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## #1266 Council Events

### "Knights In Action"



Did You Notice our new article in your parish bulletin? In our most recent "Round Table" with our Pastors we received permission for these monthly articles to let the men of our faith see what the Knights of Columbus are really about. Please check out this post the first week of every month in case a parish member wishes to ask you a question.



Please join your Brother Knights at the next scheduled Corporate Communion at St. Mary Dec. 3rd, 9:30AM.



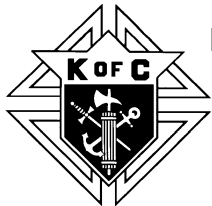
Plan on watching the U of M - vs - OSU annual battle at the lounge featuring "Brats & Beer" Check Web site for more details.



Steve Richardville and Wayne Navarre are trying to start a Lounge Pool League. If you are interested, call the lounge or add your name and phone number to the sign in sheet behind the bar. The committee will contact everybody to set up a meeting to discuss a dates and times.



The Council next "Social" Euchre Night is Jan 24th starting with dinner at 6PM. Bring a dish to pass play cards and socialize. Keep checking the website [www.kofcmonroe1266.com](http://www.kofcmonroe1266.com) for upcoming events.



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## From Our Grand Knight

Greetings Brother Knights and Families,

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Can you believe it is the holiday season already? For me this year has flown by so fast it is hard to comprehend what our council has accomplished. Thanks to the hard work from many of our members, the churches and community are once again recognizing the works of our council.

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, DGK Mark and I attended a meeting about Building the Domestic Church. This is a real thing and all councils are required to take part in the program. Not participating is not an option. After we sat back and listened to the presentation, we determined that we are already taking part in some of these programs. For more information on Building the Domestic Church, please visit the link listed.

<http://www.kofc.org/en/domestic-church/index.html>

The "Coats for Kids" fundraiser was a success again this year. Thanks to everyone who donated, we will be able to put 216 winter coats on children in need. We may be looking for volunteers to help distribute the coats to the kids. If you are willing to lend a hand, please email me at [gk1266@mikofc.org](mailto:gk1266@mikofc.org).

Our "Ultrasound Initiative" was also a success. Council #1266 was able to provide \$5200 towards a new ultrasound machine to be placed in a clinic. We should be very proud of this accomplishment! At the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, we found out that the machine will be placed in a clinic located on the campus of MSU. The original clinic and the back-up clinic that were selected as candidates could not meet the all the different requirements for placement of an ultra-sound machine. As the fund-raising program was already well underway the State Council sought another location. The clinic on the campus of Michigan State University was chosen, and approved. NOTE - 51% of abortions are performed on women that are less than 25 years of age. 1/3 of the 51% are college students. Even though the Ultra-Sound Machine will not be in the Southern portion of the Diocese, the important thing is that there will be a new ultrasound machine put in place to help end abortion. Thank you to everyone that donated

The annual Clergy and PGK Appreciation dinner is scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup>. Everyone should have received his invite, with all the evenings' info, in the mail. Please make sure you send in your RSVP by December 2<sup>nd</sup> so we can plan accordingly. We hope to see you there!

Please check out the Goodfellows article about info on the "Paper Sale" and delivery of food boxes. Also, please make sure to read about the Desert Meal that will take place in February.

Starting in January, we will be reciting the rosary at 6:30 prior to our business meetings. Please consider joining us for this time of prayer.

My wife Lori and I would like to wish everyone a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!

Respectfully,  
*Shawn Piedmonte*  
Grand Knight



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## Fourth Degree Rasin River Assembly 0488

Dear Sir Knights and Ladies,

Our patriotic degree is in a period of change, and while there are many across the Fr. Hennepin Province who have struggled with this, I am thankful and happy this Assembly has chosen to take a positive approach to the changes, and to adapt as to carry on the great traditions of our degree

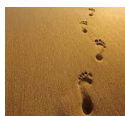
I would like to share a few insights gathered from our Michigan District 1fall/winter meeting held Nov. 5, 2017. One area the Color Corps has taken on its entirety in the past are the Death Watch's for a fallen Sir Knight, the entire Assembly is encouraged to take part in this honor of our deceased.

Corporate Communions are another area where the Color Corps has carried much of the burden, and yes the entire Assembly can and should assist when possible. As District - wide Corporate Communions are planned, we may see more of this.

Whenever we show our solidarity in being proud of our faith, happy to celebrate the Holy Mass together, we are performing the work of our Order.

Please feel to contact me with any questions or concerns,

William Alati  
Faithful Navigator



## Desert Meal 2018

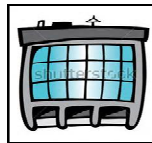
Preparations are well underway for Desert Meal 2018. The date has been set for Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 6:00pm and then the festivities will begin. We will again be conducting a 50/50 or even a 60/40 raffle that was such a huge success last year.

Look for information in your Parish Bulletin's over the next few weeks. It is our hope to start selling tickets at the Parishes in December.

The tickets cost is the **same** as last year: A single ticket is \$15.00 or Reserve a complete Table of 8 for \$95.00.

There will be regular updates posted on the Councils website: [www.kofcmonroe1266.com](http://www.kofcmonroe1266.com). We are now accepting donations for the prize raffles that will be held throughout the night or Volunteer your time for this worthy cause. Please let us know how you can help!

