



St. Lawrence Council

Knight Life



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Grand Knights Report

On August 4, 2024, our annual parish picnic was held at our picnic grounds with good weather and great friends. This picnic was the largest since I've been a Knight and there were over 350 people that attended the picnic. The food was great, especially the chicken and there was plenty of entertainment with bingo, cornhole, and adult functions. Many children were at the event and played in our playground. Special thanks go out to Jason Meyers and Doug Kuligowski for putting on the event and to Jim Adams for calling the bingo numbers. Thanks to all of the helpers who cooked and setup the event.

The MI Drive Picnic was a great success with fifteen various charities attending the picnic. These charities are the tip of the spear working with our more challenged brothers and sisters and are a true blessing to our community. Some of these representatives have worked decades in their various positions and continue to do God's work every day. This year we donated \$31,103.32 in various amounts to help with their missions.

Once again, Joe and Laura Lograsso held a Science Day at the picnic grounds with 45 young people attending the event. Thanks to the many Knights that attended the event helping with set up, cooking, teaching, and tear down. The event was well received by the youngsters with the highlight being the cola explosion at the end of the day. Thanks to all of the teachers who taught the children and a special thanks to SLEFI who funded the event.

Four of our Knights attended the Gasoline Alley Car Show in Utica on August 10th to supervise and control traffic in and around the car show. There were many beautiful cars and a nice sunny day to enjoy looking at them. The Lions Club provided free food to at least two of the brothers which was gratefully accepted. Thanks to all of our Knights that helped out with this program.

St. Lawrence Council sponsored twelve seminarians with checks of \$500.00 each for a total of \$6000.00 to help with their educational cost. This money is generated through the St. Lawrence Parish weekly mass collections for seminarians and from the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. We received many beautiful thank you notes from our seminarians and all of them were grateful for the help and are praying for us. The harvesters are few, but they are strong and such good men. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

The rehab house is finished and was put on the market on August 19th with hope for a quick sale. I want to thank Jim Bokshan for his leadership in rehabbing the house and all of the workers who participated in fixing the house. This was a great undertaking and many hours were dedicated to getting the work finished. A special thanks to Dave Schwartz who not only put in many hours, but was in charge when Jim couldn't be at the house. Jim will give the membership a report in the near future.

The Applefest is the weekend of September 6th, 7th, 8th and anyone who can help is encouraged to give some volunteer time to help out.

Blessings to all,

Dennis Murray, Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Day	Location
Apple Fest	9/6/24	Friday	St. Lawrence
Apple Fest	9/7/24	Saturday	St. Lawrence
Apple Fest	9/8/24	Sunday	St. Lawrence
General Meeting	9/12/24	Thursday	School Cafeteria
Knights Breakfast	9/15/24	Sunday	School Cafeteria
Knights Meeting - 4th Degree	9/18/24	Wednesday	MS Cafeteria
March for Life	9/22/24	Sunday	Social Hall
Officers Meeting	9/26/24	Thursday	School Cafeteria
Square Dance	9/28/24	Saturday	Picnic Grounds
General Meeting	10/10/24	Thursday	School Cafeteria
Knights Breakfast	10/13/24	Sunday	School Cafeteria
Knights Meeting - 4th Degree	10/16/24	Wednesday	MS Cafeteria
Appreciation Dinner	10/18/24	Friday	Social Hall
Officers Meeting	10/24/24	Thursday	Social Hall
Men's Mass and Fraternity	10/25/24	Friday	School Cafeteria



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 September 15, 2024

8:30am – 12:00pm



**St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Council #2950
Appreciation Dinner
October 18, 2024 – St. Lawrence Social Hall**

Brother Knights, it is time to celebrate our Council, our focus on helping the community and the many works of charity that occur throughout the year.

Please join us on Friday October 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. for dinner, refreshments, desserts and a great time with your Brother Knights and friends.

Please sign-up below no later than Tuesday October 15, 2024 so we can have a good head count. The cost of the evening is \$15 per person, \$25 per couple.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4BABA72BAAF58-51037904-council>



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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

Sep 3 Picnic Grounds 7:00 -10:00PM

Oct 3 St. Matthias 7:00 -10.00PM

Nov 4 St. Matthias 7:00 -10.00PM

Knight Life

All articles that are requested to be in the October Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than October 24, 2024. There is available space for any businesses that want to advertise in the Knight Life please contact the editor.

