



# St. Lawrence Council

## Knight Life



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### Grand Knights Report

Joe Lograsso and I went to the Diocesan Meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart Seminary. It was a good meeting and we were able to sit with the officers from St. Therese and to have contact with our new state officers. All three Councils in our district made star Council for the second year in a row which is testament to the Holy Spirit working in our communities. I've noticed many commercials speaking about God and it's the first time at any convention in my memory where God was mentioned by almost all of the speakers.

Eight of our members went to the St. Vincent DePaul Society store on July 20<sup>th</sup> to help them in the store by cleaning and sorting clothes. They spent two hours there and we received vouchers to hand out to needy families if they need some help for their family. It is a worthy charitable event and one that we have done for several years. We will be going back in the near future to help them and all are welcome to come and do some work at the store.

Our installation of officers took place on July 25<sup>th</sup> at our picnic grounds with St. Kieran, St. Therese, and St. Lawrence councils attending. We had close to 100 people at the event, a light meal was served after our officers were inducted. I want to thank all of the volunteers for setting up the picnic tables and for procuring the meal. Some of our wives were able to attend the installation and all had a good time.

We will not be having another meeting until August 29<sup>th</sup> due to the MI Picnic that will happen on August 8<sup>th</sup>, which is our normal day for the general meeting. The MI picnic is a wonderful event where our Council passes out checks to various charities. The charities give short presentations to our Council about their work and most of the charities work with challenged kids and adults. Please attend the picnic if you have a chance. Since our next business meeting will be on August 29<sup>th</sup>, I will send out emails with any events or items that need to be worked on prior to the next meeting.

The rehab house is almost finished with just a few items left to be completed. I want to thank all of the people who donating hours to fix up the house. Jim Bokshan will put the house on the market soon and he expects a quick sale.

Some of our members attended the "We are One" golf outing at Timberwood Golf Club to help with the administration of the outing. We provided shuttle service from the parking lot to the club house, placed sponsorship signs at various areas on the golf course, and loaded water and other items to the golf carts. Thanks to all of the Brother Knights that participated in this event.

I wish all of you a blessed and happy summer and am looking forward to begin our work in the fall. Please pray for all of our sick brothers and friends.

Have a Blessed Month

Grand Knight,  
Dennis Murray



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**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**

Aug 5 Picnic Grounds 7:00 -10.00PM

Sep 2 Picnic Grounds 7:00 -10:00PM

Oct 7 St. Matthias 7:00 -10.00PM

**Knight Life**

All articles that are requested to be in the September Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than August 26, 2024. There is available space for any businesses that want to advertise in the Knight Life please contact the editor.

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## August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord



Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother brought them up on a high mountain by themselves, and was transfigured before them. his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with him . . . A bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear him!' And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, 'Arise, and do not be afraid.' And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only ([Matthew 17:1-3,5-8](#)).

## August 10 - St. Lawrence Deacon and Martyr

**O glorious Saint Lawrence**, Martyr and Deacon, who, being subjected to the most bitter torments, did not lose your faith nor your constancy in confessing Jesus Christ, obtain in like manner for us such an active and solid faith, that we shall never be ashamed to be true followers of Jesus Christ, and fervent Christians in word and in deed, even in spite of trials, persecutions, or the sword.



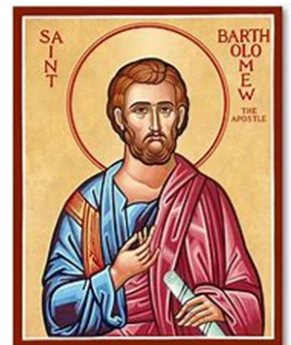
## August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



"At your Assumption, you beheld the face of Your beloved Son once again. Please pray for me, that I, too, may gaze on the glorious face of your Son, my Lord, Jesus Christ, in Heaven one day. May my life be inspired by your holiness, oh Blessed Virgin, my Mother."

## August 24 – St. Bartholomew, Apostle

A Prayer to Saint Bartholomew the Apostle, for Grace. O Glorious Saint Bartholomew, Jesus called you a person without guile and you saw in this word a sign that he was the Son of God and King of Israel. Obtain for us the grace to be ever guileless and innocent as doves. At the same time, help us to have your gift of faith to see the Divine hand in the events of daily life.





## Michiganders Who May Achieve Sainthood

Blessed Solanus Casey - Fr. Gabriel Richard - Servant of God Fr. Walter Cizek, SJ  
Servant of God Fr. John Hardon, SJ - Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga

(Second of a five part series)

### Fr. Gabriel Richard

Fr. Gabriel Richard was born on October 15, 1767, in Saintes in southwestern France. He entered the Society of the Priests of St. Sulpice (P.S.S.) on April 10, 1790. He was ordained a priest on October 9, 1791.

Narrowly escaping persecution during the French Revolution, Fr. Richard came to the United States in 1792 and was assigned to the French settlements on the Illinois side of the Mississippi. Fr. Richard was next assigned to Detroit and arrived here on Sunday, June 3, 1798. He remained in Detroit until he died in 1832 while ministering to victims of the cholera epidemic. During his time in Detroit, he was a missionary, educator and civic leader.

