



# St. Lawrence Council 2950 Knight Life



Volume 77

July 2023  
Published Monthly

Issue No. 07

---

## Grand Knights Report

Welcome to the new Fraternal Year Brother Knights! We start this fraternal year with just finishing a great year for St. Lawrence Council. The Council worked together as a team and we achieved greatness throughout all our activities: a great year for our Faith in Action participation, working knowledge of investments and insurance and bringing in a great bunch of new members. With all the past year's activities, we are motivated to earning the Star Council award again. The energy and dedication of the newly elected officers along with the return of our very Worthy District Deputy Rick Fisher will truly give us the focus needed to maximize helping those in need and spreading Jesus' message of welcoming His transformation of us into missionaries' worthy of heaven.

We are planning this new fraternal year and will be ready this month to share our calendar with all the membership. This will be sent out via email to everyone and available at the next meetings. Our highlights include a men's retreat, a fall Pro-Life March, Square Dance, more service opportunities, trivia nights, events for family dedication to Jesus, the Silver Rose, football raffles, Men's Mass, more breakfasts, Texas Holdem and our annual St. Pat's Party. There is plenty of more things that are being discussed and planned. We will have many opportunities this year for you all to volunteer, attend and support.

Please stay tuned for announcements related to the Installation of Officers (August). This month we have to opportunity for service on July 8, working at the Utica Saint Vincent de Paul store. On August 4, we will be hosting the Science Fun Day at the picnic grounds. We have limited spots available but please invite your children/grand children (see article in the Knight Life). We could also use help Thursday night setting up tables and on Friday during the event.

St. John Vianney is sponsoring a Men's Retreat on Saturday September 23, 2023 in the morning. See the article in the KL. Our annual Square Dance is Saturday September 30, 2023. More information is in the KL as well.

I had the opportunity during mid-June to visit St. Anne's in Detroit and specifically the renovated convent which is now being turned into the Heart of Christ Family Clinic. The building renovation is well underway and the Ascension/Trinity team is looking to open the clinic to the public in September 2023. Our council's Ultrasound Initiative has been able to raise the funds to help purchase an Ultrasound Machine that can be used for the needs of the whole family. You all should be happy to be part of this new clinic and support the whole family from conception to death; this is truly the fulfillment of our mission to our fellow people here on earth.

I'm bringing back a message from last year's Knight Life as I believe that our Council and all of you are amazing gentlemen. We have a dedicated Brotherhood that has made our Council known throughout the state of Michigan for being organized and you being generous with your time and donations. Our programs and fundraising are often cited as examples for other Council to work towards. Many priests remember Council 2950 from all the scholarships we have provided when they were seminarians. It is now that I draw your attention to the topic at hand: Please reach out to your Catholic friends, talk of the great things our Council does for the Church and community, tell them how you have grown as a Christian and have become a better example of a man, husband and father. Our Council can provide to you at a personal level different challenges that will change your life and help you mature your skills, all with the support of other men. Please invite them to walk with us as Brother Knights.

Laura and I hope everyone will have a chance to enjoy the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and remember Independence Day.

Thanks,

Joe Lograsso, Grand Knight

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



**Prayer List**

**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Chaplain	Fr. Roman Pasieczny
District Deputy	Rick Fisher
Grand Knight	Joe Lograsso
Deputy Grand Knight	Dennis Murray
Financial Secretary	Paul Burmeister
Treasurer	Don Heydens
Warden	Scott Morgan
Trustee	Al Mulka
Trustee	Rick Similuk
Trustee	Kim Wiegand
Chancellor	Harry Kuk
Recorder	Anthony Quagliato
Advocate	Jim Adams
Inside Guard	Carlos Pertusi
Outside Guard	John Gasowski
Outside Guard	Jim DeMaestri
Lecturer	Bob Walz

**COUNCIL DIRECTORS**

Program	Dennis Murray
Faith	Paul Cone
Membership	Jim Ososkie
Membership	Steve Sierawski
Membership	Dan Weingartz
Church Activities	Rick Lumetta
Health Service	Gary Lusk
Public Relations	Open
Youth Activities	Joe Lograsso
Family Life	Paul Cone
Round Table Coordinator	Ed Braet
Community Activities	Jim DeMaestri

**COUNCIL CHAIRMEN**

Knight Life Editor	Paul Burmeister
Degree Master	Don Heydens
MI Drive	Paul Burmeister
MI Drive	Joe Lograsso
MI Drive	Dan Weingartz
Coats for Kids	Paul Burmeister
Vocations	Jim Adams
Holy Cross Services	Warren Sawdon
Eyes for the Needy	Frank Singer
Pro-Life	Chris and Sharon Gill

