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YES! LENT IS HERE - SO PLAN TO COME DOWN AND ENJOY THE COUNCILS LENTEN FISH FRIES !
The dinner is each Friday evening 4:30 to 6:30PM in our lounge. Running from Feb. 28th to April 10th.

Adults \$15, K of C members \$13,
Seniors (60 and up) \$13,
Kids 6-9 \$9, kids 5 and under free
grilled cheese and fries.



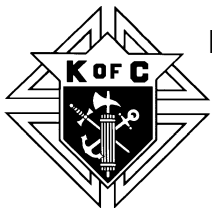
Please help our Council to help Children with "Intellectual Disabilities" at our annual Tootsie Roll street and church sale. APRIL 4th



* REGULAR JOE *

"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 in this great program!



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From Our Grand Knight

Greetings Brother and Lady Knights of Council #1266,

Membership – Please join me in welcoming our two newest members Joe Boggs and Drew Presto! Our Key goal this fraternal year is to increase our membership. We have made progress. I can't stress enough the importance of this goal. We have a quota to meet of 30 new members and 11 new insurances for Star Council. We have 5 new members and 2 new insurances. Currently we have 10 approved proposals who will go through to next Exemplification. If we can meet this year's goal, we would be exempt from paying State and Supreme Per Capita Tax. This equates to about \$17 per / member. Thousands of dollars that would stay right here at home for to us use towards our many council projects. Ask a family member, friend, or parish member. If you do not have an insurance policy please consider talking with our agent Brother Tom Jackson. 734-778-9601. Buying a simple annuity would count as an insurance for us. We only get credit if you do not currently have a policy with the Knights of Columbus.

Exemplification - If you haven't herd yet our Exemplification has been changed to a much simpler and public ceremony! We will be conducting one at our council as soon as we get an Exempt Team together. We still need a few presenters to read a few paragraphs during ceremony. If you are interested please contact me.

Ultrasound Machine – After a yearlong process of raising money and vetting we finally have a date, April 1, 2020, for the blessing of the machine. Our newest machine will be located at the Family Life Services of Washtenaw County. Again, thank you to all who have been a part of this journey in helping us provide this machine. Proudly this is the third machine that Council #1266 has been involved with to date.

Fish Fry – We will continue the tradition of the Lenten Fish Fry. Every Friday starting February 28th Through April 10th. From 4:30-6:30 p.m. (or while supplies last). If you haven't signed up to help there is a sign up board in the lounge. We can always use a little help.

Desert Meal – Many are asking if we are going to have the Desert Meal this year. We are Not going to have the meal this year. We will most certainly have it again next year. Even though we will not have the meal this year we remain committed to supporting the Seminarians with their journey as we have in the past. We will support it through other fundraising this year. If you would like to make a donation for this year send a check to K of C Council #1266. Put Seminarians in the memo and sent it to the council to my attention. Thank you!

Alpha – Feb 3rd – April 6th Interested in learning about & discussing the Christian faith with other local young adults (18-40)? Want to do something more meaningful than giving up sweets for Lent? Then join us for Alpha each Monday night at 6:30 in the Hall. Discussions will be led by members of the Monroe Vicariate's Evangelization team. Food and free babysitting will be provided!

Corn Hole Tournament – If you haven't heard we have had two Corn Hole Tournaments here in the hall to date. We have two more scheduled March 7th and April 18th. Sign in starts at 1 p.m. If your looking to have some fun stop by and throw some bags. There is Liquor, Beer, Food, Raffles and prizes.

Recruit new members, attend meetings, and stay engaged as we move forward growing our council and its many functions.

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

Warriors To Lourdes...

Is a pilgrimage done by the Knights each year for over 100 Wounded Warriors.
They embark to Lourdes for physical and spiritual healing.



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From Our Financial Secretary

Brother Knights,

Thank you to all that have submitted their dues payments. We still need to collect dues from about 24 members. I feel that we have done very well on collecting dues this year and I think the online payment option was a big reason for that. This year we had to charge a small fee for using the online method to help cover the cost that we were charged. If you are one of the 24 that still need to pay your dues, you probably already have received your Knight Alert in the mail. We would hope you would consider making your payment ASAP to eliminate any possible suspensions. If you no longer wish to pay your membership, please send me a letter stating your reasons so we can submit the proper paperwork to supreme.

As I am still learning this new position, along with the supreme website, I did have a few recording errors. Some of you may have received a second notice that shouldn't have. I do apologize for my mistake and thank you for your understanding. Until next time, I hope everyone has a great Lent and Easter season.