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Notification of Prospective Job at the Picnic Grounds

After almost 35 years of service as the picnic grounds manager, Dale Niedzwiecki is stepping down from that position effective October 1, 2024. We were informed of his decision on August 5th and are now looking for a new manager to take his position.

This is a paid position working for the Knight's Corporation. Salary will be discussed at the interview. If anyone is interested in applying for the position, please contact Al Mulka at 313-580-3985.

- Promoting/showing the picnic grounds to prospective renters, and capturing rentals.
- Issuing and enforcing contracts to various renters.
- Reporting out monthly at the Knights Corporation meetings on status of rentals, rental inquiries, proposed updates to the picnic grounds and associated maintenance.
- Required banking, collection of monies for the rental, monitoring the phone, going to appointments, communications with renters, and issuing checks.
- Maintenance of the picnic grounds including coordination of grass cutting, cleaning, various maintenance projects, purchasing needed materials for upkeep of the venue and checking the picnic grounds after the rental is complete to ensure no damage occurred.
- Ensuring all renters adhere to Catholic values when renting the premises.
- The manager will be on call for all emergencies during events held at the picnic grounds

All prospective applicants must contact Al Mulka to express interest in becoming the picnic grounds manager by October 25, 2024 to be considered.

September Feast Days

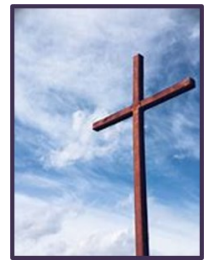


September 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

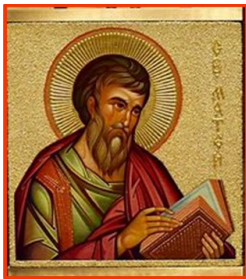
“O **Blessed Virgin Mary**, the Holy Spirit made you sinless and pure so that you can bring forth Jesus, the Son of God, to the world. I humbly **pray** today that the feast of your birth may cause great joy in my soul and that I may forever remain faithful to your Son, Jesus. Amen. Dearest Mother, please **pray** for me and for these intentions...”

September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Jesus, your love for your Father brought you to the cross. We are gathered before this magnificent symbol of our faith to recall the events of Calvary and to thank you for your great sacrifice.



Your cross is our life. Your death brought us salvation. As we ponder on the meaning of your death, we ask you to send us the Holy Spirit that we may be able to accept the truth that without sacrifice, we can never be your disciples.



September 21 - St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist

O Glorious St. Matthew through the grace of God Our Father you gave us the Holy Gospel, which brings us joy and life. Inspired by your example, I ask for your assistance in all my needs. Help me to follow Christ and remain faithful to His service.

Amen.

September 29 - Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Heavenly King, You have given us archangels to assist us during our pilgrimage on earth. Saint Michael is our protector; I ask him to come to my aid, fight for all my loved ones, and protect us from danger. Saint Gabriel is a messenger of the Good News; I ask him to help me clearly hear Your voice and to teach me the truth. Saint Raphael is the healing angel; I ask him to take my need for healing and that of everyone I know, lift it up to Your throne of grace and deliver us back to the gift of recovery. Help us, O Lord, to realize more fully the reality of archangels and their desire to serve us. Holy angels, pray for us.



Amen.



Michiganders Who May Achieve Sainthood

Blessed Solanus Casey - Fr. Gabriel Richard - Servant of God Fr. Walter Cizek, SJ
Servant of God Fr. John Hardon, SJ - Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga

(Third of a five part series)

Servant of God Fr. Walter Cizek, SJ

Fr. Walter Cizek, SJ, was born in a Polish-American family in Shenandoah, Pa., in 1904. Aspiring to the priesthood at a young age, he left Pennsylvania for Orchard Lake to study at the Polish Seminary. Three years from ordination, Cizek felt a call to join the Society of Jesus and left for the Jesuit provincial in the Bronx, before proceeding to the Jesuit novitiate in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., on Sept. 7, 1928.

With the rise of the Soviet Union and the Bolshevik persecution of the clergy, Pope Pius XI called upon young clergy and seminarians to go to Russia as missionaries. Fr. Cizek smuggled himself throughout the USSR to preach the Gospel in secret, before the secret police arrested him and sent him to the Lubianka gulag in Siberia.

