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**Treasurer**  
Jeff Rupp

## COATS FOR KIDS

Thank you for all your efforts to keep  
Monroe's youth warm this winter.

## PGK & Clergy Appreciation Dinner

**Saturday, December 14th Mass 5pm - Dinner 7pm**  
Join us for this year's annual appreciation dinner! This event is to recognize our hardworking leaders as well as the faithful clergy whom serve our community.

## Goodfellows Upcoming Dates

Paper Sale: Sat., Dec. 7th 9am-12pm  
Box Packing: Mon., Dec. 23rd 6pm  
Box Delivery: Tues., Dec. 24th 9am

## New Years Eve Party

**Tues., Dec. 31st**

Join us as we ring in the new year with music and fun!



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## From Our Grand Knight

Worthy Brothers,

As I settle into this position of Grand Knight here at Council #1266, I have really come to appreciate those who have served as Grand Knight before me. I would especially like to thank PGK Julian Rios and PGK Shawn Piedmonte for the wisdom and guidance they have given me during this period of transition. Their efforts should not go unrecognized.

Although the job of Grand Knight has been very demanding of my time, I have found it to be incredibly rewarding! I again want to thank everyone for the encouragement and the confidence you have shown me over the past several months. I especially want to thank all of those who have stepped forward to help in any way to make this council not only function, but to shine above and beyond any other council in the state of Michigan! What a fantastic group of men we have here at 1266!!

The 4th degree exemplification, which took place on September 28 at the Monroe K of C Hall, was a great success. We received many compliments from the district leaders regarding our facility and knights of 1266 who helped work the event. Our Assembly, 488, received 18 new 4th degree members – 9 of whom were from our council.

The fall MI Drive / Tootsie Roll sale was also very successful. We raised over \$3000 in 2 days from our 5 parishes by collecting donations before and after masses. This fall's money will go to support the St. Andre Bessette Inclusion Program at St. Mary Catholic Central High School.

As this article is being written, we are preparing for the Clean Comedy Night to be held on November 16th with hopes of raising money to use for improvements to the Banquet Hall. If the event is successful, maybe this can become a regular event.

The annual Clergy & Past Grand Knight Appreciation Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 14th in the K of C Hall. The dinner will be preceded by a mass and social hour. All council #1266 Knights are invited to this gala event to honor our Parish Priests and our Past Grand Knights who gave so much of their time and energy to those in our community. We will also use this occasion to celebrate our Lord and King as we prepare for His coming on Christmas Day.

The last big festive event for 2024 will be a New Years Eve party. I'm told this was a great celebration in the past bringing our fellow knights and members of the community together to enjoy an evening of merriment and hope for the future. I'd like to bring back this tradition and I invite all of you to come join us as we ring in the New Year.

But before we move into 2025, we should take some time to reflect on our lives over the past year. Let us thank the Good Lord for all the blessings we have received and for the strength we were given to make it through the trials we have encountered. During this Holiday season, let us remember that Thanksgiving means giving thanks to our Creator. And lets always remember to "Keep Christ in Christmas" for without His birth, we can do nothing.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all! My wife and I would like to wish all the Knights of Monroe Council #1226 a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas! May God Bless you with a joyous 2025!

Vivat Jesus,

**Grand Knight Jeff Couturier**

66th Grand Knight of the  
Monroe Council #1266



## Goodfellows Club

Fellow Goodfellows,

Get Ready, It's ALMOST here: **Goodfellows Season 2024!** Make sure YOU spread the news to EVERYONE this is the 110th consecutive year for the Goodfellow Christmas Program!

By the time you get this we will be closing in on the Paper Sale. This year's sale is **Dec 7th**.

It seems late but it is the first Saturday in December. We are currently contacting our councils "Hawkers" to see if they are recommitting to sell on the street corners. If you have not Hawked papers in the past but would like to help out please contact me. If you are interested in assisting in any Off-Street sales sites please contact me. If you are interested in helping as a "Sorter" or "Counter" of the paper sales money please contact PGK Shawn Piedmonte at [Uofmshawn@gmail.com](mailto:Uofmshawn@gmail.com)

### **The food packing and delivery schedule for 2024 is:**

>**Tuesday Dec. 23rd at 6 PM - It's Box Packing Time!** We need members AND their families to help pack and stack the food boxes! In the last few years, we have packed nearly 450 boxes feeding 350 families. There are lots of areas you can help with besides packing. If interested please contact PGK Joe Lamour.

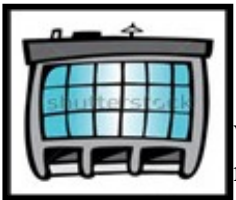
>**Wednesday the 24th at 8 AM - Delivery Day! Setup starts at 8AM and Deliveries at 9AM.** If you can assist by loading or delivering please let me know. You can contact me at: [jj1266goodfellows@gmail.com](mailto:jj1266goodfellows@gmail.com). I do want to make sure all members understand that it is a very hectic morning loading all the food! We have PGK Shawn Piedmonte and his crew delivering food to almost all the tenants of Mable Kehris. We are also blessed that Divine Grace Council delivers to River Park Plaza. It takes us time to load their trucks! So those with individual routes please be patient.

