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

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Council Events

- **Family Burger/Hot Dog Night Every Monday**
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **Bingo Fridays** – Doors Open 4:00 p.m.
Bingo Starts 6:30 p.m.
- **Next Social Night – June 26th, 2025**
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 7:00p.m.
Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- VCBC – **3rd Thursday** - 7:00 p.m.
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting **September 15th, 2025 - 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

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 12, 2025. We pray to Rosary at 7pm and our meeting starts at 7:30pm. With more than 600 members our attendance averages between 15 to 20 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.

We will be having a social night on June 26, 2025. This will be the installation dinner for the new and returning offices. Everybody is welcome to attend. Please sign up on the sheet that is hanging in the bar. I will need a final count 10 days prior to the dinner. We will be trying a new cater that night. Please sign up on or before June 16. If you would like to attend and are unable to sign up please call or text me at 989-297-1372 and I will sign you up. I will post the menu as soon as it is finalized. We are still in need of a recording secretary. If you are interested, please let me know.

We are hosting the Dioecian meeting Thursday, July 10th. This is the 2nd Thursday and our regular membership meeting night. **Remember we are moving our regular membership meeting to Wednesday July 9th.** This event will be catered. The State is paying for the food and the cash bar will be open after the meeting is done. I would like as many Knights as possible to attend this meeting. We will discuss this at our June 12th meeting.

Everybody keep September 27, 2025, available for some fun. We will be having another concert. I talked with Sheriff Bill Federspiel, and he has agreed to come back for another fabulous show. He will be singing songs by Tom Jones, Kenny Rodgers, Elvis, and Bob Seger. The people that came to the show this past December had a wonderful time and a number of them have asked for a repeat performance. It takes a lot of time and effort to put on a show like this, so I am asking for some help. If you are interested, please contact me so we can set up a meeting and discuss the details. Also, we are going to host this on a Saturday night instead of Friday. There will be a couple of 50/50 drawings, I will be asking for some donations for raffle prizes again. If you would like to donate something I will be more than happy to accept it. This will be fun.

Each month there is a lot of thought put into the Knight of the Month and the Family of the Month awards. We need your help. None of us knows all the people that help at your church or with the council. If you have an idea who deserves either one of these awards, please send me a note with a short paragraph as to why you think the person or family is deserving. This will help to make sure all are rewarded for their help. Starting this month and from now on, each Knight of the month and Family of the month will receive a card that entitles them to a free meal, once a week for the month. Please think about a well-deserving Knight and/or Family and let me know.

Update on Father Michael Mubita Kaiko visit from Africa. Tom Slivinski contacted me and informed me that they are having difficulty with the visa process, therefore he probably will not be here when they had announced at the last meeting. Tom said they will continue to work on the visa and are anticipating his visit will be happening in the near future. We will be hosting Father Michael at a social night dinner when he does arrive. I will

ask if he would be willing to give a talk on his life and journey to become a priest.

Knight of the Month – Jerry Schmidt

Family of the Month – The Sharon Gembrowski family

Faithfully in Christ

Respectfully

Thomas R Ruth, Grand Knight

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Upcoming Events

Assembly First Monday of each month at 7:45pm

Every Monday – Family Night 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Officers Meeting – Thursday June 12, 2025, 5:30pm

Membership Meeting – Thursday June 12 2025, Rosary 7:00pm, Meeting 7:30pm.

VCBC Meeting – Thursday June 19, 2025, 7:00pm

Bingo Friday – Doors open 4:00 pm Bingo Start 6:30 pm (No June 6th)

Social Night – Officer Installation, Thursday June 26, 2025

Social Hour 5:30pm - Dinner 6:30pm.



LADIES AUXILIARY

I hope this message finds everyone well & enjoying some summer weather finally. Our last meeting on May 19 was elections & installation were held immediately after. The board was reelected as no surprise even though a few of them were hoping for a change! All agreed to stay on again as did all other board members. I'd like to thank Judy Napierala for taking charge of running the election.

I'd like to put out there a huge THANK YOU to Luann Ramer & Judy Napierala for their wonderful support & time put into all our luncheons. They both have decided they will no longer be making any future lunches for the monthly meetings so it was asked if a few groups might pull together to put on our future lunches & several women stepped up to do just that. So, thank you to those groups who will help out with that in the 2025/2026 months.

