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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 April 20th, 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 – David Kontur

Family of the Month – John and Sharon Wahl

Connie and I want to wish all members of Council 4232 and their families a truly blessed and holy Easter season. May the joy of the Risen Christ fill your hearts with peace, hope and renewed faith.

A heartfelt thank you to Father Bill Rutkowski and Deacon Gary Palelski for their meaningful and compassionate officiating at the Memorial Mass for our brother Knight, Don Bell, on March 12, 2026. We are also deeply grateful to everyone who helped organize the service and to those who generously provided food and support. Your kindness and fellowship were a true comfort and a beautiful reflection of our Knights of Columbus brotherhood.

Fish fries are doing very well. We had well over 500 meals served on Friday March 27th.

Council 4232 is in need of new members! We are just **three members away** from reaching our goal by June 1. Bring a friend, neighbor, or family member to our next meeting and introduce them to 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!

This is a copy of a note sent last year at this time reference membership. Please help with our membership need.

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 May 9, 2026. We pray to Rosary at 7pm and our meeting starts at 7:30pm. With 588 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.

It's that time of year again. We need to start thinking about election of officers for next year. May will be nominations for officers. We will vote on the nominations in June with the new officers taking over July 1st. We will have a social night on June 25th. This will be the induction ceremony of the new and returning officers. A signup sheet will be posted the first of May.

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, April 9, 2026, 5:30pm

Membership Meeting – Thursday, April 9, 2026, Rosary 7:00pm, Meeting 7:30pm

VCBC Meeting – Thursday, April 16, 2026, 7:00pm

Bingo Friday – Doors open 4:00 pm Bingo Start 6:30 pm

Social Night – Next Social Night is June 25, 2026

A Message from our Chaplain

My Brother Knights,

We have reached Holy Week after being engaged for forty days in the Lenten Disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, as well as in opportunities for growth in our understanding of our Catholic Faith. Our engagement in these actions is meant to prepare us to celebrate Holy Week and Easter and then to go forth living out our Baptismal promises the rest of the year.

There are two bold statements which highlight Holy Week:

- ❖ The first is, *“We adore you O Christ and we praise you. Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.”* You may remember this bold proclamation made before praying each of the Stations of the Cross. This week we not only commemorate the passion and death of Jesus upon the cross for the forgiveness of our sins, we adore Jesus Christ for his salvific death. We experience several profound gestures of this adoration this week: we spend time in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday after the Mass of the Last Supper and we venerate the cross on Good Friday.
- ❖ The second is, *“The Lord is Risen. He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!”* The Resurrection of Christ is at the heart of the Christian message. Like a stealth warrior, Jesus, though humble and compassionate, takes on the enemy, Satan, who has captured the human race into a web of sin which resulted in our death. Jesus triumphs over Satan, pays the price for our sins, and destroys the power of death over us. His triumph is our triumph. Sharing in his life and death, we will have a share in his resurrection. In Christ, we will rise again on the last day. This is Good News indeed!

These cannot remain just bold proclamations made at Church. No, they must be personal proclamations which are at the core of our mission of evangelization. We cannot be ashamed to adore Christ and call others to do the same. Others will not adore Christ if they do not know him and so it is our task to help others to know who Jesus is and what he has done for our salvation. We must personally profess the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Are we afraid to tell others that Christ has triumphed over sin and death? Are we afraid to say that we strongly believe in the resurrection of Christ and we celebrate it with Easter? Are we moved to tell others that God wants them to share in the Resurrection of Christ by placing their faith in him and uniting their lives to him in Baptism and by receiving him in the Holy Eucharist?

Our Lenten disciplines and penances must flow into making these two bold proclamations, adoring Christ and proclaiming the Resurrection. As fellow Knights, we are familiar with the greeting, *“Vivat Jesus!”* which means, *“Jesus lives.”* Many Knights proclaim it at meetings and gatherings. Take this greeting out from the Councils and Assemblies and take it into the world you live in. Say it with gusto. Proclaim it with faith. Be the commissioned disciple that Jesus calls you to be.

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



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

Hello Brother Knights,

“He is not here; he has risen!” – Luke 24: 6-7. Easter is upon us. A time to rejoice and give thanks to Jesus for all he has and continues to do for us.

The Saginaw Diocese Men’s Retreat was held on Saturday, March 14 at St. Stan’s in Bay City. What a wonderful event to attend just before Easter. It was great visiting and praying with many men from around the area. If you have not attended this event in the past; consider it next year. Council officer nominations are now taking place throughout the district. If your new to a council or have never held a position; please consider becoming involved. It is a rewarding experience. Thanks to all who attended the Tribute Dinner honoring our State Deputy, Barry Borsenik at Horizons. Membership Awards were also a part of the evening and our District has done fantastic this past six months. Well done, Gentlemen.

Spring is just around the corner and we are headed for the last quarter of our fraternal year. Lent and Easter Season is a busy time for all of us especially our Priests. Please take the time to thank our Priests for all they do for our parishes and the Knights of Columbus.

Wishing you and your families a bright, warm, and beautiful Easter!

Mitch Lenczewski
District Deputy 703

Message from Brian Barlow our Insurance Field Agent

Brothers,

Trying to achieve financial strength and stability can feel overwhelming, especially when life is already full.

This month, I want to share a simpler way to think about it: holistic financial wellness. You can work toward this goal by developing an overall financial strategy and determining how Knights of Columbus products can be a part of that foundation. This includes more than insurance. We also offer annuities with guaranteed retirement income as well as mutual funds from our affiliate Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors.

A good place to start is protecting your family through life insurance. Term life coverage can help with temporary needs, while whole life coverage can last your entire lifetime and build guaranteed cash value over time.

Next, let's think about retirement. Whether it's years away or right around the corner, having a strategy for income in retirement matters. The Knights of Columbus offers solutions that can be part of an overall plan you feel confident about.

It's also important to prepare for the unexpected. Thinking ahead about how your family would handle an extended care need or a disruption in income due to disability is part of protecting what you have worked hard to build. The Knights has products to help ensure your family's life will not be financially disrupted in either case.

I imagine many of you joined the Knights because you want to give back, and for many of you, that includes charitable giving. Did you know that a donor-advised fund can be a tax-efficient strategy for charitable giving? Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund, an independent 501(c)(3) charity helps donors align their giving with their faith, and you don't need to be a member of the Knights to open an account.

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Attaining financial wellness doesn't need to feel overwhelming. You can start right away by simply using our life insurance calculator at www.kofc.org/calculator. With a few key details, it will help you assess your insurance needs. Then, I can help you find the right coverage. No matter where you are on your financial journey, I'm here to help. Please come see me after the meeting, and I would be glad to schedule a time to sit down and talk about your needs.

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Thank you!

Vivat Jesus

Brian M. Barlow

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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 4:00 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**



*May the blessings
of the risen Lord
be with you and
your family*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	2	3 Fish Fry † 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Bar open to Public	4 BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30
Easter 5 HE IS RISEN Celebration of Resurrection	6 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Assembly 2049 Meeting 7:45 pm	7	8 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	9 Officers Meeting 5:30 Membership Meeting Rosary 7:00 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m.	10 BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	11 Highway Pickup 9:00am
12	13 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	14	15 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	16 VCBC Meeting 7:00 p.m.	17 BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	18
19	20 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 11:30 a.m. Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	21	22 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	23	24 BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	25
26	27 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	28	29 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	30	1 BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	2
3	4 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Notes				

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