



# St. Lawrence Council 2950 Knight Life

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## Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights, ladies and families – Happy New Year! Please consider stepping up for this position prior to the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Your sincere consideration is appreciated.

Laura and I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas and New Year holidays and we wish everyone a fruitful 2022!

Our Council finished the 2021 year strongly, with our focus on Christ, charity and family.

Thanks to Jim Demaestri and all those that made it out to the St. Vincent de Paul store to help with the operations earlier in December.

Thanks also goes to Paul Burmeister and Scott Morgan for chairing the Coats for Kids' Poinsettia sale. Our council raised \$1,605.00 – enough for the coats in 2022.

We had considerably larger than usual participation in the *Keep Christ in Christmas* poster contest, with 23 participants across K-7<sup>th</sup> grades. Thanks goes to Kasia Lucas, St. Lawrence Parishioner, for helping to coordinate the contest this year. We have four posters going to the Diocesan level competition.

We were able to return to a staple of our Council with our annual Children's Christmas party. Thanks to Warren and Paulette Sawdon for once again organizing the event and making it a fun time for the kids and families. Thanks to the Brisket Bunch for putting together a great meal and to Don Heydens for securing the Old Settlers VFW Hall. Glad to see the kids having fun and our families enjoying Christmas time.

As we start out the new year, please continue to keep a look out for those in need that may require help during the cold months of winter.

We are at the point as a Council, and to fulfill the guidelines and visions of not only our by-laws but the expectations of the State and Supreme councils, that we have proper coverage in all of the areas of leadership. This not only includes the officers of the council but that of directors. Of immediate need is the role of Program Director.

This is a great position to be exposed to the different programs that are offered in the K of C through the Faith in Action initiatives, but also have a hand in how our Council interacts in the local community and the Parish. Please consider stepping up for this position prior to the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Your sincere consideration is appreciated.



Thanks,

Joe Lograsso, Grand Knight



# THE KNIGHT MEMBERSHIP NEWS

January 2022

## PERSECUTOR OF THE FIRST CHRISTIANS BECOMES EARLY CHURCH LEADER

January 25

In one of the most incredible and miraculous stories from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke the Evangelist reports that feared torturer of Christians, Saul, became what would be described as one like whom he was pursuing.

After receiving permission from the high priest to go outside of Jerusalem and find and arrest fleeing Christians, then bring them back to be jailed, Saul was subjected to a blinding light on his trip to Damascus. As instructed by the Lord, a blinded Saul was led to Damascus by his fellow travellers.

After three days, Saul could see after a visit with Ananias, who the Lord instructed to go visit Saul. After this, Saul was baptized and began teaching that Jesus is the Son of God. Those that knew of Saul's diabolical past couldn't believe what they saw and heard.

Saul's new slate in life is typified by now being called Paul. He became an early missionary and leader of the Church. His leadership provided the means for Gentiles to become part of the Church.

If God can use a torturer of Christians to be a primary leader in His church, then each one of us can surely be used as leaders and missionaries in the Church as well. Our call is to seek salvation and justice for others and not be mediocre about our faith. We can do this in many different ways:

-Be primary examples to our families and friends of God's love, through leading our families boldly. This includes family prayer, encouraging weekly (or more) attendance at Mass, getting involved with a non-profit to help others.



-Discuss scripture with family and friends and how the stories from the Bible affect and challenge you today.

-Spend time at an Adoration chapel before Christ, expressing gratitude and bringing your concerns to Him. Invite someone to go there with you.

-Contemplate how the bravery of St. Stephen or St. Paul, when asked to stand up for the truth, defended the truth. Develop an intentional action plan to be a missionary, using your own talents and charisms.

-Attend or pray for those attending the March for Life this month. Participate in the Novena for Life with our Council.

If you're like many of us, the last two years have been filled with a lot of angst and bewilderment, from the effects of the pandemic and the continual barrage of politics, catalyzed by social media. If you're trying to drive through life amid the fog then know it is only through the truth of Christ that will help us get safely, proudly and confidently to our destination. The Holy Spirit provides *daily guidance* through our prayers and reflection. We don't have to drive alone. Seek Him.

*Jesus, I trust in you!*



You don a beret. You wear a Sunday-best suit. You take a rosary out of your pocket.

You may or may not know that you're being watched. The kid in the pew is looking. A middle-aged gentlemen is also watching, as is the widow on the couch, close to the coffin. So is the lady driving the car as you wave with a couple of Tootsie Rolls in your hand.

