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Council Luncheon and Dinners

PLEASE check your emails for upcoming food events at our Council. There are weekly luncheons and scheduled dinners also. With the loss of rentals our Councils income has really been hit hard during the pandemic. This is an easy-peasy way to support our Council!



Council Christmas Party

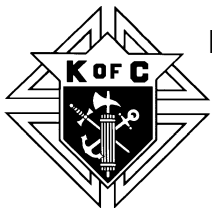
We **SADLY** announce due to the Pandemic the Councils Annual Christmas Party to Honor our Clergy, PGK's, and Council Members of Superior Services - must be Rescheduled! We will Reschedule ASAP !



"Men's Prayer Breakfast Monroe"

*** REGULAR JOE *** Led by : Deacon Michael Stewart & Brother Knight Elliott Alfredson.

The "Regular Joe" is Catholic men inviting men to a comfortable environment for learning, living, strengthening, and "Sharing of our Faith". We meet at our Council every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month. Meetings are 5:45 AM till 7a.m. Looking for a way to start your day the right way? Stop by and take part in this great program! We hope to see you soon!



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From Our Grand Knight

It is my privilege to extend sincere greetings Worthy Brother Knights and Lady Knights of Council #1266. I want to thank each one of you who helped make this last fraternal year such a success. We should all be proud that we made Star Council (Double Star).

Despite the pandemic we were able to continue to support all our programs and grow our council. Membership recruitment must continue to be a priority. We are off to a great start this fraternal year. The officers and I pledge to keep you informed of the many activities of the Council.

Our Coats for Kids program did well again this year. We were able to raise over \$6,000. Thanks to the generous donations from members, members family's, and local businesses. A special thank you to Denise Roberts who held a dance class to help with Coats for Kids. These coats will be distributed to kids in Monroe County.

I was proud to be a representative for Council #1266 at the Family Life Services ultrasound dedication ceremony. It was a long time coming after being postponed in April due to Covid. This ultrasound machine dedication was the 67th for the State of Michigan.

We also had a remarkably successful MI Drive. The MI Drive will help fund the Special Olympics, Holiday Camp, and Arc of Monroe.

Again, Thanks to all of you! Resolve this year to attend as many meetings and functions as possible.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Fraternally Yours,
Joseph Dale Vitale
64th Grand Knight Council # 1266



Monroe Council #1266 MI Drive Report

Thank You to ALL who assisted in any way with our 43rd consecutive Tootsie Roll sale!

This years sale was delayed by the State Directors from the spring to the fall dates of the Christopher Columbus weekend due to the pandemic. There was a lot of work to do to make the sale happen in a short time but it ended with excellent results!

Weeks before the sale no one really knew if the City of Monroe would even allow us to conduct the sale on the streets. But when we showed them our state mandated safety apparel and selling strategy they granted us permission for the sale. When we received the cities permission everything kicked into high speed catch up mode. At first one of the local banks would not give us permission to sell but later change their mind. Understandably there were Hawkers who were concerned about selling on the streets. A few of the local businesses also had concerns. The luncheon menu and serving procedures had to be realigned for safety sake. BUT, it did all come together with the sale actually totaling \$ 1,369.87 more than the 2019 sale!

Thank you to Matt Hehl for his help with First Merchants Bank. Thanks to the students of the SMCC Brother Brad Flint Mission Club that sold at 9 off street sites for a total sale of close to \$ 1,000.00. Thanks to all of our members who sold either on the street or at store fronts. Thank you Sharon who served up a tasty luncheon for no charge.

Jay Jondro Sr.
PGK & Goodfellow President

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From Our Financial Secretary

Worthy Brothers,

The time is once again upon us. Dues notices will be sent out soon. Once you receive them please send them back as soon as you can to avoid the mailing of the second notices. In addition to your annual dues, there will be two charities you can voluntarily contribute to. Ten for Charity is just as it says. It is a \$10 donation that will go towards our state charities. The second addition contribution is the Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowment Fund. All money collected for this will go towards Scholarship for SHMS student. For more info on our state charities; please visit <https://mikofc.org/news/10-for-charities-program-michigan-charities-fund>.

PGK Shawn Piedmonte
Financial Secretary



Brother Knights,

From Our Building Association

Happy fall and winter. The weather is certainly changing. It is time to think about our upcoming Holiday season. God blessing to all of us and your family!

I am pleased to report that bingo is back but only on two nights. Sunday and Tuesday. Erie K of C Council has decided to postpone their bingo for now. So for now we have some income from rentals and the lounge has been somewhat active.

I hope all our members and families stay safe and healthy. Please pray for everyone during the pandemic. Contact me or any Building Association officer if you have any questions or suggestions.

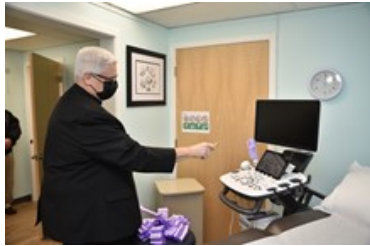
David VanAcker
Building Association President

Worthy Brothers and Families of the Monroe Council #1266

On October 15, 2020 we were finally able to dedicate the ultrasound machine to the Family Life Services of Washtenaw County (FLS). Several council officers and directors attended the outdoor ceremony with Deacon Tracy Esper leading us in prayer and the Blessing of the machine.

