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Meetings: 7:30 p.m. Sharp --- 2nd Thursday of the Month

Council 4232 Directory

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Council Events

- **Family Burger/Hot Dog Night Every Monday**
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Closed Holidays
- **Bingo Fridays** – Doors Open 4:00 p.m.
Bingo Starts 6:30 p.m.
- **Next Social Night – June 25, 2026**
Social Hour 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm
- **Euchre – Mondays** 4:00 p.m. Play starts at 5:00 p.m.

Monthly Meetings unless otherwise noted:

- **Assembly 2049 – 1st Monday** at 7:45 p.m.
- Council Officers – **2nd Thursday** 5:30 p.m.
- Council Membership – **2nd Thursday**
- Rosary 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- VCBC – **3rd Thursday** - 7:00 p.m.
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting **September 21st, 2026 - 11:30 a.m.**

Knights of Columbus 4232

Join us for Family Night!!!

Every Monday from 5:00-7:00 PM.
Serving the best Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Slopy Joe's,
Hotdogs, and Coney Dogs with those delicious fries or chips.
Take outs are also available.
All condiments are provided by a sanitized kitchen person.

Also, Every Monday!

Euchre Night!

Join us for a friendly evening of euchre. Show up at 4:00 p.m. and register then enjoy our Family Night Menu for dinner.

Play starts promptly at 5:00 p.m.

\$1.00 to register for 8 games and all money used for prize money and awarded appropriately.

GRAND KNIGHT MESSAGE

Brother Knights

Knight of the Month – Mike Yaklin

Family of the Month – Mark & Estelle Przybylski

We had our nominations for officer positions in our council at the last membership meeting. The following Knights were nominated for positions:

Grand Knight	Thomas Ruth
Deputy Grand Knight	Mike Yaklin
Chancellor	Burt Murphy
Recorder	Mike Yaklin
Treasure	Dennis Smigiel
Advocate	Ron Brasseur
Warden	James Czolgosz
Inside Guard	David Kontur
Outside Guard	Russell Herlache
One Year Trustee	Mark Macek
Two Year Trustee	John Wahl
Three Year Trustee	Atticus Driver
The Financial Secretary	Jerry Schmidt
Chaplin	Fr. Bill Rutkowski

Installation will be at our social night on June 25, 2026. Social hour will start at 5:30pm, Dinner will follow at 6:30pm. The installation program will begin shortly after dinner. If you cannot attend the installation, please let me know. Please plan on business casual for this occasion. There is a sign-up sheet in the bar area. Please sign up if you will be attending. If you are unable to sign up let me know and I will put your name down.

Council 4232 needs new members! If you know someone who might be interested in joining, please let me know. I will reach out and talk with them and let them know what the Knights of Columbus is all about—faith, service, and brotherhood. Together, we can grow our council and continue the great work we do in our parishes and community! We will be starting recruitment after masses at our churches soon. If you are asked to help, please say yes. If we all do a little part our numbers will grow.

Again – This month – I am reposting the letter I sent out a while ago asking anyone who is a member to please start attending our meetings.

As the Grand Knight and a fellow Knight, I'm reaching out to personally let you know that you've been missed. Your presence, your voice, and your fellowship have always brought something special to our council. While life gets busy and priorities shift, I want to extend a heartfelt invitation to return and join us once again at our meetings.

Our gatherings are more than just business—they're an opportunity for us to support one another, serve our community, and grow in faith and fraternity. Your experiences and ideas are valuable to our council, and we'd be stronger with you back around the table.

Whether it's been months or years, you're always welcome. No explanations needed—just come as you are. We're looking forward to reconnecting, sharing some laughs, and continuing the good work we're called to do together.

Our next meeting is on Thursday June 11, 2026. We pray to Rosary at 7pm and our meeting starts at 7:30pm. With 586 current members our attendance averages between 12 to 15 Knights. Please make every attempt to attend the meeting.

If you have any questions, need a ride, or just want to talk, feel free to reach out to me directly.