#### **Missionary Pastor**

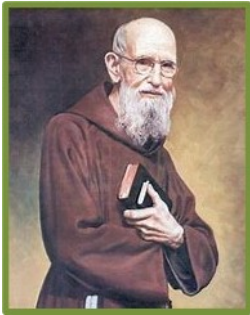
Fr. Gabriel Richard became pastor of Ste. Anne Parish in 1802. During his 30 years as pastor he built the parish's seventh church, a stone building with stained glass. He faithfully ministered to the spiritual needs of the people and was a strong proponent of perpetual adoration of the Eucharist.

#### **Educator**

Fr. Gabriel Richard was a strong promoter of education. His personal library contained books from a range of academic areas including philosophy, theology, science, law, history and literature. He established a school in 1808 at the Spring Hill farm to educate native American and white children together to break down racial barriers. Along with Rev. John Monteith, Fr. Richard founded the University of Michigan by the authority of the Act of Appropriation on August 26, 1817. The cornerstone was officially laid on September 24, 1817.

#### **Civic Leader**

During Detroit's Great Fire of 1805, he exclaimed: "We hope for better things; it will rise from the ashes." These words are still part of the seal of the City of Detroit today. He brought the first printing press to Detroit in 1809. He was elected as a territorial delegate to Congress on September 4, 1823, and took his seat on December 8. In his first two months, Fr. Richard presented 16 petitions to Congress. On April 26, 1824, he began his famous motion to build a long road between Detroit and Chicago, known as Michigan Avenue (U.S. 12).



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.

Debra Campbell	Ray Keller	Sharon Pizz
Ed Campbell	Diane Kopicki	Chuck Pollum
Nikki Davies	Larry Kierzek	Noelle Pruse
Jim DeMaestri	Ken Kraniak	Mary Quain
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Donna Ignagni	Jerome Mulka	Cindy Zapinski



## **Knight of the Month**

The Knight of the Month for April is Mike Dixon, he and his wife Joanne reside on Glen Pointe Drive in Shelby Township for the past 21 years.

Mike belongs to St. Lawrence where he was the cub scout leader for seven years and Volunteered for the Apple Fest working in security, courtesy cart, trash pickup and raffle area.

Mike is employed at Experian - Automotive Division for 1 Year.

Mike joined St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in 1997 and has volunteered and supported various Council events in the past years. Mike is our is currently our Deputy Grand Knight.

In His spart time Mike enjoys family time with his wife and boys, bike riding, flying his 2 and 4 line kites, traveling when time allows (Grand Canyon trip in 2023) going to the annual Woodard Dream Cruise and attending Knights of Columbus functions such as the Square Dance, Trivia Nights, St. Pat's Party and the MI Drive.

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



## **Family of the Month**

The Family of the Month for December is the family of Rick and Laurie Similuk, Rick and Laurie have been married for 31 years and have resided on Vintage Oakes in Sterling Heights for 26 years.

They have three children Erin 28 married to Derek, Nick 24 and Evan 23.

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where they are involved in bible study.

Rick joined the Knights in 2012 where he has been active with his support for our Council and chairing Council events. He is the past building corp. president and held the office of trustee in our Council.

Rick is employed at R.K. Hoppe for 28 years, Laurie works for Pediatric Health Care for five years.

In their spare time the family enjoys skiing, travelling, family get togethers and meeting with friends.

Congratulations Rick and Laurie on being chosen Family of the Month for August by your Brother Knights.



## Annual Family Picnic and 2024 MI Drive Check Distribution August 8, 2024

The annual MI check distribution and family picnic will be held on Thursday August 8, at the K of C Park & Pavilion starting at 7:00PM. We will be presenting the checks to the organizations from the proceeds collected from the "Tootsie Roll" Drive. We will be serving hot dogs, baked beans and coleslaw along with refreshments. If you would like to bring a dish to pass, preferably a dessert or snack, please contact Scott or Paul.

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Paul Burmeister [pburmeister16@gmail.com](mailto:pburmeister16@gmail.com)

## Summer Council Meetings

Starting June 1, 2024 thru September 30, 2024 all Council meetings will be held at our picnic grounds located at 11541 21 Mile Road, Shelby Township, MI 48317 between Van Dyke and the M53 expressway.

**Meetings:** 2nd and Last Thursday of Each Month

### Start Times:

2nd meeting of the month – 6:30 Rosary / 7:00 Meeting

Last meeting of the month – 7:00 Meeting



## Realities on Parenting Children with Special Needs

Our St. Lawrence Council repeatedly leads the way in the state of Michigan for raising funds to help people with special needs. As individuals, we are involved directly and indirectly in programs that support people with impairments. We are all made in His image and this fundamental aspect of our faith translates into more than just showing respect but to showing inclusion as often as possible.

The following short excerpt is from Instagram video and is part of a series of posts from a mom with a thirteen-year-old son with autism. She provides regular updates on the joys and challenges she experiences. This excerpt emphasizes the difficulties that her son experiences in receiving the basic dignity that he deserves. This hits home for us as we know as Catholics that to stand for our faith and stand for those people in need takes courage and can lead us into territories that are uncomfortable but nonetheless are so worth the efforts that we take on.

