



# St. Lawrence Council 2950 Knight Life

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## Grand Knights Report

Happy August to my Brother Knights and families, I hope you're all enjoying this summer and recent nice weather!

Our officers have been spending a lot of time planning out this coming fraternal year and this will be an exciting year for sure. We are influenced this year by a message from our State Deputy Christopher Kolomjec to emphasize our fraternal organization. Specifically, that "we are a fraternal organization that does charity" so let's make sure we have fun carryout our Catholic mission to serve others. With this spirit, we have added to this year's schedule many social events as well as the great number of Faith in Action events. I am excited to share these details at the end of this article and while there are some details being worked out, you will be updated regularly.

As discussed at the July General Membership meeting, we have received permission to start work on a new 3-D Ultrasound Machine for the Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Center. Our committee has already put a plan together for fundraising for 50% of the cost of the machine; we need to raise nearly \$30,000 for the latest technology machine. The Supreme Council will then pay for the other 50% of the cost of the machine. The good news is that our Brother Knight Don Heydens has made contact with the Livingston County Ultrasound Initiative, a fundraising organization focused on the prolife movement. Our Council has already received a \$10,000 donation from this group, thank God! What a great start for a great cause!!

I'd like to thank Brother Gary Lusk for his two years as Membership Director. Gary had the task of drawing in new members in our social based group throughout the Covid pandemic. Gary's positive spirit was a great inspiration especially during these recent times. Coming into the Membership Director(s) role are Brothers Jim Ososkie, Steve Sierawski and Dan Weingartz. We are looking forward to their involvement and bringing fresh ideas into our search for Catholic men to join our ranks and help to make sure our Go and Do! theme is successful.

If you had the opportunity to attend or volunteer at the St. Lawrence Parish picnic in July, you saw all of the hard work that Brother Jason Meyers put into this event. Thank you, Jason, for taking the lead with the picnic. Your attention to detail was obvious and the day was quite fun. Thanks also to our cooks, bartenders and those that helped set-up and clean-up. If you weren't able to come out for this, please make it a point to attend in 2023.

Near term we have the Casino Bus Trip for the MI Drive at the end of August are also sponsoring events our Brother Knights and families put on (Sunday Funday Memorial for Dustin Niedzwiecki on August 14 and Dr. Jim's Annual Golf Outing – September 11; both have more information in this month's Knight Life).

Laura and I hope everyone will have a chance to enjoy the last full month of summer!

Thanks,

Joe Lograsso, Grand Knight





## Current Plans for 2022 Beyond our Monthly meetings:

### August

- 5 – Children's Science Fun Day
- 28-29 Casino Bus Trip

### September

- 24 – Capuchin Soup Kitchen Service
- End of month - St. Vincent de Paul Food Shopping Bag – Food for Families

### October

- 8 - Square Dance and Saturday Sales
- 9 - Pro-Life March
- 10/12 or 10/19 - Men's Mass
- 15 - Council Appreciation Dinner (tentative)
- 20 - Texas Holdem' Fundraiser

### November

- 10 - Memorial Mass
- 18 - Vocations Fundraiser - Fr. Roman and Guest Priests (tentative)
- 19-20 - Poinsettia Sale
- 26-27 - Poinsettia Sale

### December

- 2 - Sausage Making
- 11 - Poinsettia Pick-up
- 18 - Children's Christmas Party

### February

- 10 – TBD Event at STL

### March

- 11-12 - St. Pat's Fundraiser
- 18 - Morning Retreat
- 18 - Special Needs Reception after 4:30 Mass
- 25-26 - MI Drive

We are still working to schedule our Exemplifications and Installation of Officers. Planning is underway for a Reverse Raffle, Wine Tasting, Trivia Night, and Faith in Action events.



## **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Feast day: Aug 15**

Today, Catholics and many other Christians celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God.

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNCIL 2950**  
**Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> and Last Thursday of Each Month**



## Prayer List

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Outside Guard	Dennis Murray
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MI Drive	George Wiegand
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**Our prayers are required for the Brother Knights and family members who are sick, recovering and serving our country:**

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### **September Knight Life**

- All articles that are requested to be in the September Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than August 25, 2022.
- There is available space for any businesses that want to advertise in the Knight Life please contact the editor.

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### **Knight of the Month**

The Knight of the month for August is Dennis Murray. Dennis and his wife Donna have been married for 55 years and reside on Ashford Ct. in Shelby Township.

Dennis has been member of St. Lawrence Parish for 25 years where he and Donna are members of the funeral lunch program, Right to Life and volunteer at charitable events.

