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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 – TBD, 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 7:30 p.m.
- Council Officers – **2nd Thursday** 5:30 p.m. **(No July Meeting)**
- Council Membership – **2nd Thursday (No July or August Meetings)**
- Rosary 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- VCBC – **3rd Thursday** - 7:00 p.m. **(No July Meeting)**
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting **September 21st, 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 – Jim Rozek

Family of the Month – The Mustard Seed Shelter

Thank you for the confidence you have shown in me by electing me to serve another term as your Grand Knight. I am truly honored and humbled to accept this responsibility once again.

As we begin this new fraternal year, I want to thank all our officers, directors, committee chairmen, and members for their dedication and hard work. The success of our council is not the result of one person, but of many men working together in service to our Church, our parish, our community, and one another.

Over the past year, we have accomplished many good works through our charitable efforts, fundraisers, scholarship programs, support of our seminarians, and assistance to those in need. These achievements reflect your generosity and commitment to the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

As we look ahead, I encourage every member to become involved in our council activities. Whether it is attending meetings, volunteering at events, recruiting new members, or supporting our charitable causes, each of us has a role to play in strengthening our council and making a difference in the lives of others.

I ask for your continued support, prayers, and guidance as we work together to make this another successful year for Knights of Columbus Council 4232. Let us continue to grow in faith, serve with compassion, and lead by example.

May God bless our council, our families, our clergy, and the work we undertake in His name. Thank you

Our installation of officers was held on June 25, 2026, at the hall. Aside from the severe thunderstorm, hail, 60 mph wind and about 2 inches of rain everything went well, and everybody had a great time. A big thank you to Mike & Barb Yaklin, Dennie & Chris Smigiel, Atticus Driver, David Kontur and my wife Connie with the assistance of caterer, dessert and setup Wednesday night. Also, a huge thanks to Amy Bartel and the ladies she brought from the Mustard Seed. They picked up the food from Pat's Food Center, delivered it to the hall, set it up and kept refilling as needed, cleaned everybody's plate, did a few dishes and cleaned up afterwards. Our District Deputy Mitch Lenczewski lead the ceremony and presented our new and returning officers with their jewels. Listed below are our new and returning officers:

Grand Knight	Thomas Ruth
Deputy Grand Knight	Mike Yaklin
Chancellor	Burt Murphy
Recorder	Mike Yaklin
Treasure	Dennis Smigiel
Advocate	Ron Brasseur
Warden	James Czolgosz
Inside Guard	David Kontur
Outside Guard	Russell Herlache
One Year Trustee	Mark Macek
Two Year Trustee	John Wahl
Three Year Trustee	Atticus Driver
The Financial Secretary	Jerry Schmidt
Chaplin	Fr. Bill Rutkowski

They will assume their positions on July 1st.

Council 4232 needs new members!

Mike Yaklin is our new membership director. Please contact him or me

If you know someone who might be interested in joining, please let either of us know so we can reach out and talk with them and let them know what the Knights of Columbus is all about. Together, we can increase our council and continue the great work we do in our parishes and community! We will be starting recruitment after masses at our churches soon. If you are asked to help, please say yes. If we all do a little part our numbers will grow.

Just a reminder will not have membership meetings during the months of July and August. Our next membership meeting will be held on September 10, 2026. Times are the same. Have a great summer, stay cool and enjoy.

Officers we will have 1 officers meeting on August 13, 2026, at 6:30pm at the hall. This meeting should last no more than 1 hour. Please make every attempt to attend.

Yours In Christ,

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Upcoming Events

- Assembly First Monday of each month at 7:30pm**
- Every Monday – Family Night 5:00pm to 7:00pm**
- Officers Meeting – Thursday, August 13, 2026, 5:30pm**
- Membership Meeting – No membership meeting in July and August.**
- VCBC Meeting – No July Meeting**
- Bingo Friday – Doors open 4:00 pm Bingo Start 6:30 pm**
- Social Night – No Social Nights planned at this time**



District Deputy
Mitch Lenczewski
Saginaw Diocese District 703

Hello Brother Knights,

Hope you are enjoying the warm weather. Election of Officers have occurred and Directors appointed. I want to thank all the Officers and Directors for their service this past year. Many acts of Charity, Unity and Fraternity were displayed. To the Gentlemen who won't be returning as Officers or Directors; thank you for the many hours and memories you and your family have given. You made a difference. Officer Installations are taking place this month and next. Please consider attending your council installations. Congratulations to all elected Council Officers and Directors for 2026-27 and thank you for committing your time.

