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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 – **January 22, 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 **January 19th, 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 – Atticus Driver

Family of the Month – Judy & Carol

As we move into the new year, please remember that you should have received your annual dues notice. We ask that all dues be paid promptly and on time, as this helps keep our council strong, active, and able to continue the good work we do for our parish and community. Your timely support ensures we can maintain our programs, fulfill our commitments, and remain a vibrant force for charity, unity, and fraternity. Thank you, Brothers, for your continued dedication.

K of C Council 4232 was pleased to have Diane Keenen from the East Side Soup Kitchen and Amy Bartels from The Mustard Seed, attend our council meeting on Wednesday December 10, 2025. During their visit, they received donation checks made possible through your generosity and continued support of our charitable efforts at our Family Nights and Fish Frys. These contributions have been growing for over a year and will help further the important work both women champion in our community—providing meals, assistance, and hope to those in need. Diane received a check in the amount of \$4736.00 and Amy in the amount of \$5073.00. Their presence at the meeting gave our council the opportunity to personally thank them for their dedication and to reinforce the strong partnership we share in serving others. Thank you to all Brother Knights and supporters whose efforts made these donations possible. Your commitment to charity continues to make a meaningful impact throughout our community.



K of C Council 4232 is pleased to announce the tremendous success of our recent benefit concert featuring the incomparable Sheriff Bill Federspiel. The evening was filled with energy, entertainment, and community spirit as attendees gathered to support two important causes: the Seminarian Scholarship Fund and the Nouvel Catholic Central High School Scholarship Fund. Sheriff Federspiel delivered a memorable performance, blending musical talent with his hallmark showmanship and good humor. From classic favorites to crowd-pleasing surprises, his set kept the audience smiling, laughing, and singing along. The enthusiasm in the room was matched only by the generosity of the attendees, who gave wholeheartedly to support the educational and vocational paths that these scholarships help make possible.

The event began with a wonderful dinner, followed by an outstanding show that highlighted not only Sheriff Federspiel's musical abilities but also his commitment to service—both in his profession and in his support of youth and seminarian education. The strong turnout and positive feedback made it clear that this year's concert was successful. Council 4232 extends sincere thanks to Sheriff Federspiel for sharing his talent, to all volunteers who helped organize and host the event, and to every guest whose contributions will have a lasting impact on local students and seminarians. Your support ensures that these scholarship funds remain strong and continue to open doors for those pursuing faith-based and academic excellence.



Knights of Columbus Council 4232 conducted a highly successful Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. The event encouraged faith-based expression and artistic creativity among participants and reflected the Council's continued commitment to promoting the true meaning of Christmas. We commend all who participated and extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of this program. All participants received a certificate, gift card, and a box of note cards with a picture of their poster printed on the front. I want to thank Mike and Barb Yaklin, Jim Czolgosz and Mark Macek for running this contest. Students who participated are:

Reena Alshayeb—6th Grade
Kareen Alashari—5th Grade
Maggie Pelc—5th Grade
Charles Switalski—1st Grade

Nathaniel Sorie—6th Grade
Hadley White—5th Grade
Theresa Csase—4th Grade

Congratulations to all.

Knights of Columbus Council 4232 will host a Social Night on January 22, 2026, featuring a special presentation by Mission 22. Mission 22 is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting our nation's veterans and their families through programs that address mental health, wellness, and suicide prevention. Representatives from Mission 22 will be with us to share their mission, their impact, and ways we can continue to support our veterans. All Brother Knights and guests are encouraged to attend this informative and meaningful evening of fellowship and service. Sign-up sheet is in the bar – or – Please give me a call or text at 989-297-1372 and I will get your name on the list. Please invite anybody to attend. I need a final count by January 17, 2026

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, January 8, 2026, 5:30pm

Membership Meeting – Thursday, January 8, 2026, Rosary 7:00pm, Meeting 7:30pm.

