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Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights, ladies and families – Spring is finally here and we patiently wait for improvements in the weather. We all look forward to getting out more and enjoying the warmth.

This past month we continued with great activities, participation, and dedication to helping others. First, welcome to our seven new brother Knights, exemplified Thursday March 9, 2023: Brendan DeSantis, Jacob DeSantis, Nathan Lucas, Gene Meredith, Dave Rider, Joe Wanczyk, and Michael Wioskowski. Welcome also to four new Brother Knights exemplified Thursday March 30, 2023: Howard George, Alex Phillips, Pete Phillips and Scott TerHaar.

For the St. Pat's party, we had a great coming together of so many brothers. We all worked together for the gym and cafeteria planning and set up, the food prep at Rising Stars and at the cafeteria, the raffle table, decorations, the fabulous bars and registration area. The desserts and late pizza were great treats! Our regular band Mainstream Drive returned and put on a great show, after the wonderful dinner. So many people came early and stayed late as well as many people successfully sold tickets and got the word out. We had about 350 attendees, as well as 20-25 helpers. Additionally, the St. Lawrence parish and school maintenance crew of Dakota and Noah were vital to the flow of things. All in all, it was a welcome return to our March tradition in a new location. We netted approximately \$15,000 to be dispersed to Rising Stars Academy, Covenant House MI, the Seminarians Scholarship fund, and our own funds for helping families at Christmas and other charities and programs. Thank you again to our wonderful sponsors!

On March 18, we hosted the Mass for People with Special Needs and conducted a social afterwards. Thanks to Anthony Quagliato for chairing this event again, and to the whole team that prepared the social hall for our guests. The team put together a great dinner and dessert as we welcomed our special guests.

For the M.I. Drive, we returned to the streets Friday, Saturday and Sunday. A couple dozen awesome brothers came out to go out in public; it was wonderful to see several brothers that we have not seen in a while to help out – absolutely fantastic. In addition, the awesome generosity of our Brothers and families is unparalleled, never assumed but breathtaking in your commitment to help those people with learning and physical impairments. We were in the School Cafeteria March 25th and 26th, as well as St. Lawrence Church at all the Masses. Thanks to Paul B, Dan W and George W for chairing all aspects of this year's collection. The raffle winners for donations will be selected April 13th at our regular membership meeting; please purchase raffle tickets by April 7, 2023. Thanks to Paul for coordinating the raffle. As of this writing, the 2023 MI Drive raised \$36,0200.00! Congratulations and thanks to the Council for everyone's efforts!

Thanks to Kim Wiegand for coordinating the annual Pheasant Hunt at the Rooster Ranch in Ubly, MI. We appreciate all the enthusiasts that came out this year on March 26 to enjoy a day of hunting, food, and fun. The hunt was attended by 18 people and raised a total of \$1,630.00, thank you!

Good Friday is April 7, 2023. Please don't forget to come out to St. Lawrence Parish for afternoon services. We as Knights can bring families into a more robust practice and understanding of our Catholic faith and the Triduum. By making small reminders, we help increase parish attendance and involvement which educates families on the importance of Good Friday. Please invite one friend to the Good Friday service and share your faith with them.

Our next general meeting is Thursday April 13, 2023 at St. Matthias Church center. Hope to see a big crowd!

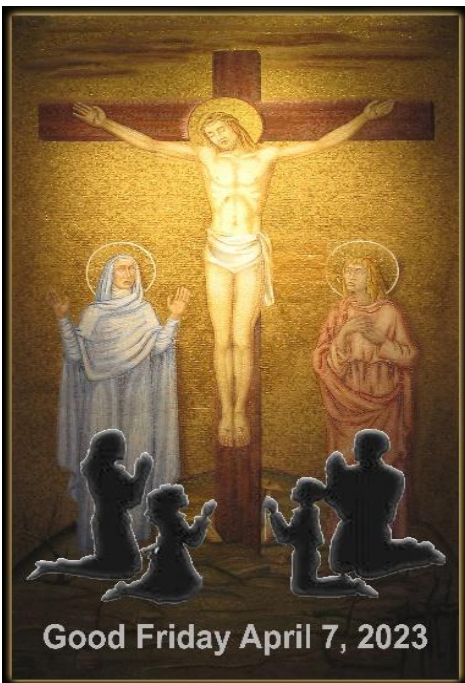
Laura and I wish everyone a Happy Easter!

Thanks,
Joe Lograsso, Grand Knight



A Palm Sunday Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending your Son and paving the way for our lives to be set free through Jesus' death on the cross. Thank you for what this day stands for - the beginning of Holy Week, the start of the journey towards the power of the cross, the victory of the Resurrection, and the rich truth that Jesus truly is our King of Kings.



GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, today I humble myself Before you, thanking you for the gift of your son, Jesus. Even in my darkest times, you loved me enough to sacrifice your son, and I could never thank you enough. I will never deserve your unconditional love and grace in my life, but I will carry it with me and honor you in all I do! In Jesus' name, Amen!

Remember to bring your family and friends to join our community on Good Friday to our Church services.



An Easter Sunday Prayer

Lord God, you loved this world so much, that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice.

