



Merry Christmas



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Deputy Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights, Ladies and Families.

As of this writing, our Grand Knight Dennis Murray was hospitalized after suffering a medical emergency this past Monday prior to the planning meeting. Thanks to Brothers Ed Brate and Don Heydens jumping into action to help Dennis in this time of need. Let us spend some silent time saying a prayer for Dennis and his recovery, for his wife Donna and their family. We lift to God Dennis in his time of illness and pray that God will protect him. We thank God for Dennis and his leadership and enthusiasm and look forward to seeing him soon.

At our planning meeting we also held an exemplification lead by our team of Don Heydens, Paul Burmeister, Jim Adams, Larry Higgins and Warren Sawdon who did a great job of welcoming two new members to our council Tim Darmafall and Tim Smith. Please welcome them when you see them at upcoming meetings and events.

With December comes one of the Churches holy seasons: Advent. We hope everyone is kicking off 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!

Thank you everyone this past month that participated in our activities, especially the various fundraisers: Coats for Kids Poinsettia sale, Damascus missionary fundraiser with the Billy Joel concert raffle, and the Morning of Reflection retreat. Thanks to Brother Fr. Alex for his talk and sharing of his journey to priesthood during the retreat. Thanks to everyone who helped with these events by volunteering, attending, or purchasing flowers.

Coming up on Sunday December 15, 2024 is the annual K of C Children's Christmas Party. We can use help at 1 p.m. for set up. The party starts at 2 p.m. and please sign-up for you, your children, and grandchildren. We will need help with clean-up at around 4:30 p.m.; this is the same day as wonderful St. Lawrence Christmas concert and need to have the Social Hall ready by 5:30 p.m. Please see the article in the Knight life.

Save the dates for the new year: Breakfast is January 12th; Trivia Night is Friday February 7th and St. Pat's Party is March 15th.

We pray for a wonderful Advent and Joyous Christmas and New Year. God Bless everyone, keeping everybody safe.

Finally, I would like to thank Joe Lograsso for helping at the Planning meeting and with this month's Grand Knight Report.

Deputy Grand Knight

Mike Dixon

St. Lawrence Council #2950



Upcoming Council Events

Poinsettia Sale	12/01/24	Church Gathering Space	Sunday	8:00am
Poinsettia Pickup	12/08/24	Cafeteria	Sunday	8:00am
General Meeting	12/12/24	School Cafeteria	Thursday	7:00pm
Children's Christmas Party	12/15/24	Social Hall	Sunday	1:00pm to 5:00pm
Knights Meeting - 4th degree	12/18/24	Social Hall	Wednesday	6:00pm
Posters Due	01/03/25	N/A	Friday	9:00am
General Meeting	01/09/25	School Cafeteria	Thursday	7:00pm
Woman's Mass	01/10/25	Social Hall	Friday	6:00pm
Knights Breakfast	01/12/25	School Cafeteria	Sunday	6:30am
Knights Meeting - 4th degree	01/15/25	Social Hall	Wednesday	6:00pm
Business Meeting	01/30/25	School Cafeteria	Thursday	7:00pm



Come and Enjoy an All You Can Eat Breakfast!!

Sponsored By: St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus

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

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

Sunday January 12, 2025

8:30am – 12:00pm

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain	Fr. Roman Pasieczny
District Deputy	Rick Fisher
Grand Knight	Dennis Murray
Deputy Grand Knight	Mike Dixon
Financial Secretary	Paul Burmeister
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Trustee (2 Year)	Ray Monroe
Trustee (1 Year)	Kim Wiegand
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Inside Guard	Phil Kupser
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Outside Guard	John Gasowski
Lecturer	Bob Walz

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Knight Life Editor	Paul Burmeister
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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

2nd 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

Jan 6 St. Matthias 7:00 - 10:00PM

Feb 3 St. Matthias 7:00 - 10:00PM

Mar 3 St. Matthias 7:00 - 10:00PM

Knight Life

All articles that are requested to be in the January Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than December 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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December Feast Days

December 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Father, you prepared the Virgin Mary to be the worthy mother of your Son. You let her share beforehand in the salvation Christ would bring by his death, and kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception. Help us by her prayers to live in your presence without sin. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

December 25 - The Birth of Jesus

Lord, Jesus, help us to remember that you are the true reason for this wonderful season. In the midst of the busyness of our lives, may we take the time to sit in your presence and meditate on your goodness and love. May all that we do this holiday season be for your honor and glory.

Amen.



December 28 - The Feast of the Holy Innocents



We remember today, O God, the slaughter of the holy innocents of Bethlehem by King Herod. Receive, we pray, into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims; and by your great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish your rule of justice, love and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the union of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

December 29 - Feast of the Holy Family

"Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth. Mary, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys"





2024 Poinsettia Sale



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

Don't forget to pick up your Poinsettias on Sunday December 8th in the school cafeteria.

