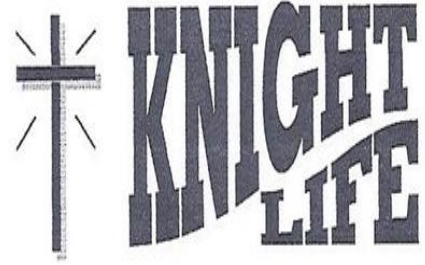


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*A message from the Grand Knight ...*

*My Brother Knights and Ladies,*

I am very thankful for our membership. We do incredible work. Many Brothers "*rise up and answer the call*" time after time and I am very, very grateful to them. No one Brother is able to do everything by himself. It takes strong group and strong commitment to do what we do. I want to thank the following Brothers (and Lady) for their work in the council:

- **Kenny** for being the hall bar manager all these years!
- **Linda Nardecchia** for being the Knight Life editor the past 12 years! (Linda is stepping down after doing a great job for us all these years. Francis Elwart will be the new editor.)
- **Paul Cone** for helping with Knight/Family of the Year!
- **Anthony** for taking ownership of the cooler for meetings!
- Trinity Crew (**Paul Burmeister, Scott, Kenny, Carlos and Guy and Ed Braet**) for preparing the meal for Trinity to help feed the homeless!
- **John Gasowski, Carlos and Dennis** for helping with bringing items to the meeting!
- **Jim Demaestri** for taking on the Community Activities Director position!
- **Zachary Breining** for helping load a truck at the hall with veteran Brother Knights!
- The Exemplification Team (**Don, Paul B., Steve, Harry and Jim Adams** for serving at the diocesan exemplification.

This fraternal year is in full swing. I am excited to see what our council will be able to do this year. Our council has always just gotten it done. We have a lot of events coming up here in the next few months that I personally invite you to attend to help your council and charities.

**August 8th**

**Corporate Communion and Sunday Fun Day**

August 8th will be a very busy day for the council. At 10 am mass, we will have our Corporate Communion. The format

will be like it was in the past. We will meet in the gathering space before mass, be processed into mass by the Color Guard and sit in the front of the church on the Divine Mercy side. Please wear your council shirt or Sunday best.

Later that day, beginning at 2 pm, is a Sunday Fun Day hosted by Dale and Karen in memory of their son Dustin who left us way too early last summer. Although this is not a council sponsored event, we as Knights are Brothers and therefore family. Whenever we lose a Brother, part of the council leaves each one of us as well. Dustin was a great Knight and helped a lot at the picnic grounds with his father and fellow Brother Knight, Dale. Please consider this event for you and your family.

**August 12th**

**MI Drive Picnic**

During this event, we will hand out checks from the MI Drive to our charities. This is a family event - your wife, children, etc. are invited. It's nice to see our charitable works come to fruition and be able to meet the people we are able to help. The event begins at 7 pm at the picnic grounds. There will be food and refreshments after the checks are distributed.

**August 18th**

**Fraternal Benefit Night (online)**

This event happens twice in the fraternal year and takes place of our membership quota under the new policies the KofC have implemented. We are required to do certain marketing for this event as well as have 10 people watch the presentation which is an hour beginning at 7 pm. We received credit for both events last year so we were awarded the Founder's award. This is part of the Star Council requirement. So, I need 10 Brothers to commit to watching this informative webinar. Please register via the following link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_kpiu-vyPRLeXd1viQka5Lw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kpiu-vyPRLeXd1viQka5Lw)

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**August 26th**

**Officer Installation**

This will be a district event with St. Kieran and St. Therese of Lisieux beginning at 7:30. Once the ceremony concludes, there will be food and refreshments and time for fellowship with our Brother Knights from other councils. All Brother Knights in these councils are invited as well as their families.

**September 19th**

**Pro-life Walk/Celebration of Life**

There is one thing that all Brother Knights can agree on is that abortion is without a doubt the greatest tragedy that is impacting mankind at this time. With all the charitable works we do, I hold pro-life work at the top. It's all important; I understand that. However, we **MUST** support our pro-life events since we all know life begins at conception. If not us to protect the unborn, then who? More event details to come.

