



St. Lawrence Council Knight Life



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Grand Knights Report

Brothers,

April was MI Drive month, and our Council was top notch once again! I would like to start by thanking our chairmen for this year's effort; Paul Burmeister, Joe Manuszak, Joe Lograsso, and Dan Weingartz. Paul started things off with our annual MI Drive letter campaign and had a tremendous response. In February and March Joe Manuszak attended city council meetings in Utica, Shelby Twp and Sterling Heights to gain permission and secure street locations for the drive. Joe Lograsso and Dan Weingartz lined up the HQ location at the St. Lawrence Cafeteria to be sure things ran smoothly.

Some special thanks to our money counters this year, Kris Weingartz, Laura Lograsso, Debby Wiegand, Art Stockwell and Harry Kuk who worked all weekend to count the money as workers came in for a break off the streets. Ed Brate worked tirelessly to keep our troops fueled up with breakfast, lunch and dinner delights all weekend. A super job by our support team - Thank you!

Finally we could have not pulled it all off without you brothers! Whether you made a donation, spent time on the street, stood out after a Mass, or helped to move tootsie rolls from the gym storage to the cafeteria - thank you. Your strong efforts once again went towards the worthy cause of helping the mentally impaired. It takes a group effort to make a drive like this happen, so thank you!

A few stats from the drive:

- We had 26 people stand out on the street over the 3 day weekend (April 10-12)
- 2 workers helped all 3 days on the street
- 5 workers helped 2 days on the street
- 19 workers helped 1 day on the street
- The average amount collected across all 26 workers was \$529, so if you stood out for 1 hour, did a morning or afternoon shift, or did multiple days, it all adds up and counts - Thank you!

Finally, the money collected, going for a good cause:

- Our letter campaign brought in \$24,247.00 That's \$2,000 over last year
- Friday Street total \$1,695.47
- Saturday Street/Mass total \$7,372.61
- Sunday Street/Mass total \$6,813.34

GRAND TOTAL \$40,128.42

Brothers, once again our Council did an amazing job and you should be proud of our collective effort. Thanks to you, the Council will once again be able to make some very meaningful donations to groups in our area who help the mentally impaired. Job well done!

In addition to the MI Drive, our Council also helped to support the annual MCREST program with St. Lawrence church the week after Easter. We had 7 Knights and spouses help serve dinner to about 50 women and children who are temporarily displaced and living at the MCREST shelter in Mt Clemens. Please pray for them as they work to find a permanent housing solution.

We held our monthly breakfast on Sunday April 19, I would like to thank all of the volunteers that worked to make this event a success.

Faternally,

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

May 4 St. Matthias 7:00 – 10:00PM

Knight Life

All articles that are requested to be in the June Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than May 28, 2026.

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

Editor: Paul Burmeister

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April 2026 Council Membership Summary

Associate Members: 223
Insurance Members: 115 - Inactive Members: 14
Total Members: 352
Included In Total:
Honorary Members: 14
Honorary Life Members: 87
Council Status: In Good Standing

May Crowning



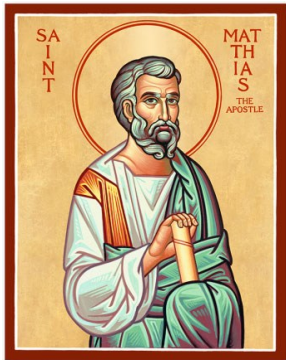
The Meaning of May Crowning

While Mary the Mother of God is revered and celebrated all year long, May is a special month to celebrate the “Queen of Heaven.” May has been Mary’s month since the medieval period, when May was considered the end of winter and the start of a new season of growth. It’s a time for new beginnings and the chance to begin with gratitude and devotion.

There are many reasons she is considered the “Queen of Heaven.” She was a perfect follower of Christ, and so is considered the crown of creation. She is also the Mother of the Son of God, Jesus, who is the King of Israel and the universe. And of course, she is the most important woman of our faith, and our spiritual mother. It’s our hope and prayer that this May, you’ll celebrate May Crowning in your own parish or home, and have a special encounter with Christ through the Virgin Mary.

