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Grand Knights Report

Brothers,

August was another busy month for our Council. We hosted the St. Lawrence Parish Picnic at the grounds. Thanks to Jason Meyers for heading up that event. Also thanks to all the Knights who came out to help with the pub tent, bingo, games, cooking and general clean up. There were about 300 people again this year at the picnic and outdoor Mass. It was great to see all the families from the parish enjoying the afternoon. Get ready for next year - it's going to be good.

We held our annual MI Drive Picnic this August as well. Thanks to Paul Buermeister for setting up the event. We had about 70 people attend the picnic. As we called each organization up to receive their check, we asked if they could share with the group what their organization does to help the mentally impaired. This is a great annual event for our Council.

As we look forward to September we have the St. Lawrence Apple Fest coming September 11-13. When you go to the festival, consider wearing your Knights shirt. I'll be working the pub on Friday night, stop by and say hi. Also, Joe Lograsso is chairing the tent clean up during the weekend, if you have some extra time consider helping to keep the festival clean and tidy.

Our first Council breakfast is coming up September 20, see Ed Brate if you're interested in helping. Finally, our Men's outdoor Mass and social at the picnic grounds is scheduled for Thursday, Oct 8th at 6:00pm, mark your calendar and bring a friend.

Look forward to seeing everyone this month

Thanks,

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)

Meeting Notice!!

Knights Corporation Meeting

The Knights Corporation meeting will be held on
September 8, 2025
at the picnic grounds starting at 7:00pm.

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 September 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

Email: pburmeister16@gmail.com

August 2026 Council Membership Summary

Associate Members: 223

Insurance Members: 114 - Inactive Members: 13

Total Members: 350

Included In Total:

Honorary Members: 16

Honorary Life Members: 87

Council Status: In Good Standing

September Feast Days

September 8 - Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Heavenly Father,
We rejoice in the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, through whom You gave the world its Savior. Grant that we may follow her example of faith and purity, and come to share in the joy of eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

September 14 - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

On 13 September 335, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (also called the Church of the Resurrection) was dedicated. The following day, the cross that Empress Helena had discovered on 14 September 320, was venerated in a solemn ceremony. In 614, the Persian King, Chosroes II, waged war on the Romans. After conquering Jerusalem, he confiscated many treasures, among which was the Cross of Jesus. The Byzantine emperor Heraclius initiated peace negotiations, but was rejected. He then waged war and won near Nineveh, asking for the restitution of the Cross, which then returned to Jerusalem. Today, the cruelty of the Cross is not what is exalted, but the Love that God manifested to humanity by accepting death on the Cross: "Who, though in the form of God, emptied himself, taking the form of a slave. This is the glory of the Cross of Jesus!" (Pope Francis)



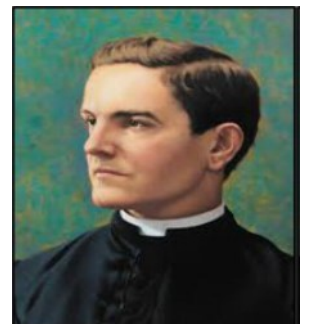
September 21 - Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle



O Glorious St. Matthew, in your Gospel you portray Jesus as the longed-for Messiah who fulfilled the Prophets of the Old Covenant and as the Lawgiver who founded a Church of the New Covenant. Obtain for us the grace to see Jesus living in His Church and to follow His teachings in our lives on earth so that we may live forever with Him in heaven. Amen

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.



September 29 - Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael



St. Michael

Michael the Archangel is a warrior of God and leader of the heavenly hosts revered in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. His name means “Who is like God?” and he is portrayed as the protector of God's people, the chief prince in Daniel, the archangel contending with Satan in Jude, and the commander who defeats the dragon in Revelation. Venerated as a saint in many Christian traditions, he symbolizes divine justice, humility, and courage in spiritual warfare, guarding the Church and guiding souls at death.

Prayer to St. Michael: "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."

