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Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights and families of Council 2950, winter greetings to you and your families.

First, thank you to the team that ran the January breakfast. Expecting a busy breakfast with the St. Lawrence athletics Mass, we had a great turn out of help for the breakfast. Lots of thanks to everyone that came to help. Thanks also goes to PGK Jason Meyers for organizing and publishing the information on the Novena for Life last month.

We held our second Morning of Reflection in January. Although bad weather came in the night before, we did have 65 attendees and speakers. Thanks to our Chaplain Fr. Roman for celebrating Mass and Brother Mike Roth for providing music at the Mass. Many Brothers and K of C family members spoke during the morning; thank you to Don Heydens, Mike Roth, Sal Simone, Alex Dixon, Christina Wojnicki, Anthony Bokshan, and Claudia Tapia. Thank you to Brother Mark Prentiss and Rising Stars Academy for providing the great continental breakfast.

Our meeting schedule is slightly adjusted for February based on room availability at St. Lawrence and St. Matthias.

Here's February's meetings:

2/1 – 7 p.m. at STL Social Hall – takes the place of the January planning meeting

2/8 – February General Membership Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Rosary, 7 p.m. meeting Cafeteria

2/29 – February Planning meeting – 7 p.m. in Social Hall

A couple of reminders: our Financial Secretary Paul Burmeister emailed and mailed notices at the end of last year for the 2024 dues. Please let Paul or I know if you have not received the notice for dues. Please make sure you turn in dues by mid-February. Also, our next Texas Holdem' fundraiser is scheduled for February 16-19, 2023 and we still need help. Please let Don Heydens know if you are available to help.

We are excited for the following scheduled events and look for you to come out to some of them please:

- Feb 9 – Trivia Night in the STL Social Hall, 7 p.m. start. \$30 per person for dinner, drinks and entertainment. Proceeds support the Detroit Catholic Campus Ministry, headed by former St. Lawrence associate Pastor Fr. Matthew Hood.
- Feb 11 – February Breakfast from 8:30 a.m. until noon in the St. Lawrence cafeteria
- Feb 15-18 – Texas Holdem' Fundraiser. Contact Don Heydens to sign-up.
- March 3 – March Breakfast from 8:30 a.m. until noon in the St. Lawrence cafeteria
- Mar 16 – annual St. Pat's Party and Fundraiser, starts at 6:30 p.m. with full dinner, dessert, band, open bar, \$45 per person Contact Joe Lograsso for tickets.

On January 17, Archbishop Vigneron blessed the opening of the Heart of Christ Clinic in southwest Detroit on the campus of the Basilica of Ste. Anne. Notable mention was the efforts of our Council to obtain and provide the ultrasound machine. The full article can be found here: <https://www.detroitcatholic.com/news/archbishop-blesses-new-heart-of-christ-clinic-in-former-convent-of-ste-anne>. Thank you to all of you for your support of the ultrasound machine and to Brother Don Heydens for heading up all our efforts.

Thanks,
Joe Lograsso, Grand Knight

Council Activities (2024)			
Event	Date	Time	Location
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



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.

Financial Secretary:

**Paul Burmeister
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Macomb, MI 48044
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ST LAWRENCE COUNCIL 2950
Meetings – 2nd and Last Thursday of Each Month



Prayer List

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain	Fr. Roman Pasieczny
District Deputy	Rick Fisher
Grand Knight	Joe Lograsso
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Financial Secretary	Paul Burmeister
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Outside Guard	Open
Lecturer	Bob Walz

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Membership	Steve Sierawski
Membership	Dan Weingartz
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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
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MI Drive	Paul Burmeister
MI Drive	Joe Lograsso
MI Drive	Dan Weingartz
Coats for Kids	Paul Burmeister
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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	Mike Kopecki
Debra Campbell	Jim Langeveld
Ed Campbell	Stephanie Langeveld
Mary Ann Campbell	Susie Langeveld
Anthony Cicerone	Rick Lumetta
Helen Dapoz	Craig McGyver
Marg DeMaestri	Jenny Manuszak
Cindy Duda	Finley Monroe
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Elmer Holz	Carol Rooks
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Mike Hoste	Ed Sierawski
Jacqueline Karpinski	Frank Sierawski
Ray Keller	Eric Singer
Diane Kopicki	Iris Singer
Ken Kraniak	Stan Singer
Larry Kierzek	Harlan Wagner
Diane Kopecki	Beverly Welch

