



# St. Lawrence Council

## Knight Life



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### Grand Knights Report

Viva Jesus! Brothers,

Our Council was off to a great start in January. We held our first K of C Breakfast on January 11, which was also the winter sports Mass for the winter athletes at St. Lawrence. In addition, we held our Annual Free Throw Contest on that same day! So, it was a BUSY Sunday for sure. We had about 50 kids, ages 9-14, participate in the Free Throw Contest at St. Lawrence. There were winners for both boys and girls in each age group. Those winners will move on to the regional contest at St. Thecla in February. Regional winners will progress to the State competition in March. I would like to thank all of our January breakfast volunteers for keeping up with the crowd during the rush, and our Free Throw contest crew of Jim Ososkie, Tom Gianfermini, Paul Barbieri, Dennis Murray, Dan, Will and Adam Weingartz for running a fun and efficient contest.

While I was at the gym this past month, a fellow Knight gave me a copy of the 1973 Council 2950 Pictorial Directory. Some of you may still have a copy! The one I received has yellowed with time, but it's still in good shape. In the directory was a history of the Council, which I found extremely interesting. In Oct 1945 about 8 to 10 gentlemen from Mt Clemens Council #744 held a membership at St. Andrews in Rochester and at St. Lawrence and to create a new K of C Council.

In Nov 1945 the K of C Council #2950 was approved and created with 55 members! One year later, in Oct 1946, the St. Lawrence Building Corp was incorporated and purchased 2 ½ acres for \$2,500 (which is about \$42,000 in today's money) from St. Lawrence Parish to build a hall. In May 1947 construction on the hall began. Many of the members, along with Msgr. Edward DeKeyser, actually did much of the work themselves. Early on in the process, the brothers and Msgr. DeKeyser poured concrete until 1am to keep the project on schedule. In Aug of 1947 the first meeting was held at the new K of C hall. Finally, in 1965, the Council decided to acquire 25 acres of land at 21 Mile and the M-53 expressway for a dance pavilion and sports activities.

Our Council is now over 80 Years old with a rich history of serving St. Lawrence parish and the surrounding community. I'll have a copy of the directory at the meetings in January and February for all to enjoy.

Be sure to get your Super Bowl Squares from Jim Duda or Joe Lograsso soon, and be sure to gather your friends and get tickets for our Rockin St. Pat's Party on March 14th.

Fraternally,

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**Council Meetings**

Location: St. Lawrence School Cafeteria

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

**General Meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

March 2 St. Matthias 7:00 – 10:00PM

**Knight Life**

All articles that are requested to be in the March Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than February 26, 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](mailto:pburmeister16@gmail.com)

**January 2026 Council Membership Summary**

Associate Members: 224

Insurance Members:117 - Inactive Members:16

**Total Members 357**

**Included In Total:**

14 Honorary Members

88 Honorary Life Members

**Council Status: In Good Standing**

# February Feast Days



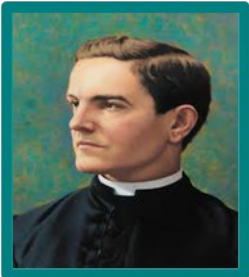
## Feb 2 - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

All-powerful Father, Christ your Son became man for us and was presented in the temple. May he free our hearts from sin and bring us into your presence. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday

Merciful God,

On this day of ashes, I come before You with a humble heart. Remind me that my life is but a breath, and all I have is a gift from You. Wash away the dust of pride, selfishness, and doubt, and clothe me in the grace of Your forgiveness. Teach me to walk in the way of the cross—with compassion for others, with courage in trials, and with hope in Your promise of new life. As I begin this Lenten journey, renew my spirit, draw me closer to Your heart, and let my life reflect Your mercy and love. Amen.



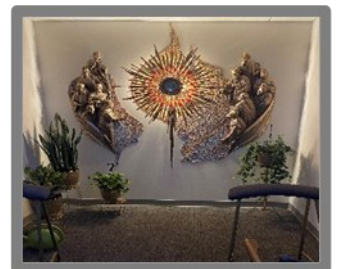
## Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

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.

## 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.

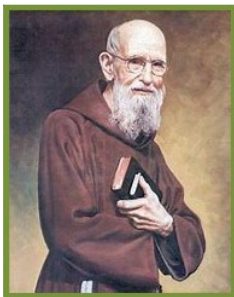
Our council was instrumental in building the Adoration Chapel, with members donating funds as well as their talents at construction. Please remember to visit the chapel as it is tied to our mission.





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

Tina Attard	Mike Hoste	Paul Rybicki
Peter Backus	Ray Keller	Paulette Sawdon
Shawna Brenner	Larry Kierzek	Frank Singer
Kathleen Brevick	Diane Kopicki	Iris Singer
Robert Broderdorf Jr.	Ken Kraniak	Arthur Swartz
Michele Campbell	Jim Langeveld	Tammy Schwarzkoff
Theresa Carter	Stephanie Langeveld	Schwarzkoff Family
Sara Chapp	Susie Langeveld	Brian Swartz
Tim Clarke	John Lysakowski	Christy Swartz
Sr. Maureen Comer	Rick Lumetta	Beverly Welch
Griffin Davies	Judy Mocerri	DeDe Wiegand
Cindy Duda	Finley Monroe	Eric Wiegand
Carole Fontana	Karen Monroe	Eva Wiegand
Julie Gasowski	Della Mulka	Kyle Wiegand
Fran Genovich	Dennis Murray	Michelle Wiegand-LeFief
Barb Heydens	Murray Family	Laura Wroza
Don Heydens Jr.	Shirley Patton	Mark Zapinski
Elmer Holz	Chuck Pollum	
Mark 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 February is Greg Padley. Greg and his wife Kathy reside on Saturn Drive in Sterling Heights for the past 20 Years.

