



St. Lawrence Council 2950 Knight Life

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Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights, ladies and families. December brings us Advent as we prepare for the birth of Christ. Please keep a look out for those in need that may require help during the cold month of December.

We are in the transition period between the sale of the Hall and the completion of the renovation. In the near future, the plan is to start meeting in our old building, in a new cafeteria that is being built. We anticipate sometime after mid-January for the new school addition to be open and continue to work with the Church office on our meeting schedule. We're all looking forward to meeting there.

Our meetings for the month of December will be in the St. Lawrence Social Hall, on Thursday December 9 and Thursday December 30.

On November 10, we met at St. Lawrence Church to remember our brothers who passed away during this past year. Thank you to our Chaplain Fr. Roman for celebrating the Mass and his words of remembrance for those who have passed.

As of this writing, the Coats for Kids Poinsettia Fundraiser will have the flowers ready for pick-up on Sunday December 5 in the St. Lawrence Social Hall after all the Masses. Thanks to those who ordered flowers and to Paul Burmeister and Scott Morgan for chairing this important fundraiser. On a poignant note, the last time we delivered coats to Utica schools, children on the very same day needed coats. Our work does indeed make a difference!

On December 12th at the Old Settler's VFW Hall in Shelby Township, we will have the return of the annual Children's Christmas Party starting at 2 p.m. We will be having entertainment, music, and food along with a special guest. You, your children and grandchildren are invited to come out and enjoy a festive Christmas event! Please let me know how many in your family are attending, thank you.

As we've announced and mentioned here in the last Knight Life, we are looking for a couple of things. 1. a new Program Director to oversee, manage and work with Brothers in planning the activities of the year.

This year is already laid out and planned. This is not difficult and it will give you a role in planning the shape of the Council for the fraternal year, and 2. for our regular monthly meetings, we will be moving towards asking for different people to sign up for the meals. The Council will reimburse you for the food; we are trying to lessen the burden of providing the meal by not having the same person always responsible for it. We will also have sign up will be at the next meeting.

We continue to look for new members!! Please remember to spread the word of our Council and encourage men you know to come and enjoy our ranks. I wouldn't be a member if I didn't truly enjoy the unique combination of service, faith and camaraderie that is so much a part of our Council.

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**

Joe Lograsso, Grand Knight

THE KNIGHT MEMBERSHIP NEWS

JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

John 18:36

"My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here."



The Sunday before Thanksgiving was the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Not of the earth, or this world, but of the entirety of the Universe! The scripture quote is Jesus talking to Pilate. Soon he will be scourged and then crucified. His words in the quote define his kingdom as other than the place he will be crucified. Do you think that the King of the Universe will be sent to His death on earth if it wasn't actually His plan? How could the Creator of the planets, the billions of stars, of man, woman and animal be led to this sort of death without it being part of the master plan for defeat of the evil one. He is all powerful and these mere human actions of death on the cross would not happen if he did not plan for it to happen. The Devil most likely thought he was killing Christ, but the reality is that Jesus had set a trap for the evil one.

The cross is not a symbol of defeat but a strong sign of the journey to Victory! The crucifixion is the start of the mission, D-Day if you will, with V-Day being Christ's return. Unlike World War II, we know the outcome already with Christ coming back to bring us to Heaven.

The Devil wants to break our relationship with God by tempting us into sin. The separation from God from sin is what we need to fight. We are on the mission to defeat every attempt of the Devil and

"all the evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls".

We are created to do this, as we are made in His image. We are worthy for this mission and enhanced by the Sacraments to become those people that instill confidence in others to see the goodness of God, and squash Satan at every turn.

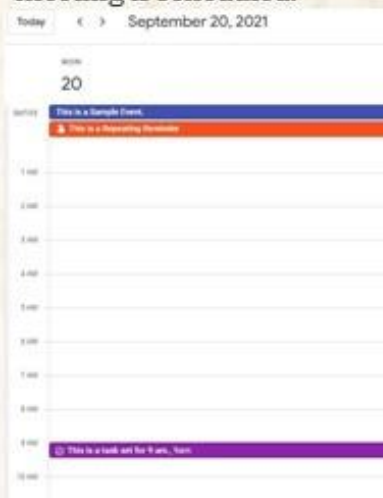
When we hear "Unleash the Gospel", it means the part that we play to tell others of the goodness of Jesus, the love of God that welcomes and transforms them and how they also are called to do the same. Unleashing the Gospel isn't something we wait for our bishops, priests and Church staff to do. "Unleash" is an action verb and it is placed upon us. The active practice of charity, praying and telling others of the goodness of God is how we defeat Satan's attempts to bring separate us from God. Relationships, old and new, are an excellent means to let others know the greatness of the King.

Our works in the Council are just some of the ways to accomplish all of this. Please consider that your active presence in the K of C is an important and influential part in filling the trusted role that God places upon us.

