



St. Lawrence Council 2950 Knight Life

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Grand Knights Report

Hello Brother Knights and Families! I hope everyone is fully enjoying the Advent season and getting ready to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ! What a wonderful time to intertwine our faith and families throughout the month!

- Thanks to everyone that came out to the annual Memorial Mass. Our celebrant was Fr. Bondi and we all enjoyed his homily, along with the meal prepared by Scott Morgan. This is a great, unifying evening for our council.
- We had a full house in the Social Hall at St. Lawrence for the Trivia Night. Approximately 150 people were there to compete in a fun evening with a great atmosphere around the room. Lots of laughs and trivia throughout the night and a great mix of attendees sure made the evening memorable. We raised about \$4200 for the St. Lawrence Organ Fund! Rick and I thank all of those who attended, Laurie Similuk and Kris Weingartz for cooking and prepping the hall, to Phil and Denise Kupser for bartending, John Gasowski for handling the raffle sales and Paul Burmeister, Scott Morgan and Warren Sawdon for cooking in the kitchen and helping throughout the night. Much thanks to those that stayed late to help pick up!
- As of this writing, our Council just finished taking pre-orders for the poinsettia sale, funding our Coats for Kids work in our community. Thanks to Paul and Scott for getting things going and organized and to all those Brother Knights and families that purchased flowers. Also, thanks to Roy Attard, Tom Berg and Don Heydens helping out after the Masses. We have 183 plants sold and they can be picked up on Dec 11 after all Masses in the school cafeteria.
- Please sign-up to bring your family to the Children's Christmas Party on Sunday December 18 at the Social Hall, start at 2 p.m. The sign-up information is in the Knight Life.
- Our Christmas Raffle (details in the Knight Life) benefits the St. Lawrence Society of Saint Vincent de Paul and the tuition assistance fund for St. Lawrence School. Don't miss out on some nice prizes! Winners are picked at the Children's Christmas party on December 18
- Michigan Lotto 3 Raffle continues and funds go towards the Ultra Sound Initiative. WE NEED HELP in selling tickets, so if you could manage to take 10 or 20 tickets and sell them to relatives, friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. If you can help out here, it would make a big difference. Contact Don Heydens to get the tickets.

We are all looking forward to the Kielbasa making event on Friday Dec 2 and thanks to Jim Ososkie for always organizing this fun time. We also are looking forward to some youth competitions this month, including the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest, the Essay contest, and the Basketball Free Throw contest. **December's General Meeting is Thursday December 15, 2022 in the St. Lawrence Cafeteria – this is an out of sequence date!** Save the dates for our Wine Tasting (Feb 10) and St. Pat's Party Fundraiser (Mar 11).

This Advent and Christmas season is time to reflect on the joy that Christ brings to all of us. From His birth to the knowledge of His saving sacrifice, our lives are put into the proper context of serving others and bring His saving message to others. Please, if any Brother needs help please reach out to me or any of the officers. We do not want to see anyone face a tough Christmas. You can always reach me by email (lograsso@comcast.net) or phone (586-567-9573). Please leave a message in case I don't recognize your number.

Our Council focus of Charity and Fraternity ultimately is sourced from the mission that Christ asks of us. I am so happy to say we are united together in this common mission and we do it very well. Thank you to each and every one of my Brother Knights, your wives and families that all make the work of our Council possible.

Laura and I wish everyone a blessed Christmas, filled with joy and family and best of health.

Thanks,
Joe Lograsso, Grand Knight

December Feast Days



PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

O Most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession. O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God. O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us. Our Lady Queen of Christendom, pray for us. Amen.

THE NATIVITY PRAYER

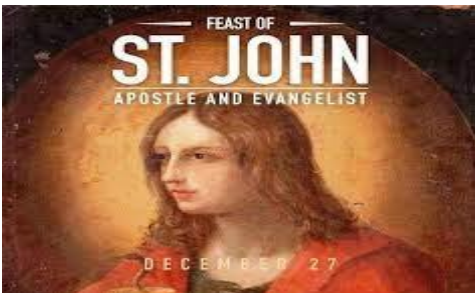
Bless us as we look upon this manger. May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus and raise our minds to contemplate the awesome mystery of God-made-flesh. Let this holy season fill us with hope that we might join him in the eternal Kingdom of peace in heaven.



