

# Knights of Columbus

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**Meetings: 7:30 p.m. Sharp --- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- **Breakfast – July 21, 2024** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- **Social Night –Thursday September 26, 2024**  
**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** – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 7:45 p.m.
- Council Officers – **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** 5:30 p.m.
- Council Membership – **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** -  
Rosary 7:00p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- VCBC – **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday - 7:00 p.m.**
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting **September 16, 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, 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:**

Well, another year has come to an end. All but one of the officers returned for another year of service. Our new officer is Mark Macek who will fill the 3-year trustee position. Welcome Mark I look forward to working with you this next year. Our officer induction took place at our social night on Thursday night June 27th. The dinner was wonderful and prepared by Jackie Jacobs. Ray Gehlmon was our acting District Deputy and performed the installation ceremony for the officers. I want to Thank Ray Gehlmon, State Deputy Representative, Frank Cieszlak, Mike Metiva, Color Guard and Father Randy Kelly for assisting with our installation. Please congratulate our newly installed officers.

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| • Grand Knight        | Thomas Ruth    |
| • Financial Secretary | Jerry Schmidt  |
| • Deputy Grand Knight | Paul Mixer     |
| • Chancellor          | Bert Murphy    |
| • Recorder            | Jay Tillman    |
| • Treasure            | Dennie Smigiel |
| • Advocate            | Ron Brasseur   |
| • Warden              | Jim Czolosz    |
| • Inside Guard        | Fred Clous     |
| • Outside Guard       | Rich Herlache  |
| • One Year Trustee    | Mike ross      |
| • Two Year Trustee    | Mike Hughes    |
| • Three Year Trustee  | Mark Macek     |
| • Chaplin             | Unassigned     |
| • Lecturer            | Unassigned     |

Membership will be a hot topic this year as in the past. We need more members. As I have said in the past and will be repeating in the future, if you know of anybody at your church or in your family, please approach them and ask them to join us.

At K of C events, we have a donation basket at the table and many of you graciously donate to our causes. We have decided to add The Mustard Seed Shelter to our list with The East Side Soup Kitchen. So, each month we will be switching the basket label from the East Side Soup Kitchen to the Mustard Seed. At this past social I had the pleasure to distribute three checks to these very needy charities. The East Side Soup Kitchen was presented a check for \$4105.00; The Mustard Seed was presented a check for \$947.00 and a check was presented to Sister Ann from St. Thomas Aquinas for \$498.14 which are the proceeds from the June parish breakfast. The next parish breakfast will benefit St. John Vianney Parish and will be held July 21st. Please join us for a wonderful breakfast and help support our churches.

The Membership meeting scheduled for July 11th will be held as planned, however I will not be there. The Officers Meeting will be canceled. That day is my 44th wedding anniversary and I will be out of town. Ron Brasseur has agreed to hold this meeting for me. Time are the same as usual, 7:00 for the Rosary and 7:30 for the membership meeting. Thanks, Ron, for filling in for me. As I mentioned at Social Night, we will not have an officer meeting or business meeting in August. We are also going to cancel the social nights in July and August. Summer is a busy time please enjoy the summer and we will see you back in September.

Looking into the future our social night in October will be on the 24th, The Michigan – Michigan State football game will be on October 26th. So, our social night in October will be the second annual U of M – MSU tailgate party. The menu will be a tailgate menu. I am asking everyone attending to please wear your colors and support your favorite team. UofM, MSU or whatever school you support. Let's all come together and have a great time. I am

planning on inviting Brian Barlow as our speaker in January and February to talk at our fraternal benefits nights. That will fulfill our requirement.

Thanks for putting your faith in me to be your Grand Knight for another year. As always if you have any concerns, complaints or suggestions please feel free to call me.

Knight of the Month: Bernie Wolney

Family of the Month Jim & Cindy Shea

**Faithfully in Christ  
Respectfully  
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## **Upcoming Events**

**Assembly First Monday of each month at 7:45 pm**

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

**Officers Meeting – No Officers Meeting**

**Business Meeting – Thursday, July 11, 2024,**

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

**VCBC Meeting – Thursday July 18, 2024 7:00pm**

**Breakfast – Sunday, July 21, 2024, 9:00am to 12:00pm**

**Social Night – No July or August Social Night**

**See everyone in September 2024**



## **LADIES AUXILIARY**

Hopefully everyone is having a wonderful summer. We wish everyone a safe and happy 4th of July.

