

St. Lawrence Council 2950 Knight Life

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Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights, ladies and families – March is the last month of winter and as such we are looking forward to warming up, both the weather and our Council activities.

Membership Drive and Catholic Tuition Scholarships – We're continuing to take this opportunity to reach out to school fathers and families to get involved with our Council. Please see the article in this newsletter regarding tuition scholarship opportunities for our current Brothers whose children attend St. Lawrence School and any new Brother Knights that join in the next couple of months.

Knights Picnic Grounds Repair Projects – Thank you to Brothers Dale and Scott who have arranged for a number of upcoming improvement projects for the Picnic Grounds during weekends this month. The council appreciates all of the volunteers who are taking part in this great initiative.

Lent Reflection Morning – Our Council is sponsoring a parish reflection opportunity on March 19 at St. Lawrence Church. This Faith in Action inspired event is for our Council, families and the Parish. We are looking for a great turnout. Please see the related article for more information and how to sign up.

St. Joseph Traveling Icon – Our chaplain Fr. Roman will lead a prayer service on Sunday March 20 at St. Lawrence Parish, recognizing St. Joseph. Please see the article in this month's Knight Life on the history of the Icon.

Pheasant Hunt – the annual Pheasant Hunt is on Sunday March 20 in Ubly, MI at the Rooster Ranch. Brother Kim is again chairing this event. Please pass the word to your family and friends and help make this event another success!

Capuchin Soup Kitchen – Brother Jim DeMaestri is organizing a charity date to help serve the poor on March 26. Please see the article in this Knight Life and call Jim to help out. 2022 M.I. (Tootsie Roll) Drive – Please be checking your mailbox for this year's announcement on the M.I. Drive. Information on donations and the raffle are in an article in this month's Knight Life. In coordination with activities at St. Lawrence Parish, the drive this year will be held at the St. Lawrence School cafeteria the weekend of April 2-3, 2022 (this is one week earlier than usual).

Good Friday, April 15 - Another Faith in Action initiative is to promote attendance for Good Friday. Please don't think it is too soon to start planning this but more importantly, remind others of the wonderful Good Friday service. We as Knights can bring families into a more robust practice and better understanding of our Catholic faith and the Triduum. By making small reminders, we help to increase parish attendance and involvement which in turn educates families on the vital importance of Good Friday.

Thanks,

Joe Lograsso, Grand Knight



THE KNIGHT MEMBERSHIP NEWS March 2022

TRANSFORMATIVE, LIFE CHANGING OPPORTUNITIES AVAIALBE FOR FREE

One of my earliest impressions of the Knights of Columbus, and specifically the St. Lawrence Council, was that although one has to be a Catholic man to join, our outreach of charity and service is for everyone in our community. We don't make restrictions of who we Through help. repeated involvement in fundraising and working hand-in-hand with Brother Knights and directly with those we serve, we learn a bit more about humanity and what it takes to go beyond ourselves.

I was reminded of these things a couple of Sundays ago with the Gospel reading from Luke chapter 6: "Jesus said to his disciples: "To vou who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes vour cloak, do not withhold your tunic. Give to even everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is vours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same

amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as also your Father is merciful."

So this is really challenging. We aren't doing enough if we reach out to people that are part of our group, our own circle if you will. The idea that we're judging others as sinners may be a little much, especially since we are sinners ourselves. But the idea that you reach out to those that have hurt you, rubbed you the wrong way, seemed careless or unkind to you - well that's asking a lot. What are we being asked? To rise above the hurt, to rise above the rudeness that has been thrown at us and then go help those same people. We are being asked to take a higher road and pursue the way of Jesus. The ability to put aside our pride and to grow into a person of love is not easy and is a continual balance between feeling the awesome presence of God when we have personal triumphs and the struggle to swallow our pride when situations are difficult.



However, this is how Christ transforms us from average people to people who can become examples of Him for the service of others. You all have the opportunity in our Council to find the means to be transformed.

FAITH IN ACTION

Our Faith in Action programs are rooted in Faith, Family, Community and Life and provide a path to challenge ourselves. These are stepping stones in our transformation. Jesus is inviting you to join him in entering the lives of the people He wants to reach. Is there anyone He might be pointing out to you? Be available to that person. Be ready with an encouraging word. Be ready to walk alongside them and be a part of their lives. Do this, and you will be showing Christ to another one of his children.¹ In practical terms, putting on a Faith in Action program can get us personally involved with people that we may not encounter day-to-day but will help us understand the needs of others. Please consider direct involvement in our different opportunities and find out more about Faith in Action.