Linda Baily	Ken Kraniak
Neil Bieske Jr. (S)	Jim Langeveld
Linda Braet	Stephanie Langeveld
Joyce Browksi	Susie Langeveld
Debra Campbell	Rick Lumetta
Ed Campbell	Ryan Mierendorf
Mary Ann Campbell	Della Mulka
Anthony Cicerone	Chuck Pollum
Helen Dapoz	Levi Rencontre
Griffin Davies	Paul Rybicki
Marg DeMaestri	Fr. Peter Ryan
Bob Genovich	Ed Sierawski
Fran Genovich	Frank Sierawski
Don Heydens Jr.	Iris Singer
Jerry Higgins	Megan Singer
Mark Holz	Stan Singer
Mike Hoste	Sue Stepniak
Donna Ignagni	Nathan Van Neste (S)
Ray Keller	Harlan Wagner
Larry Kierzek	Beverly Welch

**Knights Corporation Meetings**

July 10	Picnic Grounds	7:00 – 9:30PM
Aug 7	Picnic Grounds	7:00 – 9:30PM
Sept 11	Picnic Grounds	7:00 – 9:30PM

**Knights of Columbus Insurance Field Agent**

Dale G. Jacks  
586-419-0276  
[dale.jacks@kofc.org](mailto:dale.jacks@kofc.org)  
Knights of Columbus  
46355 Rockford Drive  
Shelby Township, MI 48315

## *July Feast Days*



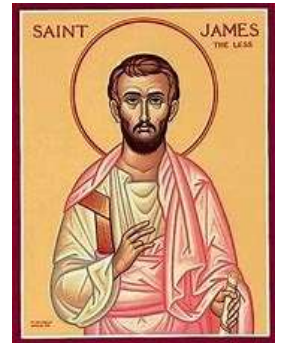
### **July 22 – Feast Day of St. Mary Magdalene**

Saint Mary Magdalene, woman of many sins, who by conversion became the beloved of Jesus, thank you for your witness that Jesus forgives through the miracle of love. You, who already possess eternal happiness in His glorious presence, please intercede for me so that someday I may share in the same everlasting joy. Amen.

---

### **July 25 – Feast Day of St. James the Apostle**

O glorious Apostle, Saint James, who by reason of thy fervent and generous heart was chosen by Jesus to be witness of His glory on Mount Tabor, and of His agony in Gethsemane; thou, whose very name is a symbol of warfare and victory: obtain for us strength and consolation in the unending warfare of this life, that, having constantly and generously followed Jesus, we may be victors in the strife and deserve to receive the victor's crown in heaven.



### **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.

---

### **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.



---

## Knight of the Month



The Knight of the Month for July is Ray and Gerri Monroe. Ray and Gerri reside on Julius Drive in Bruce Township for 1 ½ years and have been married for 46 Years.

Ray belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where he volunteers for the Apple Fest.

Ray joined St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in 2010 and is currently a director on the Knights Building Corporation Board. Ray is very active in our Council working with our Sunday breakfasts and the M/I "Tootsie Roll" Drive.

Ray is employed by Suburban Nissan for the past 10 Years.

In his spare time Ray enjoys Snowmobiling, helping people, landscaping, woodworking, Painting, fixing up old houses for people, fishing, hunting and sports.

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

---

## Family of the Month



The Family of the Month for July is John and Lee Gasowski. John and his wife Lee have resided on Loni Drive in Sterling Heights for 25 years and have been married for 26 years. They have a daughter Julie who is 19 years old.

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where John is an usher and works with the MCREST program. Lee is a drummer for the St. Lawrence music ministry.

John joined St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in 2014 and is currently our Outside Guard and is very active supporting the events held by our Council.

John currently is employed as an Ace handyman for the past two years, Lee works with Creative Empowerment Opportunities and at Browning Elementary School.

In their spare time the family enjoys fishing, camping and gardening.

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

---



## Prayer for the Fourth of July

On this Independence Day I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price. My freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families.

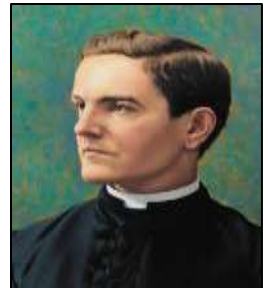
Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ.

Amen

---

## 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 Our Lady of Guadalupe for Peace in America

*St. John Paul II invoked Our Lady of Guadalupe's intercession, asking her to end all violence and division.*

*Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of Peace! Save the nations and peoples of this continent. **Teach everyone, political leaders and citizens, to live in true freedom and to act according to the requirements of justice and respect for human rights, so that peace may thus be established once and for all.** To you, O Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, belong all the love, honor, glory and endless praise of your American sons and daughters!*

---



## Thank You!!

We would like to thank everyone that came out and worked the poker room event on June 1-4, 2023. Your help aided in the success of this event!!

