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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.
- **Breakfast – December 17th, 2023** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- **Social Night – No Social Night in December due to the Holidays**
- **Euchre – Mondays** 4:30 p.m. Play starts at 5:30 p.m.

Monthly Meetings unless otherwise noted:

- **Assembly 2049** – 1st Monday at 7:45 p.m.
- Council Officers – ***December 7th 5:30 p.m.**
- Council Membership – ***December 7th - Rosary 7:00p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.**
- VCBC – **3rd Thursday - 7:00 p.m.**
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting **January 15, 2024 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, Hotdogs, and Coney Dogs with those delicious fries or chips.
 Take outs are also available.
 All condiments are added by a sanitized kitchen person.

Also, Every Monday!

Euchre Night!

Join us for a friendly evening of euchre. Show up at 4:30 p.m. and register then enjoy our Family Night Menu for dinner.
 Play starts promptly at 5:30 p.m.
 \$1.00 to register for 8 games and all money used for prize money and awarded appropriately.

GRAND KNIGHT MESSAGE

Brother Knights:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Connie and I would like to wish each and every one of you and your families a very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Reminder – The Officers Meeting and the membership have been changed for December. They will be held on Thursday December 7th instead of Thursday December 14th. This is due to a scheduling conflict I have. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Agenda will remain the same. Officers meeting at 5:30pm, Rosary at 7:00pm and meeting at 7:30pm.

We are looking forward to the Ladies Auxiliary Christmas party on December 2nd. The evening will start with Mass by Fr. Richard Joswiak followed by dinner and entertainment.

Breakfast with Santa is Saturday December the 9th. I want to thank Jay and Becky Tillman for organizing this event that the kids like so well.

Just a reminder I have scheduled the second fraternal benefit nights for our Social Night in January 2024. We will be having Clergy Appreciation night at or Social Night in February. I will be sending out invitations by the end of November. Please use the sign-up sheet located in the bar to attend either of these Social Nights. Remember Social Nights are the 4th Thursday of the month. Hope to see you there. Due to the Christmas holiday, there will be no Social Night in December.

Membership is still a top priority. We need to get new members. We will host an exemplification at St. Thomas Aquinas church on December 10th at approximately 12:15pm immediately following the 11am mass. If you know anybody that is interested in joining our council, please have them contact me or Jerry Schmidt before December 10th.

As I mentioned at our past meeting, Participation is falling for the events that we have. The last breakfast we served over a hundred people with 5 workers. Some of the workers were doing 3 jobs that morning. We have a breakfast each month on the third Sunday. If you are available and would like to help, please call myself or Jay Tillman.

I am leaving this next article in the Emblem this month because I want to make sure everyone knows about this wonderful and free service that the fire department in Saginaw Township offers to all residences. Soon coming to other township in the area.

I know that October was fire safety month and we all should check our smoke detectors and change the batteries during that month. I apologize that I did not mention this in last month's emblem so I will mention it now. Please change the batteries in all your smoke detectors and test them but pushing and holding the test button. If they don't activate replace them. If you replace them, you might consider adding a combination smoke and carbon monoxide detector. This small and fairly inexpensive item is the first line of notification in the event of a fire or carbon monoxide emergency in your home. They do save lives. After over 30 years in the fire service, I have many friends that keep me up to date on new and upcoming services. I had a conversation with an Assistant Chief on the Saginaw Township Fire Department and he explained a new program that he has started. If you are unable to check and/or change the batteries in any of your detectors for any reason, call the Saginaw Township Fire Department and they will put you in contact with the proper person that will come to your house and check your fire prevention equipment. Currently this is only available to residences in Saginaw Township. Soon he is hoping to extend this to other fire departments

in Saginaw County. When they come out, they will evaluate your equipment and if needed change the batteries for you or if necessary, install new detectors in your home at NO COST TO YOU. They will also install carbon monoxide detectors or combinations detectors in needed. If you are interested, please contact the Fire Prevention Department of the Saginaw Township Fire Department at. I will advise everybody when more townships sign on top this program. I have also asked for the flyers that have been printed so I can distribute them to all of you.

Faithfully in Christ

Respectfully

Thomas R Ruth, Grand Knight

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Upcoming Events:

Assembly First Monday of each month at 7:45 pm

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

Officers Meeting – Thursday, December 7, 2023, 5:30 pm

Business Meeting – Thursday, December 7, 2023,

Rosary, 7:00 pm, meeting 7:30 pm

Breakfast with Santa – Saturday December 9, 2023 9:00 am

VCBC Meeting – Thursday December 21, 2023, 7:00pm

Breakfast – Sunday November 17, 2023, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Social Night – No Social Night in December Due to Holidays



LADIES AUXILIARY

Thank you for all the bakes goods and donations to the Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale. It was a huge success.

There were 48 members in attendance at the November meeting. During the attendance drawing, Mary Jones name was drawn but wasn't able to attend. Due to the Christmas party in December, there will NOT be an Auxiliary meeting in December. The next Auxiliary meeting will be January 15 and the attendance drawing will be \$80. We will be serving meatloaf and cheesy potatoes for lunch.