Jesus, I trust in you!

1. The Word Among Us

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

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March Council Meeting

The March General Membership Meeting will be held on March 10th 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. The church is located at 12311 19 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313.

April Knight Life

- All articles that are requested to be in the April Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than March 24, 2022.
- There is available space for any businesses that want to advertise in the Knight Life please contact the editor.

Editor: Paul Burmeister Email: <u>pburmeister16@gmail.com</u>

Knight of the Month

The Knight of the month for march is Dale Niedzwiecki. He and his wife Karen have been married for 39 years and currently reside in Attica, Mi.

Dale belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where he has volunteered for the parish picnic and the Applefest.

Dale has been a Knight for 42 years and is currently our Deputy Grand Knight and K of C picnic grounds manager. He has also held offices of Lector, Guard, Vocations chairman and has been a chairman on events such as the Hayride, St. Pat's party and Seminarian dances.

Dale retired from Messina Trucking in 2018 and is currently employed at Signs 365 for the past four years.

In his spare time, he enjoys their cottage which is their new home, hunting, fishing, boating and swimming with his grandchildren.

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



47th Annual M.I "Tootsie Roll" Drive April 8, 9, & 10 To assist Michigan Citizens with Intellectual / Developmental Disabilities

Again, with the current situation with the COVID-19 virus we are postponing this year's street MI "Tootsie Roll Drive" that is scheduled for April 8, 9 & 10. We will be holding a raffle like we did last year for some great prizes. A letter requesting donations will be sent out around the second week of March explaining the details. We are making this appeal to you, your families and friends in hopes that you can financially help this cause.

MI Chairmen, Paul Burmeister, Joe Lograsso George Wiegand, Dan Weingartz

Family of the Month

The Family of the month for March is Nathan and Kasia Lucas. Nathan and Kasia reside on Sherwood Park in Shelby Township. They have four children Helena, Katarzyna, Natalie and John.

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish and is currently the Chair of the Applefest Basket Raffle. The children attend St. Lawrence school and are in the St. Lawrence School Guadalupe for Pro-Life Group, and Kasia co-chairs the St. Lawrence school Catholic Culture group. Kasia coordinated the K of C Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest with the school.

Nathan works as a software developer at TACOM in Warren and teaches computer science at Wayne State. Kasia is an engineer at TACOM.

In their spare time the family enjoys being Polish, playing family games and visiting with family and friends.

Congratulations on being chosen Family of the Month by St. Lawrence Council 2950.

Help Needed!!



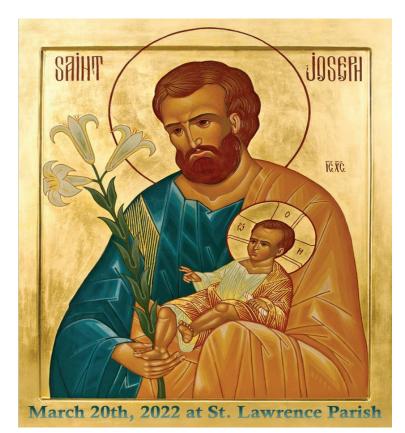
April 6-9, 2022 At Five Star Lanes

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

Council Activities Schedule

Mar 19 – Lenten Morning of Reflection (see KL article) Mar 20 – St. Joseph Traveling Icon Mar 20 – Annual Pheasant Hunt Mar 26 – Capuchin Soup Kitchen (see KL article) Apr 2,3 – MI Drive Apr 6-9 – Texas Holdem Apr 9 – Shrine of Jesus-The Divine Mercy (see KL article)

Apr 15 – Good Friday



St. Joseph Icon Introduction By Patrick E. Kelly, Supreme Knight

Flowing from the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis, and inspired by his apostolic letter Patris Corde, comes our new Pilgrim Icon Program in honor of St. Joseph.

Devotion to St. Joseph was understandably slow to develop in the history of the Church. The "just man,"1 whom God chose to protect, defend and raise the most precious of his gifts to humanity had not a word of his recorded in Scripture. Tradition tells us that our Lord's foster father died — likely with Jesus and Mary at his side — even prior to Jesus beginning his public ministry. St. Joseph carried out his mission of raising, guarding and preparing Christ quietly, courageously and faithfully. For that faithful work, St. Joseph was rewarded — not with seeing the fruits of his labor in this life, but with the incomparable prize of glory in heaven.