**October 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Square Dance**

Our council will hold a square dance to support St. Leo's Soup Kitchen as well as the Malta Dental Clinic. Please contact myself or Roy Attard with any questions or any interest in attending this event. We've held a few square dances in the past and I have no doubt this one will be successful as well.

**October 10, 11**

**Casino Bus Trip**

The Casino Bus Trip is a very popular event that the council holds thanks to George Wiegand. The proceeds help support the MI Drive.

Brothers, we are a great council as I have always said. The last 1 ½ years has been tough. However, we are holding events this summer and fall. This is a great time to come back out and see your fellow Knights. There are many Brothers working on these events and I personally invite you to our events and I highly encourage you to participate in them. The only way our charities succeed is when we also succeed for them. This takes blood, sweat and tears (well, maybe not blood but you get my point) as well as planning and execution of the event itself. Let us continue our mission of charity, unity and fraternity to allow God to continue to bless us as He always does and make our founder Blessed Michael Joseph McGivney proud of us.

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Blessed Michael McGivney and Blessed Solanus Casey pray for us!**

Francis Elwart  
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**\*\*\*MEMBERSHIP\*\*\***

The last year or so have been really tough. Even with the free online membership, our council fell well short of our goal of 20 new Brother Knights. This year the council, myself and our Membership Director Gary Lusk are 100% recommitted to not only achieving membership numbers, but also meeting our insurance requirements and reaching Star Council for the third time in 4 years.

This year our membership number is 20. Brothers, this is not hard to achieve. We currently have 429 members in our council. Mathematically, we need less than 5% of the membership to bring in one new member and we will reach our goal. Use the link below and send the link to a family member or a friend who you think would make a great Brother Knight for

**FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP:**

**<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>**

Please have the new member use the code

**MCGIVNEY 2020** for free online membership for the first year. There isn't a better deal than that. **FREE.**

I can't say much more than let's get this done! Gary will be holding other events as well to generate new membership and we will be recruiting new members at Applefest next month so if you would like to help, please contact me.

**WE WILL GET THIS DONE!**

**\*\*\*INSURANCE\*\*\***

Please register for the ***Fraternal Benefit Night on August 18*** to help your council achieve the Star Council Award. Here again is the link to register:

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_kpiu-vyPRLeXd1viQka5Lw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kpiu-vyPRLeXd1viQka5Lw)**

**Fourth Degree**

If you are currently a Third Degree member and would like to become a member of the Fourth Degree, please contact

**Don Heydens** (Council Liaison to the Fourth Degree) at  
**(586) 419-3420** or **[dheydens@gmail.com](mailto:dheydens@gmail.com)**.

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be on September 11th at The Knight Club in Marysville. Registration will begin at 9:00 am. The cost is \$70. Lunch is included. A dark suit with a shirt and tie is the required dress. This is an awesome degree ceremony. Any Fourth Degree Knight will tell you the Fourth Degree ceremony is incredible! Please pray on and highly consider becoming a Fourth Degree member.

# ST. LAWRENCE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #2950

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Council website: uticakofc.com

MEETINGS - 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Thursday of each month

## OFFICERS

Worthy Chaplain..... Father Roman Pasieczny  
Worthy District Deputy..... Mike Cousins  
Worthy Grand Knight..... Francis Elwart  
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Worthy Outside Guards..... Carlos Pertusi, Dennis Murray

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Health Service Director..... Gary Lusk  
Public Relations Director..... Steven Salter  
Youth Activities Director..... Joe Lograsso  
Family Life Director..... Paul Cone  
Community Activities Director..... Jim Demaestri  
Round Table Coordinator..... Ed Braet  
Insurance Promotion..... Vacant

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Knight Life Editor..... Francis Elwart (Julie)  
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Pro-Life..... Chris Gill (Sharon)  
Picnic Grounds..... Dale Niedzwiecki  
Retentions..... Ray Keller

## EXEMPLIFICATION DEGREE TEAM

Don Heydens – Degree Master  
Paul Burmeister, Steve Salter,  
Harry Kuk and Jim Adams

