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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 – Temporarily Suspended**
- **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 **May 19th, 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

Here is a copy of the letter I sent to all members about meeting attendance.

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 8, 2025. We pray to Rosary at 7pm and our meeting starts at 7:30pm. This is a special meeting, and we need your assistance. We will have our final nominations and vote on next year's officers. 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.

This month at our meeting we will be voting on for our officers. PLEASE try to make this meeting if you are interested in serving the council as an officer. Last month during the nominations we failed to fill all our positions. We do have a couple of brothers that have decided not to run again next year. We need some brothers to fill these positions. Please make an attempt to attend.

We will be having a social night on June 26, 2025. This will be the installation dinner for the new and returning officers. 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. I will post the menu as soon as it is finalized.

We are hosting the Diocesan 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 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 May 8th meeting.

Jim Czolgosz and I will be attending the Nouvel Catholic Central High School Baccalaureate on May 14, 2025 to present 5 scholarships to graduates. I will reveal the names of our recipients after the presentations have been made. We want them to be a surprise to the winners. I want to thank Deacon Gary Patelski for assisting Jim and myself choosing the recipients.

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. The only thing that will be different from the last show is there will be no sit-down dinner. Instead, we will be asking for everyone to donate one or two hor d'oeuvres or appetizers. These will be out for people to enjoy. 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.

BINGO will start Fridays May 2nd. Join us and support our Council.

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.

Knight of the Month – Jay Tillman

Family of the Month – Deacon Gary & Arlene Patelski

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 May 8, 2025, 5:30pm

Membership Meeting – Thursday May 8, 2025, Rosary 6:30pm, Meeting 7:00pm.

VCBC Meeting – Thursday May 15, 2025, 7:00pm

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

Social Night – Officer Installation, Thursday June 26, 2025

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



LADIES AUXILIARY

Greetings Ladies Auxiliary Members:

Thank you, Jesus, for your grace, your mercy, your forgiveness, your protection, your guidance, your peace & our salvation. He is Risen!

At our recent meeting on April 21 our guest speaker was Mona Thiel & a fellow volunteer Linda also spoke; they were from Heart of Saginaw. They help out children & young adults with food, clothing & prayer. They were very heartfelt & emotional in their care for others in need.

Our May meeting is elections & installation. Please consider running for any of the 4 positions open on the board. I would really love to see someone else run for any of these open positions. The 4 of us have been in these positions for many years now & we all feel we need a brake & new ideas from someone could greatly benefit our auxiliary. We all appreciate the continued support we have received in these positions from you all including my sub-chairwomen. I hope to see many ladies at the May meeting to vote.

The Good Friday bake sale was a huge success bringing in over \$2200. Thank you all for your delicious goodies or monetary donations. Thank you, Bev Navarro & Betty Kazmarek, for working the bake sale table.

I have to thank several of you who volunteered for our Lenten fish fries. You are what it takes to make a successful event & you all worked very hard. THANK YOU!

A huge thank you goes out to Luann Ramer & Judy Napierala who have been making our lunches for the past 2 years for our meetings. They have given so much time & talent in cooking for us but they have informed me they can't continue in the fall. If anyone has any ideas please call me. It was suggested that maybe 3-4 ladies' group together like it use to be done in the past. Or we go back to bringing our own brown sack lunches like we did during Covid. We will talk about it again at our May meeting.

My sincere thanks go out to ESSK, Mustard Seed, SPRED, Life Clinic, Partnership Center & Emmaus House for being the bussers at our Fish Fries. What a fantastic job they did & I can't thank them enough for all their service.

See you all at the May meeting.

Chris Smigiel
President of Ladies Auxiliary



A Message from our Chaplain

My Brother Knights, “Vivat Jesus!”

It was through the Knights of Columbus that I first heard the broad use of this term, “Vivat Jesus!” “Jesus lives!” It is a bold Easter proclamation of faith, used as a greeting, that expresses our belief in the living presence and influence of Jesus in our lives. As Christians, as fellow Knights, we are to be disciples of Christ who boldly proclaim and daily live out the life of our Risen Lord!

No better example of this bold Easter proclamation existed than Pope Francis. His death came suddenly, the day after Easter, after having survived several months of severe illness. On Easter, I watched the evening news with joy in seeing Pope Francis in his motorcade waving to the people and seeing him on the balcony at St. Peter’s, giving an Easter blessing to the world. Pope Francis celebrated Easter with us and then God called him home to heaven where one day God will bring him into the fullness of the Resurrection of Jesus. He now awaits the day when he will experience the fullness of Easter joy.

