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K of C FISH FRY

Every Friday During Lent

February 19th - April 2nd, 2021

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Monroe K of C Main Hall

Prepared as Ordered (No Buffet)

(Strictly adhering to State of Michigan guidelines

For Safe Food Handling & Social Distancing)

DINNER INCLUDES: Walleye, Perch, Shrimp,

Scalloped Potatoes or French Fries,

Green Beans & Cole Slaw *(No Substitutions)*

OR Grilled Cheese & French Fries

Adults \$15 K of C Members \$13

Children 5-9 \$9

Children under 4 FREE (Grilled Cheese & French Fries)

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From Our Grand Knight

Greetings Worthy Brothers & Lady Knights of Council #1266!

Welcome New Brothers of the Order. The following are new Council members recently added to the Roll: Thomas Kettinger of St. Mary, e-member; Robert Drobot of St. Charles, proposed by Brother Robert Fleming; and Karl Mercer of St. Michael, proposed by Brother PGK / FS Shawn Piedmonte. Additionally, I am excited to welcome back Brother Dennis Iott and Brother Greg Martin, who have both reactivated their memberships.

Thank you for all that we have accomplished in this fraternal year. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we find ourselves modifying the way we conduct our business, and there is no telling when we will be able to fully operate in our usual manner. Be assured that the work we do will not change. The projects we undertake yearly may just have to be done in a different manner, however long we can support them. Again, thanks to all of you. We want to continue growing the council and all its functions while bringing new membership to the order. Resolve to attend meetings and engage in council functions. Be well and God Bless!

Fraternally Yours,
Joseph Dale Vitale
64th Grand Knight



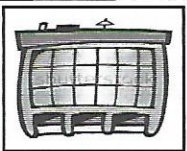
From Our Financial Secretary

Worthy Brothers,

We have had a great response with the dues collection this year, and I thank you for that. However, we still have a few members we need to collect from. If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so ASAP. I know we have had more than our fair share of members stating that they never received their notice in the mail this year. For the ones that informed me of not receiving their notices, I sent an electronic copy via email and had a great response from all. If for some reason you never received either your first or second notice via USPS, please send me an email and we will make sure we get it to you. My email is fs1266@mikofc.org

Due to the COVID-19 impact on the USPS, I am going to hold off on sending out the Knight Alerts to those who have not yet paid. This has been a crazy year to say the least, so we want to give everyone a fair opportunity to get current with their dues and be in good standing with the council.

Vivat Jesus,
PGK Shawn Piedmonte
Financial Secretary



Brother Knights,

From Our Building Association

I hope you and your families are safe and in good health.

It sure has been a strange year since we were first affected by COVID-19. Needless to say, our bottom line has suffered. However, because we have some savings, we are able to pay our bills. We ended 2020 with a loss of approximately \$7,600.00. Keep in mind we only had income for half the year.

The good news is bingo is back on Tuesday and Sunday, and we hope Thursday bingo will start soon. State guidelines have relaxed somewhat, so we are able to hold some events in the hall. Also, the lounge is open, and we encourage you to stop by and enjoy time with your Brother Knights.

We always need volunteers to bartend. If you are able to do so, please help let us know at 241-4640.

We have paid the interest due on the remaining 2020 bond holders. Hopefully we will pay off all the bonds in 2021. Please pray for the end to this pandemic and for all the members of our Council!

David VanAcker
Building Association President



From The Goodfellows

Brother Knights of Monroe Council #1266 -

Thank you, thank you for your service during this year's Goodfellows Christmas Food Program! In all my years of working in the Goodfellows, I have never seen so many people that stepped up to help out in so many special ways. This help was desperately needed during this COVID-19 year! This special help was provided not only from our members, but also by people from our community. I truly believe that past Goodfellows up in heaven are looking down at us smiling and giving us a big thumbs up.

Thank you to the following members of our community for your special help:

Bay Corrugated Inc., who once again donated a 4-year supply of the cardboard boxes we use to deliver food.

St Pierre Ace Hardware, who again used the "Round Up" program to donate over one thousand dollars.

Trout's Yacht Basin, for again supplying us with two refrigeration trailers at a VERY DISCOUNTED price.

Danny's Market, who really assisted in getting our food in a year where there were severe shortages.

SMCC students, who worked as Hawkers at all our off-street sites.

SMCC Principal Jason Linster, SMCC, and the students who volunteered to clean out the new Goodfellow storage area on the second floor, set up delivery boxes, set up the food for packaging in hall 1 & 2, and restored the tables and chairs in Halls 1 & 2 for bingo.

Thank you to the following members who helped:

- 1) Thanks to all who helped with the Paper Sale. The Goodfellow committee was concerned that we might have a shortage of "Street Hawkers" because of COVID-19 concerns. But this year, we had more Hawkers than ever before. We had Hawkers on street corners that we had NEVER manned before. The enthusiasm was fantastic!
- 2) Thanks to Financial Secretary PGK Shawn Piedmonte for chairing the accounting of our sales and to ALL who helped as Sorters and Counters. Thanks to PGK Samuel Liparoto for your many years of doing this.
- 3) Thank you to all the members who were SO VERY generous in your donations! Your personal donations raised our 2020 Goodfellow Christmas deposit to a very high level!
- 4) Thanks to Joe Lamour and family that helped round up food at grocery stores due to food shortages.
- 5) Thanks to Mark Sobol for labeling all the delivery route tags.
- 6) Thanks to the members who helped pack the boxes with food. This was the smallest group of people we have ever had at the hall, but they did a TERRIFIC job!
- 7) Thanks to all the members who delivered boxes. Thank you for helping during the COVID-19 situation. Thanks to those who assisted with new routes. Lastly, thanks to those who worked to deliver boxes for which we were given wrong addresses. Your concern to get those people their food was very kindhearted.