Jim Czolgosz and I were guests at the 2026 Baccalaureate at Nouvel Catholic Central High School on May 19, 2026. We handed out 6 of the 7 scholarships this year. We invited one recipient that attended Heritage High School to our May 14th membership meeting with his family and presented his scholarship that night right after to Rosary. Following is a list of the recipients this year.

Matthew Medd	Heritage High School
John Carlson	Nouvel Catholic Central
Alexander Kamano	Nouvel Catholic Central
Anna Lang	Nouvel Catholic Central
Christian Lopez	Nouvel Catholic Central
Thomas Lubbe	Nouvel Catholic Central
Nathan Zeleniuk	Nouvel Catholic Central

Congratulations to all our recipients.

We will not have a membership meeting in the months of July and August. Because many families are gone during the summer months and past attendance during this time I have decided to cancel. We will start our meetings in September. I will have 1 officer meeting during that time. I will set the date and notify the officers. I will continue with my Emblem Article each month. Everybody have a great summer and safe travels. If anything comes up that I need to share with our members I will send out an email.

Yours In Christ,

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Upcoming Events

- Assembly First Monday of each month at 7:30pm**
- Every Monday – Family Night 5:00pm to 7:00pm**
- Officers Meeting – Thursday, June 11, 2026, 5:30pm**
- Membership Meeting – Thursday, June 11, 2026, Rosary 7:00pm, Meeting 7:30pm**
- VCBC Meeting – Thursday, June 18, 2026, 7:00pm**
- Bingo Friday – Doors open 4:00 pm Bingo Start 6:30 pm**
- Social Night – Next Social Night is June 25, 2026**
Officer Installation immediately following dinner.



**District Deputy
Mitch Lenczewski
Saginaw Diocese District 703**

Hello Brother Knights,

Summer is just around the bend. We recently honored our Clergy and Religious in the Saginaw Diocese with an appreciation dinner in Midland. It was well attended and a good time was experienced by all. Next year’s dinner will be hosted by Knights in Bay City. Several events in our District were held on Mother’s Day to honor our moms. Thanks to all whom organized and participated. Nominations and elections continue; please consider running for a position. The State Convention will be held at the end of May. Thank you to all the delegates attending the convention. More to come on the results of the convention. We wish our High School Graduates the best. Several councils have awarded scholarship awards to both Seminarians and High School Students. Well done, Gentlemen. Dates to put on your calendars; Saginaw Diocese Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 9th at St. Agnes in Freeland, District Meeting will be held at the Cathedral Council on Wednesday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m.

"Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank You for the increased daylight and the opportunity to enjoy Your creation. Draw me closer to You this summer, no matter where I am or what I am doing. Light my path with Your Word and Counsel."

Thanks for all you do,

Mitch Lenczewski
District Deputy 703



A Message from our Chaplain

My Brother Knights,

One of the great Feasts of the Church is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This year, this Feast falls on Friday, June 12. On this day we reflect upon the great love and mercy that flowed from the Heart of Jesus which brought about our salvation and eternal life. As Christians, we must not only reflect upon the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we must seek to embody the virtues of the Heart of Jesus in our lives. We must strive to have our hearts beat in unison with Jesus.

As the United States of America commemorates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, the *United States Conference of the Catholic Bishops* joins this celebration by lifting up the contributions of Catholics and the impact of our faith on the history of this country. In a historic moment, the U.S. bishops, who will be gathering for their bi-annual meeting the week of June 8-11, will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11. The U.S. Bishops invite all Dioceses, parishes, and parishioners to join in this consecration.

This call to action should have a special significance to each of us as fellow Knights. As we know, Patriotism is a key pillar of our noble order. I encourage you, my brother Knights, to heed the call of the Bishops, including Bishop Gruss, to be united in consecrating our country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by praying the prayer of consecration on Friday, June 12. It is a prayer that we can pray throughout this 250 Anniversary year of our beloved country. For ease of access, please see the Prayer of Consecration below.

If you are available, Bishop Robert Gruss will be celebrating a Mass on Friday, June 12, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. consecrating the Diocese of Saginaw to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, Saginaw. All are welcome.