Thanks to our Msgr. Thomas R. Horton 4th Degree Assembly. Your dedication to Patriotism and our Diocese is greatly appreciated. Please consider becoming a member of our Assembly.

Please plan on attending the Saginaw Diocese meeting on July 9th at St. Agnes Parish in Freeland and our District Meeting at the Cathedral on Wednesday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m. More information to come on both meetings. We thank our Past State Deputy Barry Borsenik and wife Mandy for their service and many wishes to new State Deputy Charles McCuen III and wife Pam.

Bishop Gruss has designated the coming year to the Holy Spirit. A short prayer to say frequently; "Holy Spirt, guide my thoughts, fill my heart with peace, and lead me in truth. Strengthen me to walk in love and faith each day. Amen"

Thank you, Brothers and families, for all you do.

Mitch Lenczewski
District Deputy 703



A Message from our Chaplain

My Brother Knights,

One of the steady concerns of the Church is the need for more priests to serve the people of God. Our Church is dependent upon priests to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel, shepherd God's people, to dispense the graces of the Sacraments, and to offer the sacrifice of the Mass for the salvation and nourishment of souls. This concern for us today is no different than for Jesus who told his disciples, "*The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for the harvest*" (Mt. 9:38). Just as Jesus called his disciples to pray for laborers of the harvest so too Bishop Gruss has called all Catholics of our Diocese of pray for vocations to the priesthood. He has encouraged us to do so by praying the *Memorare*, asking our Blessed Mother to intercede for us before God for these priestly vocations.

I am happy to say that our prayers are being answered. Our Diocese is blessed to have five new seminarians who will entering the Seminary this August for formation and studies. These five are:

- ❖ Karl White, attending Sacred Heart Seminary, Hales Corners, WI, from Corpus Christi Parish, Bay City
- ❖ William Buchalski, attending St. Meinrad Seminary, St. Meinrad, IN, from St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Beal City
- ❖ Elliot Adams, attending St. Meinrad Seminary, St. Meinrad, IN, from Ave Maria, Port Sanilac/Lexington
- ❖ Robert Grzegorzcyk, attending Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, MI, from St. Catherine of Sienna Parish, Bay City
- ❖ Alex Christe, attending Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, MI, from Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, Bay City

They will join the current four seminarians that are studying for the Diocese of Saginaw: Michael Kuehne at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit; Carter Filhart at St. John Vianney Seminary, St. Paul, MN; Stephen Sebald at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit; and Gerard LaFramboise at St. John Vianney Seminary, St. Paul, MN.

We can see the power of prayer and encouragement as God has touched the hearts of these men to answer the call to discern, to study, and be formed in a priestly vocation. Our prayers have brought these men to the Seminary but we must be persistent in our prayers: prayers to support these men in their Seminary studies, prayers for even more priestly vocations, and prayers to sustain the priests who currently serve the parishes of our Diocese.

As I thank you and encourage you, my Brother Knights for your prayers, I also thank this Council and Assembly for your generous encouragement and financial support of our Seminarians. Please know that it is greatly appreciated by the Seminarians, Bishop, and Diocese.

May God continue to bless our Diocese with more and more priestly vocations.

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



Accepting NOMINATIONS for:

Knight of the Month
&
Family of the Month



We need membership input for a wider view of our members good deeds and hard work done for our council, church or community.

Do you know a Knight and or a Family who does or did something special for their church, community, charitable organization or someone in need. (Family does not need to be a Member of our Council) Please contact the Grand Knight with your nominations.