## CURRENT COUNCIL CALENDER

Corporate Communion – August 8 at 10 am mass  
MI Drive Picnic – August 12 at the picnic grounds at 7 pm  
\*\* Fraternal Benefit Night (online) – August 18 at 7pm \*\*  
Mound Rd. Clean-up – August 28 (see below)  
Officers' Installation – August 26 at the picnic grounds at  
7:30pm  
General Membership Meeting – September 9  
Appreciation Dinner – September 17  
Pro-life Walk – September 19. TBD  
Planning Meeting – September 30  
Square Dance – October 9 at the picnic grounds  
Corporate Communion – October 10 at 10 am mass  
Casino Bus Trip – October 10, 11  
Lottery raffle – TBD

## Attention First Degree Members:

We are holding exemplifications now which have degrees 1-3 included which can be done online or live. There is no cost for this. The entire ceremony will take about 30 minutes of your time. We have a link to the Degrees 1-3 exemplification:

[https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1359367&tp\\_key=9eb24b3a45&sti=on24referral](https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1359367&tp_key=9eb24b3a45&sti=on24referral)

Live exemplifications will take place at councils in our district monthly. Please contact me through a phone call, text or email if you have any questions or would like to attend a live one. I would be more than happy to help you.

## We Need You !!!



Brother Knights are needed to step into many leadership roles in the council. There is much to be done. Those in leadership, thank you for your service! We are currently looking for a Young Adult Director. Please contact Francis Elwart (248-722-4798) with any interest in this position in the council or other council leadership positions.



## OUR SICK MEMBERS

Our prayers are requested for Brother Knights and family members who are sick and/or recovering:

Joan Shekoski	Rick Battani	Jim Langeveld
Stan Singer	Tracey Vallelunga	Vic Gatt
Kenneth Mulka	Veronica German	Julie Hernech
Raffie Bardizbanian Jr.	Linda Nardecchia	Ray Keller
Susie Langeveld	Clara Mueller	Carol Poma
Carly Dubiel	Kelly Gill	Bob Snow
Rick Montone	Wenzel Koch	Brian Mink
Richard Wancout	Frank Singer	Harry Kuk
Sue Stepiniak	Paul Rybicki	Matt Gumbel
Jennifer Chandler	Rene Battani	Della Mulka
David Weigand	Frances Wood	Greg Davies
Megan Singer	Mike Hoste	Mary Quaine
Bernie Hurchalla	Ron Ternes	Vince Mallia
Mary Elwart	Jack Peake	Maria Gatt
Yousif Denha	Larry Campbell	Linda Braet
Marion Lelito	Stephanie Langeveld	Janet Buckner
David Deradoorian Jr.	Garth Wuchner	Paul Palka
Nick Cariglia	Fred Bolone	Francis Elwart
Derrick Orban	Jim Ostrowski	Lauren Portnoy
Kyle Wiegand	Laura Burmeister	Wm. Crimando
Patricia Higgins	Sandie Ososkie	Maryann Lelito
John Lents	Lori Morgan	Maggie Peklo

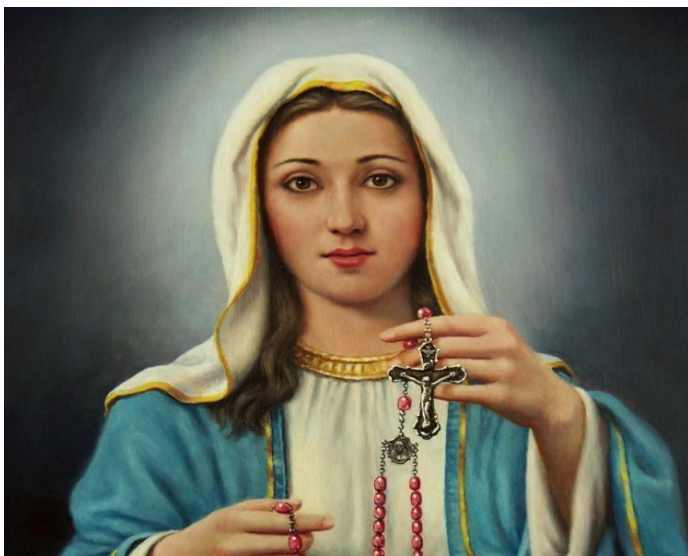
**Also, please remember in your prayers our deceased Brother Knights and their families.**

If you know of anyone who should be on or off the sick list, please call Francis Elwart at (248) 722-4798.