Vivat Jesus,
PGK Shawn Piedmonte
Financial Secretary



From Our Building Association

Brother Knights, I pray you and your family are well.

I am again pleased to report our income for the Building Association has remained steady thanks to all the Hall rentals, bingo, and the lounge.

We have high energy bills during the cold winter months and winter taxes were paid (\$8,200) in February. So try to volunteer as you are able. Wondering how you can help? Just ask any officer or bartender. Remember our next Building Association meeting is Wednesday March 11th at 8PM. If you have any questions or suggestions please ask any officer. We welcome your input.

Nominations for B.A. officers will begin in April and it's not too early to think about serving. Believe me you will feel good about contributing! As always think about the Knights of Columbus Building Association when planning your will.

Dave VanAcker
Building Association President



Monroe Council #1266 "Goodfellows Club"

First off, Thank You to all who helped out with our 105th consecutive Goodfellows Christmas Food Program. That's including the Hawkers, Re-Stockers, Sorters & Counters, Packers, Delivery Crews, and of course to those members who were very generous in their personal donations.

We had the most Street Hawkers Ever. Of course this led to a very successful street sale total

We had student members of the SMCC "Br. Bradley Flint Mission Club" Hawking papers at off street sites

The Salvation Army supplied many more families in need for us to serve

For the first time we helped the Oaks of Righteousness Mission with food deliveries

Thank you ALL for all your help!

Now On To > our 42nd Consecutive "Tootsie Roll" Sale to help those with Intellectual Disabilities. Proceeds go to ARC of Monroe, Holiday Camp, and Monroe County Special Olympics. 100% of the moneys raised will go to these charities. The "Spring Season" annual sale will take place April 4th & 5th. Saturday is the street corner sale. We will meet at the lounge for coffee and do-nuts at 8ish, and sell till 12noon. Of course we will need our Sorters & Counters. There will be a Parish Tootsie sale Saturday & Sunday after all Masses. If you are interested in helping in any way please contact me at jj1266goodfellows@gmail.com.

Jay Jondro Sr. PGK
Goodfellows President

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

Sharon Schmelz 734-230-2526 Cell - 734-299-6374 E-Mail address: snlschmelz@yahoo.com

Council #1266 Calendar



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
Corn Hole Tournament in Halls #1 & #2 1:00 PM
- 8 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 10 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
Presidential Primary Election 7:00 AM
- 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
- 15 Corporate Communion at St. Charles 10:00 AM
- 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 Goodfellows Meeting 6:00 PM
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



May 2020

- 2 Kentucky Derby 6:30 PM
- 5 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 7 Men's Prayer Group 5:45 AM
Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 10 Mother's Day All Day
- 12 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 13 Council Bus. Mtg. & 1st Nom. of Off. 7:00 PM
Bldg. Assoc. Bus. Mtg. & 2nd Nom. of Off. 8:00 PM
- 14 Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 19 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 20 4th Degree Business Meeting at Monroe 7:00 PM
4th Degree 1st Nomination of Officers 7:00 PM
- 21 Men's Prayer Group 5:45 AM
Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 25 Memorial Day Fly your Flag All Day
- 26 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 27 Council Social in Lounge - Bring a Dish 6:00 PM
- 28 Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon 11:30 AM



June 2020

- 2 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 4 Men's Prayer Group 5:45 AM
Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 9 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 10 Council Bus. Mtg. & Election of Officers 7:00 PM
Bldg. Assoc. Bus. Mtg. & Election of Dir. 8:00 PM
- 11 Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 16 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 17 4th Deg. Bus. Mtg. & Elect. of Off. at Monroe ... 7:00 PM
- 18 Men's Prayer Group 5:45 AM
Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 21 Father Day All Day
- 23 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 24 Council Social – Bring a dish to pass 6:00 PM
- 25 Sharon & Leo Weekly Lounge Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 30 Council Bingo 5:45 PM



April 2020

HOLY WEEK

- 2 Men's Prayer Group 5:45 AM
- 3 6TH of 7 Fish Fries in the Lounge 4:30 PM
- 4 Tootsie Roll Street sale. Meet In lounge 8:00 AM
- 7 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 8 Council Business Meeting 7:00 PM
Build. Assoc. Bus. Mtg. & 1st Nom. of Off. 8:00 PM
- 10 Good Friday (all day) 7th of 7 Fish Fries 4:30 PM
- 12 Easter Sunday All Day
- 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
- 18 Corn Hole Tournament in Halls #1 & #2 1:00 PM
- 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

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