

Knights of Columbus

Father Nouvel Council No. 4232
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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 3:00 p.m.
Bingo Starts 6:30 p.m.
- **Next Social Night – TBD, 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 7:30 p.m.
- Council Officers – **2nd Thursday** 5:30 p.m.
- Council Membership – **2nd Thursday (No August Meeting)**
- 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 – Dan Porath

Family of the Month – Dave & Rita Kontur Family

I hope each of you is having a wonderful summer so far and continue enjoying time with your family and friends. Whether you've been traveling, relaxing at home, or staying busy, I hope the rest of your summer continues to be safe, enjoyable, and filled with many blessings.

As summer begins to wind down, I'd like to remind everyone that our next regular Council meeting will be Thursday, September 10.

Officers' Meeting: 5:30 p.m.

Rosary: 7:00 p.m.

Regular Business Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

Please make every effort to attend, and if possible, bring a friend or invite a Brother Knight you haven't seen in a while. Let's work together to build up attendance and keep Council 4232 strong and active.

Attention Council Officers: Please remember that we have an Officers Meeting on Thursday, August 13, at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is for Council officers only. **The wrong time was posted in the July Emblem. The correct time for the Officers' meeting is 6:30pm**

Thank you for everything you do for our Council, our Church, and our community. I look forward to seeing all of you soon. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and God bless!

Just got word there are two live 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees coming up in our area. They are:

The Midland Assumption Council 2141

Wednesday, August 12th at 7:30pm.

Candidate registration is at 7pm.

The Fr. Henry DuRussel Council 2141 is located at the Midland Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish DuRussel Hall, 3516 East Monroe Road, Midland.

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If you are interested in advancing your 1st degree to 2nd and 3rd degree or You know someone who is interested in joining our council, please let Mike Yaklin or myself know so we can contact them.

Council 4232 needs new members!

Mike Yaklin is our new membership director. Please contact him or me

If you know someone who might be interested in joining, please let either of us know so we can reach out and talk with them and let them know what the Knights of Columbus is all about. Together, we can increase 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.

Yours In Christ,
Thomas R Ruth, Grand Knight
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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, August 13, 2026, 5:30pm**
- Membership Meeting – No membership meeting in August.**
- VCBC Meeting – Thursday, August 20, 2026**
- Bingo Friday – Doors open 3:00 pm Bingo Start 6:30 pm**
- Social Night – No Social Nights planned at this time**



District Deputy
Mitch Lenczewski
Saginaw Diocese District 703

Hello Brother Knights,

Summer continues and I hope you are enjoying our Michigan Summer Months. Thanks to all who participated in our Saginaw Diocese and District 702/703 Meetings. We are off to a fast start as summer programs are in full swing and membership is doing great in Michigan. Our District will be assisting with the Bishop’s Youth Kayak event to be held in Gladwin on August 8th by supplying funds and manpower. If you’re interested in helping; let me know.

In the near future, we will continue to develop District Programs that may prove to be fruitful by several councils working together on a specific event. Stay Tuned. Congratulations to Councils awarded the Star, Columbian or Founders Awards. Job well done. Please continue to strive to achieve goals set forth by your Council.

Lastly; a small prayer to our Lord for the Summer Months.

Heavenly Father, thank you for the warmth of the sun and the long, bright days of summer. Please grant us moments of rest and relaxation, keep us safe during our travels, and renew our spirits as we enjoy Your beautiful creation. Amen

Thanks for all you do.

Mitch Lenczewski
District Deputy 703



My Brother Knights,

Summer days brings the opportunity to watch nature in all of its glory. In particular, to see seeds planted, grow, produce, and be harvested. It is wonderful to see and enjoy the bounty of the harvest. Each of us knows that nothing can beat the taste of a vine-ripened tomato or fresh picked cucumber or fresh corn on the cob. What a God-given gift it is for us to watch it all happen before our eyes and enjoy it, in particular as we live in the Saginaw Valley with its rich soil.

The wonder of nature is not only to be enjoyed but also to teach us about life. Jesus would use images of nature to teach us about our spiritual lives. This past month we have had several weekends of Gospel readings that were parables about nature. The people of Jesus' time understood well what Jesus was trying to teach them. We had the parable of the sower and the seed. The seed is the word of God. We are the soil. The challenge is to receive the word of God into our hearts and allow it to grow and produce goodness and holiness. It is clear from the parable, and true life, there are challenges along the way for us as we seek to grow and produce. The evil one seeks to steal it away from us. Weeds seek to choke it out. We can be hard of heart and unwilling to allow the seed of God's word to grow in us. A second parable told about weed seeds being sown in with the good seed. The owner allows them to grow together until the harvest. At that time the wheat will be gathered into the barn and the weeds gathered and burned. This parable reminds us that we, as good seed, must exist with the weeds of this world. We must remain true to being good and holy seed to the end of life and then God will gather us into his Kingdom.

It is good to hear these parables in the summer time when we can witness firsthand the growing of seeds, the presence of weeds and insects, hardened soil and rains that soften the earth and allow the plants to produce thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold. Enjoy the beauty of nature this August but don't let the loud and strong message of Jesus' parables to go unnoticed and unheeded. Let nature call you to spiritual growth and holiness. Hear that call and answer "yes".