Knights Corporation Meetings

Feb 5	St. Matthias	7:00 – 10:00PM
Mar 4	St. Matthias	7:00 – 10:00PM
Apr 1	St. Matthias	7:00 – 10:00PM

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February Feast Days

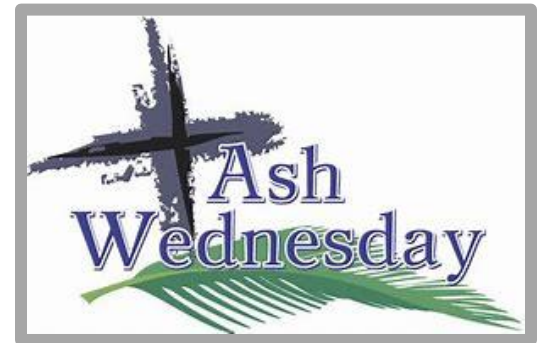


Feb. 2 - The Presentation of The Lord

All-powerful Father, Christ your son became man for us and was presented in the temple. May he free our hearts from sin and bring us into your presence. Amen.

Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday

A Prayer for Ash Wednesday: **Lord, Holy One, have mercy on us.** We confess our sins to you. We have fallen short of your glory and without your mercy and grace, we would be dust. We repent now. Lord, as we enter this Lenten season, be near us. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to feel the proper conviction and repentance for our sin.



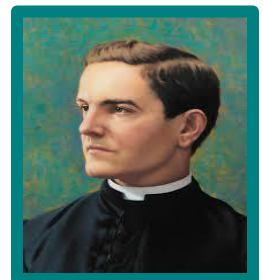
Feb. 22 – Feast Of the Chair of St. Peter The Apostle



O God, Who by delivering to Thy blessed Apostle Peter the keys of the kingdom of Heaven, didst confer upon him the pontifical power of binding and of loosing, grant that, by the help of his intercession, we may be delivered from the bonds of our sins. Who livest and reignest with Thee, One God, world without end. 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.





Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month for December is Jerry Mulka. Jerry and his wife Della reside on Carnation Drive in Sterling Heights for 46 years.

Jerry and Della belong to St. Matthias Parish and are involved in the gardening around the parish grounds.

Jerry is retired and joined St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in 2004 where he has held the offices of Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight and Trustee. Jerry has also joined the Fourth Degree and held the position of Faithful Navigator at St. John Neuman Assembly.

In their spare time Jerry and Della enjoy spending time with their grandkids, woodworking, gardening, going to casinos and golf.

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



Family of the Month

The Family of the Month for February is Don and Barb Heydens. Don and Barb reside on Sassafra Drive in Shelby Township for the past 25 years.

Don and Barb have been married for 54 years and have three children Donald Jr., Scott and Melissa and four grandchildren Khloe 12, Samantha 12, Brady 11 and Luke 10.

Don and Barb belong to St. John Vianney Parish where Don is an usher, alter server for funeral masses, Helps count the Sunday collection, and volunteers for the family picnic.

Don retired from the auto industry after forty years and Barb retired after twenty years from Utica Schools.

Don joined St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in 1974 where he has held the offices of Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Warden and is our current Treasurer. Don is currently the chairman of the Degree Team, Charity Poker, Ultrasound Program and the Needy Family Christmas Program. Don joined St. John Neuman 4th Degree Assembly in 1984 and has held the position of Faithful Navigator, Comptroller and Trustee.

In their spare time they enjoy spending time with their grandkids sporting events, spending summers at the lake house, watching college and professional sports. Barb enjoys golf, doing crafts especially making greeting cards and scrap books.

Congratulations Don and Barb for being chosen Family of the Month for February by your Brother Knights.



Mia Schlender - 8th Grade – First Place Knights of Columbus Essay

How the Church can Evangelize in the Digital Age

Evangelize. In the dictionary, it means to spread Christianity. Evangelizing in this day and age can be very challenging. We are surrounded by different religions, opinions, and constant worldly distractions. This is a difficult task especially for a teenager like myself and it will mean having courage to make a difference. However, I think we should take a stand to work together, and spread the love that Jesus has for all mankind. God's love is not just for a select group of people but rather he wants to share the message of salvation to all of His creation. He wants us to share the joy in our hearts that we have found through Jesus with people all over the world. He wants us to show others who He truly is and bring more people closer to Him. As Pope Paul VI stated, "The task of evangelizing all people constitutes the essential mission of the Church." This means it is a part of our duty as God's people to spread Christianity.

