



St. Lawrence Council 2950 Knight Life

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Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights, ladies and families – We are looking forward this month to the start of the change of seasons into sunshine and some warmth. Our council calendar is full of activities that will keep us going throughout the month.

First let us remember a couple of K of C family members with prayers. Brother Ron Idziak passed away on February 24, let us pray for the repose of his soul and pray for peace for his family. Bernadette Kuk, wife of our worthy Chancellor Harry, passed away February 28. Continue to pray for Harry, his family and the repose of Bernice's soul.

A big thanks for a full February that included Wine Tasting (Jim and Suzanne Adams), Super Bowl Squares (Carlos Pertusi), Texas Holdem' (Don Heydens), Free Throw Competition (Dennis Murray, Jim Ososkie), Monthly Breakfast (Scott Morgan and our big team), and Membership Drive (Jim Ososkie, Steve Sierawski and Dan Weingartz). Of course, all of the activities included many brother knights of which I am very thankful. Our presence around St. Lawrence and the community is strong and we know that our fraternity is strong as we carry out these successful activities.

For March, we have the following activities planned:

March 9 – Exemplification. We are planning on having 3-5 new candidates become Third Degree Brothers. Please make every effort to attend in support of the them and the Council.

March 10/11/12 – the return of the St. Pat's Party and Fundraiser. Details will be published on email for help on setup late afternoon and evening of Friday March 10, cooking March 11 and clean up March 12. Of course, PLEASE COME TO THE PARTY. \$35 per person, including full dinner, desserts, open bar, pizza and live band. Great raffles again this year and much thanks to our sponsors (please see the article in the Knight Life).

March 18 – 4:30 p.m. Mass for people with special needs, followed by a social in the social hall.

March 19 – Annual Pheasant Hunt (please see the article in the Knight Life).

March 24-26. Annual M.I. Tootsie Roll Drive. We will be in the St. Lawrence elementary school cafeteria on Saturday and Sunday to accept donations and if anyone wants to go on the streets for collecting donations. Friday March 24, we are still looking for a location to operate out of for people on the streets. Stay tuned as we determine the location or restrict the weekend activities to Saturday and Sunday.

We continue with the last month of sales of the Lotto 3 Raffle (see article). Starting April 1, 2023, we will start awarding prizes based on the Michigan Lotto 3 evening numbers. These tickets are \$10 each. Good luck!

We have a new raffle that supports the St. Lawrence Girl Scout Daisy Troop 76644: Win 52 Boxes of Girl Scout Cookies!! Tickets: 1 ticket - \$5, 10 tickets - \$20, with a maximum of 250 tickets being sold. Winner will be selected March 11, 2023 at 11 p.m. at the St. Pat's Party or sooner if all tickets sold. <https://www.uticakofc.com/gscookies> with online ticket buyers will have a picture of the tickets emailed.

Please help our Council and the manual paperwork of our Financial Secretary Paul Burmeister in getting your dues paid if that has not happened yet. You can pay directly online at <https://www.uticakofc.com/membership/pay-dues-online.html>

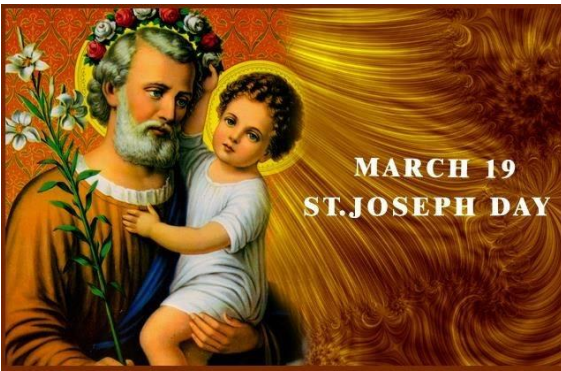
Brothers, the strength of our Council comes from our dedication to being Christ's missionaries and through that devout path of charity, our fraternity is also strengthened. Please continue to pray for the Council, for the families of our Brothers and for our parish and poor in our community. Use Lent as a season of renewal for our souls.

Thanks,
Joe Lograsso, Grand Knight

March Feast Days

An Old Irish Blessing for St. Patrick's Day

May your days be many and your troubles be few.
May all God's blessings descend upon you.
May peace be within you, may your heart be strong.
May you find what you're seeking wherever you roam.
May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us.
May the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us.
May thy Salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and for evermore.
Amen.

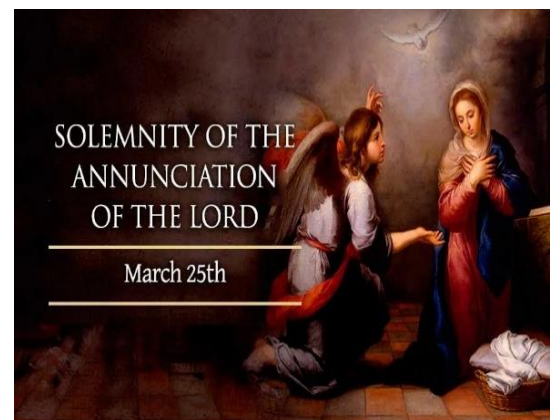


In fact, on December 8, 1870, Blessed Pope Pius IX declared Joseph to be the Patron or Protector of the Universal Church. So, we take him as our protector. As He protected **Jesus Christ** with his life so he protects us with his powerful prayers since we are the Body of Christ.

