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Lounge News



Lenten fish fry's have started. Please consider stopping down for dinner every Friday during lent from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm. This year we are serving Perch, Walleye, Shrimp, Scalloped Potato's, French Fries, Vegetables and Dessert. This year's cost is: Adults $14 - Members & Seniors (65) - $13 Kids (5 -9) $9 - Kids (under 5) Free



On March 17th there will be a corned beef dinner in the lounge from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, advanced tickets are recommended. The menu will be; Corned Beef, Ham, Potato's, Cabbage, Onions, Carrots, Rolls and Dessert.

The Salad and Sandwich lunches will be on hold during Lent. Please join us again for lunch starting the week after Easter on April 5th from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the bar/lounge. If you have 3-4 hours you can spare every other week please stop down and see Steve Richardville or Fox Handler.

Keep checking the website for upcoming events - www.kofcmonroe1266.com

Thank You, Lounge Committee

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From Our Grand Knight

Greetings Brother Knights and Families,

Wow, *time sure does fly! I can't believe that we are coming into March already, and halfway through my second term as Grand Knight.*

As of this past January, Fr. David Burgard has agreed to be our council Chaplain. Father David was initiated into the Erie Council #7413 when he was eighteen years old and is still currently on their roster. Fr. David's father and other family members are charter members of council #7413 so I applaud his dedication and commitment to his home council. He held many positions in their council before going to study at the seminary. Prior to coming to St. Mary's Monroe, he served as council Chaplain at his last parish. I would like to thank Father for his continued support of the Knights and especially our council.

This year has been another busy year for us. Thanks to all of you, we were able to donate $29,943 and over 2600 man-hours to our charities that include the Church, Community, Culture of Life and the youth. With our continuous efforts, people are once again noticing the Knights for our good works. Please continue with the great work you did this past year to help our council to grow. If you have any new ideas for a fundraiser, please let me know.

Recruitment is still at the top of our agenda. We need new members to be able to help us continue with the programs that allow us to help our charities. Our Supreme Council has an incentive for members who recruit a new member. From now until June 30th, everyone that sponsors a new candidate will have their name entered into a drawing for an all expenses paid trip (for two)to Dublin Ireland for the world family meetings.

At our Clergy and PGK Appreciation Dinner we were honored to have Monsignor Todd Lajiness come down to celebrate mass with us. During the mass, we paid tribute to all of our brother Knights who passed away in 2017. We were also honored to have our State Deputy Kenneth Unterbrink and his wife join us for the evening. Our District Deputy and his wife were also one of our special guest for the evening. State Deputy Unterbrink helped us thank a few special people that made a difference in 2017. David Vanacker was recognized as our Knight of the Year. Leo, & Sharon Schmelz along with their family were recognized as our Family of the Year. We are lucky to have these people as part of our council.

PGK and Goodfellows President Jay Jondro gave a brief history of how our council and the Goodfellows became united and the charity that came from this marriage. He opened a lot of eyes because the majority of everyone there was not familiar with the history he spoke of that night. Also in attendance were our MI (Tootsie Roll) recipients. We presented three checks of $1874.10 to Special Olympics, Holiday Camp and MonArch of Monroe. This was the first time we invited them to our dinner and I think it worked out well. It was a great way for us to thank them for what they do for our citizens with intellectual disabilities. Another big hit was the Frenchtown Fiddlers. These young musicians made the transition from the mass to the social a great experience and everyone enjoyed their music very much. We hope to have them back again next year.

Vivat Jesus, Shawn Piedmonte, **Grand Knight**



Desert Meal 2018 - Desert Formation Experience (DFE)

Saturday February 10th, Our Council held its second Desert Meal to support Seminarians, from Sacred Heart, to attend their DFE. This year's Desert Meal was met with a snow storm. This storm kept many away from attending. This year the number of attendees was down close to 1/3 of last year's attendance. However, this did not stop the generosity. In 2017 the Councils Desert Meal raised roughly $5,800.00. 2018 Desert Meal is right around $5,300.00.

