



# St. Lawrence Council 2950 Knight Life



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## Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights and families,

Happy Easter and praise God for the Resurrection of Christ!! Spring is here! In Michigan, you may question if that is really true, with great reason, right?

March was a very active month for our Council. We started with a well-attended breakfast and thanks to all who again came out to setup, eat, clean-up and to those that did the shopping. If you didn't know, each month St. Lawrence parishioner, Nick Perrone, owner of Rinaldi's Sausage, donates the breakfast sausage for our breakfast. This has been going on for a few years so please thank him if you know him.

Our annual St. Pat's Rockin' Party and Fundraiser could not have happened with the tremendous support of the whole council. From the donations of our sponsors, the coordination of the dinner from Brothers Jonathan Hartline, Ray Campbell, Mark Prentiss and our Brisket team, and our partners at Rising Stars Academy, our bar set up from Brothers Dale Niedzwiecki and Steve McKay and his whole team, room set up and clean up from so many, many Brothers and wives, our raffle table with Brothers and wives Dan and Kris Weingartz, Paul and Kelly Barbieri, Brandon and Sara LaPrise and our big ticket seller families (Ososkie, Wiegand, Weingartz) and so many others, we had a great turn out and successful fundraiser.

Without missing a beat, Don Heydens had his whole team ready to support Texas Holdem' for four days later the next week, and it proved to be one of the best poker fundraisers our council has seen. Thank you all!

We ended service in March with a great trip to do science experiments at Rising Stars Academy. A great time was had by the students and our Brothers and family that led that day. Thank you, Brothers Ray Campbell, Paul Riva and Mark Weaver that came out with Laura Lograsso and I.,

Coming April 5 - 7 is the annual MI Drive for which is a main priority in our Council. This embodies our charity theme to our local community, helping to fund programs for people with special needs and who need support! We will be in the St. Lawrence Cafeteria all three days if anyone wants to volunteer to collect donations on the streets, as well as dropping off any donations, which are eligible for the raffle prizes (see article in the KL).

Please see the schedule on the next page for the breakfast (4/14) and our meetings. All council activities in April will be in the main school cafeteria. Please also read the article and plan on attending the commemoration of the Silver Rose on May 4, 2024 at the 4:30 p.m. Mass, with a social afterward.

As of this month, Dennis Murray has agreed to become our Council's next Grand Knight. Roy Attard has been elected from the Deputy Grand Knight. Please welcome these fine Brothers into new leadership roles; both of these gentlemen are well established Brothers who have shown great dedication, creativity and respect for the Council; thank you for stepping up for these short three months.

We will have normal elections in May for our next fraternal year and we know there will be vacancies of the offices of the Deputy Grand Knight, Trustee and Recorder. Please consider getting involved (more on this below).

In September 2021, I was privileged to accept and serve you in the role of Grand Knight as our Council found itself in a tough way, having recently sold the hall, still worrying about the pandemic and without a Grand Knight. We were all ready for a recovery! With the dedication of the officers and all of you, we slowly pulled out of that time, working hard to once again be relevant in the St. Lawrence community and to reengage in our focus on Charity. That is the primary reason I joined the St. Lawrence Council and not once have I been disappointed in the support of the Brothers when we put ourselves into the mode of serving.

We started regular community service programs again, continued with our poker fundraisers, reengaged with wine tasting and trivia, and eventually the St. Pat's fundraiser. In the 2022-2023 fraternal year, we were recognized as a Star Council thanks to everyone's efforts. At the end of 2023, we were able to deliver a second ultrasound machine to the Heart of Christ Family Clinic in Detroit, a highlight of the last couple of years. We see some new faces now at our activities, and said "until we see you again" to a number of distinguished Brothers and family members. We put a lot of focus into the continued management of the picnic grounds and all of you helped with improvements to maintain the property.