There will be a fall bazaar held on November 22 at our council 4232. So, if any ladies know of a possible vendor, please have them contact St. Dominic church, Sharon Wahl or myself Chris Smigiel to get a contract signed for a table. We will have a bake sale sponsored by the Ladies auxiliary again.

Thank you all for your continued support for our Ladies auxiliary. If any of you would like to volunteer to help out on future club activities, please reach out to me. We would love the help.

Have a wonderful summer, be safe and enjoy until our September's meeting on 9/15/25 when we start our new year of meetings.

Love to you all,

Chris Smigiel
President of Ladies Auxiliary



A Message from our Chaplain

My Brother Knights, "Vivat Jesus!"

Over the past month couple months, I was privileged to be a part of a couple wonderful Knights of Columbus events. On April 26, we had a 4th Degree Exemplification in Bay City where a nice group of Knights were exemplified into the 4th Degree. It is always a pleasure to participate in the exemplification process as the Friar of the Degree Team. It took place in the beautiful St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Bay City. And for the first time ever it was open for the candidates' entire family to witness the exemplification degree. One can't help but be moved by the content of the Exemplification process, instilling in one's heart pride in being a Catholic American citizen. The historical content/presentation of this degree recalls the great influence of our Catholic Faith upon this history of our Country, from its founding to its settling, to its power and service to the world over the years. I am proud to be a 4th Degree member and would encourage any other 3rd degree Knight to consider joining the 4th Degree.

The second event was the Knights of Columbus State Convention held on Mackinac Island on May 21-23. I have not attended a Knights of Columbus State Convention in ten years. It was good to be reacquainted with the Convention, be able to visit and socialize with so many Knights, and to be able to hear of all the good works that so many Councils and Assemblies are accomplishing. The highlights of the Convention included the Opening Mass with so many Priests and Bishops, the praying of the Rosary from the front porch of the Grand Hotel, and the Banquet. It was a special time for us of the Saginaw Diocese since the State Deputy is one of our own, Barry Borsenik, and the state Chaplain, Fr. Andy LaFramboise. They made us all proud and it proved to be a grand convention. I thank our Council for giving me the opportunity to attend and for their support in covering its expenses for me.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus, pour forth an abundance of love and mercy upon you and your loved ones this June, the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Fr. Bill Rutkowski
Chaplain, Council 4232

Council Officers 2024-2025

Grand Knight – Thomas R Ruth
Chancellor – Bertram E Murphy
Advocate – Ronald I Brasseur
Outside Guard – Russell L. Herlache
Three Year Trustee – Mark Macek

Financial Secretary – Gerald L Schmidt
Recorder – James J Tillman
Warden – James Czolgosz
One Year Trustee – Michael A Ross
Chaplain – Fr. William Rutkowski

Deputy Grand Knight – Paul Mixer
Treasurer – Dennis Smigiel
Inside Guard – Frederick Clous
Two Year Trustee – Michael Hughes
Lecturer – Unassigned

50/50 Drawing & Attendance Drawing

Membership Meeting May 8, 2025

50/50 for \$27.00 Won by Jerry Schmidt

Attendance Drawing for \$1000.00 Lost by Roy Murray & \$259.00 Lost by James Galus

No Social Night Meeting in May

50/50 for \$TBD.00 Won by TBD

Attendance Drawing for \$TBD.00 Lost by TBD & \$TBD.00 Lost 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 March 13th, 2025 is for \$1000.00 / 2nd Drawing \$279.00
And drawing at the next Social Night Meeting, Amount TBD on Membership Meeting 50/50 Sales



LOUNGE HOURS

Open Family Night and K of C events

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

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



Family (Burger) Night (Weekly on Mondays – No Holidays)



Family Night – Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Coney Dogs.