Sincerely -2018 Desert Meal Committee



## Monroe Council Building Association

Brother Knights,

First I want to report all accounts are up to date!

We are very fortunate to have the tireless volunteers keeping the building and equipment in good condition. A lot of projects have been completed over the last few months. The ice machine, ice cooler in the lounge and the walk in cooler have all been scrubbed clean. Also we are remodeling the Grand Knights office and its almost done.

Big ticket items we are considering are new 60" composite round tables to replace the old wooden ones. Also getting prices for new padded stackable chairs for the halls.

Please try to attend our meetings which are held the second Wednesday of the month following the council meeting.

Thanks to Terry Price and his crew for all the great food and great times they coordinate for us in the lounge. A special thanks to Joe Vitale who recently started bartending. We can always use more help.

Finally I pray for all the Knights and their families as we approach Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas!

Please consider the K of C Building Association when planning your will.

David VanAcker, President

## LADY KNIGHTS NEWS

December 6<sup>th</sup> is the Ladies Christmas meeting and dinner at 6:00 PM in the lounge. Bring a \$10.00 gift exchange and a dish to pass. Call Mitzi Jondro at 734-652-5961 by November 29<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

Another year is coming to an end. It has gone by so fast. I hope all have been as Blessed as I have this year. To be able to work hand and hand with the men of the Knights of Columbus on many different things has been a true Blessing. Remember all that are sick and cannot get out of the house in your daily prayers. Remember that there are many that do not have a warm bed to sleep in or a warm meal every day, pray for them. Remember that our troops are fighting for our freedom and we should not take that for granted.. I hope all have good health and prosperity in the year 2018. Thank you all for the support you have given this year.

Sharon Schmelz,  
President

# Council #1266 Calendar



## December 2017

2 Good Fellow Paper Sale Breakfast in Lounge	8:00 AM
3 Council #1266 Corporate Communion St. Mary	9:30 AM
5 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
6 Ladies Meeting in Lounge	6:00 PM
7 Sharon & Leo Sandwich & Salad	11:30 AM
7 Pearl Harbor Day – 1941 – flag Day	All Day
9 Past Grand Knight & Clergy Mass & Dinner -	5:00 PM
12 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
12 Hanukkah starts this evening & Ends Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>	
13 Council Business Meeting	7:00 PM
13 Building Association Business Meeting	8:00 PM
14 Sharon & Leo Sandwich & Salad	11:30 AM
19 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
20 Fourth Degree Business Meeting	7:00 PM
21 Sharon Leo Sandwich & Salad	11:30 AM
22 Pack Good Fellow Boxes in Hall #2	6:00 PM
23 Deliver Good Fellow Boxes out of Hall #2	8:00 AM
25 Christmas Day	All Day
26 No Council Bingo	
28 No Sandwich & Salad	
31 New Year's Eve	All Day



## FEBRUARY 2018

1 Sharon & Leo Sandwich & Salad	11:30 AM
4 NFL Super Bowl Sunday	TBD
6 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
7 No Ladies meeting	
8 Sharon & Leo Sandwich & Salad	11:30 AM
10 Desert Meal Doors open at 6 PM dinner at 7:00 PM	
13 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
14 Council Business Meeting	7:00 PM
14 Building Association Business Meeting	8:00 PM
14 Valentine's Day	All Day
14 Ash Wednesday – (No Fish Fry)	All Day
15 No Sandwich & Salad Luncheon	
16 1 <sup>st</sup> Fish Fry in the Lounge	4:30 PM
10 President's Day	All Day
20 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
21 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Business Meeting	7:00 PM
22 No Sandwich & Salad Luncheon	
23 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fish Fry in the Lounge	4:30 PM
27 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
28 Council Social in the Lounge	6:00 PM



## JANUARY 2018

2 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
3 No Ladies meeting	
4 Sharon & Leo Sandwich & Salad	11:30 AM
9 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
10 Council Business Meeting	7:00 PM
10 Building Association Business Meeting	8:00 PM
11 Sharon & Leo Sandwich & Salad	11:30 AM
16 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
17 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Business Meeting	7:00 PM
18 Sharon & Leo Sandwich & Salad	11:30 AM
23 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
24 Council Social in the Lounge	6:00 PM
25 Sharon & Leo Sandwich & Salad	11:30 AM
30 Council Bingo	5:45 PM



## MARCH 2018

1 No Sandwich & Salad luncheon	
2 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fish Fry in the Lounge	4:30 PM
6 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
7 No Ladies meeting	
8 No Sandwich & Salad Luncheon	
9 4 <sup>th</sup> Fish Fry in the Lounge	4:30 PM
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins	All Day
13 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
14 Council Business Meeting	7:00 PM
14 Building Association Meeting	8:00 PM
15 No Sandwich & Salad Luncheon	
16 5 <sup>th</sup> Fish Fry in the Lounge	4:30 PM
17 St. Patrick's Day	All Day
20 Spring Begins – Council Bingo at 5:45 PM	
21 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Business Meeting	7:00 PM
22 No Sandwich & Salad Luncheon	
23 6 <sup>th</sup> Fish Fry in the Lounge	4:30 PM
25 Palm Sunday	All Day
27 Council Bingo	5:45 PM
28 Council Social in the Lounge	6:00 PM
29 No Sandwich & Salad	
30 Good Friday All Day – 7 <sup>th</sup> Fish Fry in Lounge	4:30 PM

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