Another resource that is available: A Catholic order known as *Men of the Sacred Heart* is offering free consecration prayer cards and booklets/kits for home consecration. You can acquire this resource by visiting - <https://www.menofthesacredhearts.org/freehomeconsecrationkit>.

May God bless our Nation as we entrust her to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

..... Fr. Bill Rutkowski, Chaplain, Council #4232

Prayer of Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you. From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst. Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you. We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation. May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed. May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love. O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

Accepting NOMINATIONS for:



Knight of the Month
&
Family of the Month



We need membership input for a wider view of our members good deeds and hard work done for our council, church or community.

Do you know a Knight and or a Family who does or did something special for their church, community, charitable organization or someone in need. (Family does not need to be a Member of our Council) Please contact the Grand

Knight with your nominations.

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LADIES AUXILIARY

Dear Ladies,

As we welcome June and the beginning of summer, we give thanks for our Auxiliary and the many blessings we share.

Newly Elected Board Members

Congratulations to our newly elected board members: **President** – Mary Ann Fuhrman, **Vice President** – Theresa Albrecht, **Secretary** – Jan Bender, and **Treasurer** – Mary Licavoli. We are grateful for their willingness to serve and ask God to bless them as they begin their new term of leadership.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to **Chris Smigiel**, who served as President for several years, for her dedication and leadership, and to **Carol Wade**, who faithfully served as Treasurer. We are deeply grateful for their many contributions to our Auxiliary.

Please remember in your prayers Auxiliary member **Grace Newvine** and her family, whose son, **Robert Newvine**, recently passed away. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and bring comfort and peace to all who mourn. Please also keep in prayer all who are sick, that they may be strengthened, comforted, and restored to health.

We warmly encourage you to invite new members to join our Auxiliary. If you know someone who may be interested in prayer, fellowship, and service to our Auxiliary, please welcome them and invite them to share in the blessings of our group.

As a reminder, Auxiliary dues for the next term are **\$12**. Thank you for your continued support.

Upcoming Events

Flag Day – Sunday, June 14

May God bless our country and all who serve our nation and communities.

Father's Day – Sunday, June 21

May God bless all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and father figures with strength, wisdom, and peace.

June Schedule

There will be **no Ladies Auxiliary meetings during June, July, and August** as we observe our summer break. We will resume our regular meetings on **Monday, September 21, 2026**. Until then, please keep one another in prayer, and have a safe and blessed summer.

Warm regards,

Celeste Ivon

Publicity Chair



Message from Brian Barlow our Insurance Field Agent

Brothers,

Father's Day is June 21. When you think of the qualities of a good father, what comes to mind?

You might picture someone who leads by example, works hard, makes sacrifices, and loves unconditionally.

I think one of the most important ways a father shows his love is when he protects his family in this world that can be so uncertain.

For example, we can't always control what influence the world might have on our family's lives. That's why a father knows it's crucial to guard his family spiritually, leading by example in faith.

Similarly, we can't always predict how life circumstances might impact our ability to provide for our families financially. Will our employment remain secure? Will we experience a long-term disability? And, as much as we don't like to think about it, will the Lord call us home at a time we don't expect?

There are many unknowns, but there are things you can do to protect your family and build security. For example, you can guard your loved ones through life insurance, long-term care insurance and disability income insurance.

Before I close, I'd like to share a story about our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney. When he was 20 years old and in seminary, his father, Patrick, passed away. This left young Michael uncertain whether he would need to leave seminary and work in a factory to support his siblings and widowed mother. Thankfully, his bishop intervened and provided financial support to allow him to continue his studies for the priesthood.

As a result of this experience, Father McGivney knew firsthand how the death of a loved one could bring about uncertainty for the family.

In founding the Knights of Columbus, he started an Order that allows Catholic men like you to be the protectors their families need — even during life's hardest moments.

I invite you to meet with me to review your current coverage or to partner in finding you the coverage to match your family's needs. I would also be glad to share some of the other services offered by our affiliates, including Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors and Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund.

Thank you!