Say a Hail Mary

The Hail Mary is one of the prayers that were created from the Annunciation. The Hail Mary is a prayer to Saint Mary to act as an intercessor with her Son, Jesus Christ.

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen



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

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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
Ed Braet	Susie Langeveld
Linda Braet	Rick Lumetta
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Ron Koscierzynski	Nathan Van Neste (S)
Ken Kraniak	Harlan Wagner
Jim Langeveld	

Knights Corporation Meetings

Mar 6	St. Matthias Church	7:00 – 9:30PM
Apr 3	St. Matthias Church	7:00 – 9:30PM
May 8	St. Matthias Church	7:00 – 9:30PM

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Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month for March is Carlos Pertusi. Carlos and his wife Cheryl have resided in Sterling Heights for the past 25 Years.

Carlos belongs to St. Lawrence Church and joined St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in 2015 and currently holds the office of Guard and is very active in all of our Council events.

Carlos and his wife Cheryl are both retired and in their spare time enjoy gardening, golf and travelling.

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



Family of the Month

The Family of the month for March is John and Marie Mattos. John and Marie have been married for 8 1/2 years and have 3 children, Lucas 6, Joshua 3 and Clair (new born).

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where Lucas attends school. Marie volunteers at the school and has created an image of the Last Supper in the middle school cafeteria (see picture below) and has designed various stick-on patches with the patron Saints for each classroom at the school.

John works at Sleishman Hilliard in the PR department and Marie owns her own business (St. Sprouts) and is a studio and graphic artist.

The family is close and spends their free time together enjoying each other's company.

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



Created by Maria

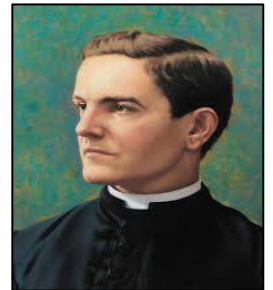


Prayer for March

“Father, thank you for carrying us through life’s winter seasons and for bringing us into new springtime seasons of hope. Thank you for the lessons you teach us in the winter seasons: like endurance, rest, perseverance and trust. Thank you for the blessings you have prepared for the season ahead. Most of all, thank you that your character and love never change. 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 for Health and Healing

Give me the energy to carry out my daily tasks. Bless my mind with health and prosperity. Remove anxiety and depression from my mental processes. Give me emotional wellbeing. I humbly ask that You will keep me safe from harm and illness. I offer this prayer in Your holy name. Amen. Thank You for watching over me. I am so grateful for Your care.



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.

Attention!!

All members with unsold tickets please return them to Don Heydens at the Council meeting on March 9th.

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

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	\$200	\$100	\$200	\$100	\$200
3	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	\$100	\$200	\$100	\$200	\$100	\$200
10	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	\$100	\$200	\$100	\$200	\$100	\$200
17	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	\$100	\$200	\$100	\$200	\$100	\$200
24	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	STATE LICENSE NO. X07031					



Thank You!!

We would like to thank everyone that came out and worked the poker room event on February 16-19. Your help aided in the success of this event!!

Next Event!!

Our next event is scheduled for June 1-4, 2023 (Thursday through Sunday.)
The times have also changed, we now are open from 6:30 PM till 2 AM.

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



Knights' Pavilion and Picnic Grounds (Title Sponsor) present
St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus
2023 St. Pat's Day Rockin' Party and Fundraiser



Saturday March 11, 2023

6:30 p.m. til Midnight

Doors Open with Cocktails at 6:30 p.m., Irish Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Free Refreshments All Night

Pizza after 11 p.m.

Purchase Tickets Early!

\$35 / person – Pre-sales Only!

Music by Mainstream Drive

Dinner – Drinks – Desserts – Music

Awesome Raffle Prizes – Door Prizes – 50/50

at the St. Lawrence Gymnasium - 44633 Utica Rd.

Utica, MI 48317

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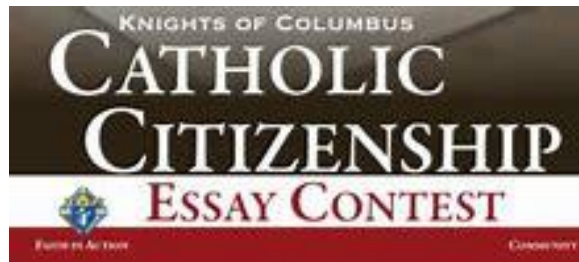
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**Please contact Joe Lograsso for tickets and for information (lograsso@comcast.net). We appreciate and
need for people to bring friends and family.**

**We encourage you coming out to this event as it will be the main fundraiser this year for our Council
charities. We will be having the party in both the gymnasium and cafeteria. The cafeteria is a little quieter
for those that don't want it so loud (e.g., loudness) but still enjoy a great dinner and dessert and raffles.**

**As this is the first time that we're doing this in the school, we're looking for full participation in making this
a great success for our Council and our community.**



Lighthouses and Fisherman

By Nethanya Fonseca

To evangelize is to cast nets of faith down into the waters of doubt and uncertainty, with the goal to share the grace and love of God with an unbelieving soul. Although some perceive evangelization to be a laborious and difficult mission, Christ calls His children to spread the Gospel and the love of Christ in a loving, respectful way. To me, evangelizing means sharing with others the peace and salvation that comes from walking with God.

