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PGK and Clergy Appreciation Dinner



December 14th, 2019. Mass will begin at 5 p.m. with a social and dinner to follow. Our Patriotic Degree / Honor Guard of Assembly #0488 will be joining us this year? Watch the mail for your invitation and please make sure to R.S.V.P.

2019 Dueling Pianos New Year's Eve Show

Knights of Columbus Hall
Dinner & Show \$50.00 per Ticket
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From Our Grand Knight



It is my privilege to extend sincere greetings to all Brother Knights and Lady Knights of Council #1266. Thank You for your confidence in allowing me to serve you this fraternal year. Myself and the officers pledge to keep you informed of the many activities of the council. A lot of great projects have happened these last few months and we are planning many more.

One of our key goals this fraternal year is to increase our membership. Please Join me in welcoming the newest members of our council, Mark Larrow, Robert Switney, and Thomas Notario.

The projects our council undertake yearly are made possible by the dedication of the officers, members, members families and friends of Council #1266:

Coats for Kids - This year we raised over \$6,000.00. Thanks to generous donations from members, members family's, local business and our annual Euchre Tournament. We will be able to purchase 300 new coats. This year's Euchre Tournament held on November 3rd was filled with over 70 people participating. Fun was had by all! Thank you, Chair Bev Thoma, and all who helped make that night another success! If you want to help out with this program please send your check into the council and note C4K on the memo Line.

Casey the Teddy Bear- On Monday the 4th of November 2019. Officers and members of the Knights of Columbus Monroe #1266 met with City of Monroe Police Department Administrative Captain John D. Wall to accept 5 more cases of "Casey The Bear". The Knights of Columbus and The Monroe Police Department have a long-standing relationship with Casey The Bear. We purchase the bears then donate them to the police department. The Police put them in the officer's cars so when they respond to a situation where a child is in stress they can be comforted. The police department will also use them in situations as they see fit to comfort a child when needed.

Ultrasound Initiative- This was another stellar year for us. With the Auction this year and strong support from many local businesses we are once again providing another Ultrasound machine. Our third machine to date. After going through a vigorous vetting process from the Knights of Columbus. The latest machine will be heading to the Family Life Services of Washtenaw County. On October 29th officers of Council #1266 along with District and State officials met at the Family Life Services Center at 840 Maus Avenue, Ypsilanti, MI. 48198. We were given a tour of the facility and meet with the administrators. After this meeting we all walked away with the feeling that this was a great fit for all involved. We will keep you posted on the Grand Opening coming soon.

MI "Tootsie Roll" Drive- 40+ years strong. Our recent Tootsie Roll drive held at the parishes raised over \$2,500.00. Thank You to all the parishes for allowing us to have this drive at the churches after mass. This fund is used to provide lunches at Holiday Camp. Our Council works events for the Special Olympics, and we provide our facility to MonArch of Monroe to support their special dances.

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MPB- I want to make an announcement about the 'Men's Prayer Breakfast' Group led by Worthy Brother Deacon Michael Stewart and Worthy Brother Elliott Alfredson. Mission Statement: Catholic men inviting men to a comfortable environment where we take responsibly for learning, living, strengthening, and sharing our faith, which will in turn make us better men, leaders, husbands, fathers and followers of Jesus Christ. Making - Molding - Missioning. These men meet here at the: K of C 202 W Front St. Monroe 48161 every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month. They meet at 5:45a.m. till 7a.m. Coffee and donuts are provided. Currently between 35-45 men have been attending. Looking for a way to start your day the right way? Stop by and take part in this great program! Hope to see you at one of the groups soon!

Again, Thanks to all of you. Resolve this year to attend as many meetings as possible. We want to continue to grow the council and all of its functions while bringing new members to the order.

Myself and daughter Victoria want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

Fraternally Yours,

Joseph D. Vitale

64th Grand Knight - Council # 1266



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From Our Financial Secretary



Brother Knights, Keep an eye open for your due's notices, you should receive them very soon. Once you receive them, please return them ASAP so we can get your membership cards back to you as quickly as we can. Remember, once you receive your card, please make sure to sign it.

Also, there are two voluntary donations we would hope you would consider contributing to. **Ten for Charity**; this is just as it says, your \$10 will go towards the Michigan K of C State Charities. The other voluntary donation is the **Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowment Fund**. This is a \$6 donation that will go into a scholarship fund that will help Seminarians of SHMS that may be having financial difficulties and are not able to pay for the final years of their education.

If you to choose to pay online- please visit our website at www.kofcmonroe1266.com and click on the yellow button.

Vivat Jesus, **PGK Shawn Piedmonte, Financial Secretary**

LTC Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle



INSURANCE

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 20 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me. Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

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River Raisin #0488 Fourth Degree

From Our Faithful Navigator



Sir Knights & Ladies Knights, I would like to welcome four new members to the Assembly, Sir Knight Deacon Tracy Esper, Sir Knights Dr. Jefferey Couturier, Sir Knight Julian Rios, and Sir Knight Todd Sulfaro. They completed the Fall Exemplification. Our Assembly is looking forward to working with all these gentlemen.

