



St. Lawrence Council 2950 Knight Life



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Grand Knights Report

Happy New Year fellow Brother Knights, wives, and families. We welcome in 2024, looking forward to making progress for the sake of God's Kingdom. We will continue to reach out into the community in the name of Charity, in the name of the mission of Evangelization and working firsthand with those in need. We are a strong council in each of these areas and proud to stand next to each and everyone of you as Catholic men.

Before we close the book on 2023, let us remember some important matters.

- First and foremost, since the last Knight Life issue, we paid respect to two Brothers that passed away. Brother Robert Rogensues II and Brother Joe Mansour both passed away in November, with funerals scheduled after the December Knight Life submission date. Both Brothers carried the torch of Charity in their lives, very strongly, and for that we are grateful to God!
- Thank you to all the Brothers and families that supported the last of our activities. Don Heydens again led the team for the Texas Holdem' Fundraisers. Paul Burmeister and Scott Morgan, with the help of all of you and parish, held a very successful Coats for Kids drive with the Poinsettia sale. Thanks to Julie Tsatsos, wife of Brother Paul, for coordinating the 8th Grade essay contest. Thank you to Katherine Lucas, wife of Brother Nathan, for coordinating the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest.

Leaping now into 2024, let us discuss some open positions in the Council and for the Knights Corporation, then we'll turn our attention to upcoming events during the first three months of the new year.

We are need for someone to fill in the office of Outside Guard. This is a good office for a newer Knight wanting to get involved. The main responsibilities include making sure the room is set up for meetings, and to check for membership cards of Brothers attending our month meetings.

For the Knights Corporation, we are in the need of one director. The Knights Corp meetings generally the first Monday of the month and is charged with the business of the Picnic Grounds. Overall, there are 11 members on the Building Corp: 6 elected directors from the council, and 5 assigned from the Council (Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and the three Trustees). We do require this 6th director, as outline in the by-laws, to have a properly functioning leadership team, in conjunction with the Picnic Grounds manager. Please consider this role for consideration.

Both roles will be voted on at the January 11th, 2024 general membership meeting.

Please look for details in the Knight Life for the Morning of Reflection (1/13/2024, no charge), Trivia (2/9/2024), Texas Holdem' help (2/15/2024 – 2/18/2024), and the St. Pat's Party (3/16/2024). Our upcoming breakfasts are 1/14, 2/11 and 3/3. The Jan 14, 2024 breakfast coincides with the St. Lawrence Athletics 8 a.m. Mass and they traditionally attend the breakfast – we will need more help – please consider coming out that Sunday.

We have a great start to 2024, and have a great brotherhood in our Council. God Bless you all!

Joe Lograsso, Grand Knight

Happy New Year!!

| Council Activities (2023-2024) | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Event | Date | Time | | Location |
| 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 |
| 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 – 2nd and Last Thursday of Each Month



Prayer List

COUNCIL OFFICERS

| | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Chaplain | Fr. Roman Pasieczny |
| District Deputy | Rick Fisher |
| Grand Knight | Joe Lograsso |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Dennis Murray |
| Financial Secretary | Paul Burmeister |
| Treasurer | Don Heydens |
| Warden | Ed Braet |
| Trustee (3 Year) | Ray Monroe |
| Trustee (2 Year) | Kim Wiegand |
| Trustee (1 Year) | Rick Similuk |
| Chancellor | Harry Kuk |
| Recorder | Anthony Quagliato |
| Advocate | Jim Adams |
| Inside Guard | Carlos Pertusi |
| Outside Guard | John Gasowski |
| Outside Guard | Open |
| Lecturer | Bob Walz |

COUNCIL DIRECTORS

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Program | Dennis Murray |
| Faith | Paul Cone |
| Membership | Jim Ososkie |
| Membership | Steve Sierawski |
| Membership | Dan Weingartz |
| Church Activities | Rick Lumetta |
| Health Service | Gary Lusk |
| 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 |
| Degree Master | Don Heydens |
| MI Drive | Paul Burmeister |
| 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 |

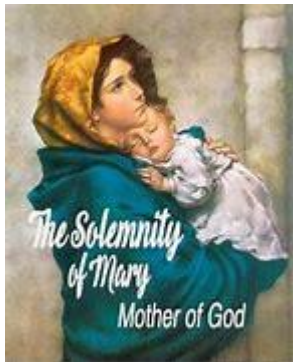
Our prayers are required for the Brother Knights and family members who are sick, recovering.

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| Roy Attard | Mike Kopecki |
| Joyce Browski | Jim Langeveld |
| Debra Campbell | Stephanie Langeveld |
| Ed Campbell | Susie Langeveld |
| Mary Ann Campbell | Rick Lumetta |
| Anthony Cicerone | Craig McGyver |
| Helen Dapoz | Jenny Manuszak |
| Marg DeMaestri | Ryan Mierendorf |
| Cindy Duda | Finley Monroe |
| Rick Fisher | Della Mulka |
| Kelly Gill | Chuck Pllum |
| Don Heydens Jr. | Mary Quain |
| Betty Holz | Paul Rybicki |
| Elmer Holz | Ed Sierawski |
| Mark Holz | Frank Sierawski |
| Mike Hoste | Eric Singer |
| Jacqueline Karpinski | Iris Singer |
| Ray Keller | Stan Singer |
| Ken Kraniak | Harlan Wagner |
| Larry Kierzek | Beverly Welch |

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January Feast Days



January 1 – Solemnity Of Mary Mother of God

“By Her Motherhood, Mary Shows Us That Humility and Tenderness Are Not Virtues of The Weak but Of the Strong.”

