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- Brother Knights -
Please check out and Join in our
Council Events & Meetings!



The Fish Fries start Friday March 4th and run each Friday until Good Friday April 15th. The dinner start at 4:30 running until 6:30. The cost is \$ 15.00 per person and includes Perch, Shrimp, Scallop Potatoes, Coleslaw, and a desert. A grilled cheese sandwich will also be available.

What a great way to keep your Lenten loyalty, support our council, and interact with Brother Knights and families! If you would like to help out in the kitchen or hall please let an officer know.

We will also be resuming the sale of "Casey the Bear" 50/50 tickets at the dinners. These stuffed bears are donated to the Monroe Fire and Police Departments to be given to children in emergency situations. Please help us continue this caring tradition!



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From Our Grand Knight

Happy Spring to all Brother Knights and Ladies of Council #1266.

It's the beginning of the Lenten season. Let us focus on our Lenten journey towards Easter.

Welcome to our newest brother knights, Evan Welsford, Nick Barkarr, John Merriman and John Gaynier that were recognized at our Feb. 2022 meeting.

Congratulations to our Family of the Year; Deacon Michael and Karin Stewart, for all the hard work and dedication they give to our community. Congratulations to our Knight of the Year; Elliot Alfredson for all his time and dedication he gives to the Men's Prayer Breakfast program.

I want to thank DGK Deacon Tracy and his wife Crysti for chairing the Desert Meal on Saturday Feb 12th, 2022. The other members of the team were, Doug and Carie Kuras, Dr. Jeff Couterier, PGK Shawn Piedmonte, Mark and Susan Tibai, and David Heilman. GREAT JOB ALL OF YOU!! It was a great success! Also, to Sharon and everyone in the kitchen for the great meal. And thanks also to PGK Fox Handler and PGK Joe Vitale for tending the bar. We were able to give the seminarians (SHMS) \$10,000.00 towards their journey.

The Spring Tootsie Roll sale will take place on Palm Sunday weekend April 9th and 10th. We plan on selling on the streets on Saturday morning and at the parishes after all Masses. Please volunteer!

As of this writing the ultrasound dedication was to take place on Thursday Feb. 17, but due to weather it has been delayed until Feb. 24th at 6:00 PM. After this takes place there will be pictures on Facebook and Webpage.

Friday Fish dinners will begin again on the Fridays during the Lenten season. Please help out by purchasing dinners and/or lending a helping hand in the hall. The cost will be \$15.00 a plate. Dine in and carry out will be available. This will also be a great time to restart the 50/50 Kacey the Teddy Bear raffles

The delegates to go to Mackinac Island for the convention this year have been chosen. They are David Heilman and Ernie Renaud. The alternates are Michael Cochran and Dr. Jeff Couturier. Thank you all for volunteering. It has been a couple of years since the convention was held live. The previous two conventions were held on Zoom.

On Monday Feb. 21, "A Minute in The Church" booklets by author Gus Lloyd were distributed to the RCIA program. There are 5 books in this series.

We plan on having a "Live Exemplification" on Wed. March 9th at 6:00 PM before our 3rd degree meeting. This will be our first exemplification we have hosted in a while at #1266.

Please follow us on Facebook – Knights of Columbus council #1266 as well as on our web page kofcmonroe1266.com Thank you to Greg Kelly for helping to get this social media going again.

Happy Lent, Happy St. Patrick Day, Happy Spring and Happy Easter!

Prayer – As we enter the Spring season and the season of Lent, let us prepare for Easter, the Greatest feast day. Along with alms giving, fasting, and giving up luxuries, let us also try and be more charitable towards others, which is a principle of the Knights of Columbus.

Blessed Michael J. McGivney, Pray for Us! Vivat Jesus,

Julian Rios
65th Grand Knight

Desert Meal



The Monroe Knights of Columbus #1266 and the 2022 Desert Meal Committee members want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended the Desert Meal, our special evening of fun, food, and fundraising in support of Sacred Heart Major Seminary's "Desert Formation Experience."