All of these people are watching you. Watch as you show respect to God, as you pay respect to your fallen Brother, show respect to those that are undervalued by the rest of the world because they have a harder lot in life.

God is watching you as you pray for the strength to do what is right. He is watching you, guiding you, counseling you as you move towards the widow and express condolences and provide support to your Brother's family. The Holy Spirit is there *with* you as you march in DC in January, bringing awareness to the worst of our society.

We don't do things because we are being watched. We do the right things because they are the right things to do. God provides us the opportunity to be His hands, feet, eyes and mouth for the benefit of others. Keep doing the right things.

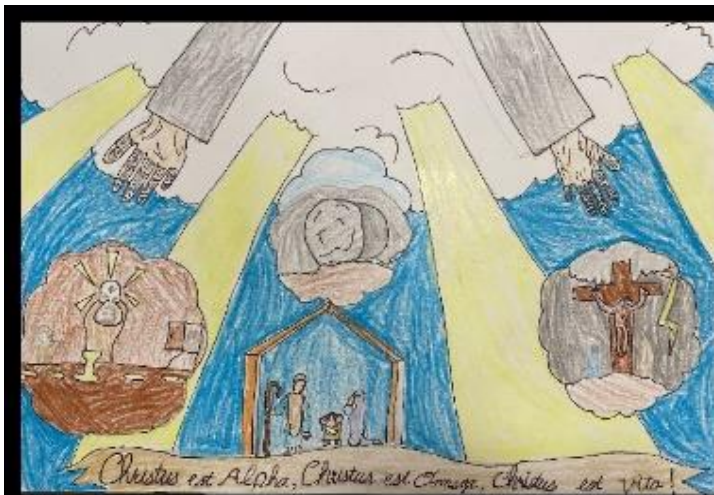




## 2021 Poster Contest

This year's event was better than most, perhaps with linking up with the school activities committee to help spread the word to the school and catechism students. There were 23 participants with some very creative designs. Thanks to Kasia Lucas, St. Lawrence parishioner and school parent, who helped with advertising and getting the word out. Our council provided candy and stockings to the participants and winners, respectively.

The final Council winners will be moving on to the Diocesan level competition as no other councils in our district participated. The winners moving forward are Lauren Sanchez (7<sup>th</sup> grade), Joe Penkala, Jr. (7<sup>th</sup> grade), Merrill Sanchez (4<sup>th</sup> grade) and Elianna Tor (KN).



**ST. LAWRENCE COUNCIL 2950**  
**Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Thursday of each month**



# Prayer List

## COUNCIL OFFICERS

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 .....Dan Weingartz, George Wiegand  
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 Holy Cross Services.....Warren Sawdon  
 Eyes for the Needy.....Frank Singer  
 Pro-Life.....Chris and Sharon Gill

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

Rene Battani	Lori Morgan
Linda Braet	Della Mulka
Marie Brohl	Jerry Mulka
David Deradorian Jr.	Linda Nardecchia
Judy Forgeta	Carol Poma
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Stephanie Langeveld	Ron Ternes
Marion Lelito	Richard Wancour
Rick Lumetta	David Wiegand
Rick Montone	

## January Council Meeting

The January General Membership Meeting will be held on January 13th 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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## February 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 January 27, 2022.
- 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](mailto:pburmeister16@gmail.com)

### **Knight of the Month**

The Knight of the Month of January is Mark Prentiss. Mark has been a Knight for seven years. He and his wife Deborah have been married for 16 years and reside in Harrison Township.

Mark is the founder and culinary instructor at Rising Stars Academy in Centerline, MI and enjoys doing various non-profit events at the school.

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



### **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](mailto:dheydens@gmail.com)  
or Call 586-419-3420.

### **Family of the Month**

The Family of the Month for January is Paul and Lisa Burmeister. Paul has been a Knight for 25 years and is an Honorary Member. Paul and Lisa have resided in Macomb Township for 34 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. Lisa volunteers for the M/I Drive, Christmas Family Program and other events at the Council and parish.

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



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.

We are accepting donations specifically earmarked for seminarian education at this time. You can send checks to Paul Burmeister – Financial Secretary, or donate on the St. Lawrence K of C website.