Pope Francis

January 6 - Prayer For Epiphany of the Lord

Eternal Lord, as we gather in worship may we focus more fully on your presence. Help us to listen to your Spirit so we too can hear your gracious words of welcome, Come, follow me, the kingdom of God is near. Open our hearts and enliven our faith that we might follow you in our worship and witness now and every day this week. In Jesus' strong and tender name. Amen!



January 7 – The Baptism of the Lord

Almighty, eternal God, When the Spirit descended upon Jesus at His baptism in the Jordan, you revealed Him as your own beloved Son. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit faithful to our calling. 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

January 25 – Conversion of St. Paul

The **Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul** celebrates St. Paul turning away from persecution of Christians to promoting Christianity. St. Paul, named Saul at his circumcision, a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin, was born at Tarsus, the capital of Cilicia. He was a Roman citizen. He was brought up as a strict Jew, and later became a violent persecutor of the Christians. While on his way to Damascus to make new arrests of Christians, he was suddenly converted by a miraculous apparition of Our Lord. From a fierce persecutor he became the great Apostle of the Gentiles. He made three missionary journeys which brought him to the great centers of Asia Minor and southern Europe, and made many converts. Fourteen of his Epistles are found in the New Testament. He was beheaded in Rome around 66 A.D., and his relics are in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside-the-Walls near the Ostian Way.





Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month for January is Ryan Gargano. Ryan and Erin have been married for eight years and reside on Royal Rd. in Macomb Township.

Ryan works at Signs365 for the past four years.

Ryan belongs to St. Therese of Lisieux Parish and joined St. Lawrence Council 2950 in 2007 where he has donated some time lately doing maintenance work on the Pavilion at our picnic grounds.

In his spare time Ryan enjoys training Brazilian Jiu Jitsu with his two sons Mario age 5 and Angelo age 7. They also like going on off roading trips and fishing and boating around Houghton Lake.

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



Family of the Month

The Family of the Month for January is Ed and Kim Braet. Ed and Kim reside on Golden Oakes Ln. in Shelby Township.

Ed and Kim have been married for forty-five years and have four children Meghan, Daniel, Ashley, Nicholas and five grandchildren Brendan, Juliana, Valentina, Charlette and Olivia.

Ed retired from General Motors after 46 years and Kim was a stay-at-home mom.

Ed and Kim belong to St. Lawrence Parish where they volunteered at the Apple Fest, supported the giving tree and other charities over the years.

Ed joined St. Lawrence Council 2950 where he has held the position of Deputy Grand Knight and is currently our Council Warden and our breakfast chairman.

In their spare time they enjoy spending time with their family taking trips, swimming, fishing and playing Euchre.

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



Youth Leadership Project Cookie Sale Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast January 14, 2024

Proceeds will go to the Baby Pantry!

My name is Addison Zdanowski and am putting on a cookie sale to support the Baby Pantry! My team and I will be selling the cookies in the St. Lawrence Cafeteria during the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast on Sunday January 14, 2024. Donations will also be accepted.

Thank you for your generosity. This is a K of C Youth Leadership Project.

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>



Help Needed!!

Our next event is scheduled for February 15 -18, 2024. (Thursday through Sunday.) The times have changed, we are working from 1:00pm 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**

