



Knights of Columbus
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Brothers - I received a lot of good feedback on our first newsletter last month. Keep those comments and suggestions coming. Be sure to check out our web page at www.kofc8284.org and our new **Facebook** page (search for Knights of Columbus #8284 - Canton, MI) for more information and pictures from many of the events mentioned here. As you can see from all that occurred, August was a very busy month for our council!

Don't forget our September business meeting is Wednesday 9/21 at 7:03. Hope to see you there!

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Knight of the Month - Jerry Kerpet. Jerry identified a real council need for new grills for our pancake breakfasts, both from a practical and safety standpoint. He then volunteered to head a small committee to see what was available and best to recommend to the council. As a result of his initiative and effort, we were able to get two new grills at a very reasonable price that will serve the council well for years to come.

Gleaners Food Bank project 8/13 - Seven council members showed up to help pack food cartons for families in need. It was some work, but the cause was worth the effort. We also enjoyed a nice breakfast together before hand too. Thanks to George Peters for chairing this event.

Officer installation - Council officers were officially installed to their new positions by District Deputy and PGK Lou Brochner on August 17th. One other officer note - our Worthy Lecturer, David Lengel, has agreed to accept appointment as council Membership Director as well. Please give David your support as we all work to recruit new brothers to join the K of C.

Pasta Dinner - Our annual Pasta Dinner was held Thursday 8/18 and was a big success. We sold over 200 tickets before cutting off sales at the door. Everybody had a good time and the food was great too, thanks to Joyce Hansen and her volunteers in the kitchen. We were also able to raise \$340 in donations for the Beth Maupin (Steve Graham) family. Thanks to all Knights who volunteered their time and effort to make this dinner a big hit!

Council Golf Outing - Our annual golf outing to support SVDP was held on Sunday 8/21. Although the turnout this year was less than past years, the fun and food was just as good. We also raised over \$700 charity. A big thanks to PGK Rick St. Peter for making this happen.

STAB Parish Picnic - Our council was very visible again this year at the picnic on Sunday 8/28. We ran the 50/50 contest, Putt-Putt game, served cotton candy and manned our membership/information table. Beautiful weather made for a great day. We were able to make \$240 net from the day's events which we will donate back to the parish.

Blue Mass and breakfast - Plans are in place to honor local "first responders" in our parish and local community on Sept 11th. We have invited as many as care to come to worship with us at 8:00 Mass and then be our guests for breakfast afterward. This will also be our first parish breakfast of the new year. We will be serving after the 8:00 and 10:00 masses. Come join us at mass and the breakfast that follows!

Men's retreat - The annual St. Paul of the Cross retreat this year is 9/23-25. Please come join us this year! If you have never been before, you won't be sorry. We intentionally have no other council activities that weekend to interfere with attending. Contact Chancellor Dennis O'Beirne for more info at 734-981-1975.

Council Golf League - As we wind up another fun year of playing Monday night golf in a couple of weeks, I'd like to publicly thank our Financial Secretary and PGK Jim Guth for running the point on our league for the third consecutive year. Thanks Jim!

New Council Insurance Agent - As noted last month, we have a new council insurance agent - Gerald DeRocher. Phone #: [734-560-0155](tel:734-560-0155). Email: gerald.derocher@gmail.com. K of C annuities are a great deal and can be started at a very low initial deposit. Call Gerry for more info.

Please remember all brothers of this council who are sick or in distress in your prayers.

Final note and disclaimer - If I forgot any information here, it is strictly my fault and due solely to my faulty memory! Again, feel free to provide me with anything you'd like me to include in future newsletters.