St. Dominic Parish and K of C Ladies Auxiliary council 4232 is sponsoring a Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 23, 2024 from 9:00am — 2:30pm at the K of C hall 4840 Shattuck Rd. Refreshments, lunch and a bake sale will be available. If interested in being a vendor please contact Chris Smigiel, Ladies Auxiliary President (989)213-3453, Pat Stankiewicz (989)798-1070, Marty Mahar (989)327-4905 or St. Dominic Parish Office (989)799-2334. Ladies Auxiliary members will be contacted for volunteering. **PLEASE KEEP THIS DATE OPEN ON YOUR CALENDAR!** More will be discussed at our September meeting about the fall bazaar.

Debbie Zapolski, an auxiliary member, recently lost her husband Bill. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

**LuAnn Ramer, Publicity**



## 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** – Unassigned

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



## 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)



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OF COLUMBUS**

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FATHER NOUVEL COUNCIL No. 4232



## **Parish Benefit Breakfast**

**Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, 9:00am - 12:00 p.m.**

**To Benefit St. John Vianney**

**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 August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to Benefit St. John Paul II

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

## **50/50 Drawing & Attendance Drawing**

**Membership Meeting June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**50/50 for \$26.00 Won by Paul Mixter & Attendance Drawing for \$873.00 Lost by Fr. Richard Jozwiak**

**Social Night Meeting June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**50/50 for \$51.00 Won by Mary Ann Czolgosz & Attendance Drawing for \$892.00 Lost by Patrick Beatty**

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 July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 is for \$930.00**

**And drawing at the next Social Night Meeting September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Amount TBD on Membership Meeting 50/50 Sales**

# Please Help with Your Donations!

## Brother Knights

As members of the Knights of Columbus, we are united in our commitment to charity and service to our community. Today, I write to you with a pressing need that requires our immediate attention and support. Our council's cooler compressor, essential for preserving perishable goods for our charitable events and community outreach programs, has recently malfunctioned. Without a functioning cooler, we face the risk of not being able to adequately store food items, impacting our ability to serve those in need effectively. To ensure the continuity of our charitable efforts and uphold our duty to serve the less fortunate, we are launching a fundraising campaign to replace the cooler compressor. The estimated cost for the replacement is \$7,700, a sum that exceeds our current budget allocation.

The cooler is used each and every time we have an event at the council hall. This includes anytime the bar is open, hamburger night, social night, ladies' auxiliary meetings, and anytime we rent the hall for parties. If the cooler compressor does not get replaced, we will no longer be able to keep food and drinks cold. Which would mean no more gatherings or rentals. I do not want to see that happen. We have many members and good friends in the public that look forward to the good times they have and the council events.

As proud members of the Knights of Columbus, I implore you to contribute generously to this cause. Your donation, no matter the size, will make a meaningful difference in our ability to continue serving our community with compassion and dignity. Here are the ways you can contribute.

**Check Donation:** Please make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus #4232" and indicate "Cooler Compressor Replacement Fund" in the memo line. You can mail your donation to Knights of Columbus – Saginaw 4840 Shattuck Rd Saginaw, MI 48603.

**In-Person Donation:** We will also be collecting donations at our upcoming council meetings and events (Family burger night every Monday, upcoming Social Nights and anytime the bar is open for drinks). Look out for donation baskets placed at the venue.

If each member would give just \$10.00 the amount needed could be achieved quickly. Your generosity will not only help us replace the cooler compressor but also reaffirm our shared commitment to charity, unity, and fraternity. Together, as brothers in faith and service, we can overcome this challenge and continue making a positive impact in the lives of those we serve.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to our noble cause.