Thank you all in advance for all you do! Our past members are smiling down from heaven!

PGK Jay Jondro Sr

Goodfellows Club President

## Monroe Building Association



Brother Knights,

The holiday season is just around the corner and another year will pass us by. During this time we are reminded of the Spirit of Giving,; helping your fellow man by donating your time and monetary funds. The Building Association is a for-profit organization to maintain our building and property. Besides keeping our building maintained, property taxes, utilities, insurance, licensing and operating the lounge for our members we offer many other benefits to our members and community.

For our members and their spouse no hall rental is charged for funeral luncheons, \$50 to \$75 off all rentals, free use of hall for the Goodfellows, free use of hall for Desert Meal, Christmas dinner and any other council functions, 4 Blood Drives a year, MonArc of Monroe, Salvation Army soup luncheon, Coats for Kids, and a free drink ticket on your birthday. Brother Knights as you know everything cost more these days and our rentals are down due to trending times like no big weddings. We need to make some changes on how we support the Building Association! Council #1266 needs this building to keep supporting our community and Parish Churches which also get half off of hall rentals.

In the Spirit of Giving during this Holiday season please consider making a \$60.00 donation to the to the Building Association Council #1266, that is only \$5.00 a month, maybe you can help us out every Christmas season to come. Thank You brother Knights have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Building Association President

Terry Durocher

MBA President

# Council #1266 Calendar

\*Please check the Council website and email for any date changes.\*

## FEBRUARY 2025



### February Highlights:

Feb. 2: Groundhog Day  
Feb. 14: St. Valentine's Day  
Feb. 17: Presidents' Day

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 4 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 5 Goodfellows Meeting ..... 5:00 p.m.
- 5 Council Officers Meeting ..... 5:30 p.m.
- 6 Regular Joe Sharing Faith Meeting ..... 5:45 a.m.
- 11 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 12 Council Business Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Building Assoc. Meeting ..... 8:00 p.m.
- 14 St. Valentine's Day
- 17 Presidents' Day
- 18 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 19 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Business Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Regular Joe Sharing Faith Meeting ..... 5:45 a.m.
- 25 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 26 Council Euchre Social ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Bring a dish to pass

## MARCH 2025



### March Highlights:

March 5: Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins  
March 17: St. Patrick's Day

- 4 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 5 Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins
- 5 Goodfellows Meeting ..... 5:00 p.m.
- 5 Council Officers Meeting ..... 5:30 p.m.
- 6 Regular Joe Sharing Faith Meeting ..... 5:45 a.m.
- 11 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 12 Council Business Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Building Assoc. Meeting ..... 8:00 p.m.
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 18 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 19 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Business Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Regular Joe Sharing Faith Meeting ..... 5:45 a.m.
- 25 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 26 Council Euchre Social ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Bring a dish to pass



**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
REGULAR JOE

Mens Monthly Prayer Meeting  
1st & 3rd Thursday each month 5:45 AM - 7 AM



## DECEMBER 2024

### December Highlights:

Dec. 7: Good fellow Paper Sale  
Dec. 14: PGK & Clergy Appreciation Dinner  
Dec. 23-24: Goodfellow Box Packing & Delivery  
Dec. 25: Christmas Day  
Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Party

- 3 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 4 Goodfellows Meeting ..... 5:00 p.m.
- 4 Council Officers Meeting ..... 5:30 p.m.
- 5 Regular Joe Sharing Faith Meeting ..... 5:45 a.m.
- 7 Goodfellows Paper Sale ..... 9:00 a.m.
- 10 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 11 Council Business Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Building Assoc. Meeting ..... 8:00 p.m.
- 14 PGK Appreciation Mass & Dinner ..... 5:00 p.m.
- 17 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 18 4th Degree Business Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Regular Joe Sharing Faith Meeting ..... 5:45 a.m.
- 23 Goodfellows Box Packing ..... 6:00 p.m.
- 24 Goodfellows Box Delivery ..... 9:00 a.m.
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve Party
- 31 New Year's Eve

## JANUARY 2025



### January Highlights:

Jan. 1: New Year's Day

- 1 New Year's Day
- Goodfellows Meeting ..... TBA ..... 5:00 p.m.
- Council Officers Meeting ..... TBA ..... 5:30 p.m.
- 2 Regular Joe Faith Meeting ..... 5:45 a.m.
- 7 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 8 Council Business Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Building Assoc. Meeting ..... 8:00 p.m.
- 14 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 15 4<sup>th</sup> Deg. Bus. Mtg. .... 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Regular Joe Faith Meeting ..... 5:45 a.m.
- 21 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 28 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 29 Council Euchre Social ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Bring a dish to pass