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

We would like to wish all those people who are celebrating birthdays and/or anniversaries during the month of August a Happy Birthday and/or a Happy Anniversary!

**Remember the rosary  
and pray it as often as you can.**



## FAMILY OF THE MONTH AND KNIGHT OF THE MONTH August 2021

### **Knight of the Month – Jim Demaestri**

Jim and his wife Sandy live on Ben Franklin Dr. in Shelby Twp. and have lived there for 22 years and have been married 22 years as well. They have a son, Nick, who is 17. Jim and his family belong to St. Lawrence Parish where they attend mass regularly and also volunteer to help out at Applefest. Jim works at Fluke Process Instruments and has been there 21 years. Jim is also a US Army veteran where he served active duty and with the US Army Reserves from 1984-1990. He became a Knight in 2019 through our council. Jim is our current Community Activities Director. The family enjoys bowling, Tigers' baseball and any outdoor activities. Congratulations Jim for being chosen Knight of the Month by your Brother Knights and thank you for your service to our country!

### **Family of the Month – Bernie and Ann Pelc**

Bernie and his wife Ann live on Shelby Rd. in Shelby Twp. and have been there for 6 years. They have been married and incredible 53 plus years. They have 3 children – Ann Marie (Carabelli), April (Fulmer) and Bernie Jr. They have 9 grandchildren as well – Louis (23), Gino (22), Lenia (21), Natalie (21), Salvatore (19), Ella (18), Caiden (18), Isaiah (16) and Maizie (13). They belong to St. Lawrence parish where Ann is a member of the quilting group and both do a lot of right to life work at the church. Both Bernie and Ann are retired from education where Bernie was a public school administrator and Ann was a teacher. Bernie has been a Knight since 1983 and he has held various officer roles and chairmanships in many councils. He is also a Fourth Degree member in the St. John Neumann Assembly #478. In their spare time Bernie and Ann enjoy going out dancing. Bernie likes to play pickleball and Ann likes to do yoga in their spare time. Congratulations Bernie and Ann for being chosen Family of the Month for August 2021 by your Brother Knights!

### **Volunteer Opportunities in the Council**

- **August 26 - Officer's Installation:** Need 2-3 Brothers to man the grill for our dinner that evening.
- **September 10, 11, 12 - Applefest:** Need Brothers to man the table to **recruit new members.**
- **October 6-9: - Texas Hold 'em** need many Brothers to help out with this event. Please contact **Don Heydens** to volunteer at **(586) 419-3420** or **dheydens@gmail.com**. This is not a hard event to work and you get to meet new Brother Knights in the council. Remember Fraternity – the third principle. Please contact Francis Elwart (248) 722-4798 to help out.

Please pray to end the pandemic

Blessed Michael McGivney's Feast Day is August 13<sup>th</sup>. Please say the Prayer for Canonization of the Founder of our Order.

## A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro M. Falconi.

O Mary,  
you always brighten our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain  
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,  
you know what we need,  
and we are confident you will provide for us  
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,  
the Divine Physician,  
for those who have fallen ill,  
for those who are vulnerable,  
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with  
protecting the health and safety of others  
and for those who are tending to the sick  
and seeking a cure.