St Gabriel

Gabriel appears regularly in Scripture as a messenger of God's word, both in the Old and New Testaments. Daniel identifies Gabriel as a “man” who came “to give [him] insight and understanding,” relaying prophetic answers to Daniel's entreaties to God.

The St. Gabriel Prayer: O Blessed Archangel Gabriel, we beseech thee, do thou intercede for us at the throne of divine mercy in our present necessities, that as thou didst announce to Mary the mystery of the Incarnation, so through thy prayers and patronage in heaven we may obtain the benefits of the same, and sing the praise of God forever in the land of the living. Amen.



St. Raphael

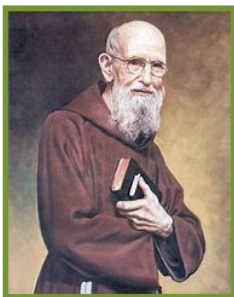
Lesser-known among the three great archangels, Raphael's mission from God “is not obvious to the casual reader” of the Bible, Aquilina said. Yet his story, depicted in the Book of Tobit, is “something unique in the whole Bible.” In other depictions of angels, they come to Earth only briefly, to deliver a message or to help God's favored people in some way.

Prayer to St. Raphael: St. Raphael, of the glorious seven who stand before the throne of him who lives and reigns, angel of health, the Lord has filled your hand with balm from heaven to soothe or cure our pains. Heal or cure the victim of disease. And guide our steps when doubtful of our ways. Amen.



Our prayers are required for the Brother Knights and Family

Peter Backus	Barb Heydens	Rick Lumetta	Christy Schwartz
Tom Barg	Don Heydens Jr.	Judy Mocer	Faith Terenzi
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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."

A NOTE OF



“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 13, thirteen organizations from the area were in attendance and were the recipients of checks totaling \$30,446.39. Thanks to everyone that helped with the set-up, cooking and to those that brought a dish to pass.

Fraternally,
M/I Drive Chairmen



As of July 30 there are **22** members that have not paid their membership dues for 2026.

Total Paying Members	250
Paid Members	228
Unpaid Members	22

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



Knight of the Month

The Knight of the month for September is Dennis Murray. Dennis and his wife Donna have been married for 59 years and reside on Ashford Ct. in Shelby Township.

Dennis has been member of St. Lawrence Parish for 29 years.

He retired from General Motors after 34 years as a process engineer.

In his spare time Dennis enjoys reading, going to movies with his children and grandchildren, working out at Retrofit Fitness and having dinners together with his family.

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



Family of the Month

The Family of the month for September is Phil and Denise Kupser. Phil and Denise reside on Abraham Drive in Washington Township for the past 11 Years.

Phil and Denise have been Married for 53 years and belong to St. Lawrence Parish where Phil is an Usher. They have two daughters Marcy and Nicole and three grandchildren Parker, Landon and Morgan.

Phil is retired from Ford Motor Company.

Phil joined the Knights in 1979 and has 46 years of continued service with the order and is currently holds the position of Guard with our Council.

In their spare time they like helping wherever needed with the Church and Council, playing cards and activities with the grandkids sports.

Congratulations Phil and Denise on being chosen Family of the Month by St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus for the month of September.



Come and Enjoy an All You Can Eat Breakfast!!

September 20, 2026

Sunday September 20, 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

Save the Date!!

Next Poker Room Event

October 11, 2026 to October 14, 2026

6:30PM - 2:00AM Sunday through Wednesday

Paradise Banquet & Restaurant
13461 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48315



Contact:

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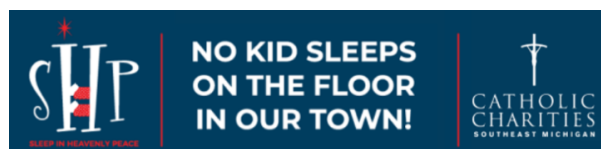
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Volunteers Needed!!

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build Event

Saturday October 10, 2026, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

Where: Center for the Works of Mercy
10301 Woodward Ave.
Detroit MI 48202



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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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