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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.
- **Bingo Fridays** – Doors Open 4:00 p.m.
Bingo Starts 6:30 p.m.
- **Next Social Night – To Be Determined**
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 **September 15th, 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

Masses are being planned for mid-September at the Tridge in Midland and in the Spring 2026 on Ojibway Island in Saginaw celebrating the anniversary of Fr. Nouvel arriving in Saginaw. The mass in Midland will be celebrated by Bishop Gruss at 10:30 am on September 14, 2025. No date and time have been given for the mass this spring. I will have more information about this at our meeting on August 14th.

The Dioecian Meeting on July 10th was a big success. I apologize to everyone for moving the meeting to the 9th. We had a wonderful dinner and a good meeting. Thanks to all who helped set up and attend the meeting.

Everybody keep November 8, 2025, available for some fun. This is a date change. Originally, we had picked September 27. We changed due to a conflict with the Nouvel Gala and the 50-year high school reunion of St. Peter and Paul High School. 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. 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. I have been approached by and asked if I could use some help. The answer is yes. Next month I will be setting up a meeting to start planning. If anyone is interested, please contact me.

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.

As we continue to build a strong and faithful brotherhood within our council, I want to issue a simple but powerful challenge: Bring back a brother.

We all know someone who hasn't been to a meeting in a while—a friend, a fellow Knight, maybe even the man who once sat beside you at our events. I'm asking each of you to personally reach out to one of those brothers and invite him to our next meeting. Sometimes, all it takes is a phone call, a kind word, or a simple invitation to reignite the spirit of fraternity.

Let's fill the hall again. Let's bring back the strength, the laughter, and the purpose that comes from being together as Catholic men united in service.

You bring one. I'll bring one. Let's do this together.

See you at the next meeting, and may God bless our efforts.

Yours In Christ,
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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 August 14, 2025, 5:30pm

Membership Meeting – Thursday August 14, 2025, Rosary 7:00pm, Meeting 7:30pm.

VCBC Meeting – Thursday August 21, 2025, 7:00pm

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

Social Night – No Social Night planned this month



LADIES AUXILIARY

Summer greetings ladies:

Here we are starting August already. My is this summer flying by fast. Before we know it our September 15th meeting will be here. I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer & getting by with the extreme humidity we are experiencing this season. We must continue praying for the states that have had horrible flooding & loss of lives recently.

It is with great sadness that the bazaar on November 22 that was going to be held at our council has to be canceled per the St. Dominic bazaar committee members. The bake sale that the auxiliary was going to have that day will be held instead on Monday November 24 during burger night. So please keep this in mind & I will be talking about it at future meetings.

Jan & Jerry Grybowski recently celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary. If you didn't get the chance to congratulate them, please do if you see them at burger night.

Please keep in your prayers Bev Navarro who recently was hospitalized. We want to see her at our September meeting. If you know of any other members that are ill or down for any reason, please keep them in your prayers & let me know so Jan Bender can send them a card from the auxiliary.

The executive auxiliary board held its annual distribution funds meeting on July 10. We have our list of contributions that will be reviewed at the September meeting so we hope many will be able to attend.

Barb Donahue will be at Monday burger nights for ladies to pay their dues for the upcoming 2025-2026 season. Dues remain \$12.

Here is a hug you can hold in your hand, a token of love so you'll understand that even though now we may be apart, the very best hugs happen deep in our heart. Miss you all



**Chris Smigiel
President of Ladies Auxiliary**



A Message from our Chaplain

My Brother Knights,

In the Catholic Church, a Jubilee Year traditionally occur every twenty-five years. It is meant to be a time of special grace, forgiveness, renewal and celebration. The [Year of Jubilee](#) is a biblical concept deeply rooted in Scripture and Tradition. and celebration. It originates from the Book of Leviticus 25:8-55, where God commands the Israelites to celebrate a year of Jubilee every fifty years, a time to rest the land and its agricultural workers, release slaves, and return land to its original owners. Key passages include: Leviticus 25:10: “*Proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you.*” Isaiah 61:1-2: “*The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me . . . to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.*” Luke 4:18-19: Jesus applies Isaiah’s prophecy, linking the Jubilee to his mission of salvation.

We are half way through this Jubilee Year. It began on Christmas Eve (December 24), 2024, and ends on January 6, 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. During this time, special blessings (including indulgences) will be available to the faithful who participate in designated pilgrimages, prayers, and sacraments.