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

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Dear Ladies,

As we move through August, our summer break is beginning to wind down and a new season of Auxiliary activity is just ahead. I hope these quieter weeks have brought you time to enjoy family, friends, and the blessings of summer. This is also a good time to look ahead with renewed energy as we prepare to gather again in September.

When our meetings resume, it would be wonderful to see both familiar faces and new ones around the table. If you know a woman who may be interested in fellowship, service, and supporting the work of the Knights of Columbus, please consider personally inviting her to join us. A simple invitation can make someone feel welcome and help keep our Auxiliary strong and active.

As a reminder, Auxiliary dues for the next term are **\$12**. Payments may be submitted to Barb Donahue, 3592 Frandor Place, Saginaw, MI 48603. Checks may be made payable to Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary #4232. Thank you for your continued support.

Please remember that there will be **no Ladies Auxiliary meetings during August** as we finish our summer break. Regular meetings will resume on **Monday, September 21, 2026**, with the rosary at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch and our meeting. I look forward to seeing everyone again as we begin the year together in prayer, friendship, and service. Warm regards,

Celeste Ivon

Publicity Chai



Friday Night Bingo

Helps Benefit Local Charities

Sponsored by the



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OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL

Every Friday Night

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

Message from Brian Barlow our Insurance Field Agent

Brothers,

Every August, Knights from across the country and world gather to celebrate our Order's recent successes and look forward to what's next. This year is no exception.

I want to congratulate you on your outstanding efforts that give us reason to celebrate. We recently heard the latest, Order-wide numbers shared at the 144th Supreme Convention in Denver. Know that your council helped make that success possible. Congratulations!

I believe we're making Blessed Michael McGivney proud. We celebrate his feast day on August 13, so this month is a fitting time to ask his continued intercession for our work.

In founding the Knights, Father McGivney created a way to help men stay close to the Lord, to each other, and to help them and their families secure a financial future. He knew this was a way to strengthen families and protect them when they're at their most vulnerable. Your council continues that legacy with every program you put on, every dollar you donate. But you also continue it when you choose financial products and services with the Knights. That's a concrete way you help make possible not just the Knights' local impact here in our community, but our impact around the world.

Every day, I feel immensely blessed to be part of our brotherhood, and especially to serve it as an agent. It's such a privilege to carry out Father McGivney's mission of faith, fraternity and financial protection in that way. If we've never connected, or if it's been a long time, I will be glad to meet with you to review your current coverage or find the coverage to match your family's needs. Please come see me after the meeting and we can schedule a time.

Thank you!

Vivat Jesus

Brian M. Barlow

Financial Advisor - 989-792-5632

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
 Cheese Burger Only - \$5.50
 Sloppy Joe Only - \$4.50
 Hot Dog Only - \$3.25
 Coney Dog Only - \$3.75

Hamburger & Chips - \$5.75
 Cheese Burger & Chips - \$6.00
 Sloppy Joe & Chips - \$5.00
 Hot Dog & Chips - \$3.75
 Coney Dog & Chips - \$4.25
 Fries Only - \$3.50

Hamburger & Fries - \$8.00
 Cheese Burger & Fries - \$8.25
 Sloppy Joe & Fries - \$7.25
 Hot Dog & Fries - \$6.00
 Coney Dog & Fries - \$6.50

Council Officers 2026-2027

Grand Knight – Thomas R Ruth
Deputy Grand Knight – Michael Yacklin
Recorder – Michael Yacklin
Advocate – Ronald I Brasseur
Inside Guard – David Kontur
One Year Trustee – Mark A Macek
Three Year Trustee – Atticus Driver

Financial Secretary – Gerald L Schmidt
Chancellor – Bertram E Murphy
Treasurer – Dennis Smigiel
Warden – James Czolgosz
Outside Guard – Russell L. Herlache
Two Year Trustee – John Wahl
Chaplain – Fr. William J Rutkowski

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.

(989) 297-1372 or t.ruth@charter.net

50/50 Drawing & Attendance Drawing

No Membership Meeting July

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

No Social Night Meeting July

50/50 for \$TBD.00 Won by TBD
Attendance Drawing for \$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 September 10, 2026 is for \$677 .00
And drawing at the next Social Night Meeting TBD 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)



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

Visit our website kofc4232.org



August 2026

SUMMER

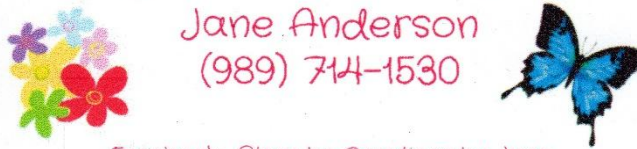
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9	 10 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	11	 12 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	 13 <u>Officers</u> <u>Meeting 5:30</u>	 14 BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	15
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23	 24 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	25	 26 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	27 No Social Night	 28 BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	29
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Please Support these Businesses
As they Support Our Council

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Jane Anderson
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Facebook: *Glory be Creations by Jane*

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