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

LADIES AUXILIARY

Dear Ladies,

I hope you are all enjoying a restful and refreshing summer break. As we take this time to relax and recharge, it is also a wonderful opportunity to think about how we can continue to grow and strengthen our Auxiliary.

We warmly encourage you to invite new members to join our Auxiliary. Welcoming new faces helps our group grow and thrive, while creating more opportunities for friendship, prayer, service, and support within our community. If you know someone who might enjoy participating, please reach out and share how rewarding it is to be part of the Ladies Auxiliary. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact and build lasting connections.

As a reminder, Auxiliary dues for the next term are **\$12**. Payments may be submitted to Barb Donahue, 3592 Frandor Place, Saginaw, MI 48603. Checks may be made payable to Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary #4232. Thank you for your continued support.

Upcoming Events

Independence Day 250th Celebration! – Saturday, July 4

May God bless our country, our communities, and all who serve our nation.

July Schedule

There will be **no Ladies Auxiliary meetings during June, July, or August** as we observe our summer break. Regular meetings will resume on **Monday, September 21, 2026**. Until then, please continue to keep one another in prayer. May you have a safe, joyful, and blessed summer.

Warm regards,

Celeste Ivon

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Friday Night Bingo

Helps Benefit Local Charities

Sponsored by the



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OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL

Every Friday Night

Doors Open at 3:00 p.m. Bingo Starts at 6:30 p.m.

Message from Brian Barlow our Insurance Field Agent

Brothers,

This month, Americans celebrate and give thanks to God for the 250th anniversary of the United States. The American story is one of 250 years of great sacrifices, freedoms and the responsibility to bear those freedoms well.

This month I want to talk to you about a special kind of freedom - freedom in retirement.

What do you want your retirement to look like? Maybe you'd like to spend more time with family, travel, volunteer or pursue hobbies.

If you're already retired, you likely know how important it is to prepare financially for this period of life.

Retired or not, have you considered just how long your retirement could be? It could, in fact, last multiple decades. Will you have enough money to cover the lifestyle you want for years to come?

Now, you might doubt that your retirement will span decades. But what about your family? Will their needs be taken care of when you're no longer here? What legacy do you want to leave your children and grandchildren?

Don't miss the opportunity to prepare for the freedom of long-term financial stability in retirement. While it's easy to get lost in the expenses in front of us right now, planning ahead with insurance and fixed annuities can pay off enormously for you and your loved ones.

The hardest step may be making the initial decision to start. From there, it doesn't need to be intimidating.

I'm here to partner with you in finding insurance solutions. Whether you want to review the retirement plan you already have in place or are just beginning your journey, we can work together to make sure you have what you need.

Please come see me after the meeting and we can schedule a time to meet. Thank you for your time! Let's continue to thank God for our nation and for all his blessings.

Thank you!

Vivat Jesus

Brian M. Barlow

Financial Advisor - 989-792-5632

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

Family Night – Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Coney Dogs, Sloppy Joe.

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

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50/50 Drawing & Attendance Drawing

Membership Meeting June 11, 2026

50/50 for \$12.00 Won by Mitch Lenczewski
Attendance Drawing for \$632.00 Lost by Jess Rangel

Social Night Meeting June

50/50 for \$48.00 Won by Bill Kubczak
Attendance Drawing for \$641.00 Lost by Brian Fehrman

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 September 10, 2026 is for \$677 .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 (Fish Frys)

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)



For schedual of Bingo games with cash prizes for each and Progressive Jackpot info

Visit our website kofc4232.org

July 2026

SUMMER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	 1 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	2	 3 BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	 4
5	  6 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Assembly 2049 Meeting 7:45 pm	7	 8 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	 9 NO Officers Meeting NO Membership Meeting	 10 BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	11
12	 13 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	14	 15 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	16 NO VCBC Meeting	 17 BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	18
19	 20 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	21	 22 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	23 No Social Night this Month	 24 BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	25
26	 27 Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	28	 29 Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	30	 31 BINGO - Doors Open 4:00 Starts 6:30	1
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Please Support these Businesses

As they Support Our Council

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