Well, how can we spread the word to 8 billion people? In Jesus' time, it was much harder to preach, and show people who Jesus truly is. You would have to take long, dangerous journeys from one town to the next and have to face a lot of persecution and sometimes even death. Today we have an advantage and are blessed with the remarkable, but complex idea of the internet. God wants us to spread the Word of salvation and hope to as many people as possible. If people are starving, wouldn't you want to feed as many as possible and as quickly as you can so that they do not die of hunger? We have an amazing privilege to have access to the internet. If we use it for the correct purpose, it can be a very effective method of spreading God's Word. A lot of people nowadays are hungry for love and hope and through the internet we can feed souls with God's love and mercy and reach as many people as possible in less time than before.

Simple ways to spread our faith through the internet are: live streaming masses, posting quotes of faith on your social media platforms, sharing Catholic posts and quotes, identifying yourself as a Christian on your social media accounts, sharing facts about your faith through posts, and so much more. You can also find groups on Facebook, Instagram, and more apps who also have similar interests of sharing the Word. A great way to be connected to Christ in the digital age is to download your Church's own app! St. Lawrence has a great blessing to have us own app to connect as a parish. There is an app called My Parish, where you find your church, and join your Church's community. You can access your church's bulletin board to see news, send prayer requests, get reminders to pray daily, stay connected with others in your parish, find opportunities for service hours, read the daily readings, find out the next mass time. When you tell others about your faith, we can all become closer to Jesus and have a support system. It used to take someone hours and days to be able to hear the teachings of Jesus. But now, it takes a matter of seconds. Try this, open your phone then type in one word, Jesus. In a matter of seconds, do you realize how much information, readings, prayers, and facts you can receive about Jesus and Catholicism? If we have time to share videos of dances and pranks to us friends and family, I am sure we can find time to share Jesus' message to others.

In conclusion, if we use this information to our advantage, and share it with others on posts, text, we set a good example for others. When others see who we are as Christians, and what our purpose is, they will start to follow. If we show others by our simple actions online who Jesus is, they will begin to be interested in our faith. Soon, the Church will have more Christians who love, care, and want to evangelize more people about Jesus. We can start making this world a better place and change the next generation. If we are meant to be in heaven one day, don't we want all our friends and family to be with us too?



**2023 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Finalists
Sent to the State Competition**



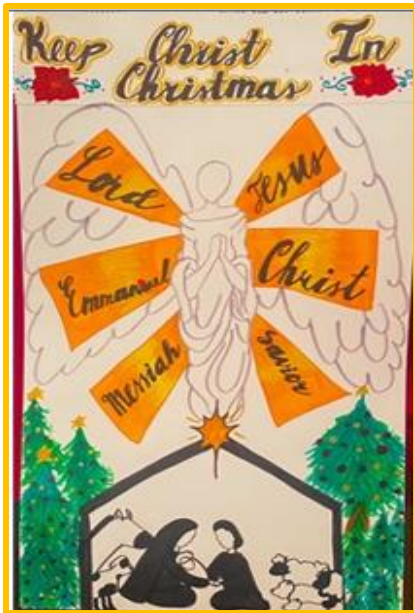
Emily McGrath – 3rd Grade



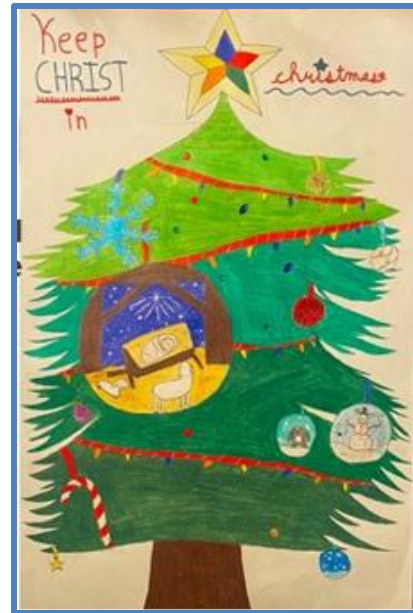
Millie Winn – 5th Grade



Anthony Youkhana – 6th Grade



Mariel Dela Paz – 8th Grade



Jessica Makhoul – 8th Grade



Help Needed!!

