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## Upcoming Lounge Events:



Jan. 4th: Pork Chops & Sides  
 Jan. 11th: Fish & Chips  
 Jan. 18th: Mini Meat Loaf & Sides  
 Jan. 25th: Beef Stew  
 Feb. 1st: Smash Burger & Fries  
 Feb. 8th: Pork Chops & Sides  
 Feb. 15th: Ribs & Sides  
 Feb. 22nd: Spaghetti & Sides

**All Lunches are \$8.00 from 11am-3pm**  
**Hope to see you there!**

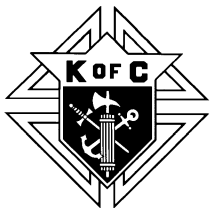


**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
 REGULAR JOE

**JOIN US!**

**Men's Prayer Breakfast**

The "REGULAR JOE" is a group of Catholic Men  
 "Sharing of our Faith".  
**Meetings every 1st & 3rd Thurs., 5:45a.m. - 7a.m.**



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## From Our Grand Knight

Brothers and Ladies of Council #1266,  
Greetings and Blessings

Here we are getting ready for end of year holidays. It is hard to believe that another year has passed. The usual business of the council has been going well. I thank everyone that helps with this task.

Some items since the last courier include Red Cross blood drives which have been very successful. We also had the “Family of Parishes” meeting here on Wednesday September 27th, 2023. Nearly 125 people attended and enjoyed fellowship with other people from different parishes. Good job to all that organized putting that event on. Tootsie roll sales at the parishes we collected over \$3800.00 for the SMCC St. Andre Bessette program. Then on October 23rd, 2023 we hosted a “Chastity Project” seminar, speaker Jason Evert. What a wonderful and informative evening that was. Approximately 200 people were here for that.

November and December also bring us some busy events. The Coats for Kids giveaway was on Saturday November 18th, 2023. We had distributed nearly 300 coats that day!! This should make all of us proud that we can help the children in the community. On Saturday December 2nd, 2023 the annual street paper sale will be happening on the streets here in Monroe. Saturday December 9th will be the annual PGK/ Clergy dinner. Friday December 22nd, we will be packing food boxes and those will be delivered on Saturday the 23rd morning. In the last few years, we have packed nearly 350 boxes and are on track to do the same this year.

Starting in January and ending in February there will be a “Rescue Project”. This 7-week seminar will be in the hall every Monday in January and February. Here is the website to find our more information on this. Please check it out. <https://rescueproject.us/run/>

Since July we have had 10 new members join the council. Welcome and please be involved, please ask what you can do to help.

A major THANK YOU goes to the table and chair moving committee, you all know who you are. Without all of you we would not be able to get the seminars, gatherings and events in the hall to be such a great success!!

“May the blessing of joy abide within you; May the blessing of peace rest upon you;  
May the blessing of love flow out through you;  
May all the blessings of the Lord be yours at Christmas and in the New Year”

--Author unknown

Merry Christmas – Feliz Navidad Happy New Year – Feliz Ano Nuevo

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

*Julian Rios*  
65<sup>th</sup> Grand Knight



## Monroe Building Association

To all fellow Knights who are Baby Boomers or older you might remember the tune from The Byrds, "Turn, Turn, Turn, To Everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under Heaven". Well the seasons sure are changing, Summer is long gone, fall is on it's way out and winter is a few weeks away. There's a time to build a time to tear down, we could use some help in buildup and tear down of tables and chairs following coming events. There's a time to dance and a time to mourn. Come on down to the Lounge and enjoy a dining experience at one of our steak roasts, Mexican night or just a burger. There's a time to cast away stones a time to gather stones together. Let's join together to build a better future for the Knights of Columbus 1266 by supporting the building Association anyway you can. Turn, Turn, Turn.

Terry Durocher  
MBA President



## Goodfellows Club

Fellow Goodfellows,

Well It's here- we are in peak Goodfellows season of 2023. Make sure to spread to ANYONE who asks you this is the 109th consecutive year for the Goodfellow Christmas Program!

By the time you get this we will be ready for the Paper Sale. We have had an excellent sign up of Council Members to be Street Hawkers – **Thank You!** This is the first year in a long time where we have each corner available covered, and we even added a new corner at Cole & Macomb!

**THIS IS THAT CRAZY YEAR WHEN WE DO NO DELIVER THE FOOD ON CHRISTMAS EVE!** Christmas Eve is on a Sunday. We need members at Church not delivering boxes! Please make a note of this!

### **Friday, December 22nd, we will be packing food boxes at 6PM.**

We need members and their families to help to pack, and stack the food boxes! In the last few years, we have packed nearly 450 boxes feeding 350 families and are on track to do the same this year. Please, Please, help us. If interested please contact PGK Joe Lamour.

