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Grand Knights Report

On June 22 we attended the 10am Mass together for our June Corporate Communion at St. Lawrence. We had a strong showing for Mass and I would like to thank everyone for coming out. At that Mass we also presented Fr. Alex a chalice of his own as he moves on from St. Lawrence to his new assignment to serve at both St Isidore and St Therese Parishes. We wish him all the best on this new assignment and know he will do great things.

Play Ball

Jimmy John Field is hosting a K of C Night on Friday, July 25th at 7:00pm. For those interested in attending the game you can get tickets at [US PBL.com](https://www.uspbl.com). Tickets are around \$15.00 -17.00 each. There will also be fireworks after the game.

Annual Installation of Officers

We will hold our annual installation of officers on Thursday, July 31 at the K of C Picnic Grounds. This will be an open meeting, so please feel free to bring your spouse or family to the meeting. We will also share this meeting with our fellow Knights from St. Therese and St. Kieren's.

The annual St. Lawrence Parish Picnic

On Sunday, Aug 10th. St. Lawrence will hold its annual Parish Picnic. The picnic will start with Mass at 1:30pm with the picnic after. Come on out for a good time and good food with your fellow Knights and St. Lawrence parishioners.

MI Drive Picnic

We will hold our annual MI Drive Picnic on Thursday, Aug 14 at 7:00pm. This will take place of our regular August meeting. This will be an open event as we will welcome the groups we help with the MI funds. Please come out to support this event.

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer!

Mike Dixon

Grand Knight #2950



COUNCIL OFFICERS

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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

There will not be any Knights Corporation meetings in July or August. Meetings will continue in September.

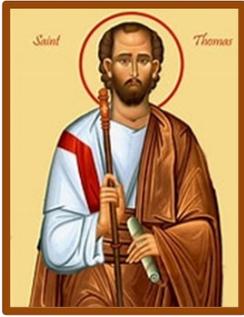
Meeting Location Change Notice!!

The July 10, 2025 Council Meeting will be held at St. Matthias starting at 7:00PM.

(The rosary will start at 6:30PM)

St. Matthias Catholic Church
12311 19 Mile Rd.
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

July Feast Days

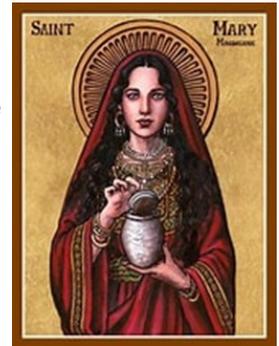


July 3 - St. Thomas, Apostle

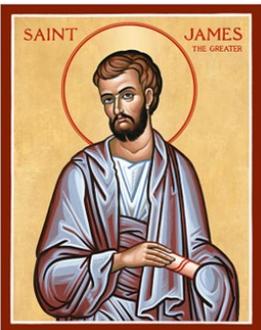
O Glorious St. Thomas, your grief for Jesus was such that it would not let you believe he had risen unless you actually saw him and touched his wounds. But your love for Jesus was equally great and it led you to give up your life for him. Pray for us that we may grieve for our sins which were the cause of Christ's sufferings. Help us to spend ourselves in his service and so earn the title of "blessed" which Jesus applied to those who would believe in him without seeing him. Amen.

July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene

Saint Mary Magdalene, woman of many sins, who by conversion became the beloved of Jesus, thank you for your witness that Jesus forgives through the miracle of love. You, who already possess eternal happiness in His glorious presence, please intercede for me, so that some day I may share in the same everlasting joy. Amen.



