



**Knights of Columbus
Msgr Clement Kern Council #8284
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Rejoice, Rejoice, for He is Risen!

Happy Easter to all brothers of Msgr. Clement Kern Council #8284!

Knight & Family of the Month Awards - Congratulations to Brother Knights Jim Allen and Randy Helms & Family for being named our March 2016 Knight of the Month and Family of the Month! Jim (below left) and Randy (below right) are pictured here receiving their awards from Grand Knight David Lengel at our March general meeting. Thank you, Jim and Randy, for all you do for our council!



Membership update - Here's where we are in terms of membership as we finish the 3rd quarter of the 2015/16 fraternal year - we have 10 new members vs our quota of 12 and 1 new insurance member vs our quota of 4. Total membership stands at 177. We are close, but need to finish strongly in the next three months to achieve our membership goals for the year. Help your council out by recommending a new member, or better yet, convincing someone you know to join our esteemed ranks! We can do it! Contact Membership Director, Bob Yancey, with any questions or recommendations.

Fourth Degree Exemplification - Congratulations to the following Kern Council brothers who were exemplified into the 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus on March 5th...Obioma Opara, Dennis Keller, Longinus Iwuoha, Ben Keyserling, Jorge Villanueva, Randy Helms and Larry Guastella! They can now proudly be called "Sir Knights"! This handsome group is pictured below with their beautiful Ladies.



Pancake breakfast update - Our March 6th breakfast suffered from lower than expected turnout, but we still made a modest profit on the day and helped feed a lot of happy parishioners too! We will have better luck next time...which is **April 10th**. Our final breakfast of the fraternal year, and before taking the summer off, is our annual Mothers Day breakfast on **May 1st**. Mark your calendars and come help us out those days. Thank you, brothers!

Charity Poker - Our next event will be **April 27-30** at Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia. Times will be Wednesday 4pm to 8:30pm and Thursday thru Saturday 11am to 6:30pm. Help us out if you can. This is another fairly easy fundraiser for us that helps to put us in a position to financially support many of the good charities that ask for our assistance. Contact our Charity Poker Chairman, Ed Harkins, with questions or to sign up for a time slot. Check your emails from GK David Lengel for more information.

Baby Bottle campaign 2016 - We are about ready to start collecting the 600 "baby bottles" we have distributed throughout Lent. Our collections will occur before each Mass on the April 2/3 weekend. We need 3 or 4 volunteers at each Mass to make the collection effort work smoothly. You would need to show up about 30 minutes prior to Mass and collect bottles in the Gathering Area Conference Room as parishioners bring them to Mass. If you or your family members can assist, let [Ed Harkins](mailto:Ed.Harkins@St.Peter.org) know by email or phone - edward.harkins@gmail.com or (734) 634-0929.

Spring "Tootsie Roll" Drive - Thanks to all of you who helped support our Spring Tootsie Roll Drive on Palm Sunday weekend. We are still tallying the results, but will have a full report out by co-chairmen David Trost and Ed Queen at our April general business meeting. All proceeds will go to support the developmentally disabled community, specifically support of the Michigan Special Olympics, Angel's Place and St. Louis Center. All are great organizations that do God's work in assisting this special needs community!

Council “Card Night” - Once a month, usually on the last Friday of the month, we have a fun “card night” for brothers to get together for some fun and fraternity playing very low stakes poker and enjoying some snacks and beverages. Our next Card Night will be **Friday, April 23th** at 7pm in the Adult Ed Room at STAB. This event will coincide with the “Mom Prom” at church. We Knights playing cards in a nearby room serve as a reassuring presence for the ladies who are having their event “next door” in the gym. The Mom Prom ladies always provide us with tasty pizza that night in return for just being there. That’s always a fun night for us guys. Mark your calendars!

Rosary - Did you know we pray the rosary before every monthly general meeting in the chapel at 6:45pm? Chancellor Ed Harkins leads the rosary and invites all brothers to attend. What better way to spend some quiet time after dinner and before our meeting than in prayer? Come join us at 6:45 before our next meeting on April 16th!

From our Worthy Insurance Agent - April 15 (tax day) is right around the corner. It’s become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. Or perhaps someone has