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Grand Knights Report

Viva Jesus Brothers!

After a cold winter, Spring is just around the corner! We have several events in the coming 2 months:

St. Patrick's Day Party

Our annual St. Pat's party is Saturday, March 14th. If you have not gotten a ticket yet, please join us for an evening of fun. We could use help setting up the gym and cafeteria on Friday, March 13 from 5-8pm

Sausage Making event

On Friday, March 27 at 5:30pm, the Knights will gather for another great sausage making event in the St. Lawrence Cafeteria. For \$35/person you'll get 5 lbs. of sausage, one can of Pabst Blue Ribbon, get to experience the art of making sausage with your fellow Knights, Polka music and dinner. If that sounds good, below is the link to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084BA9A92BA1FA7-62039687-copy>

MI / Tootsie Roll Drive

You should have received a letter regarding the 2026 MI/Tootsie Roll Drive. This year's drive is the week after Easter, April 10, 11, and 12. If you already made a donation, Thank you. If not, please consider making a donation to support this worthy cause. If you are able, please help us collect money off various street corners around town. Our headquarter location will be in the St. Lawrence Cafeteria. This is one of our largest fundraisers of the year, help us if you can.

K of C Breakfast

Our next K of C Breakfast will be April 19 in the St. Lawrence cafeteria.

As you can see there are many opportunities to gather together to raise money for worthy causes. Join for us for all the events or just some of them.

Thanks,

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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

April 6 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 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

February 2026 Council Membership Summary

Associate Members: 223
Insurance Members: 116 - Inactive Members: 14
Total Members: 353

Included In Total:

15 Honorary Members

87 Honorary Life Members

Council Status: In Good Standing

March Feast Days



March 19 - Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Beloved father

Joseph placed himself at the service of God's plan of salvation. He cared for the Holy Family that God had entrusted to him. He became an attentive servant from the moment of the Annunciation, a provident servant in caring for Mary and the Child she carried in her womb. He defended the Family in the moment of danger. These are just a few of Saint Joseph's traits that explain why the People of God are especially devoted to him.

March 25 - Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Most glorious and ever-virgin Mary, when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to you to announce the coming of God within your virginal womb, you inquired with humility how this could be. The Archangel spoke further, and you assented to this divine mystery with all your heart. Please pray for me, that I may always consent to the will of God in my life so that your divine Son may also be conceived in my soul to continue His saving work of redemption. Mother Mary, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

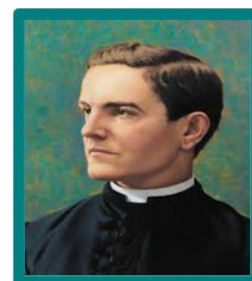


March 29 - Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, a sacred time in the Christian calendar when we reflect on Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and His ultimate sacrifice on the cross. It is a day filled with symbolism, humility, and hope, as we remember how crowds welcomed Jesus with palm branches, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Matthew 21:9). This momentous occasion reminds us of Jesus' mission to bring salvation to humanity, His unwavering love, and His call for us to live lives of faith, humility, and service.

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

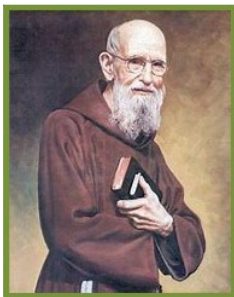
God, Our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called on your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son,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





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

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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 March is George Smedley. George and his wife Sue reside on Bluebird Dr. in Shelby Township.

George and Sue have been married for 54 year and belong to St. Lawrence Parish where George is a Sexton, Usher, Eucharist Minister, works at St. Leos soup kitchen, MCREST and St Vincent de Paul.

George worked at EDS/HP and has been retired since 2012.

In 2012 George joined St. Lawrence Council 2950 where he volunteers his time to help at our events.

In his spare time George enjoys wood working, hunting and spending time up North.

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



The Family of the month for March is Tom and Sandy Barg. Tom and Sandy live on Mathison Dr. in Sterling Heights for 24 years.

Tom and Sandy have been married for 57 years and have four children, Steve, Tony, Adrienne and Drew. They also have 14 grandkids and three great grandsons.

Tom and Sandy belong to St. Lawrence Parrish where Tom Graduated from High School. Tom is a Sexton and Usher for the Church and both he and Sandy work hospitality and funeral lunches.

Tom retired from GM after 42 years and Sandy is retired from Eaton Corporation after 22 years.

Tom joined St. Lawrence Council in 1977 and is an Honorary Life Member. He supports our K of C events when possible.

In their spare time they enjoy get togethers, following every sport the kids play, traveling and casinos.

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

A Knights of Columbus
Youth Leadership Project



JOIN US FOR
EASTER



We are asking for donations of new toys for
the benefit of hospitalized kids with cancer.

🎁 The toys will be wrapped and given to 🎁
Bottomless Toy Chest for distribution. 🎁

YOU CAN MAKE A CHILD'S
EASTER DAY SPECIAL WITH
JUST ONE DONATION!

DROP-OFF LOCATION

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.



Kielbasa Making Party 2026!

Friday March 27th , 2026

5:30PM



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

\$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

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

Contact Jim Ososkie 586.530.4030
jososkie@ewsmith.com
Venmo @jim-ososkie



Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."



Come and Enjoy an All You Can Eat Breakfast!!

Sunday April 19, 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

Please Help Support!!

54th Annual M.I. Drive / "Tootsie Roll Drive"

To Assist Michigan Citizens with Intellectual / Developmental Disabilities

April 10, 11 & 12, 2026



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

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



As of February 21, 2026 there are 108 members that have not paid their membership dues for 2026.

Total Paying Members	253
Paid Members	145
Unpaid Members	108

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.

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
586.713.7953

Save the Date!!

Next Poker Room Event

March 12 - March 15, 2026

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

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



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.

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



Knights of Columbus
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Patriotic degree of the Order.

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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