



Knights of Columbus
Msgr Clement Kern Council #8284
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Brothers - Welcome to Spring! Our golf season is fast approaching! Hooray!
Our next regular meeting is Wednesday, April 18th. Please mark your calendar now so you can join your brothers there.

Vivat Jesus

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Knight of the Month - Chris Wrosch. Chris is a dedicated breakfast volunteer who takes on duties others shy away from...like washing dishes! We appreciate Chris' hard work and dedication in working our pancake breakfasts and helping make them a success. Thank you, Chris!

Family of the Month - George Peters and his "breakfast" family. This month we are broadening the definition of family to include George, our lead Breakfast co-chair, and his entire "family" of volunteers who work our breakfasts every other month. Without this "family" of volunteers, we wouldn't be able to have the success we have in serving the parish community the delicious pancakes, sausages, etc. that we are famous for! Thank you, George and your entire "family".

Spring MI Drive coming - Our annual Spring MI / "Tootsie Roll" Drive will be on Palm Sunday weekend - Friday 3/30, Saturday 3/31 and Sunday 4/1. That's next weekend! We will again be working at Holiday Market, Richardson's Pharmacy and after each Mass that weekend at St. Thomas a'Becket Church. Our chairman, Dan Vaseau, has again done a great job preparing things for us. We still have a few time slots that need filling. If you receive a phone call from Dan or others about taking one of those last slots, please try to help out. The money we raise goes to help the developmentally disabled and it is really put to great use by our designated charities.

March Pancake Breakfast, follow up - Our March breakfast customer turnout was very disappointing. It seems that 8:00 Mass attendance that day was extraordinarily light. No doubt that was a big factor in our light breakfast turnout. We will need to do a better job of promoting our next breakfast (Mothers Day in May) to better assure more folks come out. We will be serving at all three Sunday Masses that day too, so a larger group of volunteers to work throughout the day will be needed too. Please plan on assisting if you can. Thanks!

One breakfast housekeeping note: The Adult Ed Room is used by RCIA during Sunday mornings. We should not use that room. Going forward, use the hallway coat racks.

Membership - At our March 21st meeting, we once again welcomed two new brothers to Msgr. Clement Kern Council. Ray Selewski and David Frye are both members of St.

Thomas a'Becket parish and received their first, second and third degrees at a Major Degree ceremony last weekend. When you see David or Ray, please welcome them warmly to our council.

I am also happy to report that we have several other new brothers waiting to join our council through initiation or transfer. We read the Form 100's for six of these gentlemen at our 3/21 meeting and we hope to follow-up with them shortly to get them into Msgr Clement Kern Council. Come to our April meeting to see how many are "in" by then and able to attend! Thanks to Membership Director Director, David Lengel, for running the point so well in our latest recruitment efforts.

Finally, congratulations to DGK Hans Hansen who was exemplified into the 4th Degree earlier this month on March 3rd. Welcome to the 4th Degree, Sir Knight Hans!

Kern Council Golf League - PGK and Trustee Andy Emmert is our golf chairperson. He reports that we already have several returning golfers from last year, but there are still some remaining positions open to join us - either as an "every week" golfer or as a member of the sub list. Our first Monday of golf will likely be May 7th, starting at roughly 5:15 pm. We will again be golfing at Hickory Creek on Monday evenings. Andy is firming up the start date and the costs. Last year the cost was \$270 for the full season (15 weeks). If you are interested in being a regular or would prefer to be on our "sub" list, please let Andy Emmert know at emmert@sme-usa.com or 734-516-7201.

Charity Poker - I am now signing up volunteers to work our charity poker event at Electric Stick in Westland on April 24-27. If you can take a shift (there will be two persons per shift, two shifts per night), please call me at 734-634-0929 or email at gk8284@mikofc.org. This will be our major council fundraiser for this quarter, so please assist if you can.

Right to Life - The annual Respect Life Dinner is Thursday, April 19th at Burton Manor in Livonia. This is hosted by the Knights of Columbus Michigan State Council and is a big fundraising event that benefits the Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund. Cost is \$50 per person (\$20 of it tax deductible). It's always a great event and a very worthwhile cause. Go to their website for more information and to register. It would be great to have a significant council presence there. So far I know of three brothers and wives who are attending. <http://www.rtl.org/events/kofc/respectlife.html>

2012-2013 Officer Nominations - At our March 21st meeting, initial nominations were heard for Fraternal Year 2012-13 starting July 1. The following brothers were nominated and agreed to be considered for these positions:

Grand Knight - Ed Harkins
Deputy Grand Knight - Hans Hansen
Chancellor - Dennis O'Beirne
Treasurer - Larry Guastella
Advocate - Joe Nader
Warden - Tim Higgins
Recording Secretary - George Peters
Trustee 3 Year - Dennis Thinel

Inside Guards: Gene Borieo, Paul Pucci
Outside Guard - Dennis Keller (acceptance pending)

In April we will again hear nominations. In May we hear nominations one last time and then elect our officer team for next year at that same meeting. To be a council officer you must be a Third Degree member in good standing. You may be nominated by others or you may nominate yourself. Once nominated, you will be asked if you wish to accept the nomination or not. If you have an interest in joining the leadership of your council, but have questions, feel free to contact me.

Card night - Our March card night is Friday March 30th at 7:00. If you aren't doing MI Drive duty at that time, consider coming. The Mom Prom will be going on in the gym while we play cards in the Adult Ed room. The ladies like to have us nearby that night and usually keep us well fed with pizza! It's a special perk for March Card night!

Upcoming calendar dates:

3/30-4/1 - Spring MI Drive!
3/30 - Card night, 7:00 Adult Ed Room (Mom Prom support)
4/11 - Officers meeting, 6:30 Adult Ed Room
4/18 - Regular Council meeting, 7:30 Adult Ed Room
4/19 - Respect Life Dinner, 6:00 PM, Burton Manor
4/23 - Our Lady of Guadalupe prayer service (more info next month)
4/24-27 - Charity Poker, Electric Stick in Westland
5/9 - Officers meeting, 6:30 Adult Ed Room
5/13 - Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast - all Sunday Masses
5/16 - Regular Council meeting, 7:30 Adult Ed Room
5/20 - Relay for Life Breakfast (Canton Heritage Park)
5/24-26 - Michigan State Council annual convention

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Please remember all brothers of this council who are sick or in distress in your prayers, but especially the following brothers and families: Horst Schmid, Joe Nader, Bill Arkesteyn and Ben Zimmnicki.

Our next regular council meeting is **Wednesday April 18th**, starting promptly at 7:30 pm. Hope to see you there!