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DESERT MEAL - 2019



Saturday March 16th, our Council will host our 3rd DESERT MEAL for the Seminarians at SHMS. The last two Desert Meals have been a huge success. Two Seminarians have already been selected for this years dinner, and have been told we might get a 3rd.

You will notice that the date has moved from February to March. Desert Meal of 2018 had an Ice Storm hit the evening before. Therefore, we hope that moving the date to March we will be insured of good weather.

Please Remember

*The Council will be selling tickets in advance. *Doors will open at 6 PM. *Buffett Dinner will commence at 6:30 PM. *Prize Raffles & 50/50's will continue throughout the night. *The Desert Meal Committee would like to thank those that have already begun asking for prize donations! (Thanks -Wednesday Morning Golf Crew) *Stay Tuned for more information. (email alerts / website update.)

Thank you, Desert Meal Committee Chair DGK Mark Sobol

Our Councils Next Corporate Communion

*Where : St John Parish * When at 10 AM Mass
*Please meet in back of Church, we process together.
*Social to follow in Parish Life Center



Brother Knights we have been connecting with a lot of non-members of our Parishes with our monthly "Knights In Action Article". Please let us show them "LIVE" Knights In Action by unifying at this Communion Service.



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From Our Grand Knight Greetings Brother Knights and Families,

WOW! Where did the year go? I can't believe we are coming into the holiday season already.

What a year we have had, and it is all because of the hard work put forth by all of our members. And because of all the hard work, here are some of the accomplishments we have been able to achieve this year; Nearly 200 food boxes to families in need last December. Over \$5000 donated to the Sacred Heart Major Seminary for their Desert Formation Experience, \$6500 raised & donated for the purchase of a new ultrasound machine, 96 Casey the Teddy Bears donated to local fire & police departments, received state awards for largest increase for the MI drive (tootsie rolls), the Exemplary PR award, the Columbian award and over \$7000 raised for our coats for kids program. These are only some of the highlights of this past year. But I think this biggest highlight was the "Shroud of Turin" display we had at the council. This display brought our community together and united as Christians. This was a powerful display that brought out the love we all have for our Lord.

Through our efforts with all of our projects, we have met and made new contacts throughout the year. I would expect these people will be calling on the Knights again in 2019 and I hope we can come together and lend a helping hand when called upon

As I mentioned earlier, we were able to raise \$7050.00 for our "Coats for Kids" program. A large part of this was from the euchre party that Gary & Bev Thoma (mostly Bev, I think) organized and put on down in the lounge on October 19th. Everyone that attended had a great time. Make sure to thank Gary, Bev and their crew for their contributions to the CFK's program. All the money raised will go toward the purchase of new coats. These coats will be going to kids in need at the Monroe Public School, Dundee Community Schools, our parish chapters of St. Vincent DePaul and the Heartbeat of Monroe. THANK YOU to everyone that contributed to this program.

If you have not yet received your 2019 dues notice, you should be getting them soon. Our dues will remain the same as it has for the past few years. There are a couple of new voluntary donations that are listed on this years notice. I wanted to take a moment to explain what these will help support. Both of these programs are State Council programs.

-Ten for Charity- all donations will go to the State K of C charities program. Some of the charities that are supported by our State Council are, All diocese vocations, catholic education, catholic radio, Center for Women, Holy Cross Children Services, Right to Life Agencies, Special Days Cancer Camp, Special Olympics, Solanus Casey Center and many more.

-Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowed Scholarship Fund- This is a new program this year. Our Past State Deputy, Kenneth Unterbrink, has pledged our help of \$6/member to the SHMS. The reason for this fund, is because so many of the seminarians will reach their final years of studies but would have to drop out because they are unable to pay for their education. The objective for this scholarship fund is to help support the young men who wish to become priests but do not necessarily have the financial support that is required.

I am sure you have all received your invites to our annual Clergy & PGK Appreciation Dinner and memorial mass. As in the past, we will celebrate mass at 5:00 pm with our council Chaplain, Fr. David Burgard, presiding. Mass will be in hall #2. We will once again have the Frenchtown Fiddlers entertaining us with their music during the social hour between the mass and dinner. Dinner will be served at approximately 7:00 pm with the program to follow. If you haven't already done so, please RSVP by December 1st. We will not be accepting money at the door.

Due to our State Chaplains tribute dinner, our Major Degree that was scheduled for February 23, 2019 has been rescheduled for February 16, 2019

At this time, Lori & I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving, a Blessed Advent, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Jesus is the reason for the season, without him, none of what we accomplished this year would have been possible!

Shawn Piedmonte
Grand Knight



Monroe Council Building Association

Brother Knights,

Well, another summer season has ended and the fall season is rapidly coming to an end. I pray that all of our members and their families have a blessed Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas season. Remember to keep Christ birth as our focal point.

I am happy to report the lounge continues to be very active, We have Thursday Luncheons, Saturday College Football game day, and a Sunday Pool League. Come join us when you can.

Financially we are good! As you all know our income comes from bingo, hall rentals, and the lounge. Please contact one of the Building Association officers if you have any questions. New ideas are always welcome.

President
Dave Vanacker



Major Degree



Challenging all first degree members to come take part in our Major Degree on February 16, 2019 and receive the ranks of full Knighthood

This opportunity, of a Major Degree at our Council, does not come around very often so please take advantage of it while it is here.

To all members that have a son, a grandson, nephew, neighbor or friend that may be thinking about joining the Knights of Columbus, now is the perfect time for them to take the next step. Stop down to the council and pick up an application for them to fill out. Make sure to have it submitted before our January business meeting so the membership can vote on the applicant.