Our Council not only survived during these tough times but became stronger as we were not going to let some of the low points of the last few years define our Brotherhood or affect our Catholic mission. We need to continue with such positive momentum and we need your help to do so. PLEASE strongly consider in the new fraternal year to become an officer of the council or director of any of the Faith in Action programs. You already know we have a strong showing of Past Grand Knights that will support any endeavor; we have a strong Brotherhood that will come out to support any initiative you put forth. We have positions that are fulfilling, require minimal time and lets you focus on Charity and furthering development of your faith and character. It is so rewarding to take something on and successfully accomplish Charity with a team of like-minded, Catholic men, wives, and family members. For our younger members, please consider a low-key role as you learn about the Council. For those members that have been around, think about how to do a little more as an officer or director. Many of you are already attending the monthly meetings and you can accomplish what you need to do at those times.

A primary benefit of being a member of the Knights of Columbus is to know the gifts that God has given you, help mature those gifts and use them for the sake of others. Our council embodies that mission, a mission sealed to us through the Sacrament of Confirmation and that asks us to boldly bring others to Christ.

It has truly been my pleasure to serve the Council once again. Praise God for all of you, and thanks,

Joe and Laura Lograsso, Past Grand Knight

Council Activities (2024)				
Event	Date	Time		Location
MI Drive	4/6/2024	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.		Cafeteria
MI Drive	4/7/2024	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.		Cafeteria
General Meeting	4/11/2024	6:30 Rosary, 7 p.m. Meeting		Cafe B
Breakfast	4/14/2024	6:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.		Cafeteria
Planning Meeting	4/25/2024	7 p.m.		Cafe B
Silver Rose	5/4-10/2024	Week long activities		
General Meeting	5/9/2024	6:30 Rosary, 7 p.m. Meeting		Cafe B
Breakfast	5/12/2024	6:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.		Cafeteria
Planning Meeting	5/30/2024	7 p.m.		Social Hall



We will be having a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification on April 11, 2024 before the start of our monthly general meeting at 7:00pm in the St. Lawrence School Cafeteria.

Please take time to look at your membership card, if it shows that you are a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree member that means you have completed the first principle of our Order which is Charity. You are also invited to attend this exemplification to complete the principals of Unity and Fraternity.

Don Heydens,  
Presiding Officer

### COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain	Fr. Roman Pasieczny
District Deputy	Rick Fisher
Grand Knight	Dennis Murray
Deputy Grand Knight	Roy Attard
Financial Secretary	Paul Burmeister
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Warden	Ed Braet
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Trustee (2 Year)	Kim Wiegand
Trustee (1 Year)	Rick Similuk
Chancellor	Harry Kuk
Recorder	Anthony Quagliato
Advocate	Jim Adams
Inside Guard	Carlos Pertusi
Outside Guard	John Gasowski
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	Joe Manuszak
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	Open

### **Council Meetings**

Location: St. Lawrence School Cafeteria  
**Note: Location subject to change, members will be notified by email**

#### **General Meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month  
Rosary Starting at 6:30pm  
Meeting Starting at 7:00pm

#### **Officer's Meeting**

Last Thursday of the Month  
Meeting Starting at 7:00pm.  
(all members are invited)

### **Knights Corporation Meetings**

Apr 1	St. Matthias	7:00 – 10:00PM
May 6	St. Matthias	7:00 – 10:00PM
June 3	St. Matthias	7:00 – 10:00PM

### **Knight Life**

All articles that are requested to be in the May Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than April 27, 2024. There is available space for any businesses that want to advertise in the Knight Life please contact the editor.

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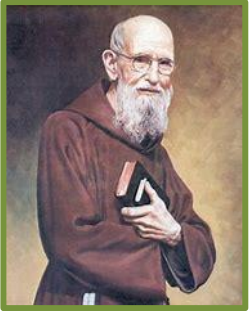
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The Father Solanus Casey prayer for healing is a powerful way to heal yourself and others by using his words as a guide. The best part? It's free! Here's how it works:

Ask Father Solanus Casey to help you forgive someone who has hurt you, or ask him to help you heal from an illness or injury. Then repeat the prayer below three times: "You alone can make me well; You alone can make me whole. My body and soul will be healed through Your divine grace."

Our prayers are required for the Brother Knights and family members who are sick and recovering.