May Feast Days

May 14 - Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle



O Glorious St. Matthias, in God's design it fell upon you to take the place of the unfortunate Judas who betrayed his Master. You were selected by the twofold sign of the uprightness of your life and the call of the Holy Spirit. Obtain for us the grace to practice the same uprightness of life and to be called by that same Spirit to wholehearted service of the Church. Then, after a life of zeal and good works, let us be ushered into your company in heaven to sing forever the praises of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

May 17 - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

O God, whose Son today ascended to the heavens as the Apostles looked on, grant, we pray, that, in accordance with his promise, we may be worthy for him to live with us always on earth, and we with him in heaven.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



May 25 - Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but, in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

May 31 - Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Glory be to the Father, Who by His almighty power and love created me, making me in the image and likeness of God.

Glory be to the Son, Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell, and opened for me the gates of heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit, Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism, and continues to sanctify me by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.

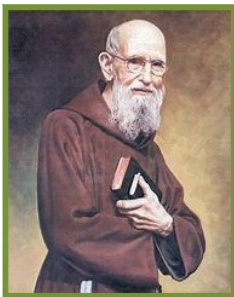
Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen





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

Peter Backus	Mark Holz	Fr. Roman Pasieczny
Kim Braet	Mike Hoste	Paulette Sawdon
Shawna Brenner	Ray Keller	Frank Singer
Kathleen Brevick	Mike Kelm	Iris Singer
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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."

HOW AI IS CHANGING

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The Knights of Columbus will host an AI conference in the Social Hall at St. Lawrence Church in Utica, MI, on Saturday June 6, 2026. The conference is designed for parents, guardians, and educators, and will explore how the Church provides guidance for understanding and navigating today's rapidly evolving world with confidence and clarity. Presentations by experts in technology, artificial intelligence, and mental health will be complemented by discussion, Q&A sessions, and opportunities to connect with others engaging in this new landscape.

The conference is free of charge and will run from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. A light breakfast will be available beginning at 8:30 AM. Please RSVP using the QR code below.





The Knight of the Month for May is Ed Braet. Ed and Kim reside on Golden Oakes Ln. in Shelby Township for the past 36 years.

Ed and Kim have been married for forty-six 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 Ed and Kim enjoy spending time with their family especially family dinners, traveling, swimming, fishing, golfing and working out at the gym.

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



The Family of the Month for May is Paul and Kelly Barbieri. Paul and Kelly reside on Dewulf Drive in Troy for the past 7 years.

Paul and Kelly have been married for 28 years and have 2 children Brock 22 and Dylan 20. The family belongs to St. Lawrence parish where they volunteer for the Apple Fest.

Paul joined St. Lawrence Council 2950 in February 2019 where he and Kelly help with the St. Pat's Party.

Paul currently works for Collins Aerospace for the last 4 years and Kelly works for Olympia Entertainment for 24 years.

In there spair time they enjoy attending sporting events, golfing, traveling and game / card nights.

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



Mother's Day Breakfast

Sunday May 10, 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



54th Annual M.I. “Tootsie Roll Drive”

We would like to thank everyone that donated to this year’s M.I. Drive and to all those that came out and helped set up, collected on the streets, collected money after the weekend Masses, those who counted money and a special thanks to Ed Braet who made sure there was plenty of food for everyone.

The total amount collected this year is \$40,128.00

Raffle Winners

1 st Prize	\$500.00 - Ray Campbell
2 nd Prize	\$250.00 - Kris Weingartz
3 rd Prize	\$200.00 - Gary Rice
4 th Prize	\$150.00 - Paul Schoenherr
5 th Prize	\$100.00 - Jim Adams

Fraternally,

The M.I Drive Chairmen

P. Burmeister, J. Lograsso, Joe Manuszak, D. Weingartz



Council Elections

Our Council elections will be held on May 14, 2026 during our general meeting. All members with a Third Degree status are eligible for all positions. We will have nominations followed by the election. if you are interested in a position, you can self-nominate yourself.



As of April 30 there are **40** members that have not paid their membership dues for 2026.

Total Paying Members	250
Paid Members	210
Unpaid Members	40

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



Volunteers Needed!!

(Minimum 10 People)

“Whatever you did for the least of these my brothers, you did for me.”
-Matthew 25:40

Saturday May 30, 2026
10:30am – 1:15pm

4390 Conner, Detroit.

We will arrange to carpool at STL Social Hall at 9:30am.
Please contact me with any questions or to reserve your spot.
Wear your Knights Shirt and comfortable shoes.

Peace

Jim DeMaestri
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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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