all the shade trees around the pavilion, it's not hard to feel the cool breeze even on the hottest days of summer.

No event is too big or too small from graduations, weddings, family reunions or corporate picnics.

We have ample parking for 2,000 plus cars.

For pricing info, please feel free to contact Dale or Karen [586-254-3495](tel:586-254-3495)



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