



# St. Lawrence Council 2950 Knight Life

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## Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights, ladies and families. November brings a season of Thanksgiving and reminds us of the strong brotherhood we share in our united care for others.

Primary focus every November is remembering our Brother Knights that have passed away during this past year. We will gather on Wednesday Nov. 10, 2021 at 7 p.m. at St. Lawrence Church for our annual memorial Mass. We hope you can all join us. This year we remember Joseph Judnick, Michael Livernois, Thomas Proulx, Dennis Seefried, Lawrence Shekoski, Vincent Weingartz and Timothy Welch.

On Saturday November 6, we will be celebrating our Council at our Recognition Dinner in the St. Lawrence Social Hall after 4:30 p.m. Mass. Please contact me directly if you are planning to attend.

We will be meeting this month on Nov. 11 at the St. Lawrence Social Hall, with Rosary starting at 6:30 p.m., followed at 7 p.m. with our regular meeting. Our planning meeting will be on Monday November 22, 2021 (due to Thanksgiving later that week) at 7 p.m. at St. Matthias on 19 Mile Rd., enter at door #5.

The month of October was very filled with exciting and fun activities. Thanks to all the chair people and everyone that helped and attended for:

- Texas Holdem' Charity Poker– Don Heydens
- Square Dance – Roy Attard, and Guy Anzell for leading up the smoking of the pork
- Casino Bus Trip – George Wiegand
- Men's Mass – Jim Adams and to our Celebrant Fr. Paul Graney
- CPR Training – Jim Demaestri
- Membership Drive – Gary Lusk

We have a few items in the works and are accepting Poinsettia pre-sales (on the website and at our meeting). This will cover our Coats for Kids account, providing coats to local children. Thanks to Paul Burmeister for already receiving this year's coats and getting ready to distribute them.

On December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Old Settler's VFW Hall in Shelby Township, we will have the return of the annual Children's Christmas Party. More details are coming, but please plan on attending during the afternoon.

At our last regular meeting on October 14, the following officers were elected for the remainder of the fraternal year: Grand Knight – Joe Lograsso, Deputy Grand Knight – Dale Niedzwiecki, Warden – John Gasowski, Advocate – Jim Bokshan and Trustee – Rick Similuk. Thanks to our Brother Knights for stepping up.

We also have the need for a couple of things. 1. a new Program Director to oversee, manage and work with Brothers in planning the activities of the year. 2. for our regular monthly meetings, we will be moving towards asking for different people to sign up for the meals. The Council will reimburse you for the food; we are trying to lessen the burden of providing the meal by not having the same person always responsible for it. Sign up will be at the next meeting.

Don't stop reading when you see this word: Membership. Our mission in charity is a fulfillment of our mission to follow Christ. Why don't we want to share this same mission with our friends and parishioners? We need your help to ask men you know to become members of our Council and provide the opportunity for them to be on the same mission as us.



Joe Lograsso, Grand Knight



# THE KNIGHT MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## MEMBERSHIP IN THE K OF C PROVIDES OUTLET FOR LIVING OUT CATHOLIC LIFE AS PRIEST, PROPHET AND KING!

Perhaps upon witnessing the Baptism of a first grandchild, you once again heard the threefold description in our call to holiness. After the Baptism comes the anointing with sacred chrism oil, wherein the priest or deacon prays these words:

*As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life.*

This anointing is a stirring reminder of the sublime dignity conferred on us. We, too, must embrace these shared offices of priest, prophet, and king.

*Baptism makes us members of the Body of Christ. ... "to be a holy priesthood" (1 Peter 2:5). By Baptism they share in the priesthood of Christ, in his prophetic and royal mission. They are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people ..." (1 Peter 2:9). Baptism gives a share in the common priesthood of all believers (CCC, 1267, 1268). Brothers, being made in the image of God allows us to be a Holy example for others.*

Share this message with men as you invite them to become Knights and take on our God given roles!