Don Heydens – Chairman



## Summer Council Meetings

Starting June 1, 2023 thru September 30, 2023 all Council meetings will be held at our picnic grounds located at 11541 21 Mile Road – Shelby Township, MI 48317 – between Van Dyke and M53.

**Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and Last Thursday of Each Month

**Start Times:** 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month – 6:30 Rosary / 7:00 Meeting  
Last meeting of the month – 7:00 Meeting



**Save the Date for a Men's Conference!**  
**Saturday September 23, 2023 at St. John Vianney Parish**

A poster for a men's conference. The title "True Catholic Manhood in a Hostile World" is at the top in large, bold, orange letters. Below it, "A Detroit Catholic Men's Conference" is in smaller orange letters. The date "Sept 23, 2023" and time "8:00am - 12:30pm" are listed. The poster features four circular portraits of speakers: Peter Herbeck (Catholic Evangelist, Husband, Father, Grandfather), Fr. Steve Pullis (Sacred Heart Major Seminary), Fr. Athanasius (Franciscan of the Holy Spirit), and Archbishop Vigneron. A central image shows a golden monstrance. At the bottom, it says "St. John Vianney Catholic Church 54045 Schoenherr, Shelby Twp, 48317". Ticket prices are listed: "Tickets: \$20 before Labor Day \$35 for men 14-21 yrs old Breakfast included". A QR code is in the bottom right corner. The text "Details and Register Here!" is next to the QR code. At the very bottom, it says "To register by mail or for questions, contact: detroitchatholicmen@gmail.com".



## 2023 – 2024 Council Elections

Our Council elections were held on May 11, 2023 during our general meeting. Thanks to everyone that stepped up to take a position in our Council. Listed below are the new officers for the next fraternal year.

Office		Officer
Grand Knight		Joe Lograsso
Deputy Grand Knight		Dennis Murray
Warden		Scott Morgan
Chancellor		Harry Kuk
3 Year Trustee		Al Mulka
2 Year Trustee		Kim Wiegand
1 Year Trustee		Rick Similuk
Recorder		Anthony Quagliato
Treasurer		Don Heydens
Advocate		Jim Adams
Inside Guard		Carlos Pertusi
Inside Guard		John Gasowski
Outside Guard		Jim DeMaestri

### Knight Life Articles

All articles that are requested to be in the August Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than July 27, 2023. 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)

### June 2023

#### Council Membership Summary

Associate Members	232
Insurance Members	136
Inactive Members	17
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>385</b>

#### Included In Totals

Honorary Members	15
25 Continuous Years of Service / Age 65	
Honorary Life Members	88
25 Continuous Years of Service / Age 70	

**Status: Council in Good Standing**



## Please Help Stock the Food Pantry!!

Knights of Columbus are committed to helping end hunger through the Food for Families Program which has donated millions of dollars and millions of pounds of food toward this cause. Council and parish families will raise funds to support their local food pantries, food banks and soup kitchens. For every \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food donated, the Supreme Council will refund \$100 back to the council – up to a maximum of \$500 per council per fraternal year. Though in-kind donation of food is valuable, leaders of hunger-relief organizations often comment that financial contributions can be stretched even further and allow nonprofits to procure the exact items needed by the organization and its clients.

St. Lawrence 2950 will be collecting nonperishable food items at all of our Council meetings to help support the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry located in the St. Lawrence Parish. If possible, please include the receipt for your donation so we can apply it to the refund from the Supreme Council.



Fraternally,

St. Lawrence Council 2950



## St. Vincent de Paul Volunteer Day Saturday, July 8 / 9:00am – 12:00pm

- Help with sorting items, cleaning, etc.
- Spouses welcome! Wear your Knights shirt
- Need approximately 10 volunteers

Meet at the new location: 13455 Hall Road Shelby Township

Contact: Jim DeMaestri  
Community Activities Director  
586.817.4181 / [jim.demaestri@fluke.com](mailto:jim.demaestri@fluke.com)

---





# RISING STARS

## FOUNDATION

# RISING STARS FOUNDATION INAUGURAL OUTING JULY 24TH

Cherry Creek Golf Club hosts an event supporting Rising Stars Foundation. This event includes golf and delicious food in support of their programs for adults with cognitive and intellectual disabilities. Attendees will enjoy golf, meals featuring elements prepared by the Rising Stars team, and an open bar. Tickets are available for golf and food or dinner only.

See the RSAF students put their skills and talents to work at this incredible event!