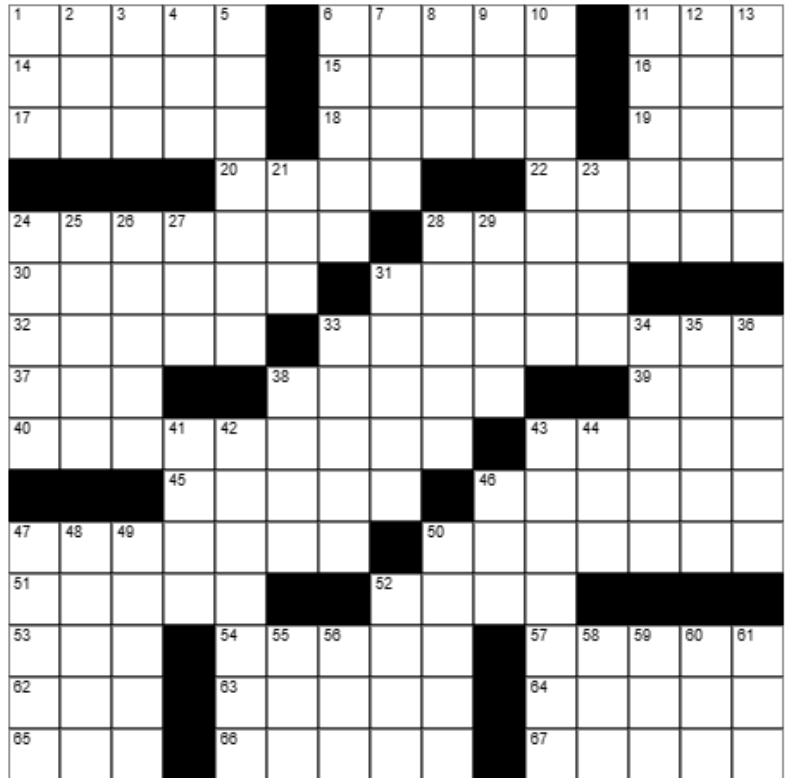
Crossword Puzzle

Across

1- Ran easily; 6- Letter cross-line; 11- IV units; 14- Angry; 15- Hersey's bell town; 16- LBJ's veep; 17- Prescribed amounts; 18- More current; 19- Fair-hiring abbr.; 20- Bibliography abbr.; 22- Gaze intently; 24- Republic in central Europe; 28- Stimulate; 30- Suffer from a loss; 31- Chap; 32- White-barked poplar tree; 33- Truce; 37- Give one star, say; 38- Peace goddess; 39- Greek goddess of night; 40- Statute; 43- Gettysburg general; 45- Liquid waste component; 46- Lathe operator; 47- Squinting eye; 50- Final course; 51- Seraglio; 52- Nair rival; 53- DDE's command; 54- Brazilian port; 57- "Steal This Book" author Hoffman; 62- DC bigwig; 63- Grassy plain; 64- Lion sounds; 65- Stab; 66- Taken in; 67- Challenges;

Down

1- Cover; 2- Metal in Montana's motto; 3- Dance step used in ballet; 4- Hot time in Paris; 5- Merit; 6- Capital of Yemen; 7- Pulitzer-winning biographer Leon; 8- Uncooked; 9- Chemical ending; 10- Abandon; 11- Inexpensive; 12- Task; 13- Luster; 21- Neckwear; 23- Not kosher; 24- Godly love; 25- Living in a city; 26- City in Tuscany; 27- ___ Aviv; 28- Slope; 29- Flexible tube; 31- Designer Geoffrey; 33- El Greco's birthplace; 34- Silly; 35- U-Haul competitor; 36- Apply, as pressure; 38- If ___ be so bold...; 41- Salad veggie; 42- Quiver; 43- Condiment; 44- Hesitant sounds; 46- Peg used on the first in golf; 47- Thorax; 48- Western; 49- Close friend; 50- Fiend; 52- Hawaiian goose; 55- Guido's high note; 56- Back muscle, briefly; 58- Feather scarf; 59- Place for ordering alcoholic drinks; 60- Wrath; 61- Pothook shape;



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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.

Looking for a meaningful holiday gift? Consider purchasing our exquisite raffle-calendar for that special someone in your life. Not only will you give them a beautiful gift, but you'll also be supporting Michigan youths in need!

Our 2024 raffle calendar showcases captivating artwork contributed by both our dedicated staff and the participants under our care. Each piece of artwork embodies our mission, vision, and values.

When you buy a calendar, you automatically gain entry into our progressive monthly raffle! Every week, there's a chance to win \$100. Additionally, there's a monthly draw of \$500, and a grand year-end draw of \$5,000.



Don't miss out! Follow this [link](https://holycrossservices.org/2024-calendar/) to order and make a difference today.

ORDER NOW!!

Contact: Warren Sawdon for more information
warren@wsawdon.com



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



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
586.713.7953**

Council Exemplification



On Thursday December 14, 2023 our Council held an Exemplification at our general membership meeting. Congratulations to Father Alex, Paul Riva, Dennis Mahoney and Ed Frank who are now 3rd Degree Members of the Knights of Columbus.

From left to right: Pul Riva, Dennis Mahoney, Father Alex and Ed Frank



Children's Christmas Party

Once again, our children's Christmas party was well attended by kids, parents and grandparents. We want to give a big thank you to all the members and their wives who helped set up, cook and served hotdogs. And especially those that stayed to clean up afterwards. But most of all a special thanks to Santa, who put a big smile on all the kids faces.

Fraternally,

Paulette and Warren Sawdon
Children's Christmas Party Chair Persons

December 2023

Council Membership Summary

| | |
|---|------------|
| Associate Members | 237 |
| Insurance Members | 132 |
| Inactive Members | 17 |
| Total Members | 386 |
| Included In Totals | |
| Honorary Members | 12 |
| 25 Continuous Years of Service / Age 65 | |
| Honorary Life Members | 89 |
| 25 Continuous Years of Service / Age 70 | |
| Status: Council in Good Standing | |

Answers to Crossword Puzzle

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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.


Editor: Paul Burmeister
Email: pburmeister16@gmail.com

Tickets are now on sale for these two events.
Contact Joe Lograsso for Tickets.

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



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



**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**



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