To anyone that may be willing to help the degree staff, please email me at gk1266@mikofc.org text me at 734-497-9447 or leave me a note down at the council. We will need help throughout the day so please consider lending a hand for a few hours.

Thank you in advance,
Shawn Piedmonte
Grand Knight



Monroe Council #1266 Knights of Columbus Goodfellows

PLEASE remember these dates for this years Goodfellow Christmas food Program !

- Sat Dec 1st Paper Sale.  +  + 
We need Street Hawkers, Sorters & Counters



- Sat Dec 22nd - 9AM - Food is delivered stacked on rollers for packing.

- Sunday Dec 23rd - 6PM Packing of the food boxes, labeling, and stacking as per routes.



- Monday Dec 24th Christmas Eve Morning delivery of food boxes.

Brother Knights : We really need some younger members to step up and help with our annual food program. We especially need Hawkers to sell papers. We have corners and store fronts open.

Please consider this: Last year at the annual Clergy and PGK Christmas Party the Goodfellows Club officially recognized PGK Robert Lamour as Goodfellow of the year for his **67 consecutive years of service, and he's still works every year. Please, Please help us carry on our Mission to help those in need!**

Goodfellow President
PGK Jay Jondro

Lounge News



Our football Saturday's have been well attend so far, this season. Stop down for the last few remaining games. Nov. 24th, is one of the best rivalry games – U of M vs that team from Columbus! Food & Drinks will be available for a small fee.

*Leo & Sharon's Soup and Sandwich lunches are every Thursday 11:30 – 1:00 PM. Stop down and check out what is on the menu for the following week.



The Sunday afternoon pool league has started but we would always welcome new players. Stop down and get the details!

We are still in need for volunteers to help with the bar. If you can spare a day every other week please stop down and see our lounge chairmen Steve /& Fox.

Keep checking the website www.kofcmonroe1266.com for updates & upcoming events.

AFFORDABLE CATERING & ELEGANT DECORATING - Members get discount on hall rentals!

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Council #1266 Calendar



DECEMBER 2018

- 1 Good fellow Paper Drive in the lounge 9:00 AM
- 4 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 5 Lady Knight meeting 6:30 PM
- 6 Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon .. 11:30 AM
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day 1941- Fly the Flag Day All Day
- 8 Annual PGK and Clergy Mass and Dinner ... 5:00 PM
- 11 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 12 Blood Drive in Hall #1..... Noon
- Council Business Meeting 7:00 PM
- Building Association Business Meeting 8:00 PM
- 13 Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon ... 11:30 AM
- 18 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 19 4th Degree Business Meeting at Monroe..... 7:00 PM
- 20 Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon ... 11:30 AM
- 21 Friday Winter Begins.....All Day
- GOODFELLOWS Christmas Food**
- 23 Sunday Goodfellows Pack Boxes 6:00 PM
- 24 Monday Goodfellows Boxes Deliveries 8:00 AM
- 25 Tuesday Christmas Day All Day
- 26 No Council Social this month
- 27 No Weekly Luncheon this Thursday
- 31 Monday New Year's Eve -Dueling Piano Party,
 Dinner & Show 6:30 PM



JANUARY 2019

- 1 New Years Day - No Council Bingo
- 2 No Lady Knight Meeting
- 3 Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon .. 11:30 AM
- 8 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 9 Council Business Meeting 7:00 PM
- Building Association Business Meeting 8:00 PM
- 10 Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon ... 11:30 AM
- 15 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 16 4th Degree Business Meeting at Monroe..... 7:00 PM
- 17 Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon ... 11:30 AM
- 21 Martin Luther King Day All Day
- 22 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 23 Council Cards & Social in the Lounge 6:00 PM
- 24 Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon ... 11:30 AM
- 29 Council Bingo 5:45 PM



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FEBRUARY 2019

- 5 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 6 No Lady Knights Meeting
- 7 Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 12 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- Lincoln's Birthday All Day
- 13 Council Business Meeting 7:00 PM
- Building Association Business Meeting 8:00 PM
- 14 Valentine's Day All Day
- Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 16 Major Degree at Monroe #1266**
1st Degree starts at 8:30 AM
- 18 President's Day Fly - Flag Day..... All Day
- 19 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 20 4th Degree Business Meeting at Monroe..... 7:00 PM
- 21 Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 23 Flag Raised on Iwo Jima in 1945
- 26 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 27 Council Cards & Social in the Lounge 6:00 PM
- 28 Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon 11:30 AM



MARCH 2019

- 5 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 6 Ash Wednesday All Day
- No Meeting Lady Knight Meeting
- Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 8 1st of 7 Lenten Fish Fry - Lounge.....4:30 PM**
- 10 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 12 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 13 Council Business Meeting 7:00 PM
- Building Association Business Meeting 8:00 PM
- 14 Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 15 2nd of 7 Lenten fish fry in the lounge 4:30 PM
- 16 Dessert Meal Fund Raiser6:00 PM**
- 17 St. Patrick's Day All Day
- 19 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 20 First Day of spring
- 4th Degree Business Meeting at Monroe..... 7:00 PM
- 21 Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 22 3rd of 7 Lenten Fish Fry in the lounge..... 4:30 PM
- 23 Craft Show in Halls #1 & #2..... 9:00 AM
- 24 **Corporate Communion at St. John Monroe..10 AM Mass**
- 26 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 27 Council Cards & Social in the Lounge 6:00 PM
- 28 Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 29 4th of 7 Lenten Fish Fry in the lounge..... 4:30 PM

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