In particular, Pope Francis declared 2025, a *Jubilee Year of Hope*, we are called to be *Pilgrims of Hope*. The theme *Pilgrims of Hope* for the Jubilee Year 2025 emphasizes the journey of faith, especially the hope found in Christ. As pilgrims, Catholics are called to embark on a spiritual journey, seeking renewal and deeper communion with God. This theme encourages us to trust in God’s promises and to be beacons of hope in the world. Pope Francis called this Catholic Jubilee 2025 to celebrate hope and invite Catholics worldwide to deepen their faith. The theme “Pilgrims of Hope” emphasizes the journey of faith and the role of hope in navigating life’s challenges. As part of this theme, Catholics are encouraged to trust in God’s providence and extend that hope to others. “*May the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God’s love addressed to all!*” —Pope Francis

In addition, 2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea. Jubilee 2025 also celebrates the fundamental Christian truth of the Incarnation, that Jesus is *both* true God and true man, a teaching always believed in the early Church but dogmatically defined at the Council of Nicaea to combat the Arian heresy.

It is good for us to ask ourselves, “*Have I done anything to observe, celebrate, or be affected by this Jubilee Year of Hope? Have I been a Pilgrim of Hope?*” Bishop Gruss has encouraged us to attend one or more of his Eucharistic Holy Hours during this Jubilee Year. Doing so can impart a plenary indulgence upon one’s soul. To receive the grace of a plenary indulgences during the Jubilee Year, one must fulfill specific spiritual acts: Making a pilgrimage to a designated site, in this case one of the Churches in our Diocese where a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations is taking place, participate in confession, receive the Holy Eucharist, pray for the pope’s intentions, and be detached from all sin, even venial sin.

We have roughly five months left of this Jubilee Year of Hope. Check out the Diocesan website – saginaw.org to locate the upcoming Holy Hours during these next five months. Be a Pilgrim of Hope during this Jubilee Year of Hope by receiving its graces and blessings.

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

(*Content of this article has been taken from an article from *Catholic Answers*)



District Deputy Mitch Lenczewski Saginaw Diocese District 703

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope you are enjoying the summer months. They fly by so quickly in our state of Michigan. For our next six months we will focus on the theme of “Aspire” (SOAR) – we can do better and aspire to do something more. Our State Deputy Barry Borsenik reminds each of us to do a little bit more than last year. I ask each of you to balance events and membership recruitment under the theme of SERVICE. I want to highlight several upcoming activities on the state level.

- Many Borsenik Golf Outing – September 27 to help with medical expenses. Our District will be sponsoring a hole.
- Heart of Christ Gala – September 11.
- 2025 Living Rosary – September 13 from 2-3 pm at the Michigan State Capitol.

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers for the coming year. Installation of Officers has been completed in our District. I want to thank all Knights who attended the Diocese and District Meetings. Special thanks to Council 4232 for hosting the Diocese Meeting and Council 8808 for hosting the Bi-District Meeting. Congratulations to newly ordained Deacons, Hugh LeFevre (Council 4232) and Jason Rasmussen (Council 8808). We are proud of you. Lastly, I want to thank the men whom coordinate our council newsletters and Facebook activity. Our District is blessed to have outstanding communication in these areas. Job well done. God Bless each of you and continue to enjoy the remainder of the summer.

Mitch Lenczewski
District Deputy (703)

Council Officers 2025-2026

Grand Knight – Thomas R Ruth
Chancellor – Bertram E Murphy
Advocate – Ronald I Brasseur
Outside Guard – Russell L. Herlache
Three Year Trustee – John J Wahl

Financial Secretary – Gerald L Schmidt
Recorder – Unassigned
Warden – James Czolgosz
One Year Trustee – Michael A Hughes
Chaplain – Fr. William J Rutkowski

Deputy Grand Knight – Paul Mixer
Treasurer – Dennis Smigiel
Inside Guard – Charles D Morse
Two Year Trustee – Mark A Macek
Lecturer – Unassigned

50/50 Drawing & Attendance Drawing

Membership Meeting July 9, 2025

50/50 for \$20.00 Won by Dennie Smigiel

Attendance Drawing for \$1000.00 Lost by John Hafner & **\$344.00** Lost by Shannon Edlinger

Social Night Meeting in July (No July Meeting)

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 July 9, 2025 is for \$1000 .00 / 2nd Drawing \$359.00

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

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)



Membership Director Needed

Main job is coordinating proposed new members to an exemplification to become full members. Full description below.