This is still a great number considering the weather kept many away. Another great meal was cooked and prepared by Affordable Catering. If the Council holds a 2019 Desert Meal the time frame may be changed in order to avoid another weather scenario. The Council would like to send a big "Thank You" to all that donated gifts and to "All" the members and family members that helped with the Desert Meal. Hope to see you in 2019!

Desert Meal Chairman

Mark Sobol, **Deputy Grand Knight**

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Knights of Columbus Goodfellows

Council Goodfellows,

The **"Newsflash"** from the Goodfellows who have been assisting in the annual Tootsie Roll Sale is :

"The Tootsie Sale is moving back to the spring. The Street Sale will be April 7, Church Sales 7th & 8th. This is the weekend after Easter."

Our Tootsie Sale has been held on Palm Sunday for many years, but previously it was conducted on Palm Sunday. When one of our parishes asked that it be moved away from the Holyday it was pushed back to the fall on the Columbus Day Weekend.

There are two main reasons we are switching back to spring. First, last year the City of Monroe allowed us back on the streets. Street sales requires much more man power than store front sales. To man this the Goodfellow News Paper Hawkers were contacted and asked to assist. This brought up an unforeseen problem and is the second and main reason for moving back to the spring sale. We had MANY Hawkers that could not be there because of fall farming duties, hunting, and college football. This new weekend should solve both problems as it takes us away from the Holy Days and hopefully will work for the return of our Street Tootsie Hawkers.

So, to our existing Hawkers expect a call from me. BUT I really ask all members who haven't helped in the past to PLEASE consider helping as a Tootsie Hawker, Sorter, or a Counter.

Sign Up Sheets will be posted in the lounge.

Goodfellow President
Jay Jondro

Monroe Council Building Association

Brother Knights,

I have good news, winter is half over! I can't wait for warm weather and playing some golf. I hope all Knights and their families are doing well and staying healthy during this flu season.

Financially 2017 was a good year for the Building Association. Rentals as always are our main source of income. Thanks to Sharon and Leo for all their hard work coordinating all the events.

Our building and furnishings are in good shape. On Tuesday we had service completed on the fire suppression systems in the kitchen and lounge. We had to update our system to comply with the insurance requirements. Total cost was $2,950.

Come and join us in the lounge maybe for lunch. Also there is card playing almost every morning and lunch specials every Thursday from 11:30-1:00 (except during Lent). Sunday afternoon there is a pool league you could come and check it out.

We have approved purchasing 200 new padded, stackable chairs and selling the old folding chairs. It will be an added feature to our hall comfort and appearance. If you would like to make a donation for the new chairs please put it in an envelope marked "new chairs" and mail to the council or drop it off to a bartender. If you are interested in buying any of the old chairs stop in and see one of the bartenders for details.

Finally please consider the Knights of Columbus Building Association when planning your will. Thanks

David VanAcker
President

Fourth Degree Raisin River Assembly 0488

Dear Sir Knights and Ladies,

Greetings to all, by the time you are reading this, we may have completed the Spring Exemplification. This fraternal year looks as it will be one of our most productive years in some time, we should have more than 10 new members to the Fourth Degree. Thank you for all your work in recruiting and sponsoring these new Sir Knights, congratulations!

As we are talking about membership, we should all be ambassadors of the Patriotic Degree when we are attending our Council`s meetings. Speak up and share what has been happening with our Assembly.