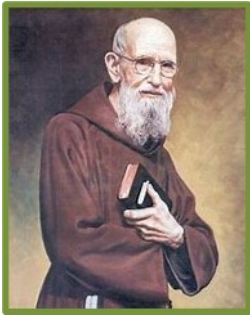
Fr. Cizek's trials in the gulag are chronicled in his autobiography, *With God in Russia*, which describes the trials and tribulations Fr. Cizek experienced at the hands of his Soviet captors.

On Oct. 12, 1963, Fr. Cizek was brought to Moscow and placed in the care of the American consulate, which traded a captured Soviet spy for his release.

Upon his death on Dec. 8, 1984, petitions were made to declare his holiness. The Ruthenian-Catholic Eparchy of Passaic submitted his cause with the help of the Fr. Walter Cizek Prayer League, before the Roman Catholic Diocese of Allentown, Pa., where Shenandoah is located, took over his cause along with the Jesuits.

John Dejak, president of Fr. Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor and co-editor of *With God in America*, a collection of Fr. Cizek's writings published after his death, said Fr. Cizek's cause is currently being considered in Rome.

"The diocese sent to Rome a document declaring Fr. Cizek's heroic virtue," Dejak said. "I think he is a model for every Catholic and is uniquely suited to this age. With a whole bunch of struggles in both the secular world and the Church, he was first and foremost a model of faith."



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."

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

Debra Campbell	Diane Kopicki	Noelle Pruse
Ed Campbell	Larry Kierzek	Mary Quain
Nikki Davies	Ken Kraniak	Paul Rybicki
Jim DeMaestri	Jim Langeveld	Paulette Sawdon
Marg DeMaestri	Stephanie Langeveld	Carol Sienkowski
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Mike Hoste	Dave Parker	Richard Wisniewski
Donna Ignagni	Sharon Pizz	Cindy Zapinski
Ray Keller	Chuck Pollum	

Knight of the Month



The Knight of the month for September is Steve McKay. He and his wife Adele have been married for 43 years and currently reside on Utica Road in Sterling Heights.

Steve belongs to St. Lawrence Parish and has worked with the electrical set-up, support and teardown for the Applefest for 23 years.

Steve joined St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in April 2019 and has been donating his time and talent with electrical projects at the picnic grounds.

He retired from Chrysler in after 36 ½ years with the company and is still self employed with SCM Electric Inc. for 41 years.

In his spare time Steve enjoys spending time with his family and friends at Higgins Lake boating and exploring the surrounding area, bowling and visiting with family and life long friends. He also likes to enjoy the Holidays with his family, working on his older vehicles and riding golf carts with his grandchildren.

“Stopping to smell the roses a long the way like my dad told me to do. Enjoying life and all of the great things it has to offer.

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

Family of the Month

The Family of the Month for September is Jason, Ken, and Kathy Meyers. This devoted family splits their time between Shelby Township and Fort Myers, Florida, embodying a life of faith, service, and commitment.



Jason Meyers has been a member of St. Lawrence Parish for many years and has been with the St. Lawrence Council 2950 since 2008. Over the years, he has held significant roles such as Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, and District Deputy. Jason is also a 4th Degree Sir Knight with St. John Neumann Assembly 478. Professionally, he has worked for nearly 30 years at Stanley Engineered Fastening and is currently a Team Leader for Design Engineering. In his spare time, Jason enjoys brewing cider and sake, growing mushrooms, and barbecuing, showcasing his dedication to a variety of creative and engaging hobbies. His commitment to his parish is reflected in his leadership role in chairing the parish picnic for several years.

Ken Meyers has been a Knight since 1983 and retired from General Motors in 2007. Now residing in Fort Myers, Florida, Ken is an active member of St. John XXIII Catholic Church and St. John XXIII Council 13624. He is also involved in establishing a new assembly at his church and is a member of the 4th Degree Color Corps. Ken's hobbies include painting and reading, pursuits that reflect his contemplative and creative spirit. This year, Ken and Kathy celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary, a testament to their enduring partnership and shared devotion to faith.

