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Grand Knights Report

Brothers,

Greeting from Mackinac Island, where Jason Meyers and I had the honor of representing our Council at the State Convention for the Michigan Knights of Columbus. This was a voting year, and we have a NEW State Deputy, Charlie McCuen, who will succeed the now former Worthy State Deputy Barry Borsenik. The event was attended by Council members from all over the state of Michigan.

At our May 14th meeting, we held our annual Council election of officers. I would like to say thank you to all the members who stepped up to take a leadership role in our Council for the 2026 / 2027 Fraternal Year:

Council Officers

Chaplain	Fr. Roman Pasieczny
District Deputy	Frank Oldani
Grand Knight	Mike Dixon
Deputy Grand Knight	Jim DeMaestri
Financial Secretary	Paul Burmeister
Treasurer	Scott Morgan
Warden	Ed Braet
Trustee (3 Year)	Don Heydens
Trustee (2 Year)	Ed Barrette
Trustee (1 Year)	Anthony Quagliato
Chancellor	Harry Kuk
Recorder	Carlos Pertusi
Advocate	Jim Adams
Inside Guard	Phil Kupser
Outside Guard	Robert Quaine
Outside Guard	John Gasowski
Lecturer	Bob Walz

I would like to thank Ray Monroe for being a Trustee for the past 3 years and thank Scott Morgan for taking on the role as our new Treasurer. Scott will take over for Don Heydens who has helped guide the Council as the Treasurer for the past 26 years. Thank you Don for all you do for the Council.

REMINDER:

Starting in June we will hold our meetings at the K of C Picnic Grounds through August.

Fraternally,

Mike Dixon, Grand Knight



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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

June 1 St. Matthias 7:00 – 10:00PM

Knight Life

All articles that are requested to be in the July Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than June 25, 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

May 2026 Council Membership Summary

Associate Members: 222

Insurance Members: 114 - Inactive Members: 14

Total Members: 350

Included In Total:

Honorary Members: 15

Honorary Life Members: 87

Council Status: In Good Standing

Flag Day - June 14



A flag day prayer is a heartfelt expression of gratitude and reverence for the national flag, symbolizing unity and patriotism. Through prayer, individuals reflect on the values and sacrifices represented by the flag, fostering a sense of community and national pride. This sacred moment encourages a deeper appreciation for freedom and the ideals that the flag embodies.

Prayer

Dear Lord,

On this Flag Day, we thank You for our nation and the values our flag represents. Unite us in love and respect for one another, and instill in our hearts the spirit of freedom and justice. May we honor our country with service and integrity. Amen.

June Feast Days

June 1 - Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

June 24 - Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Almighty God, by Whose providence Your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of Your Son, our Savior, by preaching repentance:

Make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and, following his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



June 29 - Solemnity of Peter and Paul, Apostles



O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul, give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

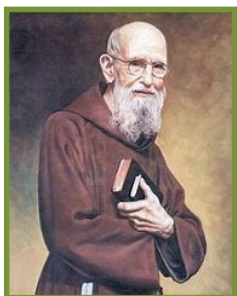
"St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen."





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

Peter Backus	Mark Holz	Paulette Sawdon
Tom Barg	Mike Hoste	Frank Singer
Kim Braet	Ray Keller	Iris Singer
Shawna Brenner	Mike Kelm	Tammy Schwarzkoff
Kathleen Brevick	Larry Kierzek	Brian Smedley
Robert Broderdorf Jr.	Diane Kopicki	Arthur Swartz
Paul Burmeister	Ken Kraniak	Brian Swartz
Michele Campbell	Jim Langeveld	Christy Swartz
Ed Canada	Stephanie Langeveld	Faith Terenzi
Theresa Carter	Susie Langeveld	Beverly Welch
Sara Chapp	John Lysakowski	Eric Wiegand
Tim Clarke	Rick Lumetta	Eva Wiegand
Sr. Maureen Comer	Judy Mocerri	Kyle Wiegand
Niki Davies	Finley Monroe	Michelle Wiegand-LeFief
Jim Finn	Karen Monroe	Laura Wroza
Carole Fontana	Della Mulka	Mark Zapinski
Julie Gasowski	Murray Family	
Fran Genovich	Shirley Patton	
Celeste Herman	Judy Polakowski	
Barb Heydens	Chuck Pollum	
Don Heydens Jr.	Mary Quain	
Jerry Higgins	Paul Rybicki	
Elmer Holz	Fr. Roman Pasieczny	



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 June is John Gasowski. John and his wife Lee reside on Loni Drive in Sterling Heights for the past 30 Years.

John and Lee will be married for 31 years in November. They belong to St. Lawrence Parish where John is an usher and a vacation bible school volunteer.

John has been retired for one year and last worked as an Ace Hardware handy man.

John joined St Lawrence Knights Of Columbus on October 9, 2014 and is currently our Outside Guard. He also volunteers at all of our Council events.

In his spare time he enjoys fishing, golfing, camping and gardening.

Congratulations on being chosen Knight of the Month for June by your Brother Knights.



The Family of the Month for June is Dan and Kris Weingartz. Dan and his wife Kris currently reside in Shelby Township for 17 years.

Dan and Kris have been married for 28 years and have four children, Peyton 24, Abby 22, Will 21 and Adam 19. They are expecting their first grandchild in January.

Dan and Chris belong to St. Lawrence Parish where they are co-chairs of the Apple Fest Raffle. Dan is also a lector and Kris cooks for the funeral lunches.

Dan has worked in the family business for 40 years and Kris is a homemaker.

Dan joined St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in November 2013 and is currently the co-chair of our membership committee and co-chair of the MI Drive.

In their spare time the enjoy hosting family and friends, playing cards, cooking and golfing.

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



Come and Enjoy an All You Can Eat Breakfast!!

Sunday June 7, 2026

8:30am - 12:00pm

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

Adults: \$10:00 / Children 12 and under \$5.00

Sponsored By: St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus



As of April 30 there are **31** members that have not paid their membership dues for 2026.

Total Paying Members 250

Paid Members 219

Unpaid Members 31

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



Our Council elections were held on May 14, 2026 Listed below are the results of the election:

Scott Morgan - Treasurer
Don Heydens - 3 Year Trustee

The Council would like to extend their appreciation to Don Heydens who is stepping down as the Treasurer of our Council after 26 years of service.



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.



Save the Date!!

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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