Truly, Pope Francis was a great Shepherd, who modelled his heart on the heart of the Good Shepherd, Jesus. One of my favorite sayings of Pope Francis was his call to Bishops and Priests telling them, “The shepherd must smell like the sheep.” His words called the shepherds of the Church to be with their people, live with their people, live like their people. He not only called them and all Christians to such humility, he modelled it with his life, living simply, and always striving to be with his flock, at their level, in the midst of their joys, pain, and struggles.

The Good News of Easter joy was also reflected in his writings and declarations. He wrote Encyclicals entitled, “The Light of Faith”, “On Care for our Common Home”, “The Joy of the Gospel”, “The Joy of Love”, “Mercy and Peace”, and so many more. He called for a “Year of Mercy” in 2015, and even this Jubilee Year of 2025, he called it to be a Jubilee Year of Hope. All of these complimented and re-enforced the example of his life in brining Easter Joy, Hope and Peace to our World.

Pope Francis’ life bolding proclaimed “Vivat Jesus!” and rightfully so, for it is the message of every Christian, every disciple, and every Knights of Columbus member. Let it become for you not just a joyful Easter greeting, but a joyful way of living out your Catholic faith and brotherhood in the Knights of Columbus!

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 March 13, 2025

50/50 for \$29.00 Won by Mark Macek

Attendance Drawing for \$1000.00 Lost by John Michalski & \$238.00 Lost by Michael John Reimus

No Social Night Meeting in April

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 \$259.00
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)



Knights of Columbus Friday Bingo **Please Help**

This Bingo will 100% benefit our Council

Starting May 2, 2025

We are looking for people to work during Bingo. Whether you can do multiple Fridays per month, once per month or occasionally. Please consider helping make our Bingo a success. This will bring a steady income to our Council making us stronger with the ability to do more.

Bingo will close down every year during Lent so we will continue having Fish Frys.



Please contact the Grand Knight Tom Ruth @

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

Or contact the Financial Secretary Jerry Schmidt @

(989) 992-2167 or fs4232@mikofc.org



VCBC Board Member Needed

**VCBC is looking for a member Knight to join the
VCBC Board of Directors**

**Please contact Mike Ross at (989) 295-2002
or email mikerdeb@gmail.com**

Thank You to Our Lenten Fish Fry Volunteers





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

Message from Brian Barlow our Insurance Field Agent

Brothers,

Each of us is in a different phase of life. Some of us are younger, some of us are older. Perhaps you've spent a considerable amount of time planning for your financial future. Or, if you're like many people, you're not quite sure where to start.

Knights of Columbus, along with its wholly owned investment subsidiary, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, can help you navigate life's financial journey with insurance solutions to protect what matters most and investment options to help you plan for your future.

Let's start with a few basics.

You'll first want to ensure you're protected in case of the unexpected. Knights of Columbus life insurance can help give you peace of mind whether you have a growing family or simply want protection for years to come. It's important not to assume that coverage through a current employer is sufficient – what happens if you can no longer work, switch jobs, or retire? Make sure to have a life insurance plan in place to meet your future needs.

As you start to lay your financial foundation, it is essential to start preparing for retirement. The Knights of Columbus can offer you reliable annuity options to provide guaranteed retirement income.

Additionally, through our affiliate Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, you can start your personalized investment journey – in alignment with Catholic guidelines - to help you reach your retirement goals.

Last but certainly not least – it is essential to ensure you, and your loved ones have the living benefits you need in place. Have you considered disability income insurance or long-term care insurance from Knights of Columbus?

Starting the process of exploring your insurance and financial security goals may feel daunting. But as your agent, I'm here to help. Let's set up a time to talk to ensure you are on the right path to protecting your family, preparing for retirement, and ultimately ensuring your financial well – being.

Thank you!

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

May 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2  BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	3
4	5  Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Assembly 2049 Meeting 7:45 p.m.	6	7  Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	8  Officers Meeting 5:30 Membership Meeting Rosary 7:00 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m.	9  BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	10
11	12  Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	13	14  Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	15 VCBC Meeting 7:00 p.m.	16  BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	17
18	19  Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 11:30 a.m. Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	20	21  Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	22  Social Night Social Hour 5:30 Dinner 6:30	23  BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	24
25	26  Memorial DAY	27	28  Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	29	30  BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	31
1	2	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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