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Please Plan on Helping Out in our
- 48th Annual Tootsie Roll Sale -
April 12th Weekend



- FISH FRY FRIDAY -

See Grand Knight's Article for Details

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DESERT MEAL

Saturday, March 29th

See Grand Knight's Article for Details

- JOIN US -

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Every 1st & 3rd Thurs.

5:45a.m. - 7a.m.

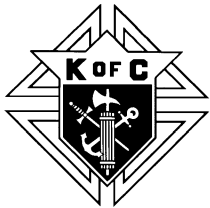
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MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
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COUNCIL EUCHRE NIGHTS

Wednesday's, May 28th & June 25th



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From Our Grand Knight

So, 2024 ended a pretty wild and eventful year! The New Year's Eve party held at the Knights of Columbus Hall was a great success! Everyone who attended had a wonderful time bringing in the new year. And we all enjoyed an awesome band. Everyone agreed we should do this again next year.

As we enter 2025, we celebrate a Jubilee year with the Catholic Church – a year of Hope. Hope is a powerful virtue which we can share and spread throughout our community. Pray for those who have lost hope and bring hope to everyone you meet.

Looking forward, the Monroe Knights of Columbus has many wonderful things in the works. We will again be having our Friday Fish Frys throughout the season of Lent. Please come and support our council and enjoy a delicious meal. Volunteers are always needed to make these dinners a success.

On March 29, we will be having our annual Desert Meal Dinner in support of the Sacred Heart seminarians as they prepare for their annual “Pilgrimage of the Saints”. This is a very important fundraiser to help our future priests have an opportunity to walk in the footsteps of the Saints. Come join us for a great evening with friends and our spiritual leaders.

The spring Tootsie roll sale is coming on the first and second weekends of April. Money raised from this drive will support our local Special Olympics, Mon-Arc of Monroe and Holiday Camp. Volunteers are needed at the church entrances and on the street corners of Monroe. Please help in any way you can.

I'm very excited about 2025! There is so much we can, and will, do for those in need right here in Monroe County. Council # 1266 is one of the best and most active councils in the state. If you know of any Catholic man who is not a knight, encourage him to join us in our fight for Faith, Family, Life and Community. We are a service organization - and we shall continue to serve our families, our parish, and our community as missionaries of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Vivat Jesus,
Grand Knight Jeff Couturier
66th Grand Knight of the Monroe Council #1266

Blessed Michael J. McGivney, Pray for Us!





Goodfellows Club

Fellow Goodfellows,

I would like to start out by thanking EVERYONE that helped with our 107th consecutive Christmas Goodfellows Food Program. To everyone that helped in any way, YOU helped feed over 350 FAMILIES in Monroe County! The turnout for food packing and distribution was fantastic! I would like to thank the student athletes from SMCC that did a fantastic job with the hall set up for packaging, the food stations set up, and the packaging of cooler foods! I would also like to thank the Divine Grace Council #15932 members that again delivered food to the Roessler High Rise.

One note of an upcoming problem that is showing up! We are slowly but surely losing street Hawkers! Some of the guys on the street have been selling for 50 plus years. Each of the past two years we have lost members who can no longer physically participate and it is starting to take its toll. This year we were approximately \$3,000 short on our sales. This is my first request to our membership to PLEASE consider selling Goodfellow papers! I would like to recommend if you are interested in helping out, please check with family members or friends who might want to join you. I can testify that in years of selling, its always a more fun experience to sell with people you truly share with!



That being said, please let me switch from my “Fedora” Goodfellows Hat to the upcoming Tootsie hat. The Tootsie Street sale is Saturday, April 12th. Please consider helping! If you are interested in being a Street Hawker please let me know via my email at jj1266goodfellows@gmail.com. The street sale is 9AM till noon. After the sale there is a Hawker lunch in our lounge for the volunteers! Please note PGK Shawn Piedmonte could also use some additional help in our Sorting and Counting department after the sale. You can contact Shawn at uofmshawn@gmail.com.

PGK Jay Jondro Sr
Goodfellows Club President



Monroe Building Association

Brother Knights,

The Building Association is in need of a few good men. With the election of officers and directors a couple months away we need members of the council who are in good standing to step up and fill these important positions. At this time the president, vice-president, and treasurer are not seeking re-election. Speaking for myself, I’ve been involved with the Building Association for over 15 years as a director or officer. Its time to move on. I want to thank all past board members, officers, and Brother Knights for their hard work and insight to bring Council #1266 out of debt and moving forward. So, if you have any spare time, can run a profitable business, have some accounting experience, mechanically inclined, good housekeeping habits, a people person, and common sense person, Please Sign Up! **HAVE A BLESSED EASTER!**

Terry Durocher
Building Association President

Council #1266 Calendar

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

MARCH 2025



March Highlights:

- March 22: Ignite Men's Catholic Conference
- March 26: Lenten Mission
- March 29: Annual Desert Meal Dinner
- K of C Founders Day - 143 Years!
- Vietnam War Veteran's Day

- 17 St. Patrick's Day All Day
- 18 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 19 4th Degree Business Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast 5:45 a.m.
- 21 Fish Fry #3 4:30 p.m.
- 22 Ignite Men's Catholic Conference 4:30 p.m.
- 25 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 26 Council Euchre Social - Bring a dish..... 5:00 p.m.
- 26 Lenten Mission 6:15 p.m.
- 28 Fish Fry #4 4:30 p.m.
- 29 Desert Meal..... 6:00 p.m.
- 29 K of C Founders Day - 143 years
- 29 Vietnam War Veteran's Day

APRIL 2025



April Highlights:

- April 1: Blood Drive
- April 20: Easter Sunday

- 1 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 1 Blood Drive..... 1-6:00 p.m.
- 2 Goodfellows Meeting..... 5:00 p.m.
- Rosary 5:30 p.m.
- Exemplification..... 6:00 p.m.
- Lenten Mission 6:15 p.m.
- Business Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.
- Building Association Meeting 8:00 p.m.
- 3 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast..... 5:45 a.m.
- 4 Fish Fry #5 4:30 p.m.
- 5 Tootsie Sale....After Parish Masses - St. Michael
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- 8 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 9 Business Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Fish Fry #6 4:30 p.m.
- 12 Tootsie Sale...After Parish Masses & Street Sale
- 13 Palm Sunday
- 13 Tootsie Sale.....After Parish Masses
- 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.
- 18 Good Friday – Fish Fry #7 4:30 p.m.
- 20 Easter Sunday
- 22 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 23 Council Euchre Social - Bring a dish..... 5:00 p.m.
- 29 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.

MAY 2025



May Highlights:

- May 11: Mother's Day
- May 26: Memorial Day

- 1 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast 5:45 a.m.
- 6 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 7 Council Officer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Mother's Day
- 13 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 14 Business Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.
- Build. Association Meeting 8:00 p.m.
- 15 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast..... 5:45 a.m.
- 17 4th Degree Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 21 4th Degree Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Memorial Day
- 27 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 28 Euchre Social - Bring dish to pass 6:00 p.m.

JUNE 2025



June Highlights:

- June 4: Blood Drive
- June 15: Father's Day

- 3 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 4 Blood Drive..... 1-6:00 p.m.
- 4 Council Officer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.
- 5 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast..... 5:45 a.m.
- 10 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 11 Business Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.
- Building Association Meeting 8:00 p.m.
- 15 Father's Day
- 17 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 18 4th Degree Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast..... 5:45 a.m.
- 24 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 25 Euchre Social - Bring dish to pass 6:00 p.m.



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MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
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Mens Monthly Prayer Meeting
1st & 3rd Thursday each month 5:45 AM - 7 AM