



# St. Lawrence Council Knight Life



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## Grand Knights Report

Greetings!

As I take the helm as Grand Knight, I would like to thank everyone for their support as I embark on this important role. I am truly grateful for all the friendship and fellowship that being a Knight has blessed me with over the years. We have a thriving council here at St. Lawrence, and together we can continue our mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

I would like to extend a special thanks to our brother Knights who worked to put on the Trivia night fundraiser in February. Chairmen Joe Lograsso and Rick Similuk did a great job of putting on this event. They had help from a great group of volunteers, Laura Lograsso, Laurie Similuk, Dan and Kris Weingartz, Phil and Denise Kupser, John Gasowski, Scott Morgan, Ed Brate and Paul Burmeister. Thanks to everyone who came out to make this event a success!

We have a busy month ahead of us!

Get ready! The annual St. Pat's Rockin' Party is Saturday, March 15th. We'll have food, a live band, and of course green beverages to celebrate the holiday. To make our event a success we need everyone to grab your family and friends and come out for a great time. Please see Joe Lograsso for Tickets. Next, consider volunteering to help set up, cook, sell 50/50 tickets, man the bar or clean up after the event. Together we can continue to make this tradition at St. Lawrence a night to remember as we raise money to support our K of C charities.

On March 30, we will have our 1st Corporate Communion of the year. We will gather at St. Lawrence Church for the 10am Mass to celebrate this event.

Finally, look for our annual MI Drive letter and raffle to go out in March. We have some great prizes lined up for the raffle again this year. We will be looking for volunteers to help us work the streets of Shelby, Utica and Sterling Heights for the MR Drive on April 4, 5, and 6. Please consider taking a shift to support this worthy cause.

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**

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**

Apr 7 St. Matthias 7:00 - 10.00PM

May 5 St. Matthias 7:00 - 10.00PM

Jun 2 St. Matthias 7:00 - 10:00PM

**Knight Life**

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

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# March Feast Days



## Ash Wednesday - March 5

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

## St. Patrick, Bishop - March 17

### St. Patrick's Prayer

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit, Christ where I arise, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks to me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. Salvation is of the Lord. Salvation is of the Christ. May your salvation, Lord, be ever with us.



## Saint Joseph, husband of Mary - March 19



Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. *Amen.*

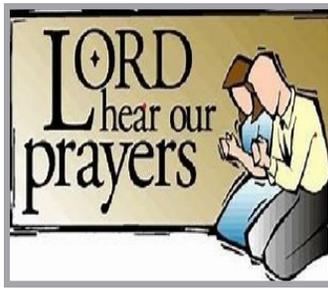
## The Annunciation of the Lord - March 25

O most holy Virgin Mary,  
to whom God sent the Angel Gabriel  
to announce that you should be the mother of His Only-Begotten Son,  
pray for us who have recourse to you.

Holy, lovely Mary  
We give our all to you  
What is past and present,  
And the future, too.

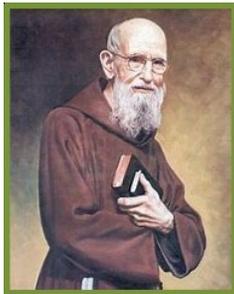
Blessed be the holy and Immaculate Conception  
of the most blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.





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

Peter Backus	Jerry Higgins	Finley Monroe	Fr. Ron Victor
Debra Campbell	Elmer Holz	Della Mulka	Harlan Wagner
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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 March is Mark Wenninger. Mark and his wife Diane reside on Rhineland in Sterling Heights for the last 28 years.

Mark and Diane have been married for 29 years and belong to St. Lawrence Parish where Mark is a Lector and works at the Applefest.

Mark is employed by S3 for the past 6 years where he is a Sr. Technical Delivery Lead.

Mark joined St. Lawrence Council 2950 in 2024 and is currently our Program Director. He also volunteers his time at K of C events such as Trivia Knight and the Texas Holdem Poker events.