The Desert Formation Experience is a thirty-day spiritual pilgrimage that first-year graduate seminarians make each year to either the Holy Land and/or Italy where they seek Jesus' guidance in their walk toward the priesthood.

Your generous participation in this important evening helped make our vision of raising \$10,000 a reality. Whether you were able to come and enjoy the Desert Meal, donated money or a table raffle item, sponsored the event to off-set the costs, or if you are compassionate about priestly vocations and prayerfully supported the 2022 Desert Meal and future priests, our hearts are full of gratitude and unending appreciation for all of you.

Deacon Tracy M. Esper - Deputy Grand Knight and Desert Meal Chair

From The "Goodfellows"



Fellow Goodfellows,

As I have expressed at every opportunity given to me: Thank You and Congratulations to all that helped to make the 2021 Christmas food program a huge success! We fed 350 families ALL over Monroe County! Just a couple of years ago we only were given 100 families to serve. A Thank You to the St Patrick Council that supplied the man power to deliver food to the Monroe River Park Plaza.

Next, I would like to pass out the message that our Council and the Building Association has granted us a storage area in the hall to stock food. This is desperately needed to be able to purchase and stock foods products as they become available from MCOP and other serving agencies which we need to feed the additional families.

To do this we will also need the assistance of some "Transporters". Transporters will pick up the food products from MCOP and place them in our new storage area. If you are interested in helping, please contact me via my email (jj1266goodfellows@gmail.com). Hopefully we will get enough Transporters so you will only be called on to help every so often.

PGK Jay Jondro Sr.
Goodfellows President

Fourth Degree



Time is going fast, we have a 4th degree exemplifications coming up on 03/5/2022. Anyone that would like to be a 4th degree, contact me at 419-376-0492 ASAP. Our meetings are scheduled for third Wednesday of each month. We also need Color/Honor Guard/Corp, the Assembly will pay \$300 toward your uniform, we have swords and Baltics. Hope to see you soon. God Bless,

Doug Scavio
Faithful Navigator

From the Desk of the Financial Secretary

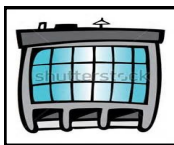


Worthy Brothers,

Council 1266 is currently in great financial shape. We have overcome some hard times and we are now one of the strongest councils in the state. Thanks to our fundraising efforts over the last few years, we are once again able to continue the work CHARITY that our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, started in 1882. It is an honor to be part of such a great council with so many men who live out the mission of charity. In the last few months, our council was able to give \$10,000 to the Sacred Heart Major Seminar for their "Desert Formation Pilgrimage". Thanks to Deacon Tracy Esper, Doug Kuras and their committee for organizing the very successful Desert Meal fundraiser. In continuing with our "ultrasound initiative" we were able to give \$10,000 to council #2659 in Howell, MI for their fundraising efforts for a mobile unit. These funds were taken from the left over money from our Art Auction we had last year. Thanks to a great event lead by Dave and Tina Heilman and some very generous donors, we are able to help other councils place new state of the art ultrasound machines in clinics to help save the lives of the unborn. For information on this mobile unit, please watch this you tube video <https://youtu.be/rHXEDgdJA1I> Lastly, just a reminder for those who have not yet paid their dues. Please do so ASAP.

Vivat Jesus
PGK Shawn Piedmonte
Financial Secretary

From The Building Association



Spring is just around the corner, Thank God! The Building Association is in good shape in some areas but not so good in others. We need HELP! If you are not aware of it our Council for years has been utilizing members volunteer labor to do basic maintenance labor on our building. This has helped us to keep operation cost to a minimum. Now unfortunately the average age of our building volunteers is in the mid 70's. We could really use the help from some younger members! What are the jobs our volunteers handle? Set up and break down of the rentals halls to change from bingo to other rentals. Basic cleaning of the rental halls and the lounge. There are all types of little jobs. Please call me at 734-735-9765 and let me know if you'd help and what days your available. I will fill you in on the different jobs we need help with. We are close to paying off the building! After 43 years it would be sad if we had to sell it because we could no longer handle it.

