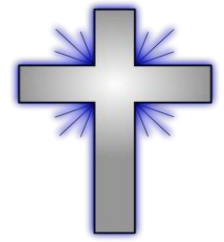




# St. Lawrence Council 2950 Knight Life



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## Grand Knights Report

Hello Brother Knights and Families! I hope everyone is fully enjoying the Advent season and getting ready to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ! What a wonderful time to intertwine our faith and families throughout the month!

- Thanks to everyone that came out to the annual Memorial Mass. Our celebrant was Fr. Alex and we all enjoyed his homily and visit during our gathering afterward. (thank you Paul and Scott).
- We had a near-full house in the Cafeteria at St. Lawrence for the Trivia Night. 113 people were there to compete in a fun evening with a great atmosphere around the room. Lots of laughs and trivia throughout the night and a great mix of attendees sure made the evening memorable. We raised about approximately \$2400 for the St. Lawrence St. Vincent de Paul ministry! Rick and I thank all of those who attended, Laurie Similuk for the salad, our own crew of Brothers for cooking and prepping the hall and to Phil and Denise Kupser for bartending. Much thanks to those that stayed late to help pick up!
- Thanks to our team for running the November breakfast. It is great to have an established schedule for the year and appreciate the whole team. Thanks to Ed for taking on the baton for coordination, Howard for your help and to the whole team making that day very efficient.
- Thanks again to Don Heydens and the Texas Holdem' team for another successful fundraiser at the end of November/start of December.
- As of this writing, our Council just finished taking pre-orders for the poinsettia sale, funding our Coats for Kids work in our community. Thanks to Paul and Scott for getting things going and organized and to all those Brother Knights and families that purchased flowers. We have 200 plants sold and they can be picked up on Dec 10 after all Masses in the school cafeteria.
- We also are looking forward to some youth competitions this month, including the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest and the Essay contest. **December's General Meeting is Thursday December 14, 2023 in the St. Lawrence Cafeteria (Rosary at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.)**

Please sign up to attend the Morning of Reflection: Epiphany and Empowerment (see article) on Saturday January 13, 2024. This is coordinated by our Council and promises to be a morning of distinct reflection.

Save the dates for our next Trivia Night Wine Tasting (Feb 9) and St. Pat's Party Fundraiser (Mar 16).

As we are preparing for arrival of the Christ child, it is fulfilling to just not anticipate His birth and the New Year, but to reflect on the wonderful year of charity and fraternity our Council has experienced. It is with much gratitude that I think of our Brotherhood reaching out to the community and the underrepresented members of our society to provide help and bestow respect on them. We are living examples of recognizing the inherent dignity that all people have, from blessed fetuses to our seniors, from our Holy men and women in ministry to those people with learning and physical challenges, from those who need assistance in daily living resources to families whose loved ones are very sick or have recently passed away. We hold in high esteem the men and women of our Armed Forces who have a duty unperilled in comparison to most of us. Please continue to pray for our Council, our Parish and each other to continue to lead each other in our responsibilities as confirmed missionaries of our Lord.

Laura and I wish everyone a blessed Christmas, filled with joy and family and best of health.  
Thanks, Joe Lograsso, Grand Knight

<b>Council Activities (2023-2024)</b>			
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Memorial Mass	11/9/2023	7 p.m.	Church
Trivia	11/10/2023	Cafeteria available at 3:30 p.m.	Cafeteria
Breakfast	11/12/2023	6:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Cafeteria
Poinsettia Sale	11/18-19/2023	All Masses	Gathering Space
Poinsettia Sale	11/25-26/2023	All Masses	Gathering Space
Planning Meeting	11/30/2023	7 p.m.	Social Hall
Texas Holdem'	11/30 - 12/3		
Children's Christmas Party	12/3/2023	1 p.m.	Social Hall
Poinsettia Pick-up	12/10/2023	Sat 1 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m.	Cafeteria
Service at Utica SVdP Store	12/9/2023	Sat 9 a.m. to Noon	SVdP Utica Store
General Meeting	12/14/2023	6:30 Rosary, 7 p.m. Meeting	Cafe B
Planning Meeting	12/28/2023	7 p.m.	Social Hall
General Meeting	1/11/2024	6:30 Rosary, 7 p.m. Meeting	Social Hall
Retreat Reflection	1/13/2024	8 a.m.	Church/Social Hall
Breakfast	1/14/2024	6:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Cafeteria
Planning Meeting	1/25/2024	7 p.m.	TBD
Wild game Dinner	In planning		
General Meeting	2/8/2024	6:30 Rosary, 7 p.m. Meeting	Cafe B
Fundraiser – Trivia Night	2/9/2024	6:30 p.m.	Social Hall
Breakfast	2/11/2024	6:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Cafeteria
Planning Meeting	2/29/2024	7 p.m.	Social Hall
Breakfast	3/3/2024	6:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Cafeteria
General Meeting	3/14/2024	6:30 Rosary, 7 p.m. Meeting	TBD
St. Pat's Set-up	3/15/2024	5 p.m.	Cafeteria/Gym
St. Pat's Party	3/16/2024	all day	Cafeteria/Gym
St. Pat's Clean-up	3/17/2024	morning	Cafeteria/Gym
Planning Meeting (Holy Week)	3/25/2024	7 p.m.	TBD
MI Drive	4/5/2024	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Middle School Café
MI Drive	4/6/2024	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Middle School Café
MI Drive	4/7/2024	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Middle School Café
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