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

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MI Drive	George Wiegand
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Vocations	Jim Adams
Holy Cross Services	Warren Sawdon
Eyes for the Needy	Frank Singer
Pro-Life	Chris and Sharon Gill



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)	Ken Kraniak
Ed Braet	Jim Langeveld
Linda Braet	Stephanie Langeveld
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Ed Campbell	Rick Lumetta
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Mike Hoste	Megan Singer
Jaquelin Karpinski	Stan Singer
Ray Keller	Sue Stepniak
Larry Kierzek	Nathan Van Neste (S)
Ron Koscierynski	Harlan Wagner

Knights Corporation Meetings

Apr 3	St. Matthias Church	7:00 – 9:30PM
May 8	St. Matthias Church	7:00 – 9:30PM
June 5	Picnic Grounds	7:00 – 9:30PM

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Knight of the Month



The Knight of the Month for April is Paul Cone. Paul and his wife Janet have resided in Macomb for the past 34 years.

Paul joined the Knights of Columbus in 2007 and has held the office of Guard and is currently the Family Life Director, Building Corporation V.P. and co-chairs the St. Pat's party.

Paul retired as a remodeling contractor.

In his spare time Paul enjoys family vacations up north, visiting daughter and family in Grand Rapids and babysitting the grand kids.

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



Family of the Month

The Family of the Month for April is Bob and Therese Lenzini. Bob and Therese reside in Macomb for the past 26 years.

Bob and Therese have been married for 34 years and have two children Erin 29 and Joe 23. The family belongs to St. Therese Lisieux where their daughter Erin is a lector.

Bob became a member of St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in 2013 where he has been active supporting the Council with our events such as the Vocations Wine Tasting Party and the Mass for People with Special Needs.

Bob is employed by Henry Ford Hospital as a Lead CT Technologist for 13 years and Therese works at Bishop Foley High School where she is a cafeteria cook.

In their spare time the family enjoys playing board games, movies and going out to eat. Congratulations for being chosen Family of the Month for April by your Brother Knights.



State Champion Joshua Powers

The Knights of Columbus state free throw championship was held in Mt. Pleasant on Sunday, March 19th, with a possible eighty-four competitors vying for a coveted trophy in their age group. Joshua Powers competed in the boys 13-year-old age group and won the trophy by two free throws. He was fifth among all competitors completing 20 of a possible 25 free throws.

Congratulations Joshua on a job well done!



April the Month Dedicated to the Holy Eucharist

The month of April is dedicated both to devotion to the Eucharist and devotion to the Holy Spirit. This tradition has developed because Easter Sunday often falls in April, and when it does fall in March, the Easter season continues on through all of April. In essence, April is a month of Easter, and during the Easter celebration we remember the Eucharistic sacrifice Christ gave us and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, which would come after Jesus's resurrection.

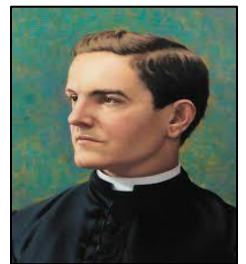


Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

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."

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.



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.



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."

April 29, 2023 / 9:00am – 12:30pm
Capuchin Soup Kitchen
4390 Conner Street
Detroit, MI 48215



Arrangements to carpool from STL. Please contact Jim DeMaestri with any questions.

Jim DeMaestri
Community Activities Director
586.817.4181



Save the Date

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.

One Eyed Jacks
Charity Poker Room
48922 Van Dyke
Shelby Township, MI 48317

Contact Don Heydens at dheydens@gmail.com
or call 586-419-3420 to help work this event.

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 23 8:30am – 12:00pm
Sunday May 14 8:30am – 12:00pm

49th Annual M.I. "Tootsie Roll Drive"



We would like to thank everyone that donated to this year's M.I. Drive and to all those that came out and helped set up or collected money on the streets and after the weekend Masses. We will have the final total collected and the raffle winners in the May Knight Life.

Fraternally, The M.I Drive Chairmen



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
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March 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

May 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



Welcome New Members

St. Lawrence Council held 3rd Degree Exemplifications on
March 9, 2023 and March 30, 2023.

Please welcome our newest members.



March 9, 2023

From left to right: Michael Wioskowski, Nathan Lucas, Gene Meredith, Brendan DeSantis, Jacob DeSantis, Joe Wanczyk, Dave Ryder and Don Heydens (Degree Master)



March 30, 2023

From left to right: Alexander Phillips, Peter Phillips, Scott TerHaar, Howard George, Don Heydens (Degree Master)

Dr. Jim's 17th Annual Euchre Party

Saturday - April 15, 2023



**Dr. Jim Langeveld
1972-2002**

Time

5:45 PM - Check-In
6:30 PM - Euchre Starts

Cost

\$25/Person
Includes Pizza and Popcorn

Reservations / Questions

Jim Langeveld
e-mail: jimlang122@gmail.com
Home - 586-739-8119
Cell - 810-499-9055 & Text

Location

American Legion Post # 351
46146 Cass Ave, Utica, MI
(N of Hall Road, W of Van Dyke)

Cash Prizes, Door Prizes, 50/50
Must be 18 Years Old
Bring Quarters for Euchres!

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT

Dr. James Langeveld BMT

Patient Support Fund at University of
Michigan for adult cancer patients'
expenses not covered by insurance



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