Hailey Byrne	Mark Holz	Della Mulka
Debra Campbell	Mike Hoste	Chuck Pollum
Ed Campbell	Ray Keller	Mary Quain
Violet Candela	Larry Kierzek	Robert Quain
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Lisa Downey	Thomas Luca	Iris Singer
Cindy Duda	Rick Lumetta	Stan Singer
Kelly Gill	Christine Mann	Fr. Ron Victor
Don Heydens Jr.	Dominic Marchese	Harlan Wagner
Elmer Holz	Finley Monroe	Beverly Welch

## 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.

Our council was instrumental in building the Adoration Chapel, with members donating funds as well as their talents at construction. Please remember to visiting the chapel as it is tied to our mission.

# April Feast Days

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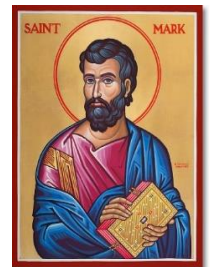
## April 8 – The Annunciation of the Lord

Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal Word, You became Incarnate as man in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. You, through whom the universe was created, Began your earthly course in the womb of a humble and chaste Virgin. At the annunciation of this miracle, Mary responded in faith: "let it be done to me according to your word." May we, who are made new creatures by your grace, respond with such faith when you call us to your service. Amen.

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## April 25 – St. Mark, Evangelist

"O glorious Mark, through the grace of God our Father, you became a great Evangelist, preaching the Good News of Christ. May you help us to know Him well so that we may faithfully live our lives as followers of Christ."



## April 11 – St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

Saint Stanislaus, my patron most loving, Seraph of charity, I rejoice with thee in the glowing flame of love that kept thy pure and sinless heart always at peace and united to thy God: I humbly beseech thee to obtain for me such a flame of divine love as shall consume every affection for things of earth, and set me on fire with heavenly love alone.



## April 29 – St. Catherine of Siena

Most Holy Spirit, source of unity in the Blessed Trinity, through the prayers of Saint Catherine, may the Church always be a sign of unity in faith and morals under the leadership of the Holy Father, the divinely chosen authority who speaks in the name of Jesus Christ. Who with the Father and the Son lives and reigns forever. Amen.



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## Knight of the Month



The Knight of the Month for April is Dan Weingartz. He and his wife Kris reside on Berryknoll Dr. in Shelby Township for 15 years.

Dan and Kris belong to St. Lawrence Parish where Dan is a Lector and they are Chair People of the Apple Fest Raffle.

Dan is employed at Weingartz for the past 37 years.

Dan joined St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in 2013 and is currently co-chairman of the Membership Committee and co-chairman of the MI Drive.

In his spare time Dan enjoys cooking, golfing, playing cards, games and having family and friends over.

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

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## Family of the Month

The Family of the Month for April is Hon. Stephen and Elisabeth Sierawski. Hon. Stephen and Elisabeth reside on William Dr. in Sterling Heights. Drive in Macomb Township for the past 31 years.

Hon. Stephen and Elisabeth have been married for 36 years and have four boys; twins Patrick and Anthony (35), Stephen Jr. (32) and Nicholas (24). They also have one granddaughter Catherine Rose (8).

They belong to St. Lawrence Parish where Hon. Stephen has ushered for over 20 years, currently lectors and is a Eucharistic Minister. Elisabeth cantors and participates with the church choir. Elisabeth was also, in charge of the Vacation Bible School and the kids tent at Apple Fest for over twenty years.

Hon. Stephen has been a 41-A District Court – Chief Judge for 25 years. Elisabeth is the director of nursing at Columbiere Center for 3 years.

Hon. Stephen joined St. Lawrence Council 2950 in 1995 where he is currently co-chairman of the Membership Committee.

In their spare time the family enjoys spending time together, when possible, they all have very busy lives that include work, sports golf and sitting down together to enjoy a finely cooked meal by one of the sons. Their granddaughter lives out of state with her military family and they try to visit her as often as possible.

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

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## Please Help Support!!