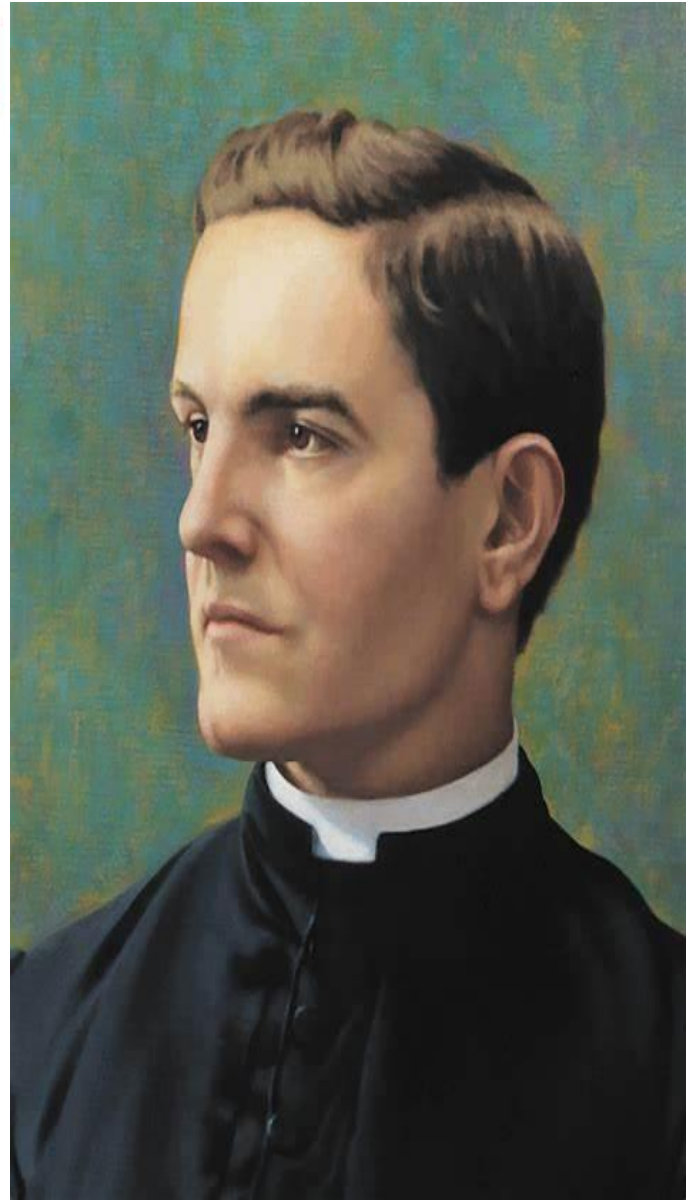
Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who took upon himself our  
sufferings and carried our sorrows,  
so as to lead us, through the Cross,  
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,  
O Holy Mother of God.*

*In our needs, despise not our petitions,  
but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

*Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis*

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## *Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney*

God, Our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called 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, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.





## Events Sponsored by Brother Knights and Other Councils

### 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Jim Golf Outing

Dr Jim's 20th Annual Golf Outing at **Cracklewood Golf Course** (24 Mile E of Romeo Plank)

**Sept 13th 2021 at 1:15 pm**

Teetime, shotgun start. Food on course, steak dinner and raffles!

Families are welcome!

**\$120 golf and dinner or \$50 dinner only.**

Dr Jim who was a Doctor at Beaumont Hospital died at the age of 30 due to Cancer; he was the son of Jim Langeveld who is a Brother Knight. There is a Tax-Deductible fund in Jim's name at Uof M Cancer Center in Ann Arbor. This fund helps adult cancer patients and their families pay for personal expenses that are incurred due to the time that they have to spend in Ann Arbor at the Cancer Center. This is the only fund of this type at U of M. 100% of the proceeds from this Golf Outing go to this fund. Since the inception we have donated over \$280,000. Hope to see you there, please contact Jim Langeveld if you can attend at [586-739-8119](tel:586-739-8119) or Text [810-499-9055](tel:810-499-9055) or e-mail [jimlang122@gmail.com](mailto:jimlang122@gmail.com). Please pass this on to anyone that you know might be interested in Golfing or making a donation.

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## SUNDAY FUNDAY

IN MEMORY OF DUSTIN NIEDZWIECKI

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### Adopt a Highway (AKA The Mound Road Clean up)

Brother Knights,

I hope you all are doing well. Thanks to all of you who came to our last Mound Road clean-up at the beginning of June.


Our next and last cleanup for the year is scheduled for Saturday morning, **August 28th**. Please meet at the back of the **current KofC Hall Parking Lot** at **8:30 A.M.** and we will form teams and go from there. I would like to thank all of you for your participation in years past and I hope you can continue to support this year.

Thank you,

Tony Schoenherr

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should be too.



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