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# Council 4232 Officers

## Installation of 2024-2025 Officers June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Installation of Officers was held at Social Night June 27<sup>th</sup>. Pictured left to right, Mike Metiva (Honor Guard), Ron Brasseur (Advocate), Tom Ruth (Grand Knight), Mike Hughes (Trustee), Jerry Schmidt (Financial Secretary), Fred Clous (Inside Guard), Ray Gehlmon (Acting DD), Bert Murphy (Chancellor), Jim Czolgosz (Warden), Mike Ross (Trustee), Mark Macek (Trustee), Paul Mixter (Deputy Grand Knight), Fr. Randy Kelly (Acting Chaplin), Frank Cieszlak (Honor Guard). Not Pictured, Jay Tillman (Recorder), Dennis Smigiel (Treasurer) and Russ Herlache (Outside Guard).

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# Supporting East Side Soup Kitchen & Mustard Seed Shelter

With the generosity of many and our Council, we were able to present a check for \$4105 to the Executive Director of the East Side Soup Kitchen, Diane Keenan and a check for \$947 to the Executive Director of the Mustard Seed Shelter, Amy Bartels Roe.



**East Side Soup Kitchen**

Steve & LuAnn Ramer, Tom Ruth, Diane Keenan and Chris McClellan



**Mustard Seed Shelter**

Tom Ruth and Amy Bartels Roe

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## Holiday Bazaar November 23<sup>rd</sup>

St. Dominic Parish & Knights of Columbus Council 4232 Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 from 9:00 am -2:30 pm at K of C hall 4840 Shattuck Rd.

Refreshments, lunch & a bake sale will be available. If interested in being a vendor please contact Chris Smigiel, Ladies Auxiliary President. (989)213-3453, Pat Stankiewicz, (989)798-1070, Marty Mahar, (989)327-4905 or St. Dominic Parish Office (989)799-2334. Ladies' Auxiliary members will be contacted for volunteering.

**KEEP THIS DATE OPEN ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

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



**Family Night – Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Coney Dogs.**

**All proceeds benefit the Ladies Auxiliary, Council 4232 & the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 - \$5.50**  
**Hot Dog & Fries - \$5.50**  
**Coney Dog & Fries - \$6.00**

**Thank You for your Support!**

## Message from Brian Barlow our Insurance Field Agent

Brothers

Summer is a time of transition for many people. You may know someone who recently graduated high school or college and is now heading into the workforce. Or you may know a couple who is getting married this summer.

These are all joyous occasions that we can celebrate.

At the same time, certain stress can come with any life transition. For a graduate, entering the workforce can take some adjustment. And marrying is certainly one of the biggest life adjustments people can experience. Before long, they may be welcoming children or looking to finance a house.

Any transition in your life is a good time to think about your financial situation and your loved ones who depend on you.

Though life insurance may be the last thing on a young adult's mind, it may be the perfect life stage to start preparing financially for the future. On that note, for my brother Knights on the younger side, I have two pieces of good news. And I encourage all my brothers here to consider how this may apply to yourself or your adult children, grandchildren, and other family members.

First, the younger you are, the more affordable permanent life insurance can be, and the simpler the underwriting process is. At a younger age, you're less likely to have health or medical problems that could make coverage more expensive.

The second piece of good news is that you have options. Maybe you're not yet sure you want permanent life insurance. In this case, you might choose a term insurance policy, which is an affordable option for temporary needs. If you should decide later that you'd prefer permanent coverage, you may have the option to convert your term insurance.

In today's day and age when so many of us may feel pressure to spend above our means, I have been heartened to talk to young people who are quite financially literate and eager to set up a responsible financial strategy for their future. Many of them grew up seeing economic problems in the world, and they want to make sure they build a strong financial foundation for themselves.

This summer, no matter where you are in your journey through life -- whether you're undergoing a life transition, or you simply feel that now is the time to think about your financial future -- I encourage you to make an appointment with me. I will be happy to discuss your options with you.

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



# Social Night with Officer Installation





# July 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 Assembly 2049 Meeting 7:30 pm Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	2	3 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	4 Happy Independence Day	5	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 NO Officers Meeting Membership Meeting Rosary 7:00 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m.	12	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	20
21 Breakfast 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	22 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	23	24 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	25 No Social Night this Month	26	27
28	29 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	30	31 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	1	2	3
4	5 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	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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