



**Knights of Columbus
Msgr Clement Kern Council #8284
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Brothers - Come to our May 15th general meeting and help elect your council officers for fraternal year 2013/2014. Hope to see you there!

Vivat Jesus
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Knight of the Month - This month we have co-KOM's...**Dan Vaseau** and **Gene Borieo**. They did outstanding work once again co-chairing our Spring Tootsie Roll Drive. Thank you, men! That's Gene receiving his KOM award from GK Ed Harkins.



Family of the Month - **Andy & Kim Emmert** are our FOM for April. They worked as a husband/wife team in our Tootsie Roll Drive making sure their committed time slots were covered. Thank you Andy & Kim!

Social Sunday - Our second Social Sunday was held on April 7th and fared much better than our February event. We actually made some profit on this one! These Social Sunday events have been well received by the parish and that makes them a success as a Church activity for us. We've also been able to do some membership recruiting at them, also a positive. The only downside is that we haven't been able to raise as much money for the Youth Group as we had hoped. At our April 17th general meeting, we decided that we would forgo the scheduled June Social Sunday because of expected lower turnout due to summer time and regroup on a new plan for these events going forward in September. Thanks to all brothers who have helped work these for us!

Corporate Communion - I'm happy to say that our April 14th Corporate Communion produced one of our biggest turnouts of the year at Mass. In addition, 30 knights and family members enjoyed fraternity together at our breakfast afterward. Thanks to all of you who attended. It was an impressive show of red shirts at 10:00 Mass that day!

Membership update - Our Council Information Night held April 18th was a success. This was the first event of this sort we've done in awhile, but the feedback was good. We will tweak a few things and do another sometime this Fall. We will also continue our other recruiting efforts. Again, thanks to DGK Hans Hansen for running the point on our Info Night planning and all others who participated in making this happen.

Seven new Knights were initiated and officially joined Msgr. Kern Council #8284 4/28 at a Major Degree ceremony in Plymouth. Pictured below, left to right, Grand Knight Ed Harkins, Wes Anderson, Ed Queen, Danny Perkovich, Rob Simmerer, Anthony Sanchez, Travis Miller, Daniel Mack, and Membership Director David Lengel. In addition, Brother Tom Angelo (not pictured) also received his 2nd and 3rd degrees as well. Welcome brothers all! With this latest degree ceremony, our council has now exceeded our new membership quota for fraternal year 2012/2013. Vivat Jesus!



Council Officer Nominations - At our April 17th general meeting we heard a second reading of nominations for open officer positions for the July 2013/2014 fraternal year which begins July 1st. The following nominations are what we have at this point:

Grand Knight - Hans Hansen
Deputy Grand Knight - Denny McCann
Chancellor - Ed Harkins
Treasurer - Larry Guastella
Advocate - Lucas Phan
Warden - Rick St. Peter
Recording Secretary - Ron Fournier
Trustee 3 year - George Peters
Inside Guards - Dan Vaseau and Paul Pucci
Outside Guard - Dennis Keller

We will hear nominations one final time at our May 15th meeting and then vote on the candidates we have.

If you are a 3rd Degree member in good standing and are interested in helping to lead your council, you may become an officer. If you're not sure about making that move this year, think about it for possibly next year or sometime in the future. We will always need

good men to step up and keep our council the active and productive council it is. See GK Ed Harkins or DGK Hans Hansen if you have any questions.

Annual Knights of Columbus Right to Life Banquet - The annual RTL banquet was held on Thursday April 11th this year. Representing our council were (pictured below, left to right) Grand Knight Ed Harkins and his wife Mary Ann and Recorder/Pro-life Chairman George Peters and his wife Jan. It was another sell out, raising lots of needed money in support of the pro-life movement. The Knights of Columbus populated much of the big banquet hall! Michigan State Deputy Michael Malinowski presented a check for \$10,000 to Right to Life of Michigan President Barbara Listing on behalf of all knights in the state. The keynote address speaker was David Bereit, the National Director of "40 Days for Life". He was very complimentary of Michigan's efforts on the Right to Life front and strongly praised the Knights of Columbus in the state for our outstanding support. That support has help to see another Michigan abortion clinic closed this month in Dearborn. That makes 9 closures of abortion clinics in Michigan in the past 18 months, 6 just since last September! Praise God!