Fraternally,

Paul Burmeister and Scott Morgan



Thank You!!

St. Lawrence Council 2950 would like to thank everyone that supported the following programs in 2024.

St. Patrick's Day Party - M/I "Tootsie Roll Drive" - Coats for Kids (Poinsettia Sales) - Vocations - Millionaires Parties (Charity Poker Room) - Science Day - Trivia Night

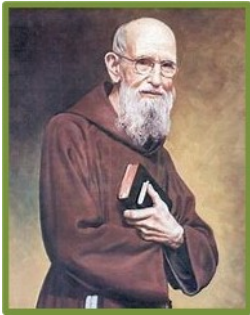
**Membership
Dues**

The 2025 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 regarding your dues please contact the Financial Secretary.

Financial Secretary: Paul Burmeister



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.

Shari Bargloh	Donna Ignagni	Chuck Pollum
Chris Borgess	Jacklyn Karpinski	Noelle Pruse
Tyler Burt	Ray Keller	Mary Quain
Debra Campbell	Diane Kopicki	Carol Rogers
Ed Campbell	Larry Kierzek	Paul Rybicki
Nikki Davies	Ken Kraniak	Paulette Sawdon
Michelle Campbell	Jim Langeveld	Carol Sienkowski
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Marg DeMaestri	Susie Langeveld	Iris Singer
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Rick Fisher	Rick Lumetta	Kelly Sobeck
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Knight of the Month

The Knight of the month for December is Don Heydens. Don and Barbara reside on Sassafras Drive in Shelby Township for the last 24 years.

Don and Barbara have been married for 55 years and are members of St. John Vianney Parish. Don is an usher at Saturday 5pm Mass and is also a senior server for funeral masses. Don and Barb assist counting the Sunday collections and help on the parish picnic.

Don is retired with more than 40 years in the auto Industry.

Don joined St. Lawrence Council 2950 in 1974 and has 50 years of continued service. He has held offices of Warden, Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, Trustee and is our current Treasurer. He is a Fourth Degree Member and has held offices of Navigator, Comptroller, Captain, Trustee and Purser.

Don is the chairman for the Ultrasound Initiative and has raised funds for two ultrasound machines, Chairman for the Millionaire Parties and Presiding Officer for the Exemplification Team.

In his spare time he enjoys time at the lake house in Fenton, watching the grandkids play sports and watching pro and college sports.

Congratulations on being chosen Knight of the Month by St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus for the month of December.



Family of the Month

The Family of the month for December is Phil and Denise Kupser. Phil and Denise reside on Abraham Drive in Washington Township for the past 11 Years.

Phil and Denise have been Married for 53 years and belong to St. Lawrence Parish where Phil is an Usher. They have two daughters Marcy and Nicole and three grandchildren Parker, Landon and Morgan.

Phil is retired from Ford Motor Company.

Phil joined the Knights in 1979 and has 46 years of continued service with the order and is currently holds the position of Guard with our Council.

In their spare time they like helping wherever needed with the Church and Council, playing cards and activities with the grandkids sports.

Congratulations on being chosen Family of the Month by St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus for the month of December.



St. Lawrence Council Kids' Christmas Party

Please do not forget to register for the kid's party on Sunday December 15, 2024 at 2 pm
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://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4BABA72BAAF58-stlawrence#/>

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.

Sponsored by St. Lawrence Council 2950





St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus #2950 Raffle
 4 tickets to Billy Joel + Stevie Nicks
 (\$1200 value, lower bowl)
 Ford Field March 29, 2025
 Raffle March 16, 2025, 11 p.m.
 \$20 per ticket (200 tickets maximum)

Tickets Now On Sale!!

\$20 per raffle ticket – prize is for tickets for the
Billy Joel / Stevie Nicks Concert (\$1,200 value)
 Only 200 raffle tickets are being sold!



Contact Joe Lograsso (lograsso@comcast.net)
 for sales and information.

Proceeds go to Damascus Missionaries in Ohio

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



December 1, 2024 Council Membership Summary

Associate Members :	237
Insurance Members:	122
Inactive Members:	16
Honorary Members:	16
Honorary Life Members:	85
Total Members:	376

Council Status: In Good Standing



Next Poker Events

December 11-12, 2024

11:00AM until 6:00PM Wednesday and Thursday

January 22-25, 2025

6:30PM until 2:00AM Thursday through Sunday

Please Note New Location!!

G's Kitchen & Cocktails
56129 Van Dyke Ave.
Shelby Township, MI 48316
(Between 25 & 26 Mile Roads)

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

Teams of up to 8 people



**Friday February 7, 2025 - 7 p.m. start
St. Lawrence Social Hall
44633 Utica Rd. Utica MI 48317
Tickets \$30 per person
(includes admission, food, beverages)**



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Thank you for Your support!

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