## "GROW THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN JUST FIFTEEN MINUTES A DAY!"<sup>1</sup>



### Luke 13:18-21

*Jesus said, "What is the Kingdom of God like? To what can I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that a man took and planted in the garden. When it was fully grown, it became a large bush and 'the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches.'"*

*Again he said, "To what shall I compare the Kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch of dough was leavened."*

Jesus uses these two parables to illustrate the miraculous potential for growth in the kingdom of God. They speak about the power and grace of God, especially his ability to do something far beyond what we would expect with even the smallest of seeds or the tiniest bit of yeast.

The same is true for us individually. Even with our smallest effort, God can do amazing things.

The same is true for our Council as we aim to grow in size and to continue to live out our mission of Charity. Our potential for growth is enormous through the wonderful examples that we have in outreach to our Parish, neighbors and community. It must start however with one essential trait: authentic Christianity in how we live our lives. We cannot be successful in the recruitment of other men if we ourselves do not provide the best versions of ourselves to those we

encounter daily. Are you a good representative of Christ? While we all have areas to improve upon, our sincere efforts at being true Christians will shine through any flaws that we may have from time to time.

This is attractive as we talk to others of the faith and charity within our Council. Who would not want to join our team as we display genuine concern for others as well as the fraternal spirit of our group?

There are men that are eager today to be part of a group that stands for everything that God asks of us. These men are bewildered by today's constant battle that divides us as people and divides our friends, families and co-workers. These men are new husbands and fathers trying to make their way into a world different than how they grew up and looking for a group of Christian men to help them.

*Fifteen minutes a day.* For what? To PRAY. Why? To ask the Holy Spirit to transform us into men that represent Christ, into men that look out for those less fortunate and into men that will attract other men that will join us. As a full force of men and with the Rosary, we will be able to take on the challenges that we encounter in the world.

It is no coincidence that charity, unity and fraternity form the bedrock of the Council. Working together, working for Jesus.

<sup>1</sup>. The Word Among Us 10/26/2021



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

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Knight Life Editor.....Paul Burmeister  
 Degree Master.....Don Heydens  
 M/I Drive.....Paul Burmeister, Joe Lograsso,  
 .....Dan Weingartz, George Wiegand  
 Vocations.....Jim Adams  
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 Eyes for the Needy.....Tom Mueller  
 Pro-Life.....Chris and Sharon Gill

**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.



# Prayer List

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

Rene Battani	Lori Morgan
Linda Braet	Della Mulka
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Susie Langeveld	Ashley Steggall
Stephanie Langeveld	Sue Stepniak
Marion Lelito	Ron Ternes
Therese Lenzini	Bob Wiegand
Rick Montone	David Wiegand

## November Council Meetings

The November General Membership Meeting will be held on November 11 at the Parish social hall with the rosary starting at 6:30pm.

**Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday the officers meeting will be held on Monday at November 22 at 7:00pm At St. Matthias Church located at 12311 19 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313.**

## December Knight Life

- All articles that are requested to be in the December Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than November 22, 2021.
- There is available space for any businesses that want to advertise in the Knight Life please contact the editor.

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

### **Knight of the Month**

The Knight of the Month for November is James Adams. Jim and his wife Suzanne live in Bruce Township. Jim works at Stellantis in Transmission Program Management.

Jim belongs to St. Lawrence Parish and is a Eucharistic and Liturgical Minister. He joined the Knights in 2015 and has been active as a member, he is currently the Men's Mass coordinator, Retention Committee chairman, Vocations chairman and is a member of the Fourth Degree Color Corp. He also held the position of Membership Director.

Jim enjoys automotive events like the recent American Speed Festival at M1 concourse, reading on religious, automotive and historical topics. and spending time at the St. Lawrence Adoration Chapel. Congratulations Jim for being chosen the Knight of the Month by your brother Knights.

### **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."

### **Family of the Month**

The family of the month for November is Roy and Tina Attard. Roy and Tina have resided in Shelby Township for the last 45 Years. They have two children Jeffery (deceased) and Angela. Roy is retired from Chrysler where he worked for twenty-three years and Tina is a house wife.