Kathy Meyers is a retired teacher who has dedicated her time to nurturing her family and community. Her enthusiasm for gardening is matched by her love for cooking, where she often crafts delightful meals that bring joy to her loved ones. Kathy's passion for Yahtzee and her eagerness to play the game with family and friends further highlight her warm and engaging personality. Her dedication to these activities adds a vibrant and supportive dimension to the Meyers family, making her an essential part of their shared journey.

The Meyers family embraces a “snowbird” lifestyle, dividing their time between Florida and Michigan. This lifestyle allows them to remain actively involved in both communities - volunteering at food drives and fish fries in Florida, and supporting local events and fundraisers in Michigan. Their commitment to service and community underscores their deep-rooted values and unwavering faith.

Congratulations to Jason, Ken, and Kathy Meyers for being chosen as Family of the Month for September by your Brother Knights.



“Family Picnic and M/I Drive Check Presentation”

We would like to thank everyone that participated in our annual “Family Picnic and M/I Drive Check Presentation”. On August 8, fifteen organizations from the area were in attendance and were the recipients of checks totaling \$31,103.32. Thanks to everyone that helped with the set-up, cooking and to those that brought a dish to pass.

Fraternally,
M/I Drive Chairmen



“Inspired by St Francis of Assisi. In Detroit since 1883 we live and work with those who are in need of help ... the poor, the disenfranchised, the needy. We serve God through the work we do...in the communities we serve”

Saturday September 21 10:30am – 1:15pm. 8-10 volunteers needed.
4390 Conner, Detroit. We will arrange to carpool from STL at 9:30am. Please contact me with any questions or to reserve your spot.

Peace

Jim DeMaestri
Community Activities
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Realities on Parenting Children with Special Needs

Our St. Lawrence Council repeatedly leads the way in the state of Michigan for raising funds to help people with special needs. As individuals, we are involved directly and indirectly in programs that support people with impairments. We are all made in His image and this fundamental aspect of our faith translates into more than just showing respect but to showing inclusion as often as possible.

The following short excerpt is from Instagram video and is part of a series of posts from a mom with a thirteen-year-old son with autism. She provides regular updates on the joys and challenges she experiences. This excerpt emphasizes the difficulties that her son experiences in receiving the basic dignity that he deserves. This hits home for us as we know as Catholics that to stand for our faith and stand for those people in need takes courage and can lead us into territories that are uncomfortable but nonetheless are so worth the efforts that we take on.

Here's the link: <https://youtu.be/vDQlu8yOo7Q>

Next Poker Room Events

September 19-22, 2024 & October 17-20, 2024
6:30PM until 2:00AM Thursday through Sunday



One Eyed Jacks
Charity Poker Room
48922 Van Dyke
Shelby Township, MI 48317

Contact Don Heydens at dheydens@gmail.com.
or call 586-419-3420 to help work these events.

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



September 1, 2024 Council Membership Summary

Associate Members :	233
Insurance Members:	124
Inactive Members:	17
Honorary Members:	16
Honorary Life Members:	84
Total Members:	374

Council Status: In Good Standing

2024 Science Day a Success

Thanks to all the Brothers that came out to help for the set-up, teaching, cooking and clean-up on August 9, 2024. There were 45 children attendees with their parents and grandparents who learned about Life Sciences – many who are Brother Knights. Thank you for attending.

Thank you to our own scientists and engineers that prepared and performed experiments for the children: Jim and Suzie Adams, Brandon LaPrise, Laura Lograsso, Katherine Lucas and Cathy Tuzinsky. We also had experiment support from Julie Duda and Patricia Perrell – thank you! Thanks to Chris and Amanda Boyer for help in retuning the pavilion into the preferred set-up.

This year we had a new addition with therapy dogs from the Fur Angels group, coordinated by Amy Mocerri. We look forward to this annual event in 2025.



[Link to Video](#)

St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus
Presents

Fun Square Dance for beginners



Do-si-do for St. Leo

Knights Park & Pavilion

11541 21 Mile Rd. Shelby Twp, MI 48317
Between VanDyke and M-53

Saturday, September 28th, 2024

\$30 per person
(\$35 at gate)

All Adults Welcome
Casual Dress

Benefiting



ST. LEO'S SOUP KITCHEN



Malta Free
Dental Clinic

Included with ticket:

Pulled Pork Sandwiches · Hot Dogs · Salad · Baked Beans
Desserts · Beverages: Beer · Wine · Coffee · Water

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after all Sunday Masses during July, August & September
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