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From the Lounge:

On May 6th at 4:30pm we will have a Rib Dinner down in the lounge. The cost will be \$13 per person. Pre-Sale tickets only!

If you have a specialty and would like to share it, please let us know and we can arrange to have a dinner and so you can show it off. We love new and creative ideas! We would like to thank everyone that has volunteered and hosted a dinner in the lounge. These types of events are starting to bring in people we haven't seen in a while. Hopefully they see what we are doing and come back.

We are still in need of volunteers to help bartend; Some of our long time volunteers are starting to get burned out. Our goal is to have enough volunteers so each of us only has to work 4 hours every two weeks. Please stop down and talk to Steve and/or Fox if you are interested in helping.



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From Our Grand Knight

Greetings Brother Knights,

Spring is upon us, but we should consider ourselves fortunate for the mild winter we have had, except for the mid March winter blast we had a couple weeks ago.

A lot has been happening down at Council #1266 since our last publication. On February 4th we hosted our first ever Desert Meal. The Desert Meal was a fund raising event for the seminarians of Sacred Heart Major Seminary (SHMS). With the short notice and quick planning by the committee, we were able to raise \$5300 for SHMS and \$500 for this years Novitiate at the IHM Monroe. During the Desert Meal, we had two seminarians give a short presentation on what the Desert Experience would mean to them and how it has effected the lives of their piers. On March 3rd, three officers from the council went to SHMS to take a tour and present them with the money we raised. They were forever grateful and could not thank us enough. For myself, that made all the hard work worth wild. At our February business meeting, it was voted on and passed to have another Desert Meal next year. We are currently raising money for the "Casey the Bear" program. For those who are not familiar with this program, it is a program that lets us provide Teddy Bears to our local emergency responders. This will allow the first responders to be able to hand out the bears to children in emergency situations. We have 50/50 tickets still available until the April 14th drawing. Please stop down and help support the cause. The tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.

On March 18th we had three 1st degree members and one new member attend the major degree ceremony who all left with their full Knighthood status (3rd degree). I would like to congratulate all the members that participated in the major degree ceremonies.

With the most recent storm that left so many of us without power, it also left St. Charles Borromeo of Newport in the dark. So with their school auction to take place on Saturday March 11th and DTE telling them that power will not be restored until Sunday March 12th, they reached out to us for our help. So after numerous phone calls we decided that we could help. Luckily the hall was not rented and they were able to have a very successful fund raiser at our hall. I have to wonder if St. Charles would have reached out to us a year ago and asked for our help? I think as we are getting reengaged with all the churches, we are truly making people think about the Knights of Columbus once again. There are so many people that have had a hand in making this happen. We hope to continue to reacquaint ourselves to the churches and to the community but we need everyone to help spread the word.

Respectfully,
Shawn Piedmonte
Grand Knight



Council #1266 Knights of Columbus Goodfellows

To all members especially Past Grand Knights the upcoming April 26th quarterly meeting of the Council Goodfellows has been designated to update our clubs by-laws. Our by-laws were briefly reviewed and discussed at our last meeting. All present agreed these need to be updated as the club has expanded from the once a year Christmas Dinner service to now serving our counties needy year around. We ask all that are interest please attend. The meeting will start at 6:00PM.



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**MICHIGAN 2015
ABORTION STATISTICS**

OVERVIEW

27,151
abortions reported in Michigan in 2015. Down 1.7% from 2014, and down 44.7% overall from 1987.

FREQUENCY

50.1%
were repeat abortions.

LATE TERM

461
abortions were performed after 20 weeks of gestation.

DEMOGRAPHICS

49.7%
Black
44.1%
White
6.2%
Other

MINORS

3%
of abortions were performed on minors in 2015, compared to 10.6% in 1990.