July 25 - St James, Apostle

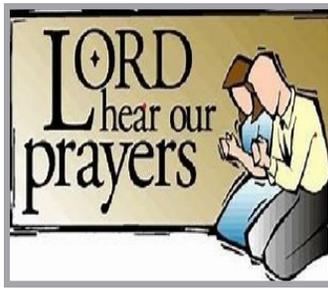


O glorious Apostle, St. James, who by reason of thy fervent and generous heart was chosen by Jesus to be a witness of His glory on Mount Tabor, and of His agony in Gethsemane; Thou, whose very name is a symbol of warfare and victory: Obtain for us strength and consolation in the unending warfare of this life, that, having constantly and generously followed Jesus, we may be victors in the strife and deserve to receive the victor's crown in heaven. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

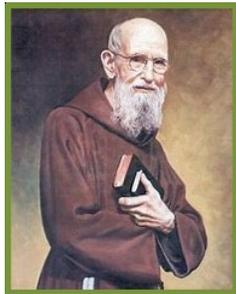
"St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the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





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

Tina Attard	Mike Hoste	Chuck Pollum	Eric Wiegand
Peter Backus	Jacklyn Karpinski	Mary Quain	Kim Wiegand
Robert Broderdorf Jr.	Ray Keller	Harry Rafalski	Kyle Wiegand
Theresa Carter	Larry Kierzek	Carol Rogers	Michelle Wiegand-LeFief
Sara Chapp	Diane Kopicki	Allan Rooks	Laura Wroza
Tim Clarke	Ken Kraniak	Paul Rybicki	Cindy Zapinski
Sr. Maureen Comer	Jim Langeveld	Paulette Sawdon	
Marg DeMaestri	Stephanie Langeveld	Carol Sienkowski	
Cinda Duda	Susie Langeveld	Frank Singer	
Carole Fontana	Dan Lekki	Iris Singer	
Julie Gasowski	Rick Lumetta	Stan Singer	
Fran Genovich	Ann Monroe	Kelly Sobeck	
Barb Heydens	Finley Monroe	Robert Stone	
Don Heydens Jr.	Della Mulka	Fr. Ron Victor	
Jerry Higgins	Jerome Mulka	Harlan Wagner	
Elmer Holz	Dennis Murray	Beverly Welch	
Mark Holz	Ann Pelk	DeDe Wiegand	



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 July is Tim Lemley. Tim and his wife Marcia reside on Roxbury Circle in Macomb for 22 years.

Tim and Marcia will be celebrating their 57th anniversary in October 2025. They belong to St Lawrence Parish where Tim leads Adult Bible Study on Monday evenings and Tuesday Mornings. Tim also volunteers for MCREST and helps out in various other ministries.

Tim retired in 2009 and joined the Knights of Columbus in December 2019 where he helps out on various Council activities and works at our monthly K of C breakfasts.

In his spare time Tim enjoys studying scripture, taking on-line classes at the Institute of Catholic Culture, spending time with family, traveling, reading and watching sports.

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



The Family of the Month for July is Ed and Carolyn Barrette. Ed and Carolyn reside on Reber Dr. in Shelby Township for 56 years.

Ed and Carolyn have been married for 58 years and have two sons Scott and Christopher and have five grandchildren Zachary, Carson, Kyler, Caden, and Jack.

Ed and Carolyn belong to St. Lawrence Parish where Ed is an usher for masses and funerals and worked the fish fry for 25 years and Apple Fests. He and Carolyn also volunteer for the funeral lunch program at the parish.

Ed retired from Chrysler after 41 years and Carolyn retired as a LPN after 43 years.

Ed joined the St. Lawrence Council in 2020 and held the position of inside guard and is currently one of our trustees. Ed also volunteers at all K of C programs and works at our monthly breakfasts.

In their spare time they enjoy spending time up at their cottage fishing, swimming and kayaking, hunting at hunting camp and spending Thanksgiving at the cottage.

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



Brother Knight,

Perhaps you already are a member of the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree. If so, thank you for your support and patriotism. If not, please consider completing the final degree of patriotism by joining us at the Fourth Degree 125th Anniversary Exemplification.

The Fourth Degree Knights are the men who have chosen to embrace the Order's fourth principle of patriotism, the men who lead the efforts to reach out to veterans and active military and to embody the fact that one can be a faithful Catholic and also be a faithful citizen. Information specifically about our Assembly are attached.