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 - \$4.50
Cheese Burger Only - \$4.75
Sloppy Joe Only - \$4.00
Hot Dog Only - \$3.00
Coney Dog Only - \$3.50

Hamburger & Chips - \$5.00
Cheese Burger & Chips - \$5.25
Sloppy Joe & Chips - \$4.50
Hot Dog & Chips - \$3.50
Coney Dog & Chips - \$4.00
Fries Only - \$3.00

Hamburger & Fries - \$7.00
Cheese Burger & Fries - \$7.25
Sloppy Joe & Fries - \$6.50
Hot Dog & Fries - \$5.50
Coney Dog & Fries - \$6.00

Bingo Workers Wanted

Looking for workers to work our Friday Night Bingo. You will be selling bingo cards on the floor and verifying bingos. Verifying bingos is simply reading a number off the bingo card or electronic box so our caller can verify it. If you have called bingo before it would be nice to have a backup available. You can contact me or show up at our next Bingo June 13th or any Friday bingo after that and we will make you an expert bingo worker out of you. This is an excellent opportunity to have a steady stream of income for our Council.

Contact Jerry Schmidt at (989) 992-2167, email fs4232@mikofc.org

Or see me at any event.

Message from Brian Barlow our Insurance Field Agent

Brothers,

Many people this time of year are wrapping up spring cleaning around their home. But if you're like me, you might need a little nudge each year - a reminder to get started on that process.

Similarly, we could all use a reminder to do some "spring cleaning" for our finances.

Just as spring cleaning in your home might help you realize that a piece of furniture no longer suits your needs, we might also find that it's time to reconsider our financial strategy in light of our current life situation.

For example, have you recently gotten married, welcomed children, or made a career change? Do you have children heading off to college, or are you welcoming any grandchildren? It may be time to think about life insurance.

If you do have life insurance, when's the last time you reviewed your policy? Do you have coverage only through your employer? Now is a great time to ensure it matches your family's current needs.

Have you started preparing for retirement? Whether close to your golden years or still decades away, you can learn more about annuity options that give you a guaranteed income.

Additionally, through our affiliate Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors (KoCAA), you can maximize your contributions to your retirement and investment accounts. If you're close to retirement, you want to ensure that you diversify your retirement portfolio and have proper asset allocation that aligns with both your risk and return preferences. KoCAA can help you review your investment strategy to ensure you're on the right track to hitting your retirement goals.

You might find that things have changed in your life since your last "spring cleaning." Even if it's been a while since you last reviewed your financial goals - or even if you're just getting started — I'm here to help. Let's set up a time to talk and make sure you have the coverage you need.

Thank you!

Post Script: You can visit KofC.org and KoCAA.org for detailed information on what each of KofC and KoCAA can offer members directly

Vivat Jesus

Brian M. Barlow

Financial Advisor - 989-792-5632

Join Us for Friday Night Bingo

This supports our Council

Next Bingo June 13th, then every Friday after that

Doors open 4:00 pm Bingo Starts 6:30 pm



We have over \$2600 plus in cash prizes

(With minimum 43 players, less than it is reduced by 25% +/-)

Plus Progressive currently at \$1064 Plus half the days sales

Coverall in 55 balls, each week one more ball added

(After 55 Balls consolation prize \$100)

For schedual of games with cash prize for each and Progressive Jackpot info

See our website kofc4232.org under the Bingo Tab



Frozen Fish for Sale

Perch (Zander) 11# case - \$91.00
Whitefish (Hake) 10# case - \$50.00
Shrimp 3# box - \$20.00



Contact Jerry Schmidt at (989) 992-2167 call or text

June 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Assembly 2049 Meeting 7:30 pm Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	3	4 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	5	6	7
8	9 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	10	11 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	12 Officers Meeting 5:30 Membership Meeting Rosary 7:00 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m.	13 BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	14
15 Happy Father's Day!	16 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	17	18 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	19 VCBC Meeting 7:00 p.m.	20 BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	21
22	23 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	24	25 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	26 Social Night Officers Installation Social Hour 5:30 Dinner 6:30	27 BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	28
29	30 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	1	2 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	3	4	5
6	7 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Notes "I distrust a charity that cost nothing and does not hurt" Pope Francis				

Looking for input on what you would like to see or put in The Emblem

News from your church, upcoming or a past event, anything you are involved in or a personal story you would like to share with the Membership and the Ladies Auxiliary and their families.

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