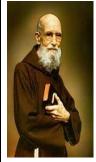
This beautiful icon is housed at St. Joseph's Oratory in Montréal, Canada's preeminent Shrine to St. Joseph, founded by St. André Bessette. The original is written (prayerfully painted) by Elizabeth Bergeron, from a drawing by famed iconographer Alexandre Sobolev. In the image, St. Joseph stands with his eyes cast humbly down, but with a determined strength in his face. In his covered arm he bears the Child Jesus, whose own hand is raised, blessing the world. In his right arm, St. Joseph holds a flowering staff, a sign that he was chosen by

God. The white lilies of the staff signify his purity and chastity. Taken together, the icon provides a window into the life and mission of this courageous father, a man who was one of us and yet called to a mission of incomparable significance. Our world desperately needs men and women of courage. But in a particular way, it needs courageous fathers — men willing to stand up and to carry out their own mission of protecting, defending and raising future generations. It needs men willing to risk it all, in order to offer the world Jesus. In short, our world needs men in the model of St. Joseph. Since its inception in 1979, the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program has held more than 174,800 local council and parish prayer services with some 22 million participants. Featured images have included Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Our Lady of Pochaiv, Our Lady of the Rosary, Our Lady of Charity, Our Lady of Persecuted Christians and the Holy Family. In the first year of his pontificate, Pope Francis received the Order's Board of Directors in a private audience, during which the Holy Father said "I commend all of you in a special way to the intercession of St. Joseph, the protector of the Holy Family of Nazareth, who is an admirable model of those manly virtues of quiet strength, integrity and fidelity which the Knights of Columbus are committed to preserving, cultivating and passing on to future generations of Catholic men." Bearing those words in mind, I chose to entrust my service as Supreme Knight to St. Joseph, and through this Pilgrim Icon Program, we can all turn in prayer to St. Joseph. We give thanks to God for the gift of his fatherly example, and we ask St. Joseph to be a father to us. Along the way, may we also grow in our own imitation of St. Joseph's quiet strength, integrity and fidelity.

The Many Miracles of Solanus Casey

John J. Regan of the Detroit News

In 1929 hot casting lead (used in newspaper production) blew up in his face. When Mrs. Regan got



to Harper Hospital, she saw her husband's chart and the diagnosis "permanently blinded." She passed out. Coming to, she rushed to Fr. Solanus, who promised her John would see. Back she ran to the physician who had just operated on her husband. He assured her gravely that was impossible: the best her

husband could hope for would be to tell light from dark. Two weeks later, when John Regan's eyes were unbandaged and he said, "I see you," to the physician, the man declared it a miracle. Regan's vision tested excellent.

Unfailing Prayer to St. Anthony

Holy St. Anthony. Your love for God and Charity for



His creatures made you worthy to possess miraculous powers. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me. (make your request here....) The answer to my prayer may require a miracle; even so, you are the Saint of Miracles. O gentle and Loving Saint, whisper my petition into the ears of the sweet infant Jesus and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen.

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,

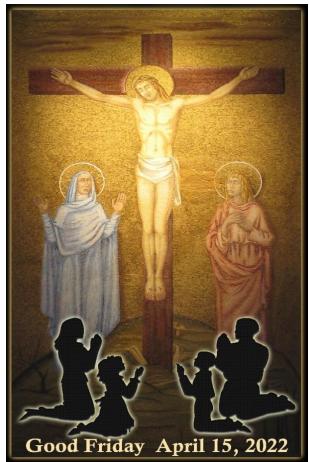
talent, and treasure in renovating this room as an adoration space to honor Christ's true presence in the Eucharist as the summit of our faith. Father Roman commissioned the beautiful sculpture and monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament.

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.



Remember to bring your families and invite your friends to join our community on Good Friday to our Church services!

March 2022 Liturgical Calendar

- March 2 Ash Wednesday March 6 – First Sunday of Lent March 13 – Second Sunday of Lent March 19 – Joseph, Husband of Mary March 20 – Third Sunday of Lent March 25 – Annunciation of the Lord
- March 27 Fourth Sunday of Lent



Reflection Morning: Priest, Prophet and King Saturday March 19, 2022 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

St. Lawrence is excited to invite the Parish to a morning of reflection that is focused on understanding how we fit into the roles of priest, prophet and king through our Baptism to Christ, and with Him call God "our Father". There will be Mass, planned talks and sharing, along with a short video presentation.

8:30 a.m. - Mass

After Mass - Continental Breakfast 9:30 a.m. - Fr. Paul Graney: Priest Prophet and King 10:10 a.m. - Individual Stories 11:00 a.m. - God's Unconditional Love 11:30 a.m. - End

We are currently limiting the attendance to 80 people based on the current COVID caution. We will adjust as things

changes.