Roy joined our Council in 2010 and is a Fourth-degree member of St. John Neuman Assembly. He is currently a director on the Knights building corporation board and has been the chairman for the square dance and car show fundraisers.

Roy and Tina have belonged to St. Lawrence Parish for 35 years where Roy is an Applefest chairperson and works with St. Leo's soup kitchen. Tina works on the Applefest, quilters club and St. Leo's soup kitchen.

Roy and Tina enjoy their summer house in Port Austin on Lake Huron, playing cards mostly pinochle with friends. They also enjoy the outside, gardening and working on 1000-piece puzzles together. Roy enjoys caring for and driving his old convertible. Congratulations on being chosen the Family of the Month by your Brother Knights.



This year our donation for Coats for Kids will be distributed by West Utica Public School. St. Lawrence Council 2950 donated 48 coats to support this program.

### **Coats for Kids Distribution Site**

There will also be a distribution site at St. Damian of Molokai Parish  
120 Lewis St, Pontiac, MI  
Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 1pm.



## Children's Christmas Party

**Sunday December 12, 2021**

**Starting at 2:00pm**

**Old Settlers VFW Post 4659**

**8311 Wilson Drive**

**Shelby Township, MI 48316**

- 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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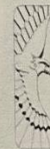
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**Pre-Sales After Masses**

**November 13 and November 20**

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**Or Contact**

**Scott Morgan 586.201.5738**

**Paul Burmeister 586.713.7953**

**Proceeds Benefit Coats for Kids and Council Charities**



**Council Activities**  
**November 2021 – December 2021**

**November 3-6** Charity Poker at 5 Star Bowling Lanes in Sterling Heights

**November 6** – Recognition and Rewards Dinner

**November 10** - K of C Annual Memorial Mass

**November 11** – General Council Meeting

**November 14, 21** – Poinsettia Pre-Sales at St. Lawrence Church.

**November 22** – Officers Planning Meeting at St. Matthias Church

**December 5** – Poinsettia pick-up (see KL article)

**December 12** – Children's Christmas Party (see KL article)

**Recognition and Rewards Dinner**  
**November 6, 2021**

We will be having our Recognition and Rewards Dinner following the 4:30 Mass at St. Lawrence Church on November 6, 2021 in the Parish social hall.

**Please contact Joe Lograsso to R.S.V.P.**  
**586.567.9573**

**K of C Annual Memorial Mass**

The K of C Memorial Mass will be held on Wednesday November 10, 2021 at St. Lawrence Church starting at 7:00 p.m. Lectors' altar servers, and Eucharistic ministers are needed.



**NOVEMBER 3-6, 2021**

We are still need a few more Knights to help work at our next Texas-Holdem event. Texas Holdem is scheduled November 3-6, 2021, at 5 Star Lanes in Sterling Heights. The work schedule is 4pm till 9pm and 9pm till close each day. 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 596-419-3420.

**Our next event is scheduled for:**  
**January 5-8, 2022 at 5 Star Lanes**

**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. We welcome you to either sign up for an hour adoration time at the Sign-up Genius link below or feel free to stop in any time the chapel is open.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ca8a62ba5f58-stlawrence>



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November 1, 2021

Dear Brother Knight,

This is a reminder that on November 15, 2021 we will be sending the Council's 2022 dues bill out by email. This new process is part of an effort to reduce postage costs at the Council. You can pay your dues online by following the steps on our web site or mail them to the address on the bill that you will receive. When paying your dues please keep in mind the optional assessments for the SHMS Endowed Scholarship Fund and the Take Ten Michigan Charities when making your payment.

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- Dues \***
- ☐ 2021 Dues - \$50
  - ☐ 2022 Honorary Dues - \$14.50
  - ☒ 2022 Dues - \$50

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- Optional Assessments**
- ☐ SHMS Endowed Scholarship Fund -\$6
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Fraternally,

Paul W. Burmeister  
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