There will be a Love for Lukulu bake sale the second Monday in January. Thank you for all your support.

God bless all who donated to help a family celebrate Christmas. Because of your generosity, we were able to help two families have a wonderful Christmas this year.

Thanks to Theresa Albrecht for hosting the Christmas party again this year. We hope to see everyone there for a good time.

If you have changed your phone number or have a new cell number, please contact Jan Grybowski at (989)792-9105.

Have a very Blessed and Merry Christmas!

LuAnn Ramer, Publicity



LOUNGE HOURS

Open Family Night and K of C events

Mondays from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

(Hamburger Night) &

Fridays from 4:00 p.m. to Close

(Close is determined by Patrons)

Council Officers 2023-2024

Grand Knight – Thomas R Ruth
Chancellor – Bertram E Murphy
Advocate – Ronald I Brasseur
Outside Guard – James G Czolgosz
Three Year Trustee – Michael Hughes

Financial Secretary – Gerald L Schmidt
Recorder – James J Tillman
Warden – Thomas R McLean
One Year Trustee – Martin J Gagnon
Chaplain – Rev Richard E Jozwiak

Deputy Grand Knight – Paul Mixer
Treasurer – Dennis Smigiel
Inside Guard – Frederick Clous
Two Year Trustee – Michael A Ross
Lecturer – Russell L. Herlache

Help Wanted

Hall Watchers when hall is rented with no alcohol

Bartenders when hall is rented with alcohol

Looking for persons for each position or

Persons to do either position depending on the hall rental

They will earn \$80.00 per event

Please contact Mike Ross at (989) 295-2002



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Parish Benefit Breakfast

Sunday, December 17th, 2023, 9:00am - 12:00 p.m.

To Benefit St. John Paul II Parish

**SCRAMBLED EGGS – SAUSAGE - HASH
BROWNS – PANCAKES (Gluten Free Available)
- COFFEE - JUICE – MILK**

ADULTS \$9.00 – 6 to 12 Years Old \$5.00 - 5 Years & Under are FREE

Next Breakfast on January 21st, 2024 to Benefit Holy Family

Please come for Breakfast and Support us and all our Churches at the same time!

50/50 Drawing & Attendance Drawing

Membership Meeting November 9th, 2023

50/50 for \$29.00 Won by Bernie Craig & Attendance Drawing for \$648.00 Lost by Richard Henning

Next Social Night Meeting January 25th, 2024

50/50 for \$ TBD .00 Won by TBD & Attendance Drawing for \$ TBD .00 Lost or 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 December 7th, 2023 is for \$669.00

And drawing at next Social Night Meeting January 25th, 2024 Amount TBD on Membership Meeting 50/50 Sales



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
Hot Dog Only - \$3.00
Coney Dog Only - \$3.50

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

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

Message from Brian Barlow our Insurance Field Agent

As we approach the end of the year and our thoughts turn to the angelic declaration of "Peace on Earth" and "Goodwill to Men!" We remember Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace where he prays "Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!... Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last..."

In our lives there is much going on: scurrying around buying a Christmas tree, getting it decorated; looking for that perfect gift for our spouse, our kids and maybe grandkids. There are parties and school Christmas shows. Seems like we're busier than ever.

But let me ask you to slow down for just a few minutes and consider some financial issues that come up at the end of the calendar year.

1. Because we're so late in the year, you may have met your individual or family deductible on your health insurance plan. Financially this may be the opportune time for some minor procedure to be scheduled; or that visit to a specialist you may have put off. The same is true about dental insurance and sometimes even for vision coverage. Check with your Human Resource office or your health insurance carrier for details.
2. When it comes to health insurance, do you have a Health Savings Account? Do you have to spend the money that's in there by year end? Some plans have a "use it or lose it" feature. Do you have to make a decision about how much to contribute next year? These are a couple of time sensitive issues. Again, make sure you check with your HR office or health insurance carrier.
3. If you have earned income for the year, will you contribute to a traditional IRA, Roth IRA, or 401k? Are you eligible to contribute more based on the "catch up" provision? Now is the time to start making plans.
4. Speaking of IRAs, have you received your required minimum distribution for this year? If not, the Internal Revenue Service penalty is a hefty 50% of the amount you should have received!

All of these issues come with rules and regulations, and each individual situation is different. I'd be happy to discuss them with you.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior!

December 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	2 Woman's Auxiliary Christmas Party 4:00 pm Mass
3 1st Week Advent	4 Assembly 2049 Meeting 7:30 pm Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	5	6	7 Officers Meeting 5:30 Membership Meeting Rosary 7:00 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m.	8 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	9 Breakfast with Santa 9:00 am-11:00 am
10 2nd Week Advent	11 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	12	13	14	15 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	16
Breakfast 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 17 3rd Week Advent	18 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	19	20	21 VCBC Meeting 7:00 p.m.	22 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	23
24 4th Week Advent	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27	28 No Social Night	29 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	30
31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	 HAPPY NEW YEAR	Notes				

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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