### **Council Activities Schedule**

**Jan 3** – Building Corp. Meeting 7:00pm at St. Matthias

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

**Jan 13** – General Membership Meeting

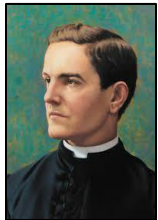
**Jan 19-27** Novena for Life (see article in KL)

**Jan 27** – Council Officers Planning Meeting

**Feb 13,14** – **Annual Mid-Winter Getaway Bus Trip**  
**(Cancelled Due to Covid Precautions)**



## Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney



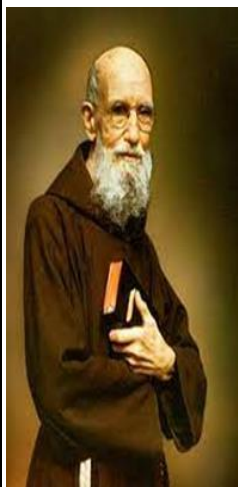
God, Our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called on your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son,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

## Prayer to St. 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."

## The Many Miracles of Solanus Casey



Arthur Rutledge, who worked for the fire department, was another soup kitchen volunteer.

He was being rolled into the operating room in a Detroit hospital one day when Fr. Solanus happened by.

"Hey, Art, what's up?"

Art explained he had a tumor.

"Where is it?"

"In my abdomen — my stomach."

Solanus put his hand on the area.

"Have the doctors give you a last

check before they operate," he said a minute later before continuing down the hall. Art did. The tumor was gone.

## January 2022 Liturgical Calendar

January 1 – The Holy Name

January 2 – Second Sunday after Christmas

January 6 – The Epiphany

January 9 – First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 16 – Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 18 – Confession of St. Peter, Apostle

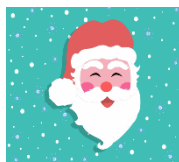
January 23 – Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 25 – Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

January 30 – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

## Children's Christmas Party

Once again, our children's Christmas party was well



attended by kids, parents and grandparents. We want to thank the Campbell family for running the kitchen. Lisa Burmeister for face painting and the Lograsso family

for the great sing along. Also, a big thanks to all the members and their wives who helped set up, cook and served hotdogs and stayed to clean up afterwards. But most of all a special thanks to Santa, who put a big smile on all the kids faces.

Fraternally,  
Paulette and Warren Sawdon  
Children's Christmas Party Chair Persons



**January 19 - 27**

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, the St. Lawrence Council will promote a novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community.



Starting on January 19, 2022, our Council will be publishing daily novena information by email, Facebook prayers, reflection pieces and resources you can follow for additional reading and learning.

## Intentions

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| <b>January 19</b> | May the tragic practice of abortion end.  |
| <b>January 20</b> | May each person suffering from participation in abortion find forgiveness, hope, and healing in Christ.                         |
| <b>January 21</b> | May all who defend life find strength and renewal in the Holy Spirit.   |
| <b>January 22</b> | May all unborn children be protected in law and welcomed in love.   |
| <b>January 23</b> | May all who support or participate in abortion experience a conversion of heart to seek and receive the Lord's boundless mercy. |
| <b>January 24</b> | May every expectant mother receive compassionate care and support as she nurtures the life in her womb.                         |
| <b>January 25</b> | May expectant fathers lovingly support the mothers of their children in welcoming new life.                                     |
| <b>January 26</b> | May expectant mothers choosing adoption receive grace and support in embracing this loving option.                              |
| <b>January 27</b> | May civic leaders work for the protection of all human life, in every stage and circumstance.                                   |

# Dr. Jim's 15th Annual Euchre Party

**Saturday - February 19th, 2022**



Dr. Jim Langeveld

1972-2002



## Location

American Legion Post 351  
46846 Cass Ave.  
Utica, MI 48317  
Btw. M 59- and 21-Mile Rd

## Cost

\$25/Person

Includes Pizza, Refreshments and Pop Corn

## Time

6:00 PM - Check-In  
7:00 PM - Euchre Starts

## Reservations/Questions

Jim Langeveld  
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**Cash Prizes, Door Prizes, 50/50**

**Must be 18 Years Old**

**Bring Quarters for Euchres!**

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT

Dr. James Langeveld BMT Patient Support Fund at University of Michigan for adult cancer patients' expenses not covered by insurance.





## Knights of Columbus "BENEFITS NEWS" "UPDATE YOUR BENEFICIARIES"

### 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.

\*Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense.

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