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Grand Knights Report

Brothers,

I hope everyone has been enjoying this great summer weather! July was a busy month. I saw several brother Knights at the Rising from the Ashes event on July 22 at Huntington Place in Downtown Detroit. The event was MC'd by Chuck Gadica and attended by over 5,200 Catholics and included talks from Bishop Daniel E. Flores of Brownsville, Texas (and a former auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit); Fr. John Riccardo, founder of ACTS XXIX; Sr. Mary Grace, SV, of the Bronx, N.Y.-based Sisters of Life; and Jeff Cavins, creator and founder of the popular Great Adventure Bible Study. There was also a procession of the Blessed Sacrament down Jefferson Ave to Hart Plaza and back to Huntington Place for an outdoor benediction by Archbishop Weisenburger. If that was not enough there was a concert at night with Sarah Kroger and Matt Maher. Needless to say, it was a full day!

Next up on July 27, I met with our Financial Secretary, Paul Burmeister, Treasurer Scott Morgan, and the Council Trustees to review and submit our annual Council Audit to the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. We are in good standing with our accounts and everything in order. Thank you Paul for keeping the Council on track.

Finally for the month of July we held our annual Officer Induction ceremony with the Knights from St. Kieran's, and St. Therese of Lisieux. Between the 3 Councils we had over 60 members at our event.

In August, please mark your calendars for 2 big events:

Sunday, Aug 9 - St. Lawrence Parish Outdoor Mass and Family Picnic @ Picnic Grounds

Be sure to sign up to attend on our KofC Website: <https://uticakofc.com/picnic>

Mass is at 1:30 with a Chicken dinner and games after Mass.

We could also use some Knights to volunteer to Park Cars, and manage the Pub during the event. See Jason Meyers if you are interested.

Thursday, Aug 13 - MI Drive Check Distribution Picnic @ Picnic Grounds

Our annual MI Drive Check distribution picnic on Thursday, Aug 13 7:00pm at the Picnic Grounds. We worked hard to collect over \$40,000 this year for the MI Drive in April, now come meet the people who will benefit from our efforts.

Fraternally,

Mike Dixon
Grand Knight #2950

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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

August - No Meeting Scheduled

Knight Life

All articles that are requested to be in the September Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than August 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

July 2026 Council Membership Summary

Associate Members: 223

Insurance Members: 114 - Inactive Members: 13

Total Members: 350

Included In Total:

Honorary Members: 16

Honorary Life Members: 87

Council Status: In Good Standing

August Feast Days

August 6 - Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

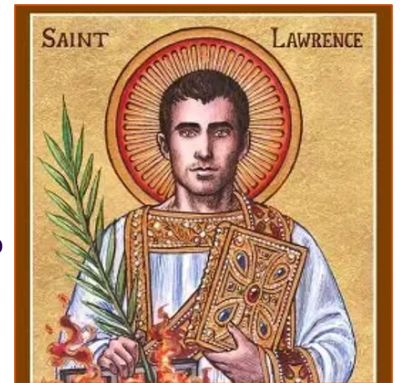


Almighty and loving God, You loved this world so much that You gave Your only Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Today we give thanks for Your glory shown on the mountain of Transfiguration, where Jesus was revealed in majesty. Lead us by Your Spirit to follow Him, and help our lives be transfigured so that the radiance of Jesus shines through to the dark places of our world. Amen

August 10 - Feast of St. Lawrence

Dear Lord, we lift up our hearts in gratitude for the life of St. Lawrence, a beacon of faith and courage. May his unwavering dedication inspire us to live with integrity and service, embracing the challenges of our lives with hope and love. Guide us to be instruments of Your peace. Amen.

St. Lawrence's feast is a reminder to serve others with joy, to stand firm in faith, and to find peace even in suffering — qualities that continue to inspire the Church today.



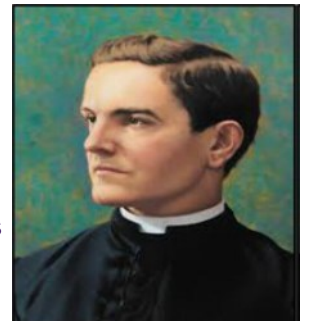
August 15 - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



"God, come to my assistance. Lord, make haste to help me. You reign now in splendor with Jesus our King. Ave, ave, ave, Maria! On earth we, your children, invoke your sweet name and beg you to watch over the land of our birth. Holy Mother of God, you were raised up like a cedar of Lebanon, like a cypress on Mount Zion. Blessed are you, daughter, by the Most High God, above all the women on earth. Mary has been taken up to heaven; the angels rejoice. We pray that we may merit to be exalted by you on high. God, for ever and ever. Amen"

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

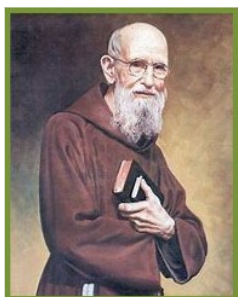
God, Our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called on your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.





Our prayers are required for the Brother Knights and Family

Peter Backus	Ken Grunewald	John Lysakowski	Brian Swartz
Tom Barg	Barb Heydens	Rick Lumetta	Christy Swartz
Shawna Brenner	Don Heydens Jr.	Judy Mocer	Faith Terenzi
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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 August is Scott Morgan, Scott and his wife Lori currently reside on Old Orchard in Macomb Township, MI for 22 years.

Scott and Lori have been married for 26 years and have two children, Julia 20 and Nathan 15. The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where Scott is an usher, and Lori cooks for funeral luncheons.

