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Younger Brother Knights:

THE GOODFELLOWS CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Please consider selling Goodfellows Papers
and/or Tootsies at our upcoming events!

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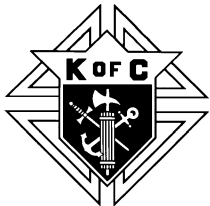
Men's Prayer Breakfast

Every 1st & 3rd Thurs.
5:45a.m. - 7a.m.

COUNCIL SOCIAL NIGHTS

Date Changes for upcoming socials!

****July 24, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 22****



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From Our Worthy Grand Knight

It's hard to believe it has already been a year since I took on the position of Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus Council #1266. It has been a tremendous honor and privilege for me to serve all of you and this great council for the past year. I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to carry this mantle and to be such an important player in this great organization. I have been blessed!

The 2024-25 Fraternal year had a lot of exciting moments and events. In September, we were blessed with the Shroud of Turin display, which was something quite incredible to see.

Our Tootsie Roll drives were very successful and provided substantial financial donations to Special Olympics of Monroe, Mon-Arc, Holiday Camp and the Saint Andre Bissett program at SMCC. On the Coats for Kids Day, we distributed nearly 300 coats, socks and mittens to the children of Monroe. Our brother Knights provided and served lunch to the kids at Holiday Camp last summer and helped run the standing broad jump event at the Monroe Special Olympics earlier this spring.

Funds raised through our council provided financial support to many agencies throughout our county. Organizations such as Heartbeat of Monroe, Michigan Right to Life, Selah's maternity home, Monroe Walk for Life, God Works, to name only a few, were given financial assistance thanks to the hard work of our brother Knights.

We started a couple new traditions this past year. The comedy night this past fall was a great success and touted as a must-repeat event by all who attended. The New Year's Eve party with a live band was also a very fun night and a great way to ring in the new year! Plans to repeat these events are already in the works.

Last month, DGK David Heilman & I attended the Michigan State Knights of Columbus Convention on Mackinac Island. What a great experience being surrounded by so many good Catholic men devoted to this incredible organization! Once again, Council 1266 attained Star Council status for the State of Michigan by recruiting 17 new members as new 3rd degree Knights over the past fraternal year. Also, through our hard work and dedication, we helped Michigan become #1 in the country for the ASAP (Aid & Support After Pregnancy) program and the new COR program. Great work, gentlemen!

Election of new officers for the 2025-26 fraternal year took place on June 11. I am once again honored to represent you as Grand Knight for this upcoming year. Feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or suggestions. I ask that you pray for all of the new officers of our council. As we go forward into this fraternal year, we ask for the Lord's guidance, wisdom and strength to perform our duties to the best of our abilities and in the best interest of the Knights of Columbus.



Vivat Jesus,
Grand Knight Jeff Couturier
66th Grand Knight of the Monroe Council #1266
Blessed Michael J. McGivney, Pray for Us!





Goodfellows Club

Hey all you Goodfellows, don't forget the upcoming Tootsie Roll sale at our Parishes! The summer sale at our parishes benefits the St Andre Bessette Program at SMCC! Please donate at your parish sale and set a good example!

PGK Jay Jondro Sr
Goodfellows Club President



4th Degree

I am looking forward to serving as the new Faithful Navigator for Assembly #488, and I thank Past Faithful Navigator Ricky Parker for his leadership, innovation, and fresh insight during his term.

With the support of the assembly and participating councils, I hope to increase membership in our Color Corp. We are a strong example of faithful service to the various churches in our district, and we would be able to meet all request for our presence at masses throughout the area if there were more Brother Knights in the Color Corp. We are the visual identity of the Knights of Columbus at many events throughout the year. Please consider joining us at these upcoming events:

June 22	7:30AM	Corporate Communion	St Anthony Temperance
June 22	12:00PM	Eucharistic Procession	St John's to St Micheals
August 23	4:00PM	125 Anniversary 4th Degree	St Christopher Marysville

Faithful Navigator
Ernie Renaud



Monroe Building Association

Knights of Columbus Council #1266 would like to say thanks to the outgoing Building Administration Officers Terry Durocher, Doug Kuras, Dave VanAcker, and Ricky Parker for their dedication in serving. They have initiated and managed numerous projects and efforts to maintain and improve our Council building and facilities throughout the past year. Without their leadership, guidance, and hard work, we would not have a meeting place and a facility to host special events to serve our parishes, local charities, blood drives, and other community organizations in our evangelization in the spirit of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney. As the incoming new Building Association President, I pray that our Council Members will continue to step forward and volunteer to help with their time, talent, and treasures to maintain our wonderful facility. May our efforts continue to provide not only a meeting place and venue for special events and occasions/celebrations for our members and community, but a place that all Brother Knights can be proud of as the home of Council #1266.

Thank you,
Vivat Jesus,
Brother Knight David Heilman

Council #1266 Calendar

Please check the Council website and email for any date changes.



JULY 2025

- 1 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 3 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast 5:45 a.m.
- 4 **Independence Day** All Day
- 8 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 9 Council Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Building Association Meeting 8:00 p.m.
- 15 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 16 4th Degree Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast 5:45 a.m.
- 22 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 23 **Holiday Camp, Volunteers needed** 10:30 a.m.
- 24 Council Euchre Social - Bring a dish 5:00 p.m.
- 29 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.



AUGUST 2025

- 5 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 7 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast 5:45 a.m.
- 12 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 13 Council Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Building Association Meeting 8:00 p.m.
- 19 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 20 4th Degree Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast 5:45 a.m.
- 23 **4th Degree Exemplification**
- 26 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 27 Council Euchre Social - Bring a dish 5:00 p.m.



SEPTEMBER 2025

- 1 **Labor Day** All Day
- 2 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 3 Blood Drive 1 - 6 p.m.
- Goodfellows Meeting 5:00 p.m.
- 4 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast 5:45 a.m.
- 9 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 10 Council Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Building Association Meeting 8:00 p.m.
- 13 **K of C Comedy Night (Tim Steele)** 5:30 p.m.
- 16 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 17 4th Degree Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast 5:45 a.m.
- 23 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 24 Euchre Social - Bring dish to pass 6:00 p.m.
- 30 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.



OCTOBER 2025

- 1 Goodfellows Meeting 5:00 p.m.
- 2 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast 5:45 a.m.
- 7 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 8 Council Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Building Association Meeting 8:00 p.m.
- 11-12 **Tootsie Roll Drive**
- 13 **Columbus Day** All Day
- 14 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 15 4th Degree Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast 5:45 a.m.
- 21 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 22 Euchre Social - Bring dish to pass 6:00 p.m.
- 28 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 31 **Halloween** All Day



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST REGULAR JOE

Mens Monthly Prayer Meeting
1st & 3rd Thursday each month 5:45 AM - 7 AM