### 50<sup>th</sup> Annual M.I. Drive / “Tootsie Roll Drive” To Assist Michigan Citizens with Intellectual / Developmental Disabilities April 5,6 & 7, 2024

We will be at the St. Lawrence Cafeteria on Saturday April 6 and Sunday April 7 from 8:00am - 6:00pm if anyone wants to drop off a donation or volunteer for one of our street locations to sell” Tootsie Rolls”.  
Food and refreshments will be provided.

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## Come and Enjoy an All You Can Eat Breakfast!!

Sponsored By: St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus



Menu includes: scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, coffee and orange juice.

Adults: \$8:00 / Children 12 and under \$4.00

**Sunday April 14, 2024  
8:30am – 12:00pm**

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## Volunteers Needed!! (Minimum 10 People)

“Inspired by St. Francis of Assisi. In Detroit since 1883 we live and work with those who are in need of help...the poor, the disenfranchised, the needy.  
We serve God through the work we do...in the community we serve.”

**Saturday May 11, 2024 / 10:30am – 1:15pm.**  
Capuchin Soup Kitchen  
4390 Conner Street  
Detroit, MI 48215



Arrangements to carpool from STL at 9:30am.  
Please contact me with any questions or to reserve your spot.

Peace,  
Jim DeMaestri, Community Activities Director  
586.817.4181



BRINGING THE SILVER ROSE  
TO THE ST. LAWRENCE  
COMMUNITY  
MAY 4-10, 2024



SAVE THE DATE

### History of the Silver Rose

Our Lady of Guadalupe did so much for her people in Mexico that, in 1960, the Columbian Squires, a youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, wanted to give something back to her. The group of young men in Knights of Columbus Council 2312 in Monterrey, Mexico, came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. The rose was chosen to commemorate Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses, an important part of the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The first rose was a natural rose and was blessed by Bishop John C. Cody of London. It was then flown to New York where it was received by Grand Knight Joseph Thomasen, who in turn, took it to Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart. Mr. Hart then shepherded the rose to Dallas, Texas. There, Texas State Deputy Jack Collerin received the rose and took it to Laredo, Texas, where it was finally given to the Squires from Monterrey, Mexico, at the International Bridge in Laredo. They ran the rose from the International Bridge through Sabinas Hidalgo N.L., Mexico, to Cienega de Flores and on to the Basilica in Monterrey, Mexico, on December 12, 1960.

Our council will be hosting the Silver Rose at St. Lawrence. We are planning several great activities, including:

- **May 4, 2024 4:30 p.m. Mass - Presentation of the Silver Rose with Social Afterwards**
- **May 8, 2024 School Mass - Student Presentation of Silver Rose**
- **May 8, 2024 Prayer Service - 6 p.m. St. Lawrence Church with Social Afterwards**

Please save the dates and we welcome your help!

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**Thank you for supporting and attending the 2024 St. Pat's Party & Fundraiser!**

*Thank you to Rising Stars Academy and the Brisket Bunch for Preparing Tonight's Dinner!*

**We Gladly Acknowledge The Generosity of our Financial Sponsors, Brother Knights and families!**

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**St. Lawrence Men's Fellowship**

**Knights Corporation Pavilion and Picnic Grounds**



**Thank You!!**



We would like to thank everyone that came out and worked the poker room event on March 21-24. Your help aided in the success of this event!!

Don Heydens,  
Chairman

# Crossword Puzzle

## Across

1- Angry; 6- Early photo color; 11- Eureka!  
 14- Caesar's tongue; 15- Narrow street; 16- Agent, for short; 17- Minimal; 18- Dean Martin's "That's \_\_\_"; 19- \_\_\_ Francisco; 20- Arm joint; 22- Night noise; 24- Ripens; 28- Girl in a Beach Boys song; 29- In \_\_\_ (sort of); 30- Attacks; 32- Twinge; 33- Slow growth; 35- Swift steed; 39- Actress Bonet; 40- Where \_\_\_?; 41- Expose; 42- ... \_\_\_ saw Elba; 43- Milan's La \_\_\_; 45- French summers; 46- Parachute material; 48- Most reasonable; 50- Not as fresh; 53- Certifies; 54- Toes the line; 55- Shaw of swing; 57- Not neg.; 58- Burrowing animals; 60- \_\_\_ Grows in Brooklyn; 65- Game with Skip cards; 66- Battery terminal; 67- Cut off; 68- Vim; 69- \_\_\_ lift?; 70- Ruhr city;