Scott joined St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in 2014 and is also a Fourth-Degree member. Scott has held the positions of Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, Trustee, Warden, and Building Corp. President. He currently has accepted the position of Treasurer for the 2026-27 fraternal year. During his two years as Grand Knight the Council was awarded Star Council by the Supreme and Michigan State Councils.

Scott is very active in our Council donating his time as co-chairman for Coats for Kids, electronic recycling events and car shows.

Scott is currently employed with MacLean-Fogg as a Director of Sales for Industrial markets for the past 12 years.

In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family playing board games, bike rides, fishing and traveling up north.

Congratulations Scott on being chosen Knight of the Month for August by your Brother Knights.



St. Lawrence Adoration Chapel

The St. Lawrence Adoration Chapel is now open Monday through Friday 6am-7pm. Our Brother Knights donated much of their time, talent, and treasure in renovating this room as an adoration space to honor Christ's true presence in the Eucharist as the summit of our faith. Father Roman commissioned the beautiful sculpture and monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament. Our council was instrumental in

building the Adoration Chapel, with members donating funds as well as their talents at construction. Please remember to visit the chapel as it is tied to our mission.



The Family of the Month for August is the Meyers family: Jason and his father, Ken, together with the loving memory of Jason's mother, Kathy, who passed away in 2025. Their family story is one of faith, service, commitment, and love.

Jason Meyers, age 47, has been a member of St. Lawrence Parish for many years and has been with St. Lawrence Council 2950 since 2008. Over the years, he has served in important leadership roles, including Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, and District Deputy. Jason is also a 4th Degree Sir Knight with St. John Neumann Assembly 478. Professionally, he has worked for nearly 30 years at Stanley Engineered Fastening and is currently a Team Leader for Design Engineering. In his spare time, Jason enjoys brewing cider and sake, growing mushrooms, and barbecuing. His commitment to his parish is also reflected in the many years he has chaired the parish picnic.

Ken Meyers, age 81, has been a Knight since 1983 and retired from General Motors in 2007. Now residing in Fort Myers, Florida, Ken is an active member of St. John XXIII Catholic Church and St. John XXIII Council 13624. He is a founding member of St. John XXIII Assembly 4015 and a member of the 4th Degree Color Corps. Ken enjoys painting and reading, pursuits that reflect his contemplative and creative spirit. Ken and Kathy were married for 58 years and raised three sons: Eric, who lives in Vancouver, British Columbia; David, who lives in Fort Myers, Florida; and Jason, who lives in Shelby Township, Michigan. Their marriage was grounded in love, family, and devotion to their faith.

Kathy Meyers, who passed away in 2025, was a retired teacher whose caring spirit touched her family and community. Her warmth, joy, and generous heart remain an enduring part of the Meyers family, and her memory continues to inspire those who knew and loved her.

For many years, Ken and Kathy embraced a "snowbird" lifestyle, dividing their time between Florida and Michigan. This allowed the family to remain involved in both communities through food drives and fish fries in Florida and local events and fundraisers in Michigan. Today, Jason and Ken continue to carry forward the values that have always defined the Meyers family: faith, service, community, and devotion to one another.

Congratulations to the Meyers family on being chosen as Family of the Month for August by your Brother Knights. We celebrate Jason and Ken for their continued faith and service, and we remember Kathy with gratitude and love.



Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

"St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



August 13, 2026

Annual Family Picnic and 2026 MI Drive Check Distribution

The annual MI check distribution and family picnic will be held on Thursday August 13, at the K of C Park & Pavilion starting at 7:00PM. We will be presenting the checks to the organizations from the proceeds collected from the "Tootsie Roll" Drive. We will be serving hot dogs, baked beans and coleslaw along with refreshments. If you would like to bring a dish to pass, preferably a dessert or snack, please contact Ed or Paul.

Ed Braet - ebraet57@gmail.com

Paul Burmeister - pburmeister16@gmail.com



As of July 30 there are **22** members that have not paid their membership dues for 2026.

Total Paying Members	250
Paid Members	228
Unpaid Members	22

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



Come and Enjoy an All You Can Eat Breakfast!!

September 20, 2026

Sunday September 20, 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



The 2026 Annual Fourth Degree Picnic Will Soon Be Here!

It's Picnic time for the St. John Neumann K of C Assembly! A time for food, fun, friendship, and fraternity!

Our Assembly Annual Picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2026 (instead of a regular meeting in August). Dinner will be served around 7:00 PM at the St. Lawrence Council 2950 picnic grounds, which is located at 11541 - 21 Mile Road, Shelby Twp. 48317 (north side of 21 Mile Road, between Van Dyke and Schoenherr Roads and just West of the Van Dyke Fwy.) Please plan to attend! **Our picnic is for all Knights, Spouses, and your friends.** The park will be open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will begin around 7:00 p.m.

Please provide the number of attendees to us no later than August 8, 2026.

Our Assembly will provide steak, chicken, hot dogs, baked potato, snacks, and drinks. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. The cost will be \$30 each or \$45 per couple. There will be no charge for children 12 years old or younger. You may pay at the picnic or send a check made payable to "St. John Neumann K of C Assembly 0478" prior to the day of the picnic to S.K. Art Krygowski at 21910 Remick Dr., Clinton Twp., MI 48036-2633. Candidates and prospective members, together with their guest(s), are also invited and can attend, at the same ticket price.

Please be aware that if a Sir Knight pledges to attend the picnic, but does not actually attend, he will still be expected to pay for the number of attendees he said would be attending.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the picnic grounds!

Fraternally,

Ron Kosciuszynski, Faithful Comptroller
(For the Faithful Navigator)

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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