April General meeting business - At our Apr 17th meeting we agreed to again split our Spring Tootsie Roll Drive receipts equally among three worthy organizations - Angel's Place, St. Louis Center and Michigan Special Olympics. We also agreed to support seminarian Timothy Horst in his studies at Sacred Heart Seminary with \$500 in tuition assistance. Going forward, our meeting 50/50 raffle earnings will go into our council general fund. The previous earnings will be used as an "account" to fund our Pro Life support efforts. This was the recommendation of the Grand Knight's committee and it was unanimously supported by council vote. Planning continues for the May 19th Canton Relay for Life breakfast that we do every year. If you can assist with a couple hours of light work that morning, sign up when the volunteer sheet comes around again in a separate GK emailing. We also agreed to support Right to Life - Lifespan with their pro-life work by purchasing a quarter page ad in their resource book.

Pancake breakfast - Our next pancake breakfast will be a big one! It's our annual Mothers Day breakfast on May 12th. Since we will be serving after all three Sunday masses and all "Mothers" eat free, we always have a big turnout. Mark that date on your calendars and please pitch-in to volunteer your help that day if at all possible. A volunteer request will be coming out soon.

Charity Poker is back - Your Grand Knight has secured us some dates for charity poker fund raising at Electric Stick in Westland. This is a great way to earn some income for the council without a great amount of work effort. However, there will be some volunteer time needed. We will have 4 nights in June - 6/24 thru 6/27. Two nights in July - 7/12-13. And we will have 4 nights again in August - 8/3 thru 8/6. I will start a sign-up sheet shortly for our June dates. Please pitch-in and help out with these events. I will chair each event, but will need help. The work is easy...it's just the time you're committing to. Each shift will be two men, so you will always be teamed up with a brother, and the location is close by (on Wayne Road, just south of Westland Mall). The income we earn at these events means more charitable giving on our part as a council. So, I'm thanking you in advance for your anticipated assistance!

April Card Night - Last Friday was our Council Card Night and we had 9 brothers show up...8 to play some low stakes poker and 1 to just hang out with his brothers. The pizza, snacks and "beverages" were great! The fraternal time and friendly bs was also fun! We will start up our Card Nights again in September. Think about joining in then. It's a great way to unwind on a Friday night with a few of your brothers!



Who says we can't have fun playing cards!!!

Council Golf league - Golf League chairman Andy Emmert says we still have one slot to fill in our 32 man Monday night golf league. Golf will start on May 13th and run thru August 26th (no golf on Memorial Day). The cost for the season is \$270. If you are that

32nd golfer or know another man who can be (he doesn't have to be a member of the council), call or email Andy asap at 734-516-7201 or a.emmert1516@gmail.com.

Upcoming calendar dates:

5/13 - Start date for Council Golf League season!
5/8 - Relay for Life committee meeting, 7:00 pm, STAB Classroom 6
5/8 - Officers meeting, 6:30pm (will be cancelled or rescheduled, stay tuned)
5/12 - Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast - all hands on deck!
5/15 - Regular Council meeting, 7:30 Adult Ed Room (enter thru South parking lot door)
5/19 - Relay For Life breakfast - still need some additional volunteers
5/20 - Golf League, 5:30 start at Hickory Creek Golf Club
5/23-25 - Michigan State Convention, Mackinac Island (GK and DGK will represent us)
5/27 - Golf League, 5:30 start at Hickory Creek Golf Club
6/3 - Golf League, 5:30 start at Hickory Creek Golf Club
6/10 - Golf League, 5:30 start at Hickory Creek Golf Club
6/12 - Officers meeting, 6:30pm, Adult Ed Room
6/17 - Golf League, 5:30 start at Hickory Creek Golf Club
6/19 - Regular Council meeting, 7:30 Adult Ed Room (enter thru South parking lot door)
6/24 - Golf League, 5:30 start at Hickory Creek Golf Club
6/24-27 - Charity Poker event, Electric Stick in Westland
7/1 - New fraternal year begins

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: Past District Deputy Mike Kisabeth (in the hospital), Deacon Jim Ward (medical issues), Jamie Bernacik (FIL passed away), Denny McCann (MIL passed away), Hans Hansen (wife Joyce, medical issues), Tom Kish (sister with medical issues), Len Rosiewicz (medical issues), Larry Guastella family (son Anthony, nephew David), Ray Selewski (recovering from illness), Brian Schmacher (recovering from medical issues), Lionel "Rad" Radofski (recovering from illness), and PGK Bill Simmerer (upcoming medical procedure).

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