When the Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882, three principles united its members: charity, unity and fraternity. However, at that time people feared that members of the Catholic faith owed their entire allegiance to the Church and could not be trusted as citizens of their country. Patriotism was added to the Order's principles in 1900, based on the idea that Knights are loyal to both God and country. Over 1,100 Knights showed their patriotism by coming forth that year for the first exemplification to the Fourth Degree. Another 750 Knights participated the following May to be exemplified to the Fourth Degree.

The manifestation of patriotism in the Knights of Columbus continues. The Michigan District 1 Exemplification in celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Fourth Degree will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2025. The District Master, as well as our Assembly, are hoping to have as many candidates there as possible in recognition of this historic event.

The exemplification ceremony will be at St. Christopher Catholic Church in Marysville, MI.. Registration will be at 12:30 p.m., and the ceremony will start at 1:30 p.m. We will also be attending 4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Christopher. Note that we will have light refreshments both before and after the ceremony in the social hall at the church.

After Mass, the banquet will be about 1/2 mile down the road at Knight Club, also in Marysville. Dinner will likely start about 6:45 p.m. or so, and everything should be done by 9:00 p.m., probably sooner, depending on how many dignitaries and guests are there.

The cost for a candidate will be \$70.00, and that will include dinner for the candidate. The cost for dinner for guests will be \$40.00 per person. Note that if a candidate wants a class photo, the cost will be \$12.00.

I will need to have the registration for all the candidates submitted to the District Comptroller by August 1, 2025. **That means I will need all completed applications submitted to me no later than mid-July.**

Your consideration about joining us in our efforts to promote patriotism, to assist veterans and military personnel, and to assist seminarians for the military chaplaincy will be greatly appreciated! Your joining us in support of our efforts will be appreciated even more!!!

Fraternally,

Ron

Ron Koscierzynski, PFN, PGK

Faithful Comptroller, St. John Neumann Fourth Degree Assembly 478



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You only need to be as active as you want and as your time will allow. However, regardless of the amount of time that you are able to commit, remember that your membership will count greatly when we need to raise our voices as a group regarding pertinent issues on concerning our faith and when we show our support for our Church, for our priests, for our nation, for our active military personnel, and for our veterans.



Membership Eligibility

If you are over 18 years of age; a citizen of the country in which you reside; a practical Catholic in union with the Holy See; and you are a Third Degree member in good standing, please consider joining the ranks of the Fourth Degree.

For More Information Contact:

Don Heydens
 586.419.3420
 dheydens@gmail.com

or mail the coupon to:

Don Heydens
 54380 Sassafras Dr.
 Shelby Twp., MI 48315

I wish to become a member of the 4th Degree.

I wish more information about the 4th Degree.

I am a former 4th degree member and wish to rejoin.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Council: _____

E-mail: _____

Best time to contact: _____

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Sunday, August 10th

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Contact

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Thank you for supporting our parish and helping to bring our Alaskan adventure to life!



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 Council 2950

June 1, 2025 Council Membership Summary

Associate Members: 237 - Insurance Members: 120 -

Inactive Members: 16 **Total Members 373**

Included In Total:

14 Honorary Members: 87 Honorary Life Members

Council Status: In Good Standing

Knight Life

All articles that are requested to be in the August Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than July 25, 2025. There is available space for any businesses that want to advertise in the Knight Life, please contact the editor.

Editor: Paul Burmeister

Cancelled Due to Low Participation!!

Science Fun Day for 1st-5th Graders - K of C Picnic Grounds

Hands-On Science Experiments - Lunch

The Knights of Columbus are excited to put on our annual Science Day at the K of C Picnic Grounds on Friday August 8, 2025 starting at 10 a.m. for 1st-5th Graders (2025-2026 school year).

We are planning fun, hands-on activities that chemistry and physics. The day will include lunch and we will be finished around 2:30 p.m.

Parents will need to remain at the picnic grounds with the kids. You will also enjoy lunch!

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4BABA72BAAF58-science>



August 14, 2025 Annual Family Picnic and 2025 MI Drive Check Distribution

The annual MI check distribution and family picnic will be held on Thursday August 14, 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



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 Twp., 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.

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