**ST LAWRENCE COUNCIL 2950**  
**Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> and Last Thursday of Each Month**



**Prayer List**

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Trustee	Rick Similuk
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Outside Guard	Open
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Community Activities	Jim DeMaestri

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MI Drive	Joe Lograsso
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	Chris and Sharon Gill

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

Roy Attard	Larry Kierzek
Joyce Browski	Mike Kopecki
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Ed Campbell	Stephanie Langeveld
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Mark Holz	Stan Singer
Mike Hoste	Marilyn Smith
Donna Ignagni	Mike Smith
Ray Keller	Harlan Wagner
Ken Kranik	Beverly Welch

**Knights Corporation Meetings**

Dec 4	St. Matthias	7:00 – 10:00PM
Feb 5	St. Matthias	7:00 – 10:00PM

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# December Feast Days

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## December 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin

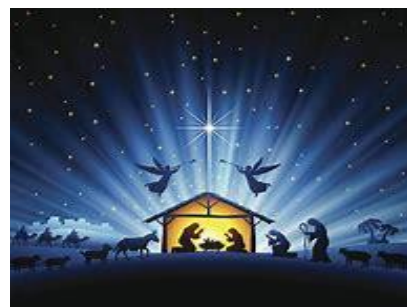
O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve Her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through Her intercession, to come unto You.

Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.

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## December 25 - Christmas Nativity Prayer

O sweet Child of Bethlehem, Grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.



## December 28 - The Feast of the Holy Innocents

The Feast of the Holy Innocents or **Holy Innocents Day** is observed on December 28 every year. The Catholic Church remembers the first martyrs on this day. King Herod had killed these innocent children while searching for baby Jesus. The day is also called Childermas.

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## December 31 - Prayer To The Holy Family

“Lord Jesus Christ, who, being made subject to Mary and Joseph, did consecrate domestic life by Your unspeakable virtues; grant that we, with the assistance of both, may be taught by the example of Your Holy Family and may attain to its everlasting fellowship. Who lives and reigns, world without end.

Amen.”





## Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month for December is Jim Duda. Jim resides on Saint James Drive in Sterling Heights.

Jim belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where he is a Eucharistic Minister, coaches' football, baseball, and is a co-chair for the Apple Fest.

Jim is currently employed at Stellantis for 1 1/2 years.

He joined St. Lawrence Council in 2023 and volunteers his time helping with our Council events.

In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his kids Rachel and Zachary, coaching youth sports, playing baseball, softball and sports.

Jim is also involved in giving back to the community and less fortunate in any way that he can, "that's the way I am raising my children and that might be the most gratifying of any of my hobbies".

Congratulations on being chosen the Knight of the Month for December by your brother Knights.



## Family of the Month

The Family of the Month for December is Ray and Elvera Osantowski. Ray and Elvera reside on Gable Inn in Shelby Township.

Ray and Elvira have been married for 59 years and have (4) children Karen, Christopher, Darlene and Lisa. They also have 10 grandchildren and (3) great grandchildren.

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish and is involved in Blankets of Blessing and the Apple Fest.

Ray retired from Ford Motor Company and joined St. Lawrence Council 2950 in 2000 and is a 3<sup>rd</sup> member.

In their spare time they enjoy camping, canning, baking, gardening and woodworking

Congratulations on being chosen Family of the Month for December by your brother Knights.