VCBC Meeting – Thursday, January 15, 2026, 7:00pm

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

Social Night – Thursday, January 22, 2026, Social Hour 5:30pm, Dinner 6:30pm

A Message from our Chaplain

My Brother Knights,

Happy New Year, 2026! Although bringing in a New Year always makes us wonder how did the last year go by so fast, there is something refreshing about entering a New Year. Maybe it's the word "new", which is intriguing and refreshing to us. Something new communicates hope, an opportunity, a promise for something better, re-creation, and another chance to begin again,

In order for a New Year to bring about these potential blessings, we have to be willing to enter into a spirit of newness. We know that a number of people make New Year's resolutions: new efforts to exercise, healthy eating, to lose weight, to change spending habits, etc. It is good to see people trying to live their lives in a new way so as to achieve personal physical or financial betterment. I applaud these efforts but I challenge each of you, my brother Knights, to consider embracing new efforts for your spiritual lives. A New Year should bring about new efforts to be a better Catholic, new commitment to a deeper, steady prayer life, to have a healthier spiritual life, and to embrace new ways of being more like Christ.

These are just some ideas for some new spiritual efforts. Set aside a specific time for daily prayer. Go to Mass one extra day per week. Engage in a Bible study, either by yourself or with an established Bible study group. Do one generous charitable act each month on a set date. Seek an opportunity to compliment or express thanks to your spouse every week. Make a conscious effort to talk to someone about your Catholic faith and if possible, invite them to join you in going to Church. Commit yourself to being in Church so that you can pray 15 minutes before Mass. Get 3-4 spiritual books and pace yourself to read each of them this year, one per season. Reject gossip and negativity about others and strive to say only good things about others. Each time you pray, pray for someone you dislike. These are just some ideas. Take some time to think: what new thing would I be willing to do so as to be a better Catholic, disciple, parishioner, or Brother Knight? Make a plan to do something new in your spiritual life in 2026! This New Year, like any other year, goes by fast. Wouldn't it be great to get to the end of 2026 closer to God, more like Jesus, because you made new spiritual efforts to be a better Christian now?

"The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!" (Numbers 6:24-26)

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

LADIES AUXILIARY

A New Year of Service and Community

Dear Ladies,

Happy New Year! As we step into 2026, let us continue to nurture the spirit of generosity, kindness, and unity that make our Auxiliary so special. May this year bring new opportunities for us to support one another and our community.

Service & Gratitude

Thank you for your generous Christmas donations to Mustard Seed. Your kindness truly makes a difference in the lives of others. If you are interested in future service projects or have ideas to share, we welcome your suggestions and involvement.

Celebrations

We hope everyone who attended enjoyed our December Christmas party! It was wonderful to gather and celebrate together.

In Remembrance

Please keep Patricia Rummel and her family and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers, following her passing on December 1, 2025. May they find comfort and strength.

January Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on **January 19th, 2026**. We are honored to welcome guest speaker Erin Johnson, representing The NEST (Neighbors Enabling Success Together) from the Partnership Center. Join us to learn how The NEST helps families transition from crisis by providing essential household goods and restoring dignity.

Wishing you all a special and fulfilling start to 2026.

Celeste Ivon, Publicity Chair



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

Hello Brother Knights,

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We thank our Lord for the many blessings given us this past year and look forward to the beginning of a new year. This past month, I attended the 2025 Winter Leadership Meeting held in Lansing. I want to highlight a few of the topics discussed. Fraternal Programs Report Form better known as Form 10784 needs your attention. This document is important as it reports our activities to Supreme. It will be used to replace other documents in the future. As a rule of thumb; complete form 10784 for every program. Programs that are held on a weekly or monthly basis; consider completing a 10784 quarterly. I would suggest having 2-3 individuals assigned to complete forms such as 10784 to lessen the workload. Several important meetings are scheduled for January. I hope you can attend. Also, our District Free Throw Contest:

Saginaw Diocese Meeting: Thursday, January 15. St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Parish in Vassar. Address is 3354 Division St. Registration is at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m.

District Meeting: Thursday, January 22, Mt. St. Joseph Hall, 606 Franklin St. St. Louis, Michigan. (couple blocks south of 46) 6:30 p.m. Pizza Dinner followed by meeting at 7:00 p.m.

District 703 Free Throw Contest: Saturday, January 17 at Holy Spirit Gym. 8:30 a.m. Registration followed by Contest at 9:00 a.m.

Thank you, Brothers for all you do for your councils, assembly and the district.

God Bless you all.

Mitch Lenczewski
District Deputy 703

Message from Brian Barlow our Insurance Field Agent

Brothers,

Happy New Year! The Knights of Columbus has very exciting news to share as we begin 2026!