Jesus, I trust in you!

MODERN TECHNOLOGY STOPS EFFORTS OF THE DEVIL IN THE RUIN OF SOULS!

Many of us today use our smart phone calendars to keep track of daily tasks, work appointments and when the next K of C meeting is scheduled.



Have you ever considered setting up a daily, recurring event that reminds you to say a prayer for your wife, children, relatives or friends? It's easy to set up on your Google Calendar or Phone calendar. Set up a meeting everyday, say at 9 a.m., or whenever it is convenient.

When it comes up each day, just set aside a few moments to ask God to protect that person or people, and you can prayerfully say the Lord's Prayer or a Hail Mary. This literally takes 30 seconds and will make a difference. The devil will not be able to withstand our unified prayers and your loved ones will be protected.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNCIL 2950
Meetings – 2nd and last Thursday of each month



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

Rene Battani	Matthew Mallia
Linda Braet	Rick Montone
Marie Brohl	Lori Morgan
David Deradorian Jr.	Della Mulka
Judy Forgeta	Kenneth Mulka
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Rick Lumetta	Ron Ternes
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Tracey Mallia	

December Council Meeting

The December General Membership Meeting will be held on December 9th at the Parish social hall with the rosary starting at 6:30pm.

Knights Corporation Meetings

The Knights Corporation meetings are scheduled on the first Monday of each Month at 7:00 -9:30pm. The meetings will be held at St. Matthias Church from October 2021 thru January 2022. The church is located at 12311 19 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313.

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January Knight Life

- All articles that are requested to be in the January Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than December 23, 2021.
- There is available space for any businesses that want to advertise in the Knight Life please contact the editor.

Editor: Paul Burmeister

Email: pburmeister16@gmail.com



Children's Christmas Party

Sunday December 12, 2021

Starting at 2:00pm

Old Settlers VFW Post 4659

8311 Wilson Drive

Shelby Township, MI 48316

- Face Painting
- Entertainment
- Food/Refreshments
- Gifts
- Santa Claus

Hope to see you there! Also, if you can help set-up, we need you. It would be appreciated if you could be there around 1:00pm.

**Thanks,
Warren and Paulette Sawdon and
Santa's Elves.**



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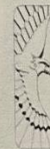
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Overnight Escape

Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month for December is Jim Demaestri. Jim and his wife Sandy have been married for 22 years and have a son Nick who is 18 years old. They have resided in Shelby Township for the last 22 years.

Jim is employed at Fluke Process instruments for twenty-one years where he is a Regional Sales Manager. He also served as an U.S. Army reserve and is a seven-year Veteran.

Jim joined St. Lawrence Council 2950 in 2019, he is currently our Community Activities Director and has just completed chairing the CPR training course that was sponsored by our Council in which 19 people were certified.

He and his family belong to St. Lawrence Parish and are volunteers with the Applefest and Knights of Columbus activities. Jim and his family enjoy traveling, movies, bowling and visiting with family.

Congratulations for being chosen Knight of the Month for the month of December by your Brother Knights.

Family of the Month

The Family of the month for December is Larry & Linda Nardecchia. Larry has been a Knight for 53 continuous years and is an Honorary Life Member. Larry has also held many positions with the Knights of Columbus.

We would also like to thank Larry and Linda for the for the great job they did as the Knight Life editors for the past 12 years!

Congratulations for being chosen Family of the Month for the month of December by your Brother Knights.



THANK YOU FABRICATIONS UNLIMITED INC.!

We would like to thank Neil Perrell for making us a new steel grate for our BBQ at the picnic grounds! Our old one was in need of repair. Neil fabricated and

welded up a new grate for us and donated it to our council!

Thank you, Neil, for your time and talent! It was very appreciated!

Scott Morgan - PGK & Trustee



January 5-8, 2022 At Five Star Lanes

If you are available to volunteer for this event, please contact our chairman
Don Heydens at dheydens@gmail.com
or Call 586-419-3420.



SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY

As the strong right arm of the church, Knights of Columbus are committed to providing moral, financial and spiritual support to our future priests and religious at all stages of their formation.

St. Lawrence Council 2950 along with the support of St. Lawrence Parish were able to support twenty-three seminarians with checks totaling \$11,500.00. On November 10, 2021 each seminarian received a check in the amount \$500.00 to help them with their tuition.

Also, with the R.S.V.P program sponsored by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus we receive \$100.00 for every \$500.00 donated to the seminarians. This money will go back into our vocations fund for future support.

2021 Poinsettia Sale

St. Lawrence Council 2950 would like to thank everyone that purchased a poinsettia plant to help support our **Coats for Kids Program**. We sold 138 poinsettias for a profit of \$1,320.50. This money will support this program again next year.