Although people will turn away from God, God never turns away from them. Instead, He invites us to bring those who have turned away from His salvation back to Him with the help of the Holy Spirit. When we evangelize, whether it be by sharing the word of God or bringing friends and family members to Church, we are actively revealing the love and salvation of Christ the Redeemer. Mark 1:17 states, "Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." All those years ago, Christ called the disciples to be evangelists, and even now, God's mission for us remains the same.

Today, evangelizing comes in many different forms. Christ calls all of His followers to be evangelists, including younger Catholics. Younger Catholics can evangelize in many different situations, especially at school. Sharing from a more personal point of view, I'm a freshman at a public high school, having come from a decade of Catholic schooling prior to that. Although my high school is full of various diverse faiths, I'm finding respectful ways to evangelize and share my faith. I constantly find myself talking with my classmates about the infinite, selfless and divine love of Jesus Christ. I often discuss my faith in depth with my Muslim friends, who are always very receptive to what I have to say. I shared my favorite Biblical passages with them and conveyed my personal experiences with Christ.

Another significant way that youth can evangelize is through social media. Posting scriptures and stories relating to faith and evangelism is also an incredible way for teens to evangelize and spread the Gospel. My mother taught me about evangelism through a helpful metaphor. She compared evangelists to a lighthouse, using the Christ light to call lost ships back to port, and illuminating a course back to God. In order to help lost souls navigate their way back to Christ, we must first have our own unique, intimate relationships with God. One cannot guide a sailor lost at sea if they themselves are unfamiliar with the rolling tides. In a similar way, one must have the same mindset when it comes to evangelizing. A true evangelist is devout in their faith, and has a spirit captained by the Lord. If we hear the call of Christ- and we believe and live like this- we are able to evangelize and interact with the world on a deeper scale.

This being said, not every soul we touch will turn back to God. Thomas Aquinas once said that *to those who believe in God, no explanation is necessary*, but to those who do not *believe in God*, no explanation is possible. Even so, God's mission for His children is eternal. Cast nets of faith down into the waters of doubt as you sail the ocean of life, and stand as an everlasting lighthouse, called to reveal the path back to salvation.

Congratulations Nethanya for the winning essay at the state level competition!



"Pictured are seven of the ten champions from St. Lawrence School who participated in the Knights of Columbus District Free Throw contest. Medals were awarded by the Athletic Director, Leah Konieczki, on February 18, 2023 and all advanced to the regional contest to be held on March 4, 2023 in Clarkston. Good luck to all of our student athletes."



Win 52 Boxes of Girl Scout Cookies!!

Supporting St. Lawrence Daisy Troop 76644.

Tickets: 1 ticket - \$5, 10 tickets - \$20

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Winner will be selected March 11, 2023 at 11 p.m. at the St. Pat's Party.

Online ticket buyers will have a picture of their tickets emailed to them.

<https://www.uticakofc.com/gscookies>





Council Yearly Dues!!

The 2023 Council membership dues have been sent out by email and U.S. Mail. If you have not paid your dues, please send them in as soon as possible.

If you did not receive a bill, please contact the Financial Secretary.

Financial Secretary:

Paul Burmeister
45995 Plum Grove Dr.
Macomb, MI 48044
586.713.7953



St. Lawrence Council 2950 Sunday Breakfast

We would like to thank everyone who helped and those that attended our breakfast on February 19. Listed below are the dates for our next breakfasts.

Sunday April 23 8:30am – 12:00pm

Sunday May 14 8:30am – 12:00pm

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 April 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

Feb 2023 Council Membership Summary

Associate Members	232
Insurance Members	137
Inactive Members	17
Total Members	386

Included In Totals

Honorary Members	16
25 Continuous Years of Service / Age 65	

Honorary Life Members	87
25 Continuous Years of Service / Age 70	

Status: Council in Good Standing



Knights of Columbus Council 2950

Pheasant Hunt

Join us March 19th, 2023

Don't miss out! Knights of Columbus Council 2950 is putting together an exciting pheasant hunt at the Rooster Ranch where all proceeds go towards the Mentally Impaired!

\$290 per Person

Check-In: 7:45am

Breakfast: 8am

50/50 Raffle

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Extras Include:

- Wobble Shoot
- European Hunt
- Hog Roast Dinner
- Field Hunt (Walk-Up)



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Saturday April 29. 9:00am – 12:30pm. At least 10. 4390 Conner, Detroit. We will arrange to carpool from STL. Please contact me with any questions.
Peace

Jim DeMaestri
Community Activities
586-817-4181





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