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Grand Knights Report

Brothers,

Happy 4th of July! I trust everyone will be celebrating and enjoying America's 250th year of independence over the next month. Take a moment to recall how we won our freedom and what it has taken over these past 250 years to maintain and enjoy it.

Calling all Catholics! Brothers you have heard me at each meeting talk about the upcoming Rise from the Ashes Revival event on July 22nd in Detroit. Consider attending to show your support for our faith. If you go, remember to wear your Knights of Columbus shirt. Go for part of the day or the whole event. There are speakers throughout the day and a concert in the evening.

Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Time: Doors open at 7:30am / Speakers during the day / evening concert 7:00- 9:00pm

Place: Huntington Place (Cobo Hall) Detroit

Cost: \$50/person

Website: <https://risingrevival.org/schedule/>

Officer Installation. At our July 30th Meeting we'll have an open meeting to install all new officers to their positions. We'll also invite our brother Knights and their families from St. Kieran's and St. Therese to join us for this event.

MI Drive Picnic. Mark your calendar for our annual MI Drive Picnic on Aug 13. This will be an open meeting with representatives from many of the centers we support through the MI Drive. We worked hard to collect the money, now come join us for the fulfillment of that effort. Families are welcome to attend this event.

Please enjoy the 4th of July holiday with your family and friends.

Fraternaly,

Mike Dixon
Grand Knight #2950



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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

July - No Meeting Scheduled

Knight Life

All articles that are requested to be in the August Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than July 27, 2026.

There is available space for any businesses that would like to advertise in the Knight Life, please contact the editor.

Editor: Paul Burmeister

Email: pburmeister16@gmail.com

June 2026 Council Membership Summary

Associate Members: 223

Insurance Members: 113 - Inactive Members: 14

Total Members:

Included In Total:

Honorary Members: 16

Honorary Life Members: 87

Council Status: In Good Standing



Prayer for America's 250th Anniversary

Heavenly Father,

On this day, we give thanks for 250 years of freedom, resilience, and hope.

We remember the courage of those who dreamed of liberty and built a nation on the ideals of justice and equality.

Bless our leaders with wisdom, our communities with unity, and our hearts with compassion.

May we honor the sacrifices of the past by working for a future where every person is valued, every voice is heard, and peace prevails.

Guide us to be good stewards of the freedoms we cherish, and help us stand together in times of challenge and in times of joy.

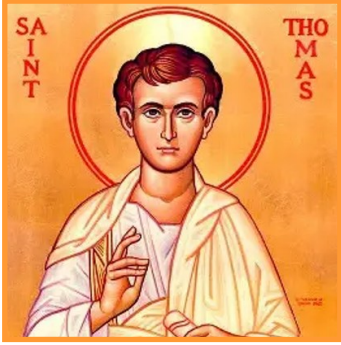
We pray for healing where there is division, strength where there is struggle, and light where there is darkness.

Let this anniversary not only be a celebration of history, but a renewal of our shared commitment to truth, kindness, and justice for all.

Amen.

July Feast Days

July 3 - Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle



O Glorious Apostle, Saint James, who by reason of your fervent and generous heart was chosen by Jesus to be a witness of His glory on Mount Tabor, and of His agony in Gethsemane; thou, whose very name is a symbol of warfare and victory, obtain for us strength and consolation in the unending warfare of this life, that, having constantly and generously followed Jesus, we may be victors in the strife and deserve to receive the victor's crown in heaven. Amen

July 22 - Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

Saint Mary Magdalene, woman of many sins, who by conversion became the beloved of Jesus, thank you for your witness that Jesus forgives through the miracle of love. You, who already possess eternal happiness in His glorious presence, please intercede for me, so that some day I may share in the same everlasting joy. Amen.



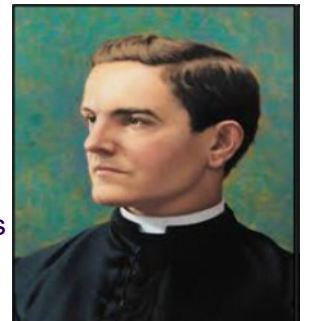
July 25 - Feast of Saint James, Apostle



Almighty ever-living God, who consecrated the first fruits of your Apostles by the blood of Saint James, grant, we pray, that your Church may be strengthened by his confession of faith and constantly sustained by his protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

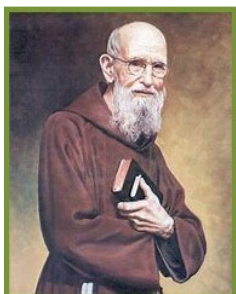
God, Our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called on your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.





Our prayers are required for the Brother Knights and family

Roy Attard	Mike Hoste	Paulette Sawdon
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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."



The Knight of the Month for July is Don Heydens. Don and his wife Barbara reside on Sassafra Drive in Shelby Township for the last 26 years.

Don and Barbara have been married for 56 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 52 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 July.



The Family of the Month for July is Mark and Jo Ann Weaver. Mark and his wife Jo Anne reside on Houghton Dr. in Shelby Township for 13 years.

Mark and Jo Anne have been married for 16 years and have five children Jennifer, Kelly, Amy, Rachel and Robb. They also have three grandchildren Kassie 11, Tommy 8 and Hazel 2.

Mark and his wife belong to St. Lawrence Parish where they both volunteer at MCCREST and at St Leo's soup kitchen and the Salvation Army soup kitchen.

They both retired from E&R Industrial Sales, Mark retired after 36 years and Jo Ann after 20 years.

Mark joined St. Francis Assisi Council 8989 in 1990 and transferred to St. Lawrence Council in August 2023 where he has been active volunteering his time at the Knight's Monthly Breakfast, MI Drive, St. Pat's Party and our Poker Room Events.

In their spare time Mark and Jo Anne enjoy spending time with their grandkids. Vacationing in Hilton Head Island for two weeks every year. Their travel plans include trips to Ireland this year and Alaska next year.

Congratulations Mark and Jo Anne on being chosen Family of the Month for July by your Brother Knights.



August 13, 2026

Annual Family Picnic and 2026 MI Drive Check Distribution

The annual MI check distribution and family picnic will be held on Thursday August 13, at the K of C Park & Pavilion starting at 7:00PM. We will be presenting the checks to the organizations from the proceeds collected from the "Tootsie Roll" Drive. We will be serving hot dogs, baked beans and coleslaw along with refreshments. If you would like to bring a dish to pass, preferably a dessert or snack, please contact Ed or Paul.

Ed Braet - ebraet57@gmail.com

Paul Burmeister - pburmeister16@gmail.com



As of June 30 there are **26** members that have not paid their membership dues for 2026.

Total Paying Members	250
Paid Members	224
Unpaid Members	26

Please keep in mind that the Council has paid the per capita taxes to the Supreme and State Council for all members on our roster for 2026.



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 Knights of Columbus



St. Lawrence K of C Monthly Breakfasts

We would like to thank all of the members that volunteered to work the monthly breakfasts and all of the people that came out to help support it.

We hope to see everyone when our monthly breakfasts resume on September 20, 2026.

Breakfast Co-Chairman,
Ed Braet, Paul Burmeister



Meeting Location Change Notice!!

Starting in June we will hold our meetings at the K of C Picnic Grounds through August. In the case of inclement weather you will be emailed with an alternate location.



Next Poker Room Event

July 9 - July 12, 2026

11:00AM - 6:00PM Thursday through Sunday

Mr. B's Shelby
48550 Van Dyke Ave.
Shelby Township, MI 48317

Contact:
Don Heydens 586.419.3420
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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 Township, 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)





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