## Down

1- Off one's feed; 2- Actress Charlotte; 3- \_\_\_ loss for words; 4- \_\_\_ the season...; 5- Goes in; 6- Swedish imports; 7- Red Muppet; 8- Agricultural implement; 9- Suffix with cloth; 10- Mohammed's favorite wife; 11- Favored crime of pyromaniacs; 12- Got wind of; 13- Sleeping disorder; 21- Wine sediment; 23- Note well; 24- Sap tree; 25- Light \_\_\_; 26- High-strung; 27- Awkward; 28- They appear before U; 30- Pertaining to people; 31- Indigo source; 34- Snack in a shell; 36- Gives a 9.8, say; 37- Give it \_\_\_!; 38- Outdoes; 43- Camera type, briefly; 44- \_\_\_ spumante; 47- Toady; 49- Comfortable; 50- Absorb; 51- Steakhouse order; 52- Greek fabulist; 53- Lost; 55- Medicinal plant; 56- Comedian Foxx; 59- We're number \_\_\_!; 61- French possessive; 62- Campers, briefly; 63- Extra-wide shoe size; 64- West ender?;

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Answers on Page 11



The 2024 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, or have any questions please contact the Financial Secretary.

Financial Secretary:

Paul Burmeister

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Answers to Crossword Puzzle

<b>March 2024</b>	
<b>Council Membership Summary</b>	
Associate Members	237
Insurance Members	130
Inactive Members	17
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>384</b>
<b>Included In Totals</b>	
Honorary Members	14
25 Years Continuous Years of Service / age 65	
Honorary Life Members	87
25 Years Continuous Years of Service / age 70	



# Council Events

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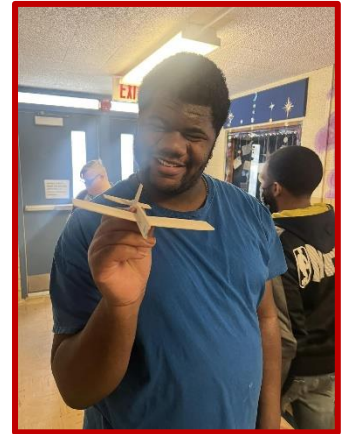
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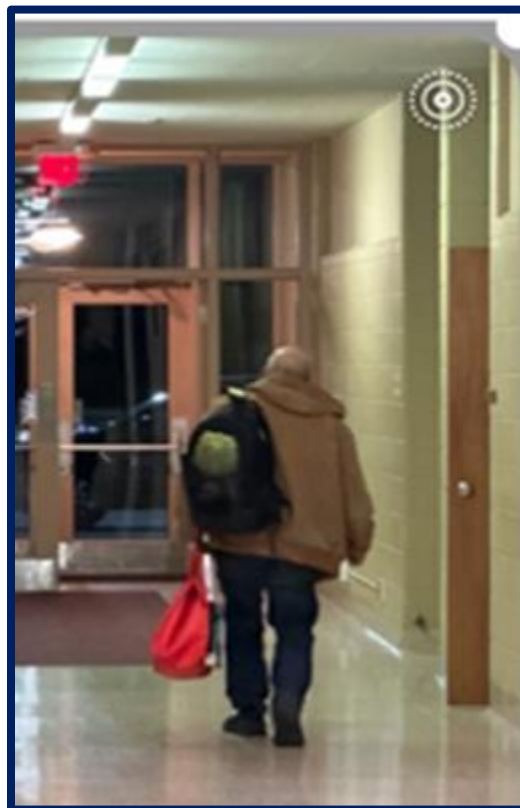
## Texas Holdem'

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## Rising Stars Academy Service Day

**Thank You!!**



You heard our call and came to us showing your strength, knowledge and guidance. You finished the job by leaving us in great shape for the future. We are all extremely grateful for your time and talent as our worthy leader!



Fraternally,

St. Lawrence Council 2950  
Brother Knights

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