In his spare time Mark enjoys exercising, golf, riding his bike and attending men's group and spiritual retreats.

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



The Family of the Month for March is Mike and Joanne Dixon. Mike and Joanne reside on Glen Point Dr. in Shelby Township for the last 22 years.

Mike and Joanne have been married for 29 years and have three sons Alex 26, Andrew 24 and Adam 22. All three boys attended St. Lawrence School and Bishop Foley High School.

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where Joanne is a Lector, runs the Parish Blood Drive and is active in Monday Night Bible Study.

Mike Joined St. Lawrence Council in March 2001 and is currently our Grand Knight. He has also held the position of Deputy Grand Knight.

Mike is employed as a Senior Product Owner of Data at Experian Automotive working remotely at home. Joanne is the Finance Manager for Active Tools USA in Troy, MI.

In their spare time Mike and Joanne enjoy riding their bikes around the Utica and Shelby Township area, walks at Stoney Creek and traveling to national parks to do long hikes. In addition Joanne enjoys sewing as a craft and Mike enjoys flying his multi-line kites.

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



Congratulations Mike Michael Tanner on winning the Billy Joel - Stevie Nicks Concert Tickets.

All proceeds are directed to the Damascus Missionaries in Ohio



## St. Kieran Knights of Columbus Council 13983 Spring 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign for the Unborn

Join the St. Kieran Knights of Columbus Council 13983, the Right to Life North Macomb and the St. Kieran Respect Life Members to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for the unborn every Thursday from 11 am to Noon.

Dates are: **March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10, 17**, in front of the Northland Planned Parenthood Abortion building in Sterling Heights. We will pray on the public sidewalk. Please park on SE corner of 17 Mile & Ryan. Do not park in the lot next to the clinic. Signs will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

Questions call:

John Dziwanowski at 586-864-4111



The 2025 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



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

Sponsored By: St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus

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

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

**Sunday March 2, 2025**

**8:30am – 12:00pm**



St. Lawrence Council 2950  
Thank You for Your Support!



Congratulations Olivia Boyer who is heading to the State finals on March 16 In Mt. Pleasant, MI.

Olivia was 8 for 15 at the Council level and 16 for 25 at the regional level.





**SATURDAY MARCH 15, 2025**

Doors at 6:30 p.m. until Midnight

**St. Lawrence Gymnasium**

Dinner, Open Bar, Desserts, Big Raffle

Music by Mainstream Drive

Tickets are \$45 per person

**Contact Joe Lograsso for tickets or questions**

**586-567-9573 or [lograsso@comcast.net](mailto:lograsso@comcast.net)**

The council will be doing setup on Friday March 14, 2025 in the cafeteria and gymnasium.

# Please Help Support!!



## 51st Annual M.I. Drive / "Tootsie Roll Drive"

To Assist Michigan Citizens with Intellectual / Developmental Disabilities

**April 4,5 & 6, 2025**

We will be at the St. Lawrence Cafeteria on these dates from 8:00am - 6:00pm if anyone wants to drop off a donation or volunteer for one of our street locations to sell "Tootsie Rolls".

Food and refreshments will be provided



## Kielbasa Making Party 2025! April 4, 2025 / 5:30 - 10:00PM



### \$35.00 Per Person Includes:

- 5 Lbs. of Kielbasa
- One Can of Pabst Blue Ribbon
- The Art of Making Kielbasa
- Polka Music
- Dinner
- A Few Laughs

**Location: St. Lawrence School Cafeteria  
44633 Utica Road  
Utica, MI 48317**

**If you have a sausage stuffer or food sealer please let me know.**

**Contact: Jim Ososkie**

586.530.4030

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<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084BA9A92BA1FA7-55167700-kielbasa>



## 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.

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)**



## 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



## March 1, 2025 Council Membership Summary

Associate Members :	239
Insurance Members:	121
Inactive Members:	17
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>377</b>

### Included In Total

Honorary Members:	16
Honorary Life Members:	86

**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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