*All proceeds and funds raised at this event will go directly to supporting Rising Stars Foundation.*



SCAN HERE  
TO LEARN  
MORE AND  
REGISTER



# St. Lawrence Parish Picnic & Outdoor Mass

Saturday - July 30, 2023

Knights Park & Pavilion  
11541 21 Mile Road



1:00 PM Arrival  
1:30 PM Mass  
2:30 PM Meal

- ❖ Food & Refreshments Provided
- ❖ Games and Prizes for All Ages

# SCIENCE FUN DAY!

**Science Fun Day for 1st-5th Graders - K of C Picnic Grounds**

**Hands-On Science Experiments**

**Lunch**

*The Knights of Columbus are excited to put on a Science Day at the K of C Picnic Grounds on Friday August 4, 2023 starting at 10 a.m. for 1st-5th Graders (2023-24 school year).*

*We are planning fun, hands-on activities that explore chemistry, light, the air, and atmosphere and much more.*

*The day will include lunch and we'll be finished around 2 p.m. Parents will need to remain at the picnic grounds with the kids.*

*You will also enjoy lunch!*

*Sign up with the QR Code or the link below.*







## August 10, 2023 Annual Family Picnic and 2023 MI Drive Check Distribution

The annual MI check distribution and family picnic will be held on Thursday August 10, at the K of C Park & Pavilion 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

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

Paul Burmeister

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

---

## Knights Park & Pavilion



If you're planning an event and would like a beautiful outdoor facility, check out our 25-acre park located in Shelby Township, MI.

The park offers a 40' x 120' pavilion with clean his and her indoor bathrooms, kitchen facilities, which includes ample refrigeration and a freezer, a commercial 6 burner stove and large oven. 40 picnic tables offer seating of 240 people under the pavilion, which leaves plenty of room for even more people and to serve your food.

The park also features a large safe environment for the children to play in, with swings, slide, monkey bars and all the beach sand they can handle. With all the shade trees around the pavilion, it's not hard to feel the cool breeze even on the hottest days of summer.

No event is too big or too small from graduations, weddings, family reunions or corporate picnics. We have ample parking for 2,000 plus cars.

For pricing info, please feel free to contact Dale or Karen [586-254-3495](tel:586-254-3495)

The Knights Park & Pavilion is independently owned and operated by the Knights Corporation.

---

# ST. LAWRENCE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

*Presents*

## Fun Square Dance

for Beginners

*Under the Pavilion*

Caller: Brother Jim Boynton S.J.

### KNIGHTS PARK & PAVILION

11541 21 MILE ROAD SHELBY TWP. MI 48317

BETWEEN VAN DYKE AND M-53

Saturday, September 30, 2023

6:00pm to 10pm

Food served: 6:00 to 7:00

**\$30 /Person**  
**(\$35/at gate)**



**All Adults Welcome**  
**Casual Dress**



Benefiting

**St. Leo's Soup Kitchen**

and

**Malta Free Dental Clinic**

Included with ticket:

**Pulled Pork Sandwiches\* Hotdogs \* Salad \* Baked Beans  
& Deserts. Beverages: Beer \* Wine\* coffee\* Water**

**TICKETS: available at St. Lawrence Church**

**after all Sunday Masses during August & September  
or call**

**Tina Attard 586-719-1804**





**FUNERAL DIRECTORS**

Royal Oak: 248-541-7000

Utica: 586-731-2411

[www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

**HEATING & COOLING**  
SALES ♦ SERVICE  
(586) 254-4348 | (248) 650-0099  
[www.wiegandheating.com](http://www.wiegandheating.com)



**FRANK L. MC NELIS**  
ATTORNEY

22600 Hall Road  
Suite 205  
Clinton Township, MI 48036

586 094 0057

586 469 5000

[nellaw2@vahoo.com](mailto:nellaw2@vahoo.com)

**WEINGARTZ**  
EVERYTHING FROM LAWN TO SNOW  
[WWW.WEINGARTZ.COM](http://WWW.WEINGARTZ.COM)

**David P. Utykowski** | Principal and General Counsel

**O** | 248.641.1225 **M** | 586.214.7517 **F** | 248.641.0270

5445 Corporate Dr, Suite 200, Troy, MI 48098

**HARNESS**  
**DICKEY**

Intellectual Property - Worldwide

Bio • vCard

Metropolitan | Dallas • Detroit • St. Louis • Washington, DC

**T&A SPRINKLERS**  
POWER WASHING, REPAIRS & WINTERIZATION  
*Shelby Twp., MI*  
**586.254-0591**  
[TANDASPRINKLERS.COM](http://TANDASPRINKLERS.COM)

**DONATO**  
LANDSCAPE  
Landscape • Brick Paver • Contractors  
4605 22 Mile Road  
Shelby Township, MI 48317  
(586) **739-0795**  
(248) **266-0882**  
[www.donatolandscap.com](http://www.donatolandscap.com)

**MJC** **COMPANIES**  
RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION  
& DEVELOPMENT  
[mjccompanies.com](http://mjccompanies.com)