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## 2023 Poinsettia Sale



St. Lawrence Council 2950 would like to thank everyone that purchased a poinsettia plant to help support the **Annual Coats for Kids Program.**

**Don't forget to pick up your Poinsettias on Sunday December 10 in the school cafeteria.**

Fraternally,  
Paul Burmeister and Scott Morgan

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### Morning of Reflection - Epiphany and Empowerment

Saturday January 13, 2024

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

St. Lawrence Church and Social Hall

**Registration is now open!!**



Have you experienced something in your life such that it provides more clarity to your purpose? Have you been inspired by a Scripture reading, witnessing someone displaying kindness or concern, or simply have greater understanding of God's love for you after listening to a Homily or watching a faith-based video?

Our St. Lawrence community will come together for a morning of Mass, breakfast, short testimonies, and fellowship. We start with Mass at 8:30 a.m. and will be finished around 11:30 a.m. We look forward to a wide variety of the parish to attend, focusing on high school aged teens to our wisdom-filled seniors.

Please sign up below so we will have a good idea of food for a continental breakfast and materials.

<https://bit.ly/STLReflection24>





## **St. Lawrence Council Kids' Christmas Party**

Please do not forget to register for the kid's party on Sunday December 3, 2023 at 2 p.m. in the St. Lawrence Social Hall. We are looking for the most accurate head count to make sure this is a great event. You can register at: <https://bit.ly/Dec03Christmas>

**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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# Crossword Puzzle

## Across

1- Editor's note; 5- Intro to physics; 9- Sports figure?; 13- Unconventional; 15- Lyric poems; 16- Household; 17- Follows orders; 18- Takes a load off; 19- How sweet \_\_\_!; 20- \_\_\_ in turkey; 21- Diplomacy; 23- Uncouth; 25- \_\_\_ sapiens; 26- Strong suits; 27- Cat's front foot; 30- "SNL" alum Gasteyer; 31- Fields; 32- Tie or draw; 37- Sleeveless garment; 38- Bridge declaration; 40- Melville tale; 41- Weak; 43- Fungal infection of the skin or nails; 44- Close friend; 45- Artistic movement eschewing fantasy; 47- Swindle; 50- Associate; 51- Fix beforehand; 52- Actor Jannings; 53- Glass container; 56- Hire; 57- Muslim leader; 59- Florida citrus center; 61- Bone. Prefix; 62- Urn; 63- Be indecisive; 64- \_\_\_ Sorry Now?; 65- Watched intently; 66- Step;

## Down

1- Chimney residue; 2- Big brass; 3- French summers; 4- Attempt, a score in rugby; 5- Capital of Russia; 6- Prepare a book or film for release; 7- Asian holiday; 8- When; 9- Transfer; 10- Fields of comedy; 11- Not quite right; 12- New Ager John; 14- Bars legally; 22- Doc's bloc; 24- Irish island group; 25- Moor; 26- Solid oils; 27- Bean variety; 28- Raw materials; 29- Take a breather; 32- Animal pouch; 33- Lace mat; 34- Old Dodge model; 35- Adversaries; 36- Froth; 38- Indolent; 39- Heap; 42- Fencing sword; 43- Fat used to make candles; 45- Battered; 46- Certain Ivy Leaguer; 47- Newly made; 48- Slow, musically; 49- Politico Kefauver; 51- Bow; 52- The life of Riley; 53- Coffee, slangily; 54- A Baldwin brother; 55- Steak order; 58- Spring month; 60- Mushroom morsel;