Here's the link: <https://youtu.be/vDQlu8yOo7Q>

## Please Help Stock the Food Pantry!!

Knights of Columbus are committed to helping end hunger through the Food for Families Program which has donated millions of dollars and millions of pounds of food toward this cause. Council and parish families will raise funds to support their local food pantries, food banks and soup kitchens. For every \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food donated, the Supreme Council will refund \$100 back to the Council – up to a maximum of \$500 per council per fraternal year. Though in-kind donation of food is valuable, leaders of hunger-relief organizations often comment that financial contributions can be stretched even further and allow nonprofits to procure the exact items needed by the organization and its clients.

St. Lawrence 2950 will be collecting nonperishable food items at all of our Council meetings to help support the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry located in the St. Lawrence Parish. If possible, please include the receipt for your donation so we can apply it to the refund from the Supreme Council.



Fraternally,

St. Lawrence Council 2950



## Next Poker Room Events

September 19-22, 2024 & October 17-20, 2024  
6:30PM until 2:00AM Thursday through Sunday

One Eyed Jacks  
Charity Poker Room  
48922 Van Dyke

Shelby Township, MI 48317

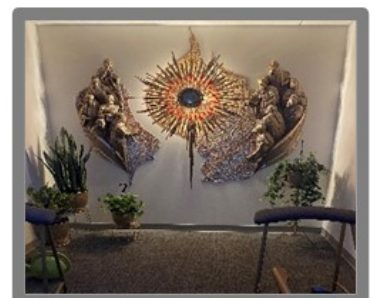
Contact Don Heydens at [dheydens@gmail.com](mailto:dheydens@gmail.com).

or call 586-419-3420 to help work these events.

## 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.





**St. Lawrence**  
*Heritage*  
**Outdoor Mass  
& Family Picnic**

*Featuring Historic Chicken Dinner*

**Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Knights Park & Pavilion · 11541 21 Mile Rd**

**1:00pm Arrival**

**1:30pm Mass**

**2:30pm Meal**

**RSVP requested**



[uticakofc.com/picnic](http://uticakofc.com/picnic)

**Food provided - just bring yourself and your appetite!**

**Make it a memorable day with loved ones**

**Invite your family, friends, and neighbors!**

**Don't forget to bring a lawn chair for seating.**

# Science Fun Day for 1st-5th Graders K of C Picnic Grounds Hands-On Science Experiments

The Knights of Columbus are excited to put on our annual Science Day at the K of C Picnic Grounds on Friday August 9, 2024 starting at 10 a.m. for 1st-5th Graders (2024-2025 school year).

We are planning fun, hands-on activities that explore life sciences through biology, chemistry, heat and energy and much more. You will experiment with microscopes, flour and yeast, reaction of the body, plants and a special feature with therapy dogs. The day will include lunch and we will be finished around 2 p.m.

Parents will need to remain at the picnic grounds with the kids. You will also enjoy lunch!

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4BABA72BAAF58-48882966-science>



## **DR. JIM LANGEVELD'S 23RD ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC**

We invite you to join us for a great day of golf and an evening of friendship! Entries are limited to the first 144 golfers and will be reserved when payment is received.

**When:** **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8th, 2024**

**Where:** Cracklewood Golf Club  
18215 24 Mile Road  
Macomb Township (east of Romeo Plank) 586-781-0808

**Time:** 1:00 PM - Check-in  
1:45 PM - Shot Gun Start  
Hot Dog and Beverages Served While on Course, Steak Dinner After Golf

**Steak Dinner:** Approximately 6:30 PM (Following Golf)

**Contests:** Men's & Women's Contests, Closest to Hole, Longest Drive, Skins, Raffles, and More!

***Special Contest: \$10,000 HOLE IN ONE***

**Contribution:** \$125 Golf & Dinner  
\$50 Dinner Only  
Payment due by September 4th, 2024  
Make checks payable to "Dr. Jim Fund @ U of M"

**Mail Registration Form and Check To:**

Jim Langeveld  
47160 Harry St  
Shelby Twp, MI 48317

**Questions:** Jim Langeveld  
586-739-8119 (home) 810-499-9055 (cell)  
jimlang122@gmail.com (e-mail)

Donations and a portion of the golf fee are tax deductible.

All proceeds will be used for financial assistance for adult cancer patients in bone marrow treatment at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center.

St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus  
Presents

# Fun Square Dance for beginners



## Do-si-do for St. Leo

### Knights Park & Pavilion

11541 21 Mile Rd. Shelby Twp, MI 48317  
Between VanDyke and M-53

## Saturday, September 28th, 2024

**\$30 per person**  
**(\$35 at gate)**

All Adults Welcome  
Casual Dress

**Benefiting**



ST. LEO'S SOUP KITCHEN



Malta Free  
Dental Clinic

Included with ticket:

Pulled Pork Sandwiches · Hot Dogs · Salad · Baked Beans  
Desserts · Beverages: Beer · Wine · Coffee · Water

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**after all Sunday Masses during July, August & September**  
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