Dennis joined the Knights in 2016 and is our current outside guard, program director, chairman of the Free Throw Contest and secretary of the Knights Corp. He is the past president of the Knights Corp. and former manager of the Knights Banquet Center. He is also a Fourth-Degree member where he is on the color core.

He retired from General Motors after 34 years as a process engineer.

In his spare time Dennis enjoys reading, going to movies with his children and grandchildren, working out at Retrofit Fitness and having dinners together with his family.

Congratulations Dennis for being chosen Knight of the Month for August by your Brother Knights.

### **Knights Corporation Meetings**

Aug 1	K of C Picnic Grounds	7:00 – 9:30PM
Sept 12	K of C Picnic Grounds	7:00 – 9:30PM
Oct 3	K of C Picnic Grounds	7:00 – 9:30PM

### **Aug 2022 Council Membership Summary**

Associate Members	229
Insurance Members	136
Inactive Members	17
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>382</b>

#### **Included In Totals**

Honorary Members	17
25 Continuous Years of Service / Age 65	
Honorary Life Members	83
25 Continuous Years of Service / Age 70	

**Status: Council in Good Standing**

### **Family of the Month**

The Family of the month for August is George and Debbie Wiegand. George and his wife currently reside in Leonard, MI for 19 years.

George and Debby have been married for 42 years and have one child Bethany and six grandchildren Brandon, Brianna, Bradley, Aiden, Dylan and Alyssa.

George and Debbie belong to St's John & Paul Parish where they have worked with the parish on Habitat for Humanity and the giving tree at Christmas. Debbie also serves on the parish health ministry.

George has been a Knight at St. Lawrence Council for 47 years and has held the offices of Columbian Squires Counselor, Church Activities Director, Council Activities Director, Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, Trustee, Building Corp. Director and the Brisket Bunch.

Chairmanships held: Vegas parties, Santa Claus, Council Christmas party, current MI Co-chair and Casino bus trip coordinator.

George also is a Fourth-Degree member with St. John Neumann Assembly 478 where he held the offices of Pilot, Navigator, Admiral and Trustee.

George retired from Chrysler after 24 years as a proto type body build coordinator.

George and Debbie enjoy spending time with family and friends and their grandchildren. They also like vacationing, casino bus trips and working in their yard.

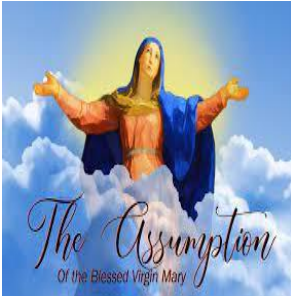
Congratulations on being chosen Family of the Month for August by your brother Knights.

### **Council Calendar**

Aug 11	Council Picnic / MI Check Presentation
Aug 14	Sunday Funday (see KL article)
Aug 25	Council Officers Meeting
Aug 28,29	Casino Bus Trip (see KL article)
Sep 11	Dr. Jim's Golf Outing (see KL article)
Oct 8	Fun Square Dance (see KL article)

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## Prayer for the Assumption of Mary



Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise, for all life and all holiness come from you. In the plan of your wisdom, she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven. May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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## Our Lady of the Assumption Prayer



Mary, Queen assumed into heaven, I rejoice that after years of heroic martyrdom on earth, you have at last been taken to the throne prepared for you in heaven by the Holy Trinity.

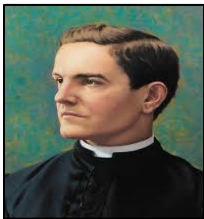
Lift my heart with you in the glory of your Assumption above the dreadful touch of sin and impurity. Teach me how small earth becomes when viewed from heaven. Make me realize that death is the triumphant gate through which I will pass to your son, and that someday my body shall rejoin my soul in the unending bliss of heaven.

From this earth, over which I tread as a pilgrim, I look to you for help. I ask for this favor: (Mention your request)

When my hour of death has come, lead me safely to the presence of Jesus to enjoy the vision of my god for all eternity together with you.

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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 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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## 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."

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## Annual Family Picnic and 2022 MI Drive Check Distribution

The annual MI check distribution and family picnic will be held on Thursday August 11, at the K of C picnic grounds 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 Scott or Paul:



Scott Morgan  
Paul Burmeister

[smorgan905@gmail.com](mailto:smorgan905@gmail.com)  
[pburmeister16@gmail.com](mailto:pburmeister16@gmail.com)



## Volunteers Needed!! Saturday September 24, 2022

Lunch serving shift (10:30am to 1:15pm) Ten volunteers needed.  
4390 Conner, Detroit. We will arrange to carpool from St. Lawrence Church.

