



St. Lawrence Council Knight Life



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Grand Knights Report

Viva Jesus!

I heard it many times while attending the 125th Annual Knights of Columbus State Convention on Mackinac Island at the end of May. What a testament to our Catholic Faith! Our new Archbishop Edward Weisenburger said the opening Mass and stayed at the conference all three days. Bishop Robert Fisher and Fr. Roman were also in attendance. There were over 1,000 people at the convention, including 450 Brother Knights, their spouses and special guests. There were speakers from Right to Life, Protect Life, Special Olympics and the St. Louis Center this year. All the speakers were very passionate about their topic and working to make a difference with the support of the Knights of Columbus.

While at the convention, Joanne and I attended the living rosary on the grounds of the Grand Hotel. It was a great site to see over 1,000 people reciting the rosary in unison. We also attended several sessions and the state deputy banquet where attendees raised over \$50,000 to the support the Aid and Support After Pregnancy program (ASAP). By reaching that goal, the national supreme council will donate an additional \$12,500 to the state for this effort. Our Council donated \$500 in support of this worthy cause.

In closing the state board published a few interesting statistic, did you know:

- There are 423 K of C Councils in the state of Michigan
- There are over 55,000 Knights in the State
- There are over 1.5 Million Catholics in the state, which is only 15% of the population
- There are 192 Catholic Schools in the state, 68 of them are in the Metro Detroit area

Finally, there are about 1,000 Priests in the state, 500 are in the Metro Detroit area

We need to keep up the good work in our Council, so collectively the Knight of Columbus in Michigan can continue to make a difference!

Fraternally,

Mike Dixon
Grand Knight
Council #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

Jun 3 Picnic Grounds 7:00 - 10:00PM

Jul 7 Picnic Grounds 7:00 - 10:00PM

Aug 4 Picnic Grounds 7:00 - 10:00PM

Knight Life

All articles that are requested to be in the July Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than June 26, 2025. There is available space for any businesses that want to advertise in the Knight Life please contact the editor.

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June 14 - Happy Flag Day!!

Flag Day was first proposed in 1861 to rally support for the Union side of the American Civil War. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation that designated June 14 as Flag Day. On August 3, 1949, National Flag Day was officially established by an Act of Congress.



June Feast Days

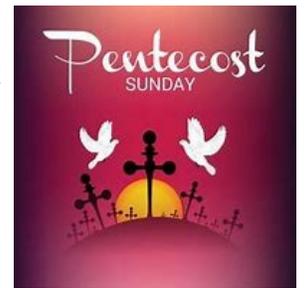
June 1 - Ascension of the Lord



“Father, we thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ. We remember his life, death, and resurrection. We rejoice that he is now with you in heaven. As we celebrate Ascension Sunday, help us to remember your promises and to trust in your love. Amen.”

June 8 - Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost is a feast celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ, as described in the New Testament book of Acts. This event marked the birth of the Christian Church and is often referred to as the "birthday of the Church."



June 15 - The Most Holy Trinity



Glory be to the Father,
Who by His almighty power and love created me, making me in the image and likeness of God.

Glory be to the Son,
Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell, and opened for me the gates of heaven.

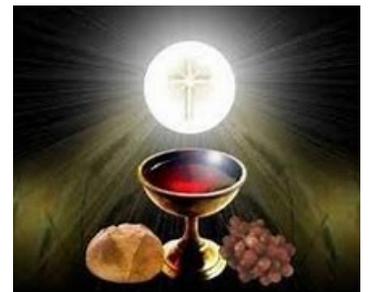
Glory be to the Holy Spirit,
Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism, and continues to sanctify me by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.

Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity,
now and forever. Amen.

Jun 19 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption.

Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



June Feast Days

June 24 - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist



Only three birthdays are celebrated on the Church's liturgical calendar, the Nativity of Our Lord (December 25), the Nativity of His Mother (September 8), and the Nativity of His forerunner, John the Baptist, on June 24. St. John the Baptist was set apart from the womb to prepare the way of the Lord and was a significant figure connected to the Incarnation and the Redemption. The Church honors him because of his role in preparing the way for Christ.

June 27 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 28 - Immaculate Heart of Mary



Blessed forever be the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary! Obtain for me a greater purity of heart and a fervent love of the spiritual life. May all my actions be done for the greater glory of God in union with the divine heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

June 29 - Saint Peter and Paul Apostles

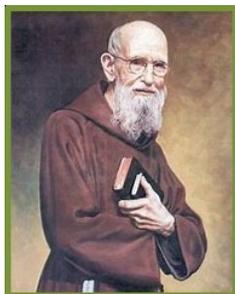
Grant, we pray, O Lord our God, that we may be sustained by the intercession of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, that, as through them you gave your Church the foundations of her heavenly office, so through them you may help her to eternal salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.





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

Tina Attard	Elmer Holz	Della Mulka	Arthur Swartz
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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."



Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month for June is Robert Quain. Robert resides on Janice in Utica, MI.

Robert belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where he is currently an usher and volunteers at the annual Apple Fest.

Robert joined St. Lawrence Council 2950 in 2003 and volunteers his time supporting Council events. He is also a Fourth-Degree member of St. John Neuman Assembly.

He is retired from Shelby Township Parks and Recreation.

In his spare time Robert enjoys going to car shows around the area.

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



Family of the Month

The Family of the Month for June is Ed and Kim Braet. Ed and Kim reside on Golden Oakes Ln. in Shelby Township.

Ed and Kim have been married for forty-six years and have four children Meghan, Daniel,

Ashley, Nicholas and five grandchildren Brendan, Juliana, Valentina, Charlette and Olivia.

Ed retired from General Motors after 46 years and Kim was a stay-at-home mom.

Ed and Kim belong to St. Lawrence Parish where they volunteered at the Apple Fest, supported the giving tree and other charities over the years.

Ed joined St. Lawrence Council 2950 where he has held the position of Deputy Grand Knight and is currently our Council Warden and our breakfast co-chairman.

In their spare time they enjoy spending time with their family taking trips, swimming, fishing and playing Euchre.

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



Come and Enjoy an All You Can Eat Breakfast!!

Sunday June 8, 2025

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



Thank You!!

Thanks to everyone that worked the poker room and the Mothers Day breakfast during the month of May. Both of these events were a success and could not have been possible without your help.

The Chairmen



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

Hands-On Science Experiments - Lunch

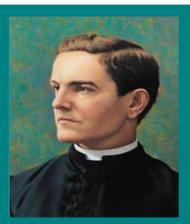
The Knights of Columbus are excited to put on our annual Science Day at the K of C Picnic Grounds on Friday August 8, 2025 starting at 10 a.m. for 1st-5th Graders (2025-2026 school year).

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>



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.

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OUTDOOR MASS & FAMILY PICNIC



Please RSVP by
Monday, August 4th

Sunday, August 10th

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Don't forget to bring a lawn chair for extra seating.



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 fratey. 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 Koscierynski, PFN, PGK

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How Active Do You Need to Be?

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 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.

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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: _____

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State: _____ Zip: _____



Council Elections

Our Council elections took place on May 8, 2025 during our general meeting. All members with a Third Degree status are eligible for all positions. We will again have nominations followed by the election at our June 12, 2025 meeting, if you are interested in a position, you can self-nominate yourself.



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

May 1, 2025 Council Membership Summary

Associate Members: 237 - Insurance Members:120 - Inactive Members:16 **Total Members 373**

Included In Total: 14 Honorary Members: 86 Honorary Life Members:

Council Status: In Good Standing



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.

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