Brother Knights & Families

Adjacent are some of the recent statistics regarding abortions occurring in the State of Michigan. (1987-2015)

Assembly #488 has agreed to pledge \$500.00 in support of the K of C State of Michigan project to purchase ultrasound machines that will be placed at clinics that counsel expectant mothers to choose life over abortion. It has been shown that the machines significantly help with making right to life choice.

The machines are extremely costly (\$ 40,000.00 to \$ 60,000.00 each) Our Supreme Council has pledged to match the funds raised by the state to purchase machines. Each Council and assembly has been asked to begin fund raising this year so as many machines as possible can be purchased.

If you would like to join our Council in helping PLEASE send a tax deductible check in any amount payable to: K of C Council #1266 - Place K of C Ultrasound in your check memo line.

Building Association News :



Dear Brother Knights I pray everyone has survived another Michigan winter in good health. Since the first day of spring was just a couple of days ago I am looking forward to summer and a little golf. All is well with our building. We have completed a few projects during the first quarter - new stainless steel backsplash on the kitchen wall at the dishwasher (thanks Terry, Jerry, and Gene, new flags installed on the roof, the hall floors have been stripped and waxed (looks great thanks to Sharon and Leo), display case in lounge has new lights and the council pictures and plaques on the walls in the lounge have been updated (thanks to Shawn and Mark). Please join us sometime and volunteer your time, talents and suggestions to better our council. Contact myself or one of the officers with any ideas you may have. Finally, as I have reported in the past we have T-Shirts and Sweatshirts with the K of C logo for sale as well as old table and chairs at a discount. Thanks to all who have helped keep the Building Association active and working to improve our council. Please consider the K of C Building Association in your will.

**Building Association President,
Dave Vanacker**

Raisin River Assembly 0488 Fourth Degree

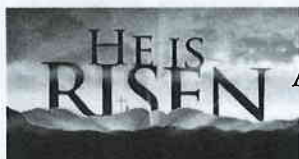


I know that everyone is busy in this day and age but if you think about it and with a little effort you can help strengthen the Knights of Columbus and your assembly. You might even have a good time and be able to make it a family event. If you only do one activity a year or recruit one member a year you can answer yes I have helped out my Brother Knights and my parish. I am sure you didn't join the Knights just to pay dues. Remember the pillars of the Knights, Charity, Fraternity, Unity, and Patriotism. Take a moment and think how you can help find some time to be an active part of the largest Catholic Men's Group in the world. Besides it will make you feel good after you have helped out at whatever activity your have been part of.

Our Fraternal year runs from July 1 to June 30, we have 4 months left, as you look back to see how you contributed so far this year and if you are not happy with the result, consider some upcoming opportunities. Councils have the Mentally Impaired Drive this Palm Sunday weekend, there are many Corporate communion dates to attend Mass, even attending Degree ceremonies so you can meet new members and encourage them to continue on the Patriotic degree. Then, on June 30, you will look reflect on the past fraternal year with some satisfaction and an eagerness to begin the New Year.

**William Alati
Faithful Navigator**

Council #1266 Calendar



April 2017

- 2 Corporate Communion at St. Charles..... 10:30 AM
- 4 Council Bingo.....5:45 PM
- 5 Ladies Meeting.....7:00 PM
- 6 No Soup & Sandwich
St. Mike Men's Club Meeting in Lounge.....7:00 PM
- 7 Fish Fry #6.....4:30PM
- 9 Palm Sunday.....All Day
- 11 Council Bingo.....5:45 PM
- 12 Blood Drive in Hall #1.....1:00 PM
Council Business Meeting &.....7:00 PM
Council 1st Nomination of officers.....7:00 PM
Building Association Meeting &.....8:00 PM
1st Nominations of Officers.....8:00 PM
- 13 No Soup & Sandwich
- 14 Good Friday last fish fry #7.....4:30 PM
- 16 Easter Sunday.....All Day
- 18 Council Bingo doors open.....5:45 PM
- 19 4th Degree Meeting & 1st Nominations.....7:00 PM
- 20 Sharon's Soup & Sandwich.....11:30 AM
- 25 Council Bingo doors open.....5:45 PM
- 26 Council Social in the Lounge.....6:00 PM
- 26 Goodfellow Meeting.....6:00 PM
- 27 Sharon's Soup & Sandwich.....11:30 AM



