



# St. Lawrence Council

# Knight Life



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## Grand Knights Report

Happy New Year Brothers!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday spending time with family and friends. As a council it's also time to get ready for the new year. In 2025, as brother Knights, we will continue the mission of empowering catholic men to live their faith at home, by being the best example we can be for our families. In the parish, by being active at Mass. At work, by being proud to be a Knight, and in the community through various volunteer events. This year consider asking at least 1 friend to join our council. As the saying goes "Many hands make light work". Plus, the fellowship within our council is outstanding!

We have some exciting events coming up in the next month:

- Jan 9 General Meeting 7:00pm STL Cafeteria
- Jan 12 K of C Breakfast 6:45am STL Cafeteria
- Jan 18 Volunteer Event 9:00am - 12:00pm St. Vincent DePaul Store
- Jan 30 Planning Meeting 7:00pm STL Cafeteria
- Feb 7 Trivia Night 7:00pm STL Social Hall

Brush up on your trivia knowledge, and get your team ready for our Trivia Event. Here's a question to get you started, what is James Bond's code name? Hint: it's 3 famous digits. Please see Joe Lograsso or Rick Similuk to get tickets.

Finally, an update on our Grand Knight, Dennis Murray. Dennis was released from the hospital on Dec 21 and will continue recovering at home. Unfortunately, Dennis does not feel he will be up to continuing in the role as Grand Knight. I would like to thank Dennis for his efforts over the past year as the Grand Knight, he did a fine job of leading the Council. So, at our January general meeting we will open up nominations for Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight and vote at our February general meeting. Please consider either role to help lead our Council. On a personal note, I'm scheduled for heart surgery in January to repair one of my valves and will be out for several weeks. Once I am healthy again sometime in February, I do intend to continue in either role.

Hope to see everyone at our January general meeting.

Fraternally,  
Deputy Grand Knight  
Mike Dixon



**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

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

**COUNCIL DIRECTORS**

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Program               | Mark Wenninger  |
| 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       |
| Rd. 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            | 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**

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**

Feb 3 St. Matthias 7:00 - 10.00PM

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

Apr 7 St. Matthias 7:00 - 10.00PM

**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 30, 2025. There is available space for any businesses that want to advertise in the Knight Life please contact the editor.

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# January Feast Days

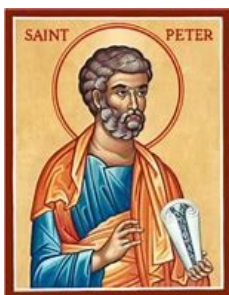


## January 1 – Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

**Solemnity of the BVM, Mother of God:** O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

## January 6 - Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour.



## January 18 – Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle

Almighty Father, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the Living God: Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## January 25 – Conversion of St. Paul

On January 25, the faithful celebrate the Conversion of Saint Paul, one of the great events of the early Church. Saul, a student of the great Pharisee rabbi Gamaliel, had persecuted Christians, but was suddenly converted on the road to Damascus when our Lord appeared to him in His resurrected glory (Acts 9:1-9). From this point, he took the name Paul, and would become the "Apostle to the Gentiles."





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

|                   |                     |                  |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Peter Backus      | Mike Hoste          | Noelle Pruse     |
| Shari Bargloh     | Donna Ignagni       | Mary Quain       |
| Chris Borgess     | Jacklyn Karpinski   | Carol Rogers     |
| Debra Campbell    | Ray Keller          | Paul Rybicki     |
| Ed Campbell       | Diane Kopicki       | Paulette Sawdon  |
| Nikki Davies      | Larry Kierzek       | Carol Sienkowski |
| Michelle Campbell | Ken Kraniak         | Iris Singer      |
| Theresa Carter    | Jim Langeveld       | Stan Singer      |
| Marg DeMaestri    | Stephanie Langeveld | Kelly Sobeck     |
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| Jerry Higgins     | Jerome Mulka        |                  |
| Elmer Holz        | Rosa Pertusi        |                  |
| Mark Holz         | Chuck Pllum         |                  |



## **Knight of the Month**

The Knight of the month for January is Ed Braet. Ed and Kim reside on Golden Oakes Ln. in Shelby Township for the past 35 years.

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 as a electrician after 25 years and is also an electrical contractor since 1987.

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 in 2016 where he has held the position of Deputy Grand Knight and is currently our Council Warden and our breakfast co-chairman.

In their spare time they enjoy spending time with their family especially family dinners, traveling, swimming, fishing, golfing and working out at the gym.



## **Family of the Month**

The Family of the month for January is Warren and Paulette Sawdon. Warren and Paulette reside on Shag Bark in Chesterfield for 35 Years.

They have been married for 48 years and have three children Kelly, Kristy, Katy and ten grandchildren Alyssa, Benjamin, Kensley, Hayden, Savannah, Elliott, Nolan, Hazel, Audrey and Morgan.

Warren and Paulette belong to St. Augustine Parish in Richmond where Paulette was a religious education teacher.

Warren retired in 2021 after 48 years as a tool maker and EDM machinist. Paulette retired in 2014.

Warren joined St. Lawrence Council 2950 in 1982 and has held the offices as Recorder and Grand Knight and is currently the Treasurer of the Knights Corp. Warren is also a 4th Degree member and has held the offices of Scribe, Captain, and Faithful Navigator.

Warren held chairmanships such as Vegas co-chair, Bingo chairman, Holy Cross Children Calendar raffle and the Children's Christmas Party along with Paulette. He also is a member of the Briquette Bunch and works at the Council monthly breakfasts.

In their spare time Warren and Paulette enjoy camping, spending time with their grandchildren and playing with their three dogs.

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



# St. Vincent de Paul Volunteer Day

**Saturday, January 18 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.

Contact Jim DeMaestri if you can make it.



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

## Next Poker Event

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](mailto:dheydens@gmail.com).

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



## 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



## **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**



## **Teams Up to 8 People**

**Friday February 7, 2025 - 7 p.m. start**

**St. Lawrence Social Hall**

**44633 Utica Rd. Utica, MI 48317**

**Tickets \$30.00 per Person**

**(includes admission, food, beverages)**

**For questions and reservations, please contact:**

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**St. Lawrence Council 2950  
Thank You for Your Support!**



## Knights Park & Pavilion

If you're planning an event and would like a beautiful outdoor facility, check out our 25 acre park located in Shelby Twp., MI

The park offers a 40' x 120' pavilion with clean his and her indoor bathrooms, kitchen facilities, which includes ample refrigeration and a freezer, a commercial 6 burner stove and large oven. 40 picnic tables offer seating of 240 people under the pavilion, which leaves plenty of room for even more people and to serve your food.

The park also features a large safe environment for the children to play in, with swings, slide, monkey bars and all the beach sand they can handle. With all the shade trees around the pavilion, it's not hard to feel the cool breeze even on the hottest days of summer.

No event is too big or too small from graduations, weddings, family reunions or corporate picnics. We have ample parking for 2,000 plus cars.

**For pricing info, please feel free to contact Dale or Karen [586-254-3495](tel:586-254-3495)**





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

### 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



### January 1, 2025 Council Membership Summary

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Associate Members :    | 233        |
| Insurance Members:     | 124        |
| Inactive Members:      | 17         |
| Honorary Members:      | 16         |
| Honorary Life Members: | 84         |
| <b>Total Members:</b>  | <b>374</b> |

**Council Status: In Good Standing**

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