PGK Jay Jondro Sr

Goodfellows President



Hello All,

Spring Time MI Tootsie Roll Sale

Here's a quick update on the annual Tootsie Roll Sale. We have applied to the city and are planning to move the 2021 sale back to this spring. Our sales are always higher when we do the sale in the spring time. We had to cancel the spring sales last year and move it into the fall season due to COVID-19. The target dates are March 27th & 28th, which is Palm Sunday weekend. The Street Sale is Sat. the 27, and the Church sales are on both dates. Hawkers, you will be contacted by PGK Jay Jondro as soon as we have city approval. New Hawkers can contact Jay at jj1266goodfellows@gmail.com. Counters and Sorters should contact Shawn Piedmonte at fs1266@mikoc.org or at 734-497-9447. The Parish Chairmen are: Dick Lajiness at St Anne's, Dennis Miller at St Charles, Samuel Liparoto at St John's, Joe Lamour at St Mary's, and Shawn Piedmonte at St. Mike's.



"Men's Prayer Breakfast Monroe"

The "Regular Joe" meetings are Catholic men inviting men to a comfortable environment for learning, living, strengthening, and sharing of our faith. Meetings are every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month. Meetings are 5:45 a.m. till 7 a.m. Join us in this great program!



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Council #1266 Calendar

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

FISH FRY FRIDAY

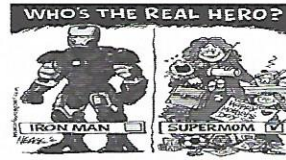
MARCH 2021

- 2 Council Bingo.....5:45 PM
- 3 Officers Meeting, Hall #1..... 7:00 PM
- 4 Regular Joe Sharing Our Faith Mtg. 5:45 AM
Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon..... 11:30 AM
- 5 Fish Fry #3 in Halls 1 & 2..... 4:30 PM
- 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
- 12 Fish Fry #4 in Halls 1 & 2..... 4:30 PM
- 14 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 16 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 17 St. Patrick's Day..... 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
- 19 Fish Fry #5 Halls 1 & 2..... 4:30 PM
- 20 Spring Begins
- 23 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 25 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon..... 11:30 AM
- 26 Fish Fry #6 Halls 1 & 2..... 4:30 PM
- 28 Palm Sunday..... All Day
- 30 Council Bingo 5:45 PM



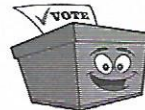
April 2021

- 1 Regular Joe Sharing Our Faith Mtg. 5:45 AM
Holy Thursday.....All Day
Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon..... 11:30 AM
- 2 Good Friday.....All Day
Fish Fry #7 in Halls 1 & 2..... 4:30 PM
- 4 Easter Sunday.....All Day
- 6 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 7 Officers Mtng. Hall #1 7:00 PM
- 8 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon..... 11:30 AM
- 13 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 14 Council Meeting in Hall #1 7:00 PM
Building Association Mtg. Hall #1 8:00 PM
Building Assoc. 1st Brd. of Dirs. Nom. 7:00 PM
- 15 Regular Joe Sharing Our Faith Mtg. 5:45 AM
Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon..... 11:45 AM
- 20 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 21 4th Degree Meeting Hall #1 7:00 PM
- 22 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon..... 11:30 AM
- 27 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 29 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon..... 11:30 AM



MAY 2021

- 4 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 5 Officers Mtng. Hall #1 7:00PM
- 6 Regular Joe Sharing Our Faith Mtg. 5:45 AM
Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 9 Mothers Day All Day
- 11 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 12 Council Meeting Hall #1..... 7:00 PM
Council 1st Officers Nomination..... 7:00 PM
Building Association Mtg. Hall #1 8:00 PM
Building Assoc. 2nd Brd. of Dir. Nom. 8:00 PM
- 13 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 18 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 19 4th Degree Meeting Hall #1..... 7:00 PM
4th Degree 1st Nomination of Officers..... 7:00 PM
- 20 Regular Joe Sharing Our Faith Mtg. 5:45 AM
Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 25 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 27 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 31 Memorial Day..... All Day



JUNE 2021

- 1 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 2 Officers Mthg Hall #1 7:00PM
- 3 Regular Joe Sharing Our Faith Mtg. 5:45 AM
Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 8 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 9 Council Meeting in Hall #1 7:00 PM
Council 2nd Officers Nom. & Elections 7:00PM
Building Assoc. Mtg. in Hall #1 8:00 PM
Building Assoc. Board of Dir. Election..... 8:00 PM
- 10 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 15 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 16 4th Degree Meeting Hall #1 7:00 PM
4th Degree 2nd Nom. & Elect. of Officers ... 7:00 PM
- 17 Regular Joe Sharing Our Faith Mtg. 5:45 AM
Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 22 Council Bingo 5:45 PM
- 24 Sharon & Leo Weekly Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 29 Council Bingo 5:45 PM

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