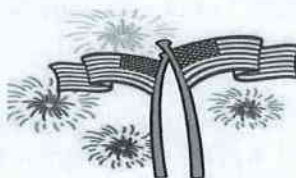
May 2017

- 2 Council Bingo.....5:45 PM
- 3 Ladies Meeting.....7:00 PM
- 4 Sharon's Soup & Sandwich.....11:30 AM
- 6 Ladies Rummage Sale.....9:00 AM
BBQ rib dinner in Lounge.....4:30 PM
- 8 Victory in Europe (1945) VE Day.....All Day
- 9 Council Bingo.....5:45 PM
- 10 Council Business Meeting.....7:00 PM
Council 2nd Nomination of Officers.....7:00 PM
Building Association Meeting &.....8:00 PM
2nd Nominations of officers.....8:00 PM
- 11 Sharon's Soup & Sandwich.....11:30 AM
- 14 Mother's Day.....All Day
- 16 Council Bingo.....5:45 PM
- 17 Fourth Degree Meeting & Nominations.....7:00 PM
- 18 Sharon's Soup & Sandwich.....11:30 AM
- 23 Council Bingo.....5:45 PM
- 24 Council Social in the Lounge.....6:00 PM
- 25 Sharon's Soup & Sandwich.....11:30 AM
Michigan State Convention Mac. Island
- 26 Michigan State Convention Mac. Island
- 27 Michigan State Convention Mac. Island



June 2017

- 1 Sharon's Soup & Sandwich.....11:30 AM
- 6 Council Bingo.....5:45 PM
- 7 Ladies Meeting.....7:00 PM
- 8 Sharon's Soup & Sandwich.....11:30 AM
- 13 Council Bingo.....5:45 PM
- 14 Council Meeting & election of Officers.....7:00 PM
Building Assoc. Meeting & Election.....8:00 PM
- 15 Sharon's Soup & Sandwich.....11:30 AM
- 18 Father's Day.....All Day
- 20 Council Bingo.....5:45 PM
- 21 Summer Begins.....TBD
Red Cross Blood Drive.....1:00 PM
4th Degree Meeting & Election.....7:00 PM
- 22 Sharon's Soup & Sandwich.....11:30 AM
- 27 Council Bingo.....5:45 PM
- 28 Council Social in the Lounge.....6:00 PM
- 29 Sharon's Soup & Sandwich.....11:30 AM



July 2017

- 4 Independence Day 4TH of July.....ALL DAY
- 5 Ladies Meeting.....No Meeting
- 6 Sharon's Soup & Sandwich.....11:30 AM
- 11 Council Bingo.....5:45 PM
- 12 Council Business Meeting (new officers).....7:00 PM
Building Association Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 13 Sharon's Soup & Sandwich.....11:30 AM
- 14 Toledo Mud Hens Ball Game.....7:00 PM
- 15 Corporate Communion at St. Michael.....5:00 PM
- 18 Council Bingo.....5:45 PM
- 19 4th Degree Meeting (new officers).....7:00 PM
- 20 Sharon's Soup & Sandwich.....11:30 AM
- 25 Council Bingo.....5:45 PM
- 26 Council Social in the Lounge.....6:00 PM
- 27 Sharon's Soup & Sandwich.....11:30 AM
- 30 Monroe County Fair Parade.....1:00 PM

AFFORDABLE CATERING & ELEGANT DECORATING

If you are in need of a Funeral Luncheon please give me a call. We are here for you and your family as much as possible. If you're looking for a hall to rent we are the one you need to talk to. No Job to Big – No Job to Small. **Members get discount on hall rentals!**

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