Membership Director

The membership director serves as the head of the Admission Committee and works to grow the council's membership through new and transfer members. He should actively identify potential recruits, plan recruitment programs, host informational meetings and encourage council members to seek candidates. In addition, the membership director should ensure that a council has access to frequent degree exemplifications (whether its own or local councils) and should work that each member reaches at least the third degree in a timely manner.

Please contact Tom Ruth (989) 297-1372 or email t.ruth@charter.net

Emblem Add Manager Needed

We are in great need of a Add Manager for our Emblem. You would need to keep track of expiration of adds in the Emblem, talk to friends and businesses and try to sell adds for the Emblem. We want to make the Emblem self sufficient to cover cost of mailing it out to long time members of the Knights or the Ladies Auxiliary who may be shut ins or just not able to get it online or by email. You could be a Knight of Columbus Member or Ladies Auxiliary Member.

Please contact Jerry Schmidt in person or call (989) 992-2167



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,

Will you have enough income in retirement? The last thing any of us wants to worry about is running out of money to cover our needs, especially in our golden years.

An annuity from the Knights of Columbus can help give you peace of mind with a guaranteed income stream.

How does it work? Simply put, an annuity is a retirement savings product. You make contributions, and, after a specified amount of time, the annuity pays you regular income.

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As you prepare for retirement, you can also consider the tax advantages, income flexibility, and estate planning benefits that permanent life insurance offers. It's a potentially valuable, and often underutilized, tool for families when it comes to preparing for retirement.

You're hopefully maximizing your contributions to savings plans like a 401(k) at work or Individual Retirement Account (IRA). What about other investment options that take your targeted retirement date and risk threshold into account? Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, a wholly owned subsidiary of Knights of Columbus, has resources to help you understand your options. If you need assistance, I'm happy to connect you with a registered advisor.

Let's look at your finances together to see what plans you already have in place, and what gaps you may have to ensure you don't run out of income in retirement. Safeguard your future today — set up time to meet with me in the coming weeks!

Thank you!

Post Script: You can visit KofC.org and KoCAA.org for detailed information on what each of KofC and KoCAA can offer members directly

Vivat Jesus

Brian M. Barlow

Financial Advisor - 989-792-5632



Friday Night Bingo

Helps Benefit Local Charities



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**

Horse Races



Ladies and Gentlemen
and Horse Racing Fans

It's "CALL TO POST TIME"

Horse Races at KC4232 Downs

Bar will be Open and Snacks Available

Come and Join the fun!

1st Race Start at 7:00 pm



Bets are only \$3.00 per ticket
All races feature a 50/50 Payout*+



*Each race payout not to exceed \$100.00 per Michigan State Gambling Laws
All Race profits support Council 4232

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Saturday, September 20, 2025



August 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	BINGO 1 BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	2
3	Assembly 2049 Meeting 7:30 pm Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	5	Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	7	BINGO 8 BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	9
10	Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	12	Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	14 Officers Meeting 5:30 Membership Meeting Rosary 7:00 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m.	BINGO 15 BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	16
17	Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	19	Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	VCBC Meeting 7:00 p.m.	BINGO 22 BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	23
24	Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	26	Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	28 No Social Night	BINGO 29 BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	30
31	1 Labor Day	Notes				

PANCAKE DINNER FUNDRAISER

Special Olympics
Michigan
Area 22: Saginaw



Wednesday, October 8, 2025 4:00 – 7:00pm

Knights of Columbus #4232
4840 Shattuck Rd.
Saginaw, Michigan 48603

\$10.00 Per Person

Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, and Beverage
Free for Kids under 3

Raffle Items

Bake Sale

T-shirts

TR Peanuts
w/appetizer coupon



Special Olympics MI Saginaw Area 22
Tax Exempt 38-1964643 501c3 non-profit

Special Olympics Michigan Area 22 currently has close to 1000 athletes all of various ages with intellectual disabilities who participate in various sporting activities. When the athlete competes on the playing field they discover their abilities, skills, and strengths. When the athlete competes they feel joy, confidence and a sense of accomplishment. For some athletes, Special Olympics is their only form of community activity. These athletes are an inspiration to Saginaw and Shiawassee Counties.

Under the direction of Joe Bronz : 989-498-0137

Special Olympics Michigan Area 22 does various fundraising activities to cover the cost for the athlete to participate. There is never a cost for an athlete to participate in Special Olympics.

Please consider attending or donating to this Pancake Dinner Fundraiser. Community support is very important. All fundraiser proceeds go for the Athletes' 2025-2026 participation expenses and fees.

For questions or donations:
contact Debi @ 989-295-3765

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