PRAYER TO ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

O God, who through the blessed Apostle John have unlocked for us the secrets of your Word, grant, we pray, that we may grasp with proper understanding what he has so marvelously brought to our ears. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen



PRAYER FOR HOLY INNOCENTS

We remember today, O God, the slaughter of the holy innocents of Bethlehem by King Herod. Receive, we pray, into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims; and by your great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish your rule of justice, love and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the union of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen



ST. LAWRENCE COUNCIL 2950
Meetings – 2nd and Last Thursday of Each Month



Prayer List

Our prayers are required for the Brother Knights and family members who are sick, recovering and serving our country:
(S) = Serving in the Military

Neil Bieske Jr. (S)	Stephanie Langeveld
Neil Bieske Jr.	Susie Langeveld
Ed Braet	Rick Lumetta
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Nick Craft	Martin Osinski
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Griffin Davies	Mary Quain
Judy Forgeta	Levi Rencontre
Anthony Gurnatz	Mary Rock
Don Heydens Jr.	Paul Rybicki
Jerry Higgins	Frank Sierawski
Mark Holz	Megan Singer
Ray Keller	Stan Singer
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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 22, 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 December is Paul Burmeister. Paul has been a Knight for 26 years and is an Honorary Member. Paul and Lisa have resided in Macomb Township for 36 years and belong to St. Lawrence Parish.

Paul has held the positions of Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, Knights Corp. President and is currently the Financial Secretary and Knight Life editor. He is also a chairman for the M/I Drive and the Coats for Kids Program.

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

Knights Corporation Meetings

Jan 2	St. Matthias Church	7:00 – 9:30PM
Jan 16	St. Matthias Church	7:00 – 9:30PM
Feb 6	St. Matthias Church	7:00 – 9:30PM
Mar 6	St. Matthias Church	7:00 – 9:30PM

2022 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 183 poinsettias for a profit of \$1,802.50. This money will support this program again next year.

Don't forget to pick up your Poinsettias on December 11 in the school cafeteria.

Fraternally,
Scott Morgan and Paul Burmeister

Family of the Month

The Family of the Month for December is the family of Rick and Laurie Similuk.

Rick and Laurie have been married for 31 years and have resided in Sterling Heights for 24 years. They have three children Erin, Nick and Evan.

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where they are involved in bible study.

Rick joined the Knights in 2012 where he has been active with his support for our Council and chairing Council events. He is the past building corp. president and is currently a trustee in our Council.

Rick is employed at R.K. Hoppe for 27 years and built bridges for 12 years.

In their spare time the family enjoys going up north, skiing, swimming and getting together with family.

Congratulations Rick and Laurie on being chosen Family of the Month by your Brother Knights.

Dec 2022 Council Membership Summary

Associate Members	231
Insurance Members	137
Inactive Members	17
Total Members	385

Included In Totals

Honorary Members	16
25 Continuous Years of Service / Age 65	

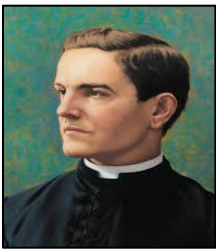
Honorary Life Members	86
25 Continuous Years of Service / Age 70	

Status: Council in Good Standing



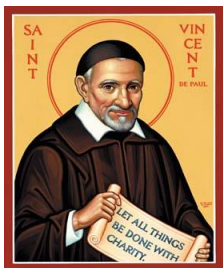
In This Holy Season

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

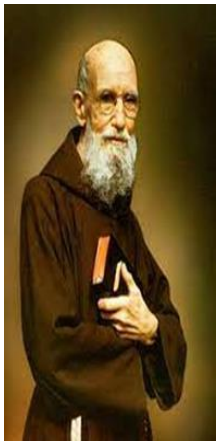
God, Our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called on your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son,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



Prayer to St. Vincent de Paul

Vincent de Paul. Tender God, refuge of the poor, You filled Vincent de Paul with the strength of the apostles to work for the salvation of the poor and the instruction of the clergy. May we who follow the example of his life be driven by unceasing charity to continue the mission of Your Son in the world.

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."



\$\$ NEW 3 Digit Lottery Raffle \$\$

We are excited to announce a new Council raffle to support our Ultrasound Initiative. This raffle is based on the Michigan Lottery Daily 3 Digit number held each night at 7:29 PM. The raffle will be held during the month of April 2023 excluding the Sunday drawing. There are 75 chances to win over \$5000 in prizes. If your number is drawn on Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday you win \$200 all other days win \$100. As a bonus we will also pay one number up or down. For example: if 436 is the winning number and you have 435 or 437 you will win \$25. Tickets are now available and cost \$10 each. Contact Don Heydens at dheydens@gmail.com or call 586-419-3420. Tickets will be available at all Council meeting and events until sold out.