There is an urgent need for Honor Guard members. If you are interested please contact one of the officers or Sir Knight Mark Faunt the Honor Guard Commander. The Honor Guard is the face of the Knights of Columbus. Help us represent the Knights order. Spring Fourth degree Exemplification will be March 7th, 2020.

I want to thank everyone for their continued support of the River Raisin Assembly #0488!

Vivat Jesus, **Michael Briskey, Faithful Navigator, River Raisin Assembly #0488**

From Our Building Association



Dear Brother Knights, I hope you and your family are in good health and thinking about being thankful for all God's blessings as we approach Thanksgiving Day.

Financially we continue to do well with event rentals, bingo, and the lounge income. All bills are paid and our savings accounts are earning some interest. As always we have items that need repair or replacement. Currently we have had maintenance on all of our appliances and we are getting quotes to replace three exterior steel doors. Concerning the doors please help us with our building security! If you are the last member to leave the building PLEASE make sure the doors are closed and locked before you leave.

Thanks to anyone We have a comfortable place to visit and we should be proud. If you have any questions or suggestions concerning the Building Association please let me or another officer know.

Dave VanAcker, President, Building Association

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

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Council #1266 Calendar



**JESUS IS THE REASON
FOR THE SEASON**

December 2019

- 3 Council Bingo..... 5:45 PM
- 5 Men's Prayer Group 5:45 AM
Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon..... 11:30 AM
- 7 Good fellows Paper Sale – Coffee in Lounge 8:00 AM
Sale..... 9:00 AM Till Noon
- 10 Council Bingo..... 5:45 PM
- 11 Council Business Meeting..... 7:00 PM
Building Association Business Meeting..... 8:00 PM
- 12 Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon..... 11:30 AM
- 14 Council Christmas Mass & Dinner 5:00 PM
- 17 Council Bingo..... 5:45 PM
- 18 4th Degree Business Meeting at Monroe 7:00 PM
- 19 Men's Prayer Group 5:45 AM
Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon..... 11:30 AM
- 23 Good Fellows Pack Boxes in Hall #2..... 6:00 PM
- 24 Good Fellows Deliver Boxes out of Hall #2 8:00 AM
No Council Bingo
- 25 Christmas Day All Day
- 26 No Weekly Luncheon
- 31 New Year's Eve All Day
Dueling Pianos Party in halls #1 & #2 .6:00 PM to 12 AM



January 2020

- 1 New Years Day All day
- 2 Men's Prayer Group 5:45 AM
Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon..... 11:30 AM
- 7 Council bingo 5:45 PM
- 8 Council Business Meeting 7:00 PM
Building Association Business Meeting 8:00 PM
- 9 Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon..... 11:30 AM
- 14 Council Bingo..... 5:45 PM
- 15 4th Degree Business Meeting at Monroe 7:00 PM
- 16 Men's Prayer Group 5:45 AM
Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon..... 11:30 AM
- 21 Council Bingo..... 5:45 PM
- 22 Council Social In Lounge, Bring A Dish 6:00 PM
- 23 Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon..... 11:30 AM
- 28 Council Bingo..... 5:45 PM
- 30 Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon..... 11:30 AM

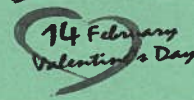
"Men's Prayer Breakfast Group"

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

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

Join in this great program. thgroups soon!

Don't Forget!



February 2020

- 4 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 6 Men's Prayer Group..... 5:45 AM
Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon..... 11:30 AM
- 11 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 12 Council Business Meeting..... 7:00 PM
Lincolns Birthday..... All Day
Building Association Business Meeting 8:00 PM
- 13 Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon..... 11:30 AM
- 14 Valentine's Day..... All Day
- 17 Washington's Birthday All Day
- 18 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 19 4th Degree Business Meeting at Monroe 7:00 PM
- 20 Men's Prayer Group..... 5:45 AM
Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon..... 11:30 AM
- 25 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 26 Ash Wednesday (All Day)
Council Social In Lounge, Bring A Dish 6:00 PM
- 27 No Luncheons in the Lounge during Lent
- 28 1st of 7 Lenten Fish Fries in the Lounge..... 4:30 PM
- 29 LEAP YEAR (EXTRA DAY THIS MONTH)..... All Day



MARCH 2020

- 3 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 5 Men's Prayer Group..... 5:45 AM
- 6 2nd of 7 Lenten Fish Fries in the Lounge..... 4:30 PM
- 7 4th Deg. Exemp. - DeCarlo's Warren MI 8:30 AM
- 8 Daylight Savings Time (move clocks forward)
- 10 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 11 Council Business Meeting 7:00 PM
Building Association Business Meeting 8:00 PM
- 13 3rd of 7 Lenten Fish Fries in the Lounge 4:30 PM
- 17 St. Patrick's Day All Day
Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 18 4th Degree Business Meeting at Monroe 7:00 PM
- 19 Men's Prayer Group..... 5:45 AM
Spring Begins 11:28 AM
- 20 4th of 7 Lenten Fish Fries in the Lounge 4:30 PM
- 24 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 25 Council Social In Lounge, Bring A Dish ... 6:00 PM
- 27 5th of 7 Lenten Fish Fries in the Lounge 4:30 PM
- 28 Craft Show in Halls #1 & #2 9:00 AM
- 31 Council Bingo 5:45 PM

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