



**Knights of Columbus
Msgr Clement Kern Council #8284
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Brothers - It's nearly February and Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday and Valentines Day are back to back to back this year! Feb 14th is also another significant day for our council...read on to find out why. Don't forget also that our February general meeting is Wednesday, February 20th @ 7:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

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Knight of the Month (Jan) - Denny McCann. Since transferring in to our council last year, Denny has been very active, participating in many of our events including taking partial leadership roles in our pancake breakfast and Social Sunday committees. His energy in support of our council makes him a worthy KOM! Thanks, Denny!



MI Drive MVP Award - Dan Vaseau. This is a new and special award for us and is appropriately awarded to Dan. He has worked and led most of our MI Drives over the past 10 years, and specifically over the past two years has done a yeoman's job helping our council increase our drive collections each and every drive. Thanks for your great efforts, Dan, on behalf of your council and those in the developmentally disabled community that benefit so much from our Tootsie Roll Drives!



Council Free Throw Contest - We held our annual Youth Free Throw Contest on Jan 20th and were happy to award 10 championship certificates to the winning boys and girls. All participants ranged in age from 9 through 14. Once again, David Lengel chaired this event and did a great job! He had the assistance of several other brother knights who had fun while “working” the contest. Our winners will move on to the District Championship that we are helping to host on February 10th. If you’d like to help out that day (only 2 hours of effort and it’s fun work), let David know at 734-516-4930.



Our Contest winners for 2013!



Nice shooting form from some of our Free Throw Contest participants!

Michigan State Council Raffle - You should have recently received your raffle tickets in the mail with the latest edition of the Michigan Columbian. Not only can you win up to \$15,000 in the contest, but our council receives a \$1 back for every \$5 sold. Buy your tickets or sell yours to others. Proceeds go to support Michigan Special Olympics and other charities.

Membership update - There is another Major Degree coming up nearby on Saturday, February 9th. It will be at St. Joseph Church hall in Dearborn. We expect to have 2 or 3 new brothers initiated that day. However, this is also a great opportunity for you council 1st Degree members to take your 2nd and 3rd degrees! Learn the principles of Unity and Fraternity while receiving your degrees! If you can make it and/or want more info, please call Membership Director, David Lengel, at 734-516-4930.

Council Founders Day anniversary - Msgr. Clement Kern Council #8284 was chartered by the Knights of Columbus on February 14, 1983. Those charter members founding our council are recognized on our charter document located on the wall in our council chambers (Adult Ed Room). 30 years later, our council is now several times larger and extremely active in support of the principles of our order - Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Our council today is the legacy of those founding brothers...30 years ago.

Tootsie Roll Drive update - Our Spring drive will occur Palm Sunday weekend (March 21-24) like usual. This year we have added a new venue - Plato's Coney Island on Ford Road. So, our collection stations will be Holliday Market, Richardson's Drug Store, Plato's and St. Thomas a'Becket after all weekend masses. We also have ordered and received new aprons for us to wear with updated and approved language - "Helping People With Intellectual Disabilities - Knights of Columbus". We've heard some sporadic complaints about the old wording. So, be sure to sign up and help out when the time comes and check out our new aprons and our new collection station at Plato's!

Council Officer Nominations - It's not too early to look ahead to council officer elections in May for fraternal year July 2013-2014. We will be hearing first nominations for all open positions at our March meeting (March 20th). Enclosed with this newsletter is a listing of all officer positions and their descriptions. If you are a 3rd Degree member and are interested in helping to lead your council, think about running for a position this year. We need good men to step up and keep our council the active and productive council it is. Are you one of those men? Think about it. Pray about it. Ask questions. See GK Ed Harkins or DGK Hans Hansen with any of those questions. Thank you, brothers.

Social Sunday aka Coffee & Donuts Sunday - Our council has agreed to resume the practice of doing these Social Sundays in support of the parish starting with our first event on Sunday, February 17th. We will be serving coffee & donuts & bagels after 8:00 and 10:00 masses. The purpose is to create an opportunity for parishioners to interact with one another in a leisurely and friendly way after mass. Our council will also be using these events to recruit new members by having an active recruitment table present. Donations will be accepted and any profits we receive will initially be donated to the St. Thomas a'Becket Youth group to further their ministry. Joe Nader & Denny McCann are the chairmen for this activity and are looking for a few brothers to help out with set up, maintaining the food table and clean up after. If you can assist, contact Joe at 734-837-4918 or Denny at 734-354-9098. Or you can respond to the email recently sent out by GK Ed Harkins. Other scheduled Social Sundays on the calendar are April 7th and June 9th. Mark them down and plan on attending...if not to assist, to at least socialize!

Pro Life: March on Washington - January 22nd was the 40th anniversary of the Roe v Wade abortion decision. It was estimated that 500,000 marched in Washington on Friday, January 25th in support of Life. January is Respect Life Month. If you have the opportunity, please try to remember those victims of abortion (infants and mothers) in your prayers, and also pray for the success of the Christian Pro-Life movement in this country.