Please contact Joe Lograsso (lograsso@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

Please register at Signup Genius by link or QR code: https://bit.ly/STLReflection



Volunteers Needed!!

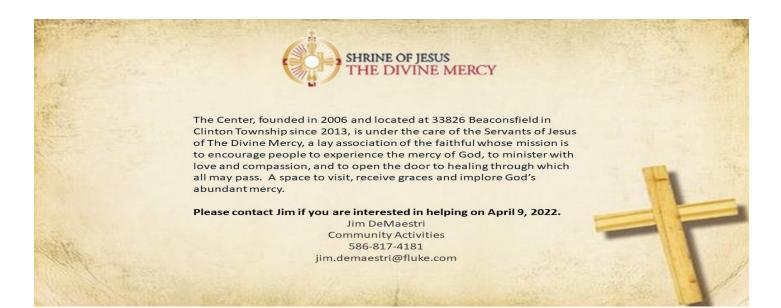
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available Saturday lunch serving (10:30am to1:15am) is March 26, 2022. At least 10 volunteers are required.

Capuchin Soup Kitchen 4390 Conner Avenue Detroit, MI 48215

Contact: Jim DeMaestri 586.817.418 jim.demaestri@fluke.com





The St. Lawrence Council of the Knights of Columbus are excited to share news of two new initiatives for St. Lawrence School and school families.

- 1. St. Lawrence School Tuition Scholarship Raffle. Two \$500 scholarships will be raffled for 2022-2023 school year. To be in the raffle, you have to be a Catholic dad of any St. Lawrence School student(s) and is or becomes a member of the St. Lawrence Knight of Columbus between January 30, 2022 and March 31, 2022.
- School Membership Donation. Our council will donate \$50 per new member of the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus that is a father of students at St. Lawrence School. Very simply, our Council is here to serve our local community, especially the Parish and school.

We are working on finalizing plans for a Catholic high school scholarship and we will share that information next month.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Jim Adams





Knights of Columbus

St. Lawrence – Council 2950

European Pheasant Hunt



When: Sunday, March 20th, 2022 *PHONE*: 989-658-2332

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 Where:
 Rooster Ranch - 7480 Germania Rd. - Ubly, MI 48475

 Website:
 huntrr.com
 Cost: \$290.00 per person

 *** All proceeds go to the K of C Charities ***

Agenda for the Day: 8 am to 4 pm 8 am – Meet at the clubhouse for a country breakfast 8:15 am – Clay target warm-up shoot 9 am – European Hunt Begins 1 pm – A super lunch is served 2 pm – Walk up Hunt

OPTIONAL:

- Worble Clay Shoot (Call for Details)

All birds are cleaned, bagged, and distributed evenly per hunter

Come out and enjoy a day of hunting in the great outdoors! There will be food, 50-50, and of course, Pheasants. To reserve your spot, a \$50.00 credit card deposit is required. *All credit card payments are processed through Rooster Ranch, please contact them with your card information.* Balance can be paid on March 20th (the day of the hunt). Since there is limited space, first come first serve applies. Please contact Kim Wiegand at 586-747-9613 with any questions. NOTE: Hunter orange and safety glasses required.



<u>Dr. Jim's 15th Annual Euchre Party</u> Saturday – April 23, 2022





Dr. Jim Langeveld 1972-2002



Location

Old Settlers VFW Post 4659 8311 Wilson Drive Shelby Township, MI 48316 E off Van Dyke N of 24 Mile

<u>Cost</u>

\$25/Person Includes Pizza, Refreshments and Pop Corn

<u>Time</u>

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

Reservations/Questions

Jim Langeveld e-mail: jimlang122@gmail.com Home - 586-739-8119 Cell - 810-499-9055 & Text Cash Prizes, Door Prizes, 50/50 Must be 18 Years Old Bring Quarters for Euchres!

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



Knights of Columbus **"BENEFITS NEWS"** The Value of Membership Referrals

The Value of Membership Referrals

As a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most is when one of my brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to me. This is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they were so pleased with what I helped them accomplish that they want me to help others achieve the safe level of financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis that I provide. Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they've never been asked and don't know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own. If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me or your Grand Knight. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It's always more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don't worry if the candidate is outside the area I serve or beyond the district of the local councils, we can make sure we put these future members in touch with the right people in their communities. New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.75 billion to charity and provided in excess of 700 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential.

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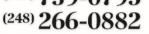




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