Our next event is scheduled for February 15 -18, 2024. (Thursday through Sunday.) The times have changed, we are working from 11:00am until 6:00pm. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Council meetings. One Eyed Jacks is located in the shopping center on the Southeast corner of 22 Mile and VanDyke.

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

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

**Next Trivia Night is
February 9, 2024**

A colorful, stylized logo for "TRIVIA NIGHT!". The word "TRIVIA" is written in large, bold, multi-colored letters (orange, blue, yellow, purple, green) with question marks around them. Below it, the word "NIGHT!" is written in a white, cursive font on a blue rectangular background.

**February 9, 2024 - 7 p.m. start
St. Lawrence Social Hall
44633 Utica Rd. Utica MI 48317
\$30 per person (food, refreshments, prizes)**

A small logo for St. Lawrence Council #2950, featuring a shield with a cross and other symbols.
**ST. LAWRENCE
COUNCIL #2950**

Thank you for Your support!

St. Pat's Rockin' Party



You are Invited -
Get Tickets Early

St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus #2950

Saturday March 16, 2024
St. Lawrence Gym and Cafeteria
Dinner, Open Bar, Desserts
Big, Big Raffle Prizes
Music by Mainstream Drive

Dr. Jim's 18th Annual Euchre Party

Saturday - March 2, 2024



**Dr. Jim Langeveld
1972-2002**

Time

6:30 PM - Check-In

7:00 PM - Euchre Starts

7:30 PM - Food Served

Location

Total Sports

40501 Production Drive

Harrison Twp, MI 48045

(2nd floor - elevator available)

Cost

\$25/Person

Includes Pizza, Salad & Pop

CASH BAR

Cash Prizes, Door Prizes, 50/50

Must be 18 Years Old

Bring Quarters for Euchres!

Further Information

Jim Langeveld

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OR

Julie Tyburski

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ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT

Dr. James Langeveld BMT

Patient Support Fund at University of Michigan

for adult cancer patient

expenses not covered by insurance

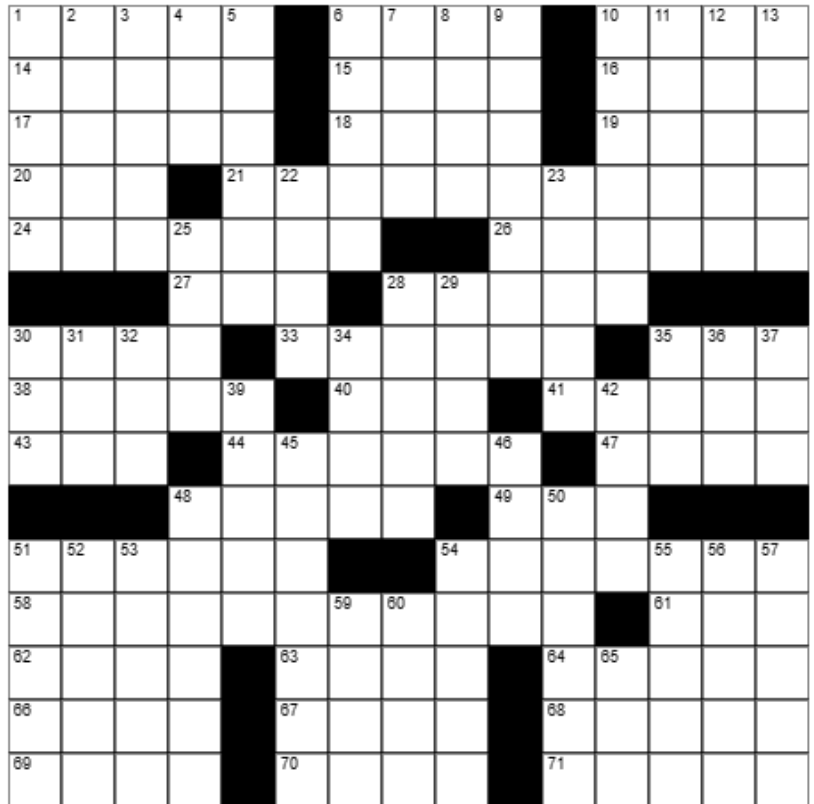
Crossword Puzzle

Across

1- Chilled soup; 6- Graceful horse; 10- ___ take arms against...; 14- Butler's love; 15- Pineapple vendor; 16- Novi Sad native; 17- Nostrils; 18- Bibliography abbr.; 19- Ballet bend; 20- Apr. addressee; 21- Dominance; 24- Crosswise; 26- Establishes; 27- The Greatest; 28- Place for "stompin"; 30- Corp. VIP, briefly; 33- Make queasy; 35- Cunning; 38- Attach, as a patch; 40- Luau chow; 41- Western; 43- Dallas-to-Houston dir.; 44- Quantity; 47- Turns red, say; 48- Browned sliced bread; 49- Like 1 and 3, e.g.; 51- Public meetings; 54- Like a tacit question; 58- Consolidation; 61- Heston's org.; 62- Mailed; 63- Traditional prayer ending; 64- Lucid; 66- Effortlessness; 67- Balance; 68- Discharge; 69- Dog-powered snow vehicle; 70- Hammett hound; 71- Strikes out;

Down

1- Actress Braga; 2- Graph; 3- Severe; 4- Just the Way You ___; 5- Feudal tenant; 6- Masterful; 7- Routine; 8- Banned apple spray; 9- Hold as an opinion; 10- Feathered fisher; 11- Museum piece; 12- Country singer Travis; 13- Follows orders; 22- "Trinity" author; 23- Home of the Black Bears; 25- Baylor's city; 28- Reconnoiter; 29- Related by blood; 30- Double curve; 31- Crosses (out); 32- Lamb's mom; 34- Wall St. debuts; 35- Eye infection, pig house; 36- Bruce ___ was a famous kung-fu movie star; 37- Decade divs.; 39- Model Campbell; 42- Totals; 45- Eyelash cosmetic; 46- ___ avail; 48- ___ titmouse; 50- Moved rhythmically; 51- Melts together; 52- Actor Ryan; 53- Wash cycle; 54- Utah's ___ Mountains; 55- Use a prie-dieu; 56- Rub out or remove from memory; 57- Bar game; 59- Iowa city; 60- Student's hurdle; 65- Bigger than med.;



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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.

From The Picnic Grounds Manager



Brothers,

With spring fast approaching my 35th year of managing our park is upon me. Seeing all the changes that have occurred over the years inspires me to do more, of course with the unselfish help of you Brother Knights without the heavy load of our much-missed hall it makes the task of maintaining and improving our 25-acre park much more feasible.

The park is a very Integral part of our council, parish, St. Lawrence athletic program and the Shelby Twp community. For 20 plus years it is home to the St Lawrence parish picnic

and St Lawrence Mustang football program. That's not even mentioning the countless Wedding receptions, Graduation, Birthday, retirement, family reunions and many more events that are held there. Most recently Shelby Twp is using our park to resurrect the "Down Home Days Carnival". We as a council are very blessed to have past Brother Knights in the 1960's that had the foresight to purchase the 25 acres of farmland with the intentions of the council, parish and the community, for all to enjoy the beautiful park for their special occasions with family and friends. My hats off to everyone who made our "Fore Brothers" dream possible for over 60 years and I'm confident for many, many more years to come.

Thanks,

Dale Niedzwiecki



CPR Training

Saturday March 2, 2024

9:00am – 12:00pm St. Lawrence Social Hall

Free (\$20 if completion card desired)

This is open to all Knights, parishoners, families and friends. Ages 15 and up.
CPR training and AED training will both be provided with a Red Cross certified trainer.
The class is about 3 hours and a certificate of completion will be given after the course to all attendees.

For more information, please contact:

Jim Demaestri – 586.817.4181 or email jim.demaestri@fluke.com

Please RSVP before Wednesday February 28 at above phone, text, or email.

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 February 11, 2024

8:30am – 12:00pm

Answers to Crossword Puzzle

1	S	2	C	3	H	4	A	5	V	6	A	7	R	8	A	9	B	10	O	11	12	13	O
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January 2024		
Council Membership Summary		
Associate Members		236
Insurance Members		132
Inactive Members		17
Total Members		385
Included In Totals		
Honorary Members		13
25 Years Continuous Years of Service / age 65		
Honorary Life Members		89
25 Years Continuous Years of Service / age 70		

Knight Life

All articles that are requested to be in the February Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than January 25, 2024. There is available space for any businesses that want to advertise in the Knight Life please contact the editor.

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