Beginning January 1, 2026, a dividend increase took effect for eligible participating insurance policies, for the second year in a row. What does an increased dividend rate mean for you?

Dividends are amounts that may be paid annually from the surplus funds of the Knights of Columbus and are paid on an equitable basis by class as determined by the Board of Directors. ¹

These dividends can be used in various ways, including to:

- Purchase paid up additions, which is the default option.
- Place the dividends on deposit and earn additional interest.
- Receive the dividends in cash.
- Reduce billed premium. ²
- Reduce an existing loan.

Guided by the vision of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, we are dedicated to supporting the financial security of our members. Over the past 30 years, Knights of Columbus has paid more than \$8 billion in dividends to those we serve.

I would love to sit down with you in the coming year to discuss how this dividend increase may help you achieve your financial security goals. If you have any questions about this, or any of the benefits of having a Knights of Columbus insurance policy, please come chat with me, and we'll schedule a time to meet.

Thank you!

1 Dividends are not guaranteed.

2 This option is not available on all policies, and not available if policy is paying premiums via a monthly EFT.

Thank you!

Vivat Jesus

Brian M. Barlow

Financial Advisor - 989-792-5632



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 - \$5.25
Cheese Burger Only - \$5.50
Sloppy Joe Only - \$4.50
Hot Dog Only - \$3.25
Coney Dog Only - \$3.75

Hamburger & Chips - \$5.75
Cheese Burger & Chips - \$6.00
Sloppy Joe & Chips - \$5.00
Hot Dog & Chips - \$3.75
Coney Dog & Chips - \$4.25
Fries Only - \$3.50

Hamburger & Fries - \$8.00
Cheese Burger & Fries - \$8.25
Sloppy Joe & Fries - \$7.25
Hot Dog & Fries - \$6.00
Coney Dog & Fries - \$6.50

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 – Michael Yacklin

Warden – James Czolgosz

One Year Trustee – Michael A Hughes

Chaplain – Fr. William J Rutkowski

Deputy Grand Knight – Paul Mixter

Treasurer – Dennis Smigiel

Inside Guard – Charles D Morse

Two Year Trustee – Mark A Macek

Lecturer – Unassigned

50/50 Drawing & Attendance Drawing

Membership Meeting December 10, 2025

50/50 for \$22.00 Won by Jay Tillman

Attendance Drawing for \$1000.00 Lost by Jerry Wild & \$431.00 Lost by George Derail

Social Night Meeting in TBD (No December 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 January 8, 2026 is for \$1000.00 / 2nd Drawing \$447.00

And drawing at the next Social Night Meeting January 22, 2026 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)



JANUARY 26 | 4:00-7:00 PM

**Knights of Columbus #4232
4840 Shattuck Rd.**

Join Us for Hamburger Night!

Delicious homemade cakes, cookies, and pastries + A RAFFLE. All proceeds will benefit The Partnership Center Nest



What Does 'HOME' mean to you? To US, its a NEST (Neighbors Enabling Success Together)

(989) 401-7239
saginawpartnershipcenter.org

DONATIONS WELCOME

PayPal or Venmo, or Website





Friday Night Bingo

Helps Benefit Local Charities

Sponsored by the



**K N I G H T S
OF COLUMBUS**

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Every Friday Night

Doors Open at 4:00 p.m. Bingo Starts at 6:30 p.m.

**For schedule of games with cash prize for each and Progressive Jackpot info
See our website kofc4232.org under the Bingo Tab**

Breakfast with Santa



January 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	BINGO 2 BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	3
4	Assembly 2049 Meeting 7:30 pm Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	5	6	Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	7	Officers Meeting 5:30 Membership Meeting 6:30 p.m. After - Fish Sampling Dinner
11	Family/Burger Night 5:00 - 7:00	12	13	Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	14	VCBC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
18	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 11:30 a.m. Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	19	20	Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	21	Social Night Social Hour 5:30 Dinner 6:30
25	Family/Burger Night 5:00 - 7:00	26	27	Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	28	BINGO 30 BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30
1	2	Notes				
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!						

Please Support these Businesses

As they Support Our Council

Glory Be Creations



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Facebook: Glory be Creations by Jane

Baking

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