### **Saturday, December 23rd at 8AM we will be loading and delivering boxes.**

If you can assist by loading or delivering please let us know. You can contact me at: [jj1266goodfellows@gmail.com](mailto:jj1266goodfellows@gmail.com). Please understand that it is a very hectic morning loading autos as we have deliveries going all across Monroe County! PGK Shawn Piedmonte and his crew will be delivering food to almost all the tenants of Mable Kehris and Divine Grace K of C Council will be delivering to River Park Plaza. It takes us time to load those trucks so I'm asking those with individual routes to please be patient and we'll have you on your way as quickly as possible.

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

PGK Jay Jondro Sr  
Goodfellows Club President



## Financial Secretary

The Monroe Council would like to thank PGK Shawn Piedmonte for his years of service as our Financial Secretary! He has worked tirelessly behind the scenes and kept our Council in good standings. Great job Shawn – Thank You!

We would like to take this time to welcome Mike Cochran, who has accepted the financial secretary position. We appreciate the commitment you've made and look forward to working with you. Thanks for stepping up, Mike!

The Council would also like to thank PGK Sam Liparoto for the many years that he put together our council calendar for the Courier! Thank you, Sam, for a great job! We are looking for a member that would like to take on this task. Think about it -- Your work will be hanging on soo many members' refrigerators as a reminder of functions to come.

# Council #1266 Calendar



## DECEMBER 2023

- 2 **Goodfellows Paper Sale**
- Meet in the Lounge** ..... 8:00 a.m.
- 5 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 6 Council Officer Meeting ..... 6:00 p.m.
- 6 Goodfellows Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Regular Joe Sharing Our Faith Mtg. .... 5:45 a.m.
- 9 Council Christmas Mass,  
PGK & Clergy Dinner..... 5:00 p.m.
- 12 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 13 Council Rosary ..... 6:30 p.m.
- 13 Council Business Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Building Assoc. Meeting..... 8:00 p.m.
- 18 Fraternal Benefit Night  
with N. Novak Agent ..... 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 20 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Business Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Regular Joe Sharing Our Faith Mtg. .... 5:45 a.m.
- 22 **GOODFELLOWS BOX PACKING** .... 6:00 p.m.
- 23 **GOODFELLOWS BOX DELIVERY** .. 8:00 a.m.
- 25 **Christmas Day**
- 26 No Council Bingo
- 27 No Council Social
- 31 **New Year's Eve**

## JANUARY 2024



- 1 **New Year's Day**
- 2 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 3 Council Officer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Regular Joe Faith Mtng ..... 5:45 a.m.
- 4 Lunch in the Lounge ..... 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 6 **Epiphany**
- 9 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 10 Council Business Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Building Assoc. Meeting ..... 8:00 p.m.
- 11 Lunch in the Lounge ..... 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 15 **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- 16 Winter Meeting Sacred Heart ..... 6:00 p.m.
- 16 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 17 4<sup>th</sup> Deg. Bus. Mtg. .... 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Regular Joe Faith Meeting ..... 5:45 a.m.
- 18 Lunch in the Lounge ..... 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 23 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 25 Lunch in the Lounge ..... 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 30 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 31 Council Euchre Social ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Bring a dish to pass



## FEBRUARY 2024

- 1 Regular Joe Sharing Faith Meeting ..... 5:45 a.m.
- 1 Lunch in the Lounge ..... 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 6 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 7 Council Officer Meeting ..... 6:00 p.m.
- 8 Lunch in the Lounge ..... 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 13 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 14 Council Business Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Building Assoc. Meeting ..... 8:00 p.m.
- 14 **Ash Wednesday**
- 14 **Valentine's Day**
- 15 Regular Joe Sharing Faith Meeting ..... 5:45 a.m.
- 15 Lunch in the Lounge ..... 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 20 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 21 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Business Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.
- 22 Lunch in the Lounge ..... 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 27 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 28 Council Euchre Social ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Bring a dish to pass
- 29 **Leap Day**



## MARCH 2024

- 5 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 6 Council Officer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Regular Joe Sharing Faith Meeting ..... 5:45 a.m.
- 12 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 13 Council Business Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Building Assoc. Meeting ..... 8:00 p.m.
- 17 **St. Patrick's Day**
- 19 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 20 4th Degree Business Meeting ..... 8:00 p.m.
- 21 Regular Joe Sharing Faith Meeting ..... 5:45 a.m.
- 24 **Palm Sunday**
- 26 Council Bingo ..... 5:45 p.m.
- 27 Council Euchre Social ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Bring a dish to pass
- 29 **Good Friday**
- 31 **Easter**



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