Thank you to all who participated in our Art Auction and a special thanks to David & Tina Heilman for chairing the Event. This dedication was a long time coming and could not have been possible without the help of our state Culture of Life director Ed Strauch and Past Culture of Life director Tim Donovan. These two gentlemen put a lot of time into making this happen and without their persistence we may still be waiting to dedicate the machine. The new ultrasound machine is a state of the art 4D machine that give us unbelievable images. FLS was trained on the machine in August and started using it in September. Although they didn't have any specific numbers, they did say they that there are already success stories associated with the new machine. We hope to give updates as they are shared with us.

PGK Shawn Piedmonte
Financial Secretary





MONROE COUNCIL #1266 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOODFELLOWS

Brother Knights,

Hard to believe another years gone by and we'll soon into full swing with the 2020 Goodfellows Christmas food Program!

For those that do not know about our program it was started by our Council in 1914 with the purpose of serving a hardy Christmas dinner to families in need in the City of Monroe. This is the 106th consecutive year for this program! Think of the wars years and the depression years when this food was really needed. We have a special need this year with the pandemic! Our services have expanded greatly through the years. We now deliver food throughout Monroe County. The amount of food we now deliver provides daily meals for a week. We are also providing monthly donations to all the Parishes of our council to be used for their needy. We also assist our Council in numerous charitable and religious projects. The money for all these services comes from our annual Goodfellows Paper Sale.

Please consider helping this cause in one or more of the listed ways. Ask anyone who has assisted in this program and they will tell you of the pride and brotherhood you will feel for helping those in need.



December the 5th is the Paper Sale . We do need help as "Hawkers" to sell our papers on the streets. The Saturday starts with coffee and do-nuts at 8ish. The sale is from 9AM till 12noon. At noon it's back to the hall for a lunch and the sharing of brotherhood. If you would like to help please contact me at jj1266goodfellows@gmail.com

If you can not sell papers please stop at a corner (or two) and buy a paper! This helps the others drivers behind you feel the need to buy a paper also.



For those who can not sell papers outside you can help as a "Sorter" or a "Counter". These men work inside adding up the moneys from the sale. Please contact PGK Sam Liporato of Louie Poupard if you are interested.



The next big date is Wednesday December the 23rd. This is when the food boxes are packed. The packaging starts at 6PM in Hall #2. If you are interested in assisting in the box packing contact PGK Joe Lamour at the print shop at 24-1-6006.



The final step in the food program is the delivery of boxes to the needy families on Christmas Eve morning. If you are interested in working this day we need help to load the trucks and help to deliver the boxes. We meet at the hall at 9ish. There are usually about 6 to 8 boxes per route. There are some special routes of only one or two boxes in remote areas of the county. If you can help please contact me at jj1266goodfellows@gmail.com

If you are unable to physically help us out please consider a charitable donation. A letter will be out to our membership.

Sincerely
PGK Jay Jondro Sr.
President Monroe Goodfellows

Council #1266 Calendar

(Please check the Council Website for changes to the Calendar)



DECEMBER 2020

- 2 Blood Drive Hall #1
- 3 Regular Joe-Sharing Our Faith Mtg.5:45 AM
Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 5 Goodfellows Street Paper Sale . 8:00 AM - 12Noon
- 5 & 6 Goodfellows Paper sales at our Parishes
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- 9 Council Business Meeting in Hall #1 7:00 PM
Building Association Meeting in Hall #1 .. 8:00 PM
- 10 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 16 4th Degree Meeting in Hall #1..... 7:00 PM
- 17 Regular Joe-Sharing Our Faith Mtg.....5:45 AM
Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 21 Winter Begins
- 23 Goodfellows Pack Boxes 6:00 PM
- 24 Goodfellows Deliver Boxes.....8:00 AM
No Weekly Lounge Luncheon
- 25 Christmas Day..... All Day
- 31 New Years Eve All Day



JANUARY 2021

- 1 New Year's Day All Day
- 5 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 7 Regular Joe-Sharing Our Faith Mtg.5:45 AM
Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 12 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 13 Council Business Meeting in Hall #1 7:00 PM
Building Association Meeting in Hall #1 .. 8:00 PM
- 14 Regular Joe Sharing Our Faith Mtg.....5:45 AM
- 14 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 18 Martin Luther Day All Day
- 19 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 20 4th Degree Meeting in Monroe Hall #1 7:00 PM
- 21 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 26 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 28 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon 11:30 AM



FEBRUARY 2021

- 2 Groundhog Day..... All Day
- Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 4 Regular Joe-Sharing Our Faith Mtg.....5:45 AM
Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon .. 11:30 AM
- 9 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 10 Council Meeting in Hall #1 7:00 PM
Building Association Meeting in Hall #1 ... 8:00 PM
- 11 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon 11:00 AM
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 17 Ash Wednesday All Day
- 4th Degree Meeting in Hall #1..... 7:00 PM
- 18 Regular Joe-Sharing Our Faith Mtg.....5:45 AM
Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 23 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 25 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon 11:30 AM



MARCH 2021

- 2 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 4 Regular Joe Sharing Our Faith Mtg.5:45 AM
Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 9 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 10 Council Meeting in Hall #1 7:00 PM
Building Association Meeting in Hall #1 ... 8:00 PM
- 11 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 14 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 16 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 17 St. Patrick's DayAll Day
- 4th Degree Meeting in Hall #1..... 7:00 PM
- 18 Regular Joe Sharing Our Faith Mtg. 5:45 AM
Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 20 Spring Begins
- 23 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 25 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 28 Palm SundayAll Day
- 30 Council Bingo 5:45 PM

"Men's Prayer Breakfast Group"

We meet the 1st & 3rd Thursdays in Hall #2
Starting at 5:45 AM and ending at 7:00 AM.

Looking for a way to start your day the right way?
Please join us!

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