**Don't forget to pick up your Poinsettias on
December 5 at the church social hall.**

Fraternally,
Scott Morgan and Paul Burmeister

Guest House

At our council meetings we have a 50/50 drawing in which one half goes towards our Guest House fund. This year we year we are pleased to donate \$600.00 to this worthy cause.

Overview:

At Guest House, their mission is to help clergy, religious people and seminarians to achieve long-lasting recovery as well as overall health and wellness. They are a not-for-profit company and depend on the help of various people and institutions. They believe in strong aftercare programs.

What makes Guest House unique is that they serve Catholic Priests and Deacons, religious people, and seminarians. They also treat process addictions like spending, gambling, gaming, cluttering, hoarding, internet, and credit card. They offer Intervention Assistance and Ministry Reentry.

Council Activities Schedule

December 4 – Volunteer Day at St. Vincent DePaul Society (see article in KL)

December 5 – Poinsettia pick-up at St. Lawrence social hall after all Masses.

December 9 – General membership

December 12 - Children's Christmas party (see article in KL)

December 13 – Building Corp. meeting 7:00pm at St. Matthias.

December 30 – Council officers planning meeting

January 5-8 – Texas Holdem (see article in KL)

Volunteers Needed



St Vincent de Paul Volunteer Day

Saturday December 4, 2021

9:00am – 12:00pm

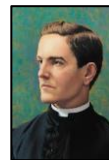
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Jim Demaestri at 586.817.4181

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.

Schedule Change!

Knights Corporation Meeting

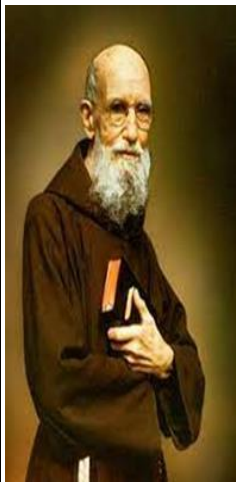
The Knights Corporation meeting scheduled for December 6, 2021 has been rescheduled for December 13, 2021 at St. Matthias

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."

Words From Father Solanus Casey



“Shake off anxiety.
Last year it was something
that you now smile about.
Tomorrow it’s about something
that will not be serious if you raise
your heart to God and thank Him
for whatever comes.”

“Let us pray to be guided according
to God’s Holy Will at all times and
in everything, meritoriously
resigned to the same.”

“The thing the world calls ‘life’
is so short after all, and the hereafter
so eternal, that nothing here ought
to really disturb us.”

“One of humanity’s greatest
weaknesses is setting a limit to
God’s power and goodness.”

December 2021 Liturgical Calendar

December 5 – Second Sunday of Advent

December 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

December 12 – Third Sunday of Advent

December 19 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21 – St. Thomas, Apostle

December 24 – Christmas Eve

December 25 – Christmas Day

December 26 – First Sunday after Christmas

December 27 – St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

December 28 – St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

December 29 – Holy Innocents

Annual Square Dance and Fund Raiser

This was our 3rd Square Dance and already planning for
next year. Our caller set the pace by again volunteering
himself for being the caller next year.

I’d like to thank all that attended and those that
volunteered for our 2021 Square Dance. It was a lot of
fun and a great fundraiser for our two charities: The St
Leo’s Soup Kitchen, and the Malta Dental and Medical
Clinic.

Last year in late summer the basement of St Leo’s was
badly damaged after the flood in Detroit and forced the
relocation of these two charities. The Archdiocese of
Detroit, Christian Charities ask them to join them in the
Center for The Works of Mercy on Woodward just
South of our Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

Malta Medical has since relocated and reopened. The
Maltese Medical and Dental are now well established in
their new facility. They have doctors and dentists
volunteering from U of D Mercy and undergraduates
from Wayne State volunteering for experience and
service hours. In the last six months they have provided
603 visits to extract or fill teeth, and have completed 79
dentures.

St Leo Soup kitchen is in the process of relocating and
hoping to open in January 2022. We toured the area
being prepared for the soup kitchen; the dining room
capacity for seating is 40 people at a time; much less
than the previous 150 capacity. The plan to open with
breakfast only in Dec/Jan period 1 to 2 days/week, with
lunch to follow at a later date after clintal in the area
develops.

We recently toured the new facility and were thanked
by both of our charities for the **\$2,550.00 net collected
by our Knights of Columbus Square Dance fund raiser
this year**. We left excited and with a good feeling of
soon getting started again.

Currently the St Lawrence Women’s Group have
allowed us 100 Giving Tree tags shared by both charities
for this Christmas.

This is a great place and time for anyone interested in
charitable giving this Christmas season.

Roy Attard



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UPDATE YOUR BENEFICIARIES

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things. Take, for example, the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it may very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your policies should be updated to reflect your spouse as beneficiary. Maybe you've had children since, who are not named on the policies. Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary, an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – that is, the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family's needs.

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