

From the Grand Knight

Happy Thanksgiving, Brother Knights!

I hope you and your families are looking forward to a blessed holiday season. We truly have so much to be thankful for as our Council continues to grow, thrive, and make a real difference in our community.

We had an incredible October, packed with great fellowship and successful events:

Men's Mass: We had a fantastic turnout with 56 men in attendance, raising over $300 to support our future priests through the Seminarian fund. A special thank you to Fr. Roman and Fr. Vincent for co-celebrating this beautiful Mass, and to everyone who stayed for the excellent social hour afterward.

Picnic Grounds Finale: We closed out the season with a wonderful afternoon of brotherhood. The smoked meats were incredible, the lunch was great, and we had a highly successful turnout for our raffles.

Supporting Our Youth: Your generosity allowed our Council to purchase 50 tickets for the St. Lawrence cheer teams to attend the annual CYO Prep Bowl at Ford Field. This amazing event brings together thousands of Catholic school students from across the Detroit area to celebrate fall sports awards and gives young athletes the unforgettable thrill of stepping onto the Detroit Lions' home field.

As we move into November, we have some exciting opportunities to get involved, have some fun, and give back:

Rivalry Football Squares: The big Michigan vs. Michigan State showdown is on Saturday, November 7th. If you haven't secured your square yet—or want to double down to increase your chances of winning—reach out to Joe Lograsso as soon as possible.

Poinsettia Sale & Coats for Kids: We are launching our annual Poinsettia sale after Masses at St. Lawrence on the weekends of November 14/15 and November 21/22. All proceeds fund our Coats for Kids Drive, providing warm coats, hats, and gloves to local elementary school children in need. You can place your orders with Paul Burmeister and Scott Morgan at our upcoming meetings or directly after Mass. Let's match or beat last year's impact!

Annual K of C Christmas Gathering: I know it's only early November, but please clear your calendar for our annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 6th at the St. Lawrence Social Hall. This year is a full, Council-wide family celebration, so bring your wives, kids, and grandkids let's celebrate the season together!

Thank you for your continued dedication, charity, and fraternity. I wish you all a joyful and healthy Thanksgiving.

Fraternally yours,

Mike Dixon
Grand Knight, Council #2950
Michael Dixon

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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)

Meeting Notice!!

Knights Corporation Meeting

The Knights Corporation meeting will be held on November 2 at St. Matthias 7:00pm.

Knight Life

All articles that are requested to be in the November Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than November 23, 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

October 2026 Council Membership Summary

Associate Members: 223

Insurance Members: 113 - Inactive Members: 13

Total Members: 349

Included In Total:

Honorary Members: 16

Honorary Life Members: 87

Council Status: In Good Standing

Thanksgiving Miracles:

During the Thanksgiving season, it's easy to get caught up in planning meals, shopping, cleaning, and hosting duties. But the true meaning of Thanksgiving is giving thanks for the simple things we have in life.

Some years, life's hardships can make it difficult to feel grateful. Loss of loved ones, health issues, financial troubles—these struggles are all too real. Yet even in the darkest of days, there are small miracles surrounding us if we open our eyes to see them.

A kind word from a stranger. The beauty of an autumn sunset Laugh with friends or family. a warm meal. Shelter from the cold. Each day, we are given another chance to start anew. Another opportunity to connect with others another moment to appreciate life's fleeting beauty.

This Thanksgiving, take a pause from the busyness. Reflect on the year gone by. Find the light that remains, however small it may be, and let gratitude fill your heart. Share your joy with others. Be the miracle someone else needs. There is always something to be thankful for. The miracle of life itself is reason enough.

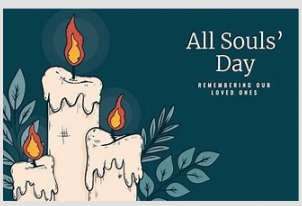
November Feast Days



Nov 1 - All Saints Day / Nov 2 - All Souls Day

Prayer for Both All Saints' and All Souls' Day

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the witness of the Saints who now rejoice in Your presence. Through their example, inspire us to live holy lives. We also commend to Your mercy all our departed brothers and sisters. Purify them of every fault and welcome them into the fullness of Your Kingdom. May we one day be united with all the Saints and the faithful departed in the glory of Heaven, praising You forever. Through Christ our Lord Amen.





Nov 21- Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

As we venerate the glorious memory of the most holy Virgin Mary,
grant, we pray, O Lord, through her intercession, that we, too, may merit to receive from the fullness of your grace. 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.

Nov 2- Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

King of mercy, King of light, rule our hearts both day and night. Guide our steps, our words, our ways, fill our lives with endless praise. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, until all bow before the Son.
Amen.