**St. Lawrence Council 2950
Knights of Columbus**

COST: \$10.00

**IF YOUR NUMBER IS DRAWN ON
APRIL 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 29**

YOU WIN \$200

**IF YOUR NUMBER IS DRAWN
ANY OTHER DAY**

YOU WIN \$100

ONE NUMBER UP or DOWN

Example: 436 is the winning number & you have 435 or 437
YOU WIN \$25

Based on Michigan Lottery Daily 3-digit Number

Evening drawing at 7:29 PM

STRAIGHT - NO BOXING - NO SUNDAY DRAWING

BONUS DRAWING EXCLUDED

Tickets sponsored: RK Hoppe Corp., Wiegand Heating and Cooling, and St. Lawrence Mens Fellowship

If the ticket for the daily number, based on the evening 3-digit drawing at 7:29 p.m., has not been sold, a drawing from the pool of raffle ticket stubs of the tickets sold will take place at St. Lawrence Council 2950, 44633 Utica Rd. Utica, MI 48315 between 7:30 pm and 8:00 pm the same day.



Provide support for the Image of God
Pregnancy Centers in Metro Detroit Area

APRIL 2023						\$200
2	\$100 3	\$200 4	\$100 5	\$200 6	\$100 7	\$200 8
9	\$100 10	\$200 11	\$100 12	\$200 13	\$100 14	\$200 15
16	\$100 17	\$200 18	\$100 19	\$200 20	\$100 21	\$200 22
23	\$100 24	\$200 25	\$100 26	\$200 27	\$100 28	\$200 29
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**ST LAWRENCE COUNCIL 2950
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

APRIL 2023

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: _____

Help Needed!!



Our next event is scheduled for February 16-19, 2023 (Thursday through Sunday.) The times have also changed, we now are open from 6:30 PM till 2 AM. One Eyed Jacks is located in the shopping center on the Southeast corner of 22 Mile and VanDyke.

Contact Don Heydens at dheydens@gmail.com or call 586-419-3420 to help work this event.

One Eyed Jacks

Charity Poker Room

48922 Van Dyke

Shelby Township, MI 48317



K of C Christmas Poster Contest

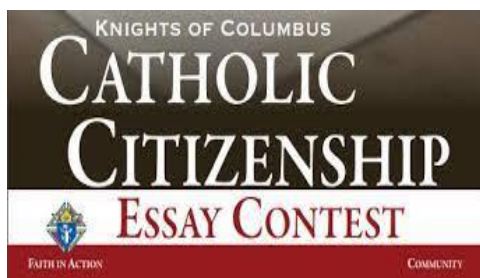
To promote the true spirit of Christmas in our children.

Posters need to be a minimum of 11 x 17 inches. They need to be original and display the true spirit of Christmas: Christ!

Please submit posters no later than Noon on Wednesday December 14, 2022 to the Parish Office with the child's name, grade & phone number on the back.

There will be one winner from each grade who will receive a special prize! The overall winners from each of the three Age Divisions (Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, and Grades 6-8) will be entered at the State Level and will NOT receive their poster back.

All children and grandchildren in the Council and at the parish are invited to participate. Please bring out your artistic skills and colorful Christmas Spirit!



High School Essay Contest \$\$ Prizes \$\$

Brother Knights, please invite your children or grandchildren to participate in the annual K of C Essay Contest. This contest encourages today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith.

This year's theme is: In an essay of 500 - 750 words, explain how young Catholics can evangelize our faith to families and friends who have turned

away from religion and encourage them to return to the Church and embrace the sacraments.

Essays will be judged on a 100-point scoring system:

- 35 points: Content How clearly is the theme presented?
- 30 points: Grammar Does the essay reflect proper sentence and paragraph structure and utilize correct spelling?
- 35 points: Style Does the essay show creativity, imagination, and development of the topic in a compelling style?

There will be two cash prizes for this year's contest. Essays need to be submitted by email to Joe Lograsso (lograsso@comcast.net) by December 4, 2022.



Divine Mercy Chaplet Knights of Columbus

Jesus said to Saint Faustina;

My daughter, tell souls that I am giving them My mercy as a defense.

I Myself am fighting for them and am bearing the just anger of My Father (Diary, 1516).

For those requesting prayers for themselves, friends, relatives, or the dying the Knights of Columbus are prepared to come to your home (local) or put you on a prayer list and we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for interested people. Please go to the Parish Office and fill out a request form and a representative from the Knights of Columbus will call you during the following week.

At our monthly 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 \$800.00 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.



St. Lawrence Council Kids' Christmas Party

Please do not forget to register for the kid's party on Sunday December 18, 2022 at 2 p.m. in the St. Lawrence Social Hall. We are looking for the most accurate head count to make sure this is a great event. You can register at: <https://bit.ly/Dec18Christmas>

- 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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