Vivat Jesus
Brian M. Barlow
Financial Advisor - 989-792-5632

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Family (Burger) Night **(Weekly on Mondays - No Holidays)**

Family Night – Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Coney Dogs, Sloppy Joe.
All proceeds benefit the Ladies Auxiliary, Council 4232 & the 4th Degree, Assembly 2049 so they can continue all the good work they do. Come support them and have a great meal.

All burgers are fresh ground beef
and the hot dogs are the best, koegel.
And you can't beat the price.

MENU

Hamburger Only - \$5.25	Hamburger & Chips - \$5.75	Hamburger & Fries - \$8.00
Cheese Burger Only - \$5.50	Cheese Burger & Chips - \$6.00	Cheese Burger & Fries - \$8.25
Sloppy Joe Only - \$4.50	Sloppy Joe & Chips - \$5.00	Sloppy Joe & Fries - \$7.25
Hot Dog Only - \$3.25	Hot Dog & Chips - \$3.75	Hot Dog & Fries - \$6.00
Coney Dog Only - \$3.75	Coney Dog & Chips - \$4.25	Coney Dog & Fries - \$6.50
	Fries Only - \$3.50	

Council Officers 2025-2026

Grand Knight – Thomas R Ruth	Financial Secretary – Gerald L Schmidt	Deputy Grand Knight – Paul Mixer
Chancellor – Bertram E Murphy	Recorder – Michael Yacklin	Treasurer – Dennis Smigiel
Advocate – Ronald I Brasseur	Warden – James Czolgosz	Inside Guard – Charles D Morse
Outside Guard – Russell L. Herlache	One Year Trustee – Michael A Hughes	Two Year Trustee – Mark A Macek
Three Year Trustee – John J Wahl	Chaplain – Fr. William J Rutkowski	Lecturer – Unassigned

50/50 Drawing & Attendance Drawing

Membership Meeting April 9, 2026

50/50 for \$19.00 Won by Jerry Schmidt
Attendance Drawing for \$618.00 Lost by Steven Barriger

No Social Night Meeting May

50/50 for \$TBD.00 Won by TBD
Attendance Drawing for \$TBD.00 Lost/Won by TBD

50/50 and Attendance Drawings are held at every Membership Meeting and Social Night. 50/50 are for everybody in attendance and purchases tickets and Attendance Drawing is for all members. Members just need to be present to win. Prize grows until someone wins. Plan on attending the next Membership Meeting!

* **Attendance Drawing** will be capped @ \$1000.00. At that point two names will be drawn, first for \$1000.00 and the second for the balance remaining. That will continue until the \$1000.00 is claimed.

Next Drawing at Membership Meeting June 11, 2026 is for \$632 .00
And drawing at the next Social Night Meeting June 25, 2026 Amount TBD on Membership Meeting 50/50 Sales



LOUNGE HOURS

Open Family Night and K of C events (Fish Frys)

Mondays from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
(Hamburger/Family Night) &

Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. to Close
(Close is determined by Patrons)



Friday Night Bingo

Helps Benefit Local Charities

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Every Friday Night

Doors Open at 3:00 p.m. Bingo Starts at 6:30 p.m.

**For schedual of games with cash prize for each and Progressive Jackpot info
See our website kofc4232.org under the Bingo Tab**



Happy Father's Day!



June 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Assembly 2049 Meeting 7:45 pm	2	3 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	4	5 BINGO - Doors Open 3:00 Starts 6:30	6
7	8 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	9	10 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	11 Officers Meeting 5:30 Membership Meeting Rosary 7:00 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m.	12 BINGO - Doors Open 3:00 Starts 6:30	13
14	15 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	16	17 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	18 VCBC Meeting 7:00 p.m.	19 BINGO - Doors Open 3:00 Starts 6:30	20
21	22 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	23	24 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	25 Social Night Officers Installation Social Hour 5:30 Dinner 6:30	26 BINGO - Doors Open 3:00 Starts 6:30	27
28	29 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	30	1 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	2	3	4
5	6 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Notes Officer Installation will be at social night on June 25, 2026. Social hour will start at 5:30pm, Dinner will follow at 6:30pm				

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