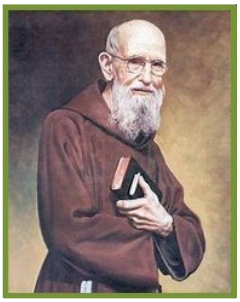
Nov. 30 Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle

O Glorious St. Andrew, you were the first to recognize and follow the Son of God. With your friend, St. John, you remained with Jesus, for your entire life, and now throughout eternity. Just as you led your brother, St Peter, to Christ and many others after him, draw us also to Him. Teach us how to lead them, solely out of love for Jesus and dedication to His service. Help us to learn the lesson of the Cross and carry our daily crosses without complaint, so that they may carry us to God the Almighty Father.
Amen.



Our prayers are required for the Brother Knights and Family

Roy Attard	Ken Grunewald	Della Mulka	Eva Wiegand
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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."

Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month for November is James Adams. Jim and his wife Suzanne live in Bruce Township. Jim works at Stellantis in Auburn, Hills.

Jim belongs to St. Lawrence Parish and is a Eucharistic and Liturgical Minister. He joined the Knights in 2015 and has been active as a member, he is currently the Men's Mass coordinator, Retention Committee chairman, Vocations chairman and is a member of the Fourth Degree Color Corp. He also held the position of Membership Director.

Jim enjoys automotive events like the recent American Speed Festival at M1 concourse, reading on religious, automotive and historical topics. and spending time at the St. Lawrence Adoration Chapel.

Congratulations Jim for being chosen the Knight of the Month for November by your Brother Knights.

Family of the Month



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

Ed and Kim have been married for forty-seven 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 co-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 November by your Brother Knights.



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

WARM THEIR FEET THIS CHRISTMAS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Helping Our Neighbors Stay Warm This Christmas Season



WHAT WE'RE COLLECTING

- New Packaged Athletic Socks
- Sizes: Newborn to Adult

WHERE YOUR DONATIONS GO

- Helping Local Shelters & Pregnancy Centers
- Distributed to Each Michigan Diocese
- Bringing Warmth & Hope to Those in Need

DECEMBER 4–5

During the Winter Leadership Meeting
Somerset Inn • Troy, Michigan

All collected items should be given to your Council's District Deputy to be brought to the Winter Meeting.

QUESTIONS?

Larry Herman
State Community Director
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Capuchin Retreat Center

Men's Day of Prayer & Reflection

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November 21, 2026
Saturday

Join us for this Day of Reflection on the theme, "Encountering God in the Parables. Knights from all districts are welcome, as well as men seeking to grow in their faith.

Presenters:

Br. Igor De Bliquy OFM Cap.
Br. Kennedy Njau OFM Cap.

Schedule:

8.30 AM: Registration & Breakfast
9:30 AM: Conference 1
10:30 AM: Break
11:00 AM: Conference 2
Noon: Lunch
1:00 PM: Fellowship
2:00 PM: Conference 3
3.00 PM: Confession & Adoration
4:00 PM: Mass (Families can join)
5:00 PM: Departure

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Deceased Members Mass November 12, 2026

St. Lawrence Council 2950 will be sponsoring a Mass for our deceased members on Thursday November 12, 2026 at St. Lawrence Church starting at 7:00pm.

Family and friends are invited, due to this event there will not be a general Council meeting.

Refreshments will be served in the social hall after mass.

Thank You!!

Brothers,

A huge thank you to everyone who came out this past Sunday to work our October Breakfast. Many hands made light work, even if you worked for a short time, it really made a difference - so Thank you!

Our next breakfast is in January. Please consider coming to help, even if its for a short period of time. It's a great event to build our brotherhood.

Fraternally,
Breakfast Co-Chairman,
Ed Braet, 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 Knights of Columbus



Next Poker Room Event!!

November 19 to November 22 - Thursday thru Sunday

We need your help with our last Texas Holdem event of the year.

Two shifts per day 11am - 2:30pm and 2:30pm - 6pm

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

Contact:
Don Heydens
586.419.3420

SVdP Volunteer Day

Saturday, December 5 - 9:00am – 12:00pm

Need approximately 10 volunteers to help with sorting items, cleaning, etc.

Wear your Knights shirt.

Meet at new location:
13455 Hall Road
Shelby Township, MI 48315

Confirm if you can make it.



Thanks!

Jim DeMaestri

Community Activities
586-817-4181
jim.demaestri@fluke.com

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.

St. Lawrence Council 2950

7th Annual Coats for Kids Poinsettia Sale







Small $15.00 **Medium $20.00** **Large $30.00**

Pre-Sales After All Masses

November 14-15 and November 21-22

Order on Line @www.uticakofc.com

Pick-up in the church social hall on Sat. December 5 & Sun. December 6 after all Masses

Contact:
Scott Morgan 586.201.5738
Paul Burmeister 586.713.7953

Proceeds Benefit



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.

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