Upcoming calendar dates:

2/2&3 - Supporting Fr. Tom's "Parish Wide Address" weekend, FLC after all masses

2/9 - Major Degree Ceremony, St. Joseph Church, Dearborn, 10:30 AM registration

2/10 - Corporate Communion, 10:00 Mass - Please come and bring your families!

2/10 - District Free Throw Contest, 1:30 PM STAB Gym (we're hosting)

2/13 - Ash Wednesday

2/14 - Council Founders Day Anniversary

2/17 - Social Sunday, FLC before and after 8:00 and 10:00 masses

2/18 - Officers meeting, 6:30pm, Gathering Area conference room (note new date here)

2/20 - Regular Council meeting, 7:30 Adult Ed Room (enter thru South parking lot door)

2/22 - Council Card Night, 7:00 pm, Adult Ed Room

3/3 - Our next Pancake Breakfast, after 8:00 & 10:00 masses

3/21-24 - Tootsie Roll Drive weekend

Please pay your 2013 dues asap - statements went out in early December!

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: Father Pat Casey's mother, Hans Hansen (wife Joyce, medical issues), George Peters (wife Jan surgery recovery), Len Rosiewicz (medical issues), Larry Guastella family (son Anthony, nephew David medical issues, Father-in-Law Dan Johnson recently passed away), Ray Selewski (recovering from illness), John Brady (wife Marlis medical issues), Brian Schmacher (medical issues), Lionel "Rad" Radofski (recent illness), Dennis O'Beirne (upcoming knee surgery), PGK Ron Fournier (recent knee surgery recovery) and all brothers and family members battling the flu.

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Grand Knight



The grand knight is responsible for the welfare of the council. He presides over council meetings, acts as an ex-officio member of all committees, appoints a membership and programming director, convenes officers for a monthly meeting, and ensures all necessary reports are submitted to the state and Supreme Council. He should also be aware of the council's financial status and ensure that his signature appears on all checks drawn. The grand knight is a member of the Advisory Board with general supervision of the council's Columbian Squire circle. *For more specific duties and responsibilities, refer to the Grand Knight's Handbook (#915).*

Chaplain



The chaplain is the spiritual advisor of the council. He is expected to make a report at council meetings on religious matters. The grand knight appoints a priest in accordance with any rules established by the bishop of the diocese to serve as council chaplain. *For more specific duties, responsibilities and eligibility, refer to the Chaplain's Handbook (#945).*

Deputy Grand Knight



The deputy grand knight is second in command. He assists the grand knight with council affairs and fulfills all duties assigned to him by the grand knight. Should the grand knight be absent from a council meeting, the deputy grand knight will preside. He is chairman of the council's retention committee

and also a member of the Advisory Board charged with overseeing the council's sponsored Columbian Squires circle.

Chancellor



The chancellor has a variety of responsibilities. Primarily, he assists the grand knight and the deputy grand knight in the execution of their duties and oversees the council in both their absences. He is charged with strengthening the members' interests in council activities. The chancellor is chairman of the admission committee and a member of the Columbian Squires circle ceremonial team.

Recorder



The recorder is similar to a court reporter or a secretary. He is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the council and its correspondence. A Recorder's Minute Book (#1403) is available from the Knights of Columbus Supply Department for keeping a record of council meetings.

Financial Secretary



The financial secretary is appointed by the supreme knight, upon recommendation of the council. His main area of responsibilities is maintaining all financial and membership records. He collects and receives all moneys from all sources, including annual dues from council members. He also handles supply orders for the council officers and members, filing the Report of Officer

(#185), and submitting all membership transactions to the Supreme Council. *For more specific duties and responsibilities, refer to the Financial Secretary Handbook (#1410).*

Treasurer



The treasurer is responsible for the safe-keeping and maintaining records of all council funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the council's accounts and provides a certificate of such monies to the grand knight. He is also responsible for payment of all ex-penses.

Lecturer



The lecturer is appointed by the grand knight to provide both educational and entertaining programs to the council. He is responsible for the 'Good of the Order' portion of council meetings. In order to provide members with informative and educational programs, he must be knowledgeable and aware of all council programming.

Advocate



The advocate is the legal representative of the council and serves as the council's attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with the council by-laws, the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws (#30), Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting (#1937), and Robert's Rules of Order.

Warden



The warden is the 'watchdog' for council property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the financial secretary, treasurer and recorder. He is also responsible for setting up the council chambers for meetings and ceremonial work. During ceremonial exemplifications, he will appoint and supervise guards.

Inside & Outside Guards



The guards have similar responsibilities, but distinct differences. The outside guard tends to the outer door admitting visitors and members to the inner door. Once at the inner door, the inside guard checks to make sure that their membership cards are current.

Board of Trustees



The board of trustees consists of three members elected by the council and the grand knight, who serves as chairman of the board. They oversee the work of the financial secretary and treasurer, and with the deputy grand knight serve on the council's retention committee. During council elections, only the three-year trustee is voted on, with the others moving on to become two- and one-year trustees, respectively.