Greg and Kathy have been married for 48 years and belong to St. Lawrence Parish where Greg is involved in the Bible study, counting the weekly collections and attending men's retreats.

Greg retired in 2013 and previously worked for General Motors and Magna Inc. for 40 years.

He initially joined St. Michaels Council in 2007 and later transferred to St. Lawrence Council 2950. Greg volunteers at our monthly K of C breakfasts and other events at the Council.

In his spare time he enjoys winters in Florida, bike rides, watching sports (especially Detroit teams) and spending time with family and his 8 grand kids.

Congratulations Greg on being chosen Knight of the Month for February by your Brother Knights.



The Family of the month for February is Warren and Paulette Sawdon. Warren and Paulette reside on Shag Bark in Chesterfield for 36 Years.

They have been married for 49 years and have three children Kelly (deceased), Kristy, Katy and ten grandchildren Alyssa, Benjamin, Kensley, Hayden, Savannah, Elliott, Nolan, Hazel, Audrey and Morgan.

Warren and Paulette belong to St. Augustine Parish in Richmond where Paulette was a religious education teacher.

Warren retired in 2021 after 48 years as a tool maker and EDM machinist. Paulette retired in 2014.

Warren joined St. Lawrence Council 2950 in 1982 and has held the offices as Recorder and Grand Knight and is currently the Treasurer of the Knights Corp. Warren is also a 4th Degree member and has held the offices of Scribe, Captain, and Faithful Navigator.

Warren held chairmanships such as Vegas co-chair, Bingo chairman, Holy Cross Children Calendar raffle and the Children's Christmas Party along with Paulette. He also is a member of the Briquette Bunch and works at the Council monthly breakfasts.

In their spare time Warren and Paulette enjoy camping, spending time with their grandchildren and playing with their three dogs.

Congratulations on being chosen Family of the Month for February by your Brother Knights.

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St. Lawrence Church  
Gathering Space

**COLLECTION DATE**  
March 8, 2026

For child's safety we will not be accepting donations of Nerf guns,  
slimes, and sharp dangerous toys.



## **Come and Enjoy an All You Can Eat Breakfast!!**

**Sunday March 1, 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 Council membership dues have been sent out by email and U.S. Mail. If you have not paid your dues, please send them in as soon as possible. If you did not receive a bill, or have any questions regarding your dues please contact the Financial Secretary.

Financial Secretary: Paul Burmeister

## **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



# St. Vincent de Paul Volunteer Day

**Saturday, February 7 from 9:00AM – 12:00PM**

Help with sorting items, cleaning etc.

Spouses Welcome! - Wear your Knights shirt.

Meet at new location 13455 Hall Road Shelby Township

Need approximately 10 volunteers.

Contact Jim DeMaestri if you can make it.

Thanks,

Jim DeMaestri,

Community Activities

586-817-4181

Jim.demaestri@fluke.com



## Save the Date!! Next Poker Room Event

March 12 - March 15, 2026

11:00AM - 6:00PM Thursday through Saturday

G's Kitchen & Cocktails

56129 Van Dyke Ave.

Shelby Township, MI 48316

(Between 25 & 26 Mile Roads)

Contact:

Don Heydens 586.419.3420

dheydens@gmail.com



# 2026 St. Pat's Rockin' Party and Fundraiser

**March 14, 2026**

We're getting everything in place for this year's fundraiser. Always a great time! Please let me know if you'd like tickets – appreciate if a lot of Brothers are able to attend.

As we get closer, I'll let everyone know about also helping for the party – before, during and after the party.



Saturday March 14, 2026 6:30 pm

St. Lawrence Gym and Cafeteria

Dinner, Open Bar, Desserts

Big Raffle Prizes

Music by Mainstream Drive

44633 Utica Rd. Utica, MI 48317

Tickets: \$45 per person

contact: [lograsso@comcast.net](mailto:lograsso@comcast.net)



## Coming to a Town Near You!

Brother Knights,

Have you been considering joining the K of C Fourth Degree? There has not been a more opportune time to do so than now! There will be two exemplifications held within the next few months, both close to home!

The first exemplification of Patriotism is being planned for Saturday, April 25, 2026, at St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church, 5481 Dixie Hwy, Waterford Township, MI 48329. The ceremony is expected to start at 10:30 a.m., with dinner somewhere around 12:45 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

I will need to receive your Form 4 application, signed by your Council Financial Secretary, by March 15 if you are interested in participating in this exemplification.

The District Master is also planning an Exemplification of Patriotism on Monday, June 1, 2026, at St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, 48115 Schoenherr Rd, Shelby Township, MI 48315. This being a weekday, the ceremony will likely start at about 6:30 p.m. (or whenever everyone arrives), with dinner at about 8:30 p.m.

I will need to receive your Form 4 application, signed by your Financial Secretary, by April 12 if you are interested in participating in this exemplification.

Please contact me by phone or text at 248-805-4651 if you have any questions or would like an application. You can also email me at [drkosc47@hotmail.com](mailto:drkosc47@hotmail.com).

Completed applications should be sent to me at 53657 Kristin Ct., Shelby Twp., MI 48316.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Fraternally,

Ron Koscierynski

Faithful Comptroller

St. John Neumann K of C Assembly 478



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*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

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

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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.

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