**"Inspired by St Francis of Assisi. In Detroit since 1883 we live and work with those who are in need of help ... the poor, the disenfranchised, the needy.**

**We serve God through the work we do...in the communities we serve"**

Please contact me with any questions.

Jim DeMaestri  
Community Activities  
586-817-4181  
[jim.demaestri@fluke.com](mailto:jim.demaestri@fluke.com)

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## 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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## Knights Park & Pavilion – UPDATES!

Brothers,

I hope that everyone has been enjoying their summer as there is always a lot on the calendar to attend during the warmer months of the year! With that, I would like to thank all the volunteers that have taken time to come out since March to get these projects done for the picnic grounds. From building new picnic tables in sub-zero weather to painting many aspects of the pavilion, we accomplished many items on our to-do list! I think that we all had some level of fun and fraternity since work like this can be enjoyable when you are around the right people!

We are nearing the bottom of the list and expect to have all the “project” items done by the end of this rental season. We will be painting the trim and I-beams on the pavilion sometime in the fall in between the rentals. If you are willing to come and help, we would welcome you with open arms!

Again, a big thank you again to everyone for all of the help this year! It is greatly appreciated!

Fraternally,  
Scott Morgan – Knights Corporation

### Here are some of the tasks that we completed this year:

- Repair Toilets- Fix flanges/bolts
- Built 15 new picnic tables
- Painted Kitchen Walls
- Painted the Men’s & Women’s Bathrooms (Walls & Partitions)
- Installed new ceiling grid & tiles in all bathrooms
- Installed new LED lighting in all bathrooms and kitchen areas
- Repainted Metal & Wood Entry Gates
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- Installed new outer bathroom doors
- Installed (2) new urinals in Men’s Bathroom
- Installed a new street sign for pole & rebranded – “Knights Park & Pavilion”
- Installed a baby changing table in the family bathroom
- Epoxy coated all bathroom and kitchen floors
- Repainted the rollaway bars
- Repainted the old picnic tables



# **Dr. Jim's 21st Annual Golf Outing**

**Cracklewood Golf Course**

**24 Mile E. of Romeo Plank Rd.**

**September 11<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**1:15PM Tee Time, Shotgun Start**



**Food on course, steak dinner and raffles, families are welcome.**

**\$125 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, Jim is the son of Jim Langeveld who is a brother Knight. There is a Tax-Deductible fund in Jim's name at the U of 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 the U of M. 100% of the proceeds from this Golf Outing go to this fund. Since the inception we have donated over \$283,000.

Hope to see you there!!

**Please contact Jim Langeveld if you can attend at 586.739.8119,  
Text 810.499.9055 or email [jimlang122@gmail.com](mailto:jimlang122@gmail.com).**

Please pass this on to anyone you know that might be interested in golfing or making a donation.

## St. Lawrence Catholic School – Brother Knights that are Fathers of STL School Children



Brothers,

Did you know that as dads that have their children in Catholic grade school and that attend Mass regularly, you lead the chances that your children will grow up and remain Catholic? Thank you for your commitment to your families and children and our Church!

Brother dads – we ask you to come out to a few of our events this year and bring another dad. We would love to see some of the fathers in our STL community more often and invite other good men to join our Council.

Not sure what to do? Just contact me and we can come up with an easy plan to invite your friends into the Council.

Thanks very much,  
Joe Lograsso - 586-567-9573

August 28, 29 2022	
<b>The Knights of Columbus</b> St. Lawrence Council Utica, Michigan	
<b>A Fund Raiser for the Utica K of C - MI Drive</b>	
<b>each person can get up to \$70 in Casino Packages</b>	
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# SUNDAY FUNDAY

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14**  
**2:00PM – DUSK**  
**DINNER AT 3:30PM**

**\$50 FOR INDIVIDUAL**  
**\$100 FOR A FAMILY**  
**RSVP BY 8/1**

## Admission Includes:

- Dinner, Snacks & Dessert
- Drinks (incl. beer & wine)
- Bounce Houses & Obstacle Course
- Face Painting
- Cornhole & Yard Games
- Fun for all!

## Fundraising at Event:

- 50/50 & Tin Can raffles
- Chicken Roulette

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*Under the Pavilion*

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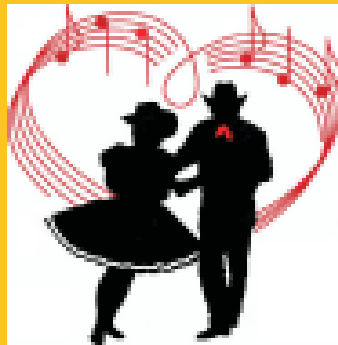
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BETWEEN VAN DYKE AND M-53

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022

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FOOD SERVED: 6:00 TO 7:30

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