



**Knights of Columbus
Msgr Clement Kern Council #8284
555 S. Lilley Rd
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November 29, 2012

Brothers - **Merry Christmas!** Help celebrate the season by bringing your family to our annual **Council Christmas party on Sunday, December 9th**. More info is noted below. Our December general meeting is Wednesday, December 12th @ 7:30 pm.

Vivat Jesus
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Knight of the Month (Nov) - George Peters.
George has done an outstanding job leading our Breakfast Committee and just completed a second successful breakfast this fraternal year. He also serves our council well as Recorder and Chairman of our annual Gleaners Food Bank event. Thanks for all your support, George!



Shining Armor Award - Ralph Guastella. To qualify for this award a 3rd degree knight must be involved in at least 3 council programs or activities, attend at least 3 general meetings, meet with our insurance rep and recruit at least one new member, all in a current fraternal year. Ralph qualifies and has done all of this in his first year as a member. Nice work, Ralph! Do you know of other's who may qualify? Do you qualify? Please let your GK know and receive your recognition too!



Major Degree - Sunday, Dec 2nd - We will have two new brothers joining our council this weekend at a Degree Ceremony at Renaud Council in Plymouth. Rich Lister and Tom Angelo are the two newest Msgr Clement Kern Council members. If you haven't been to the new third degree ceremony (it was revised last year), please come just to see what's changed. It's always good for a current Knight to witness the degree ceremonies periodically just as a reminder too. All in possession of a current membership card are welcome! Be sure to give Rich & Tom a warm welcome when you meet them, hopefully at our next general meeting, December 12th.

Council Christmas party - It's Sunday December 9th @ 5:00 in the FLC (gym) at St. Thomas a'Becket! As usual, the council will provide the meat (turkey & ham) and beverages. Otherwise this is a pot-luck style dinner and you should plan to bring a dish to pass. This is a family event, so think about coming and bring your wife and kids. We will have a kids activity table to help keep them busy. Let GK Ed Harkins (734-634-0929) know if you can make it!

We will also have a donation basket for St. Vincent DePaul at the dinner if you care to make a cash/check donation.

Generous Knights! - This council donated 267 pounds of food to St. Mary's food bank this month with our council food drive. We also collected 13 gift wrapped sweatshirts for the needy of Holy Cross Children's Services at our November council meeting which will be used as Christmas presents. Thank you, gentlemen! You are a generous council.

Membership Blitz - Let's keep looking for prospective Knights. Remember our charge this year, *One member, per Council, per Month!*

Nov New Business - Our council agreed to support the CYO basketball program at STAB with the purchase of new basketballs. We also agreed to start up a "Social Sunday" at STAB every other month starting in February - more to follow on this, but initial dates are Feb 17th, April 7th and June 9th. We will be doing membership recruiting at each of these events as well.

Chaplain News - Congrats to Fr. Tom Slowinski who was formally installed as Pastor at St. Thomas a'Becket Church on November 18th!

Pro Life: March on Washington - January 22nd is the 40th anniversary of the Roe v Wade abortion decision. That makes this year's march that much more important. There will be several busses leaving from Michigan to attend the rally. Michigan State Council is sponsoring a bus from Lansing...info is below.

FINAL NOTICE: Michigan Knights Attending the 39th Annual March on Washington

40th Anniversary of Roe v Wade Decision

Deadline for Reservations: December 15, 2012

Departs: Council #788 in Lansing at 5:00 p.m. on January 24, 2013

Departs: St. Mary Church in Chelsea at 6:30 p.m. on January 24, 2013

Arrives: Basilica, Washington D.C.: 7:00 a.m. Mass, January 25, 2013

Meet: Be at the March Staging Area by 11:30 a.m. on January 25, 2013

After March: Depart for the Hampton Inn, Old Towne Alexandria, Virginia

Reservations: Call Hampton Inn directly at 1-703-329-1400 and place on your credit card

Rooms are being held under "Michigan Knights of Columbus"

Cost of Hotel: Hampton Inn is \$99 per room plus tax for up to 4 people

Cost of Bus: \$100 per person; make check for bus payable to "Michigan State Knights of Columbus"

Mail Bus Check to: **Paul and Sue Thorn**, 768 Lockmoore Ct., Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Phone Inquiries: 248-852-1758

Upcoming calendar dates:

12/5 - Officers meeting, 6:30pm STAB Adult Ed Room

12/8 - Breakfast with Santa, 7:00 AM, STAB FLC

12/9 - Council family Christmas party, 5:00 pm, STAB FLC. Mark your calendars!

12/12 - Regular Council meeting, 7:30 Adult Ed Room (enter thru parking lot door)

12/25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

1/13 - Our next Pancake Breakfast, after 8:00 & 10:00 masses

1/20 - Council Free Throw Contest, 2:00 PM STAB Gym

1/25 - March for Life in Washington, DC

Let us pray - Please remember all brothers of this council who are sick or in distress in your prayers, but especially the following brothers and families: George Peters (wife Jan surgery), Dan Vaseau (recent hospital stay), John Spencer (wife Nancy passed away), Denny McCann (wife Kathy surgery), Dennis O'Beirne (surgery), Andy Emmert (wife Kim and daughter Jennifer), Larry Guastella family (son Anthony, nephew David), Greg Day (mother Pauline passed away), Len Rosiewicz (wife Marge) and John Brady (wife Marlis).

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