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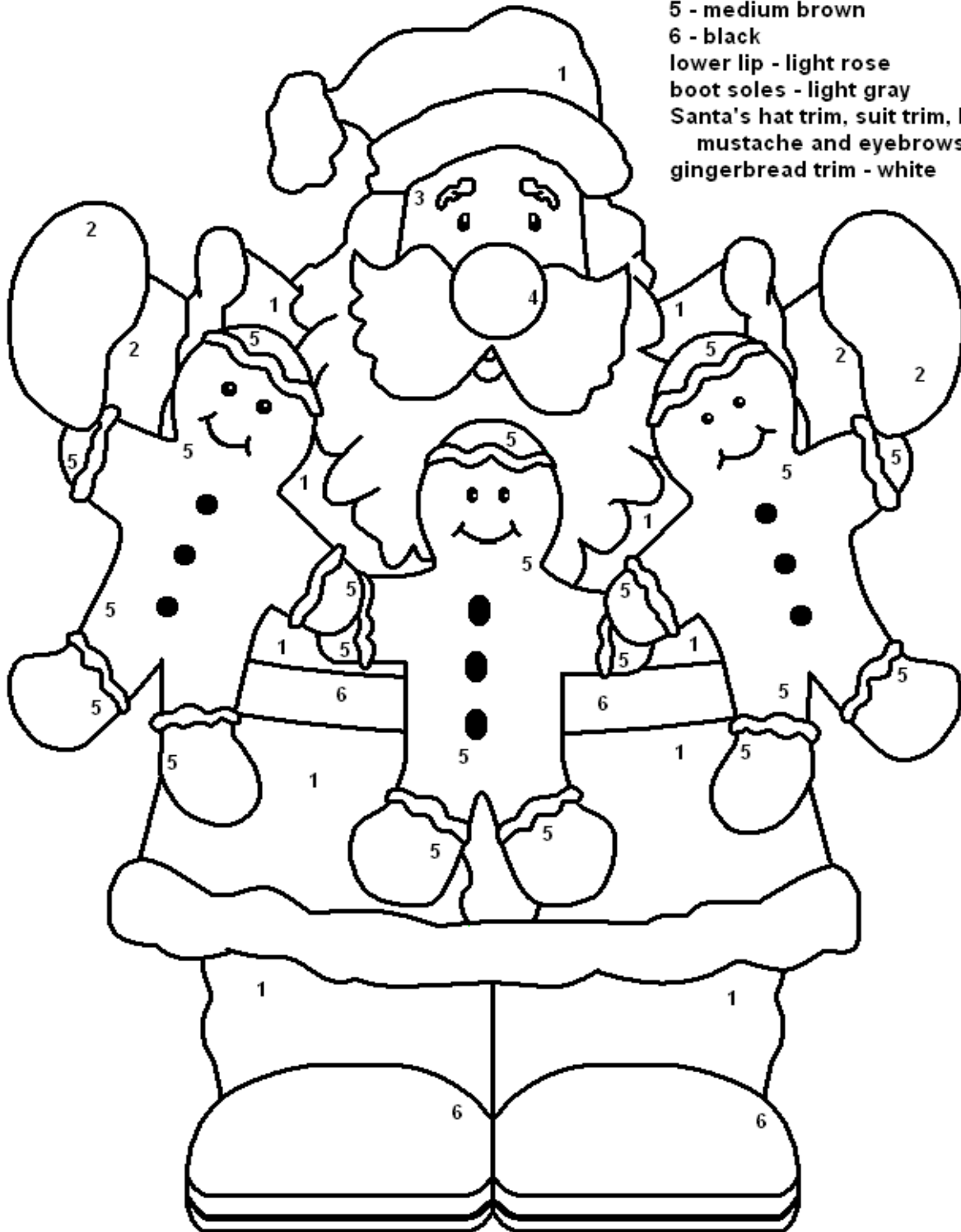
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# Kids Coloring Page

## Color Chart:

- 1 - red
- 2 - green
- 3 - flesh
- 4 - dark rose
- 5 - medium brown
- 6 - black
- lower lip - light rose
- boot soles - light gray
- Santa's hat trim, suit trim, beard, mustache and eyebrows - white
- gingerbread trim - white





# St. Vincent de Paul Volunteer Day

Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 12:00pm

Help with sorting items, cleaning, etc.  
Spouses welcome! Wear your Knights shirt.  
Meet at new location 13455 Hall Road Shelby Township  
Need approximately 10 volunteers.

Jim DeMaestri  
Community Activities  
586-817-4181  
jim.demaestri@fluke.com

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## 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

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## November 2023

### Council Membership Summary

Associate Members	234
Insurance Members	134
Inactive Members	17
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>387</b>
<b>Included In Totals</b>	
Honorary Members	15
25 Continuous Years of Service / Age 65	
Honorary Life Members	86
25 Continuous Years of Service / Age 70	
<b>Status: Council in Good Standing</b>	

### Answers to Crossword Puzzle

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27	F	O	R	E	P	A	W	30	A	N	A				
31	A	R	E	A	S	32	S	T	A	N	D	O	F	F	
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## 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 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](mailto:pburmeister16@gmail.com)



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, please contact the Financial Secretary.

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