There is also a need for Building Association "Directors". Nominations for these positions will be at the April and May meetings. If interested please let me know. Please stop by the Lounge, we have a new ATM for card carriers, We are open from 7AM till 1AM.

Vivat Jesus
PGK Frank "Fox" Handler
Building Association President

Council #1266 Calendar



MARCH 2022

1 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
2 Ash Wednesday	
2 Council Officers Mtg	7:00 PM
3 Regular Joe Sharing Our Faith Mtg.	5:45 AM
3 NO SHARON & LEO LUNCHEON DURING LENT	
4 Lenten Fish Fry	4:30 PM
8 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
9 Council Meeting	7:00 PM
9 Building Association Business Meeting	8:00 PM
11 Lenten Fish Fry	4:30 PM
15 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
16 Goodfellows Mtg Hall #3	6:00 PM
16 4th Degree Mtg	7:00 PM
17 St. Patrick's Day	
17 Regular Joe Sharing Our Faith Mtg.	5:45 AM
18 Lenten Fish Fry	4:30 PM
22 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
23 Council Euchre Social	6:00 PM
25 Lenten Fish Fry	4:30 PM
29 Council Bingo	5:45 PM



APRIL 2022

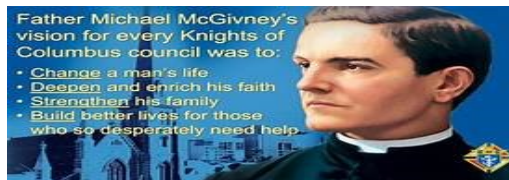
1 Lenten Fish Fry	4:30 PM
5 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
6 Council Officers Meeting	7:00 PM
7 Regular Joe Sharing Our Faith Mtg.	5:45 AM
8 Lenten Fish Fry	4:30 PM
9 Council Tootsie Roll Sale	8:00 AM
10 Palm Sunday Church Tootsie Roll Sale	7:00 PM
12 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
13 Council Meeting	7:00 PM
13 Building Association Business Meeting	8:00 PM
15 Lenten Fish Fry	4:30 PM
15 Good Friday	
19 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
20 4th Degree Mtg	7:00 PM
21 Regular Joe Sharing Our Faith Mtg.	5:45 AM
26 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
27 Council Euchre Social	6:00 PM
28 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon	11:30 AM

"Men's Prayer Breakfast Monroe"



The "Regular Joe" is Catholic men inviting men to a comfortable environment for learning, living, strengthening, and "Sharing of our Faith". Meetings are every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month. Meetings are 5:45 AM till 7a.m. Join us in this great program!

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MAY 2022

3 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
4 Council Officers Mtg	7:00 PM
5 Regular Joe Sharing Our Faith Mtg.	5:45 AM
5 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon	11:30 AM
8 Mother's Day	
10 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
11 Council Meeting	7:00 PM
11 Building Association Business Meeting	8:00 PM
12 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon	11:30 AM
17 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
18 4th Degree Mtg	7:00 PM
19 Regular Joe Sharing Our Faith Mtg.	5:45 AM
19 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon	11:30 AM
24 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
25 Council Euchre Social	6:00 PM
26 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon	11:30 AM
30 Memorial Day	
31 Council Bingo	5:45 PM



JUNE 2022

1 Council Officers Mtg	7:00 PM
2 Regular Joe Sharing Our Faith Mtg.	5:45 AM
2 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon	11:30 AM
7 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
8 Council Meeting	7:00 PM
8 Building Association Business Meeting	8:00 PM
9 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon	11:30 AM
14 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
15 4 th Degree Business Meeting	7:00 PM
16 Regular Joe Sharing Our Faith Mtg.	5:45 AM
19 Father's Day	
21 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
22 Council Euchre Social	6:00 PM
23 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon	11:30 AM
28 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
30 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon	11:30 AM



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