Soon, we will be seeking out nominations for officeholders for the 2018/2019 fraternal year, participate in our next meeting, third Wednesday,7:00pm, and see how you may be able to use your talents to help further the work of the Assembly. Please let me know of any questions or concerns, In your service,

Faithful Navigator, ***William Alati***
Raisin River Assembly 0488

Council #1266 Calendar



MARCH 2018

1 No Sandwich & Salad luncheon
2 3rd Fish Fry in the Lounge ..... 4:30 PM
3 4th Deg. Exempt at De Carlos in Warren ... 10:30 AM
6 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 PM
7 No Ladies meeting
8 No Sandwich & Salad Luncheon
9 4th Fish Fry in the Lounge ..... 4:30 PM
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins ..... All Day
13 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 PM
14 Rafko Scholarship fundraiser in Lounge ..... 6:00 PM
Council Business Meeting ..... 7:00 PM
Building Association Meeting ..... 8:00 PM
15 No Sandwich & Salad Luncheon
16 5th Fish Fry in the Lounge ..... 4:30 PM
17 St. Patrick's Day ..... All Day
Terry Price's St. Paddy's meal $11.00 ..... 1:00 PM
19 Feast of St. Joseph ..... All Day
20 Spring Begins – Council Bingo ..... 5:45 PM
21 4th Degree Business Meeting ..... 7:00 PM
22 No Sandwich & Salad Luncheon
23 6th Fish Fry in the Lounge ..... 4:30 PM
25 Palm Sunday ..... All Day
27 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 PM
28 Council Social in the Lounge ..... 6:00 PM
29 No Sandwich & Salad
30 Good Friday 7th Fish Fry in Lounge ..... 4:30 PM



APRIL 2018

3 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 PM
4 Ladies Meeting ..... 7:00 PM
5 Sharon & Leo Soup & Sandwich ..... 11:30 AM
7 Tootsie Roll Street Sale ..... 9:00 AM
7/8 Tootsie Roll Church Sales
10 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 PM
11 Council Business Meeting ..... 7:00 PM
First Nomination of Council Officers ..... 7:00 PM
Building Association Business Meeting ..... 8:00 PM
1st Nomination of Bld. Assoc. Directors ..... 8:00 PM
12 Sharon & Leo Soup & Sandwich ..... 11:30 AM
17 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 PM
18 4th Degree Meeting at OLMC Council ..... 7:00 PM
19 Sharon & Leo Soup & Sandwich ..... 11:30 AM
24 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 PM
25 Council Social in the Lounge ..... 6:00 PM
26 Sharon & Leo Soup & Sandwich ..... 11:30 AM



MAY 2018

1 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 PM
2 Ladies Meeting ..... 7:00 PM
3 Sharon & Leo Soup & Sandwich ..... 11:30 AM
5 Kentucky Derby Horse Race ..... 6:30 PM
8 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 PM
VE Day – 1945 Flag Day ..... All Day
9 Council Business Meeting ..... 7:00 PM
2nd Nomination & Election of Council Officers. 7 PM
Building Association Business Meeting ..... 8:00 PM
2nd Nomination of Bld. Assoc. Directors ..... 8:00 PM
10 Sharon & Leo Soup & Sandwich ..... 11:30 AM
13 Mother's Day ..... All Day
15 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 PM
16 4th Degree Meeting at OLMC Council ..... 7:00 PM
17 Sharon & Leo Soup & Sandwich ..... 11:30 AM
22 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 PM
23 Council Social in the Lounge ..... 6:00 PM
24 Sharon & Leo Soup & Sandwich ..... 11:30 AM
28 Memorial Day Fly your Flag ..... All Day
29 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 PM
31 Sharon & Leo Soup & Sandwich ..... 11:30 AM



JUNE 2018

5 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 PM
6 Ladies Meeting ..... 7:00 PM
7 Sharon & Leo Soup & Sandwich ..... 11:30 AM
12 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 PM
13 Council Business Meeting ..... 7:00 AM
Building Association Business Meeting ..... 8:00 PM
Election of Bld. Assoc. Directors ..... 8:00 PM
14 Sharon & Leo Soup & Sandwich ..... 11:30 AM
17 Father's Day ..... All Day
19 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 PM
20 4th Degree Business Meeting ..... 7:00 PM
21 Sharon & Leo Soup & Sandwich ..... 11:30 AM
Summer Begins ..... All day
26 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 PM
27 Council Social in the Lounge ..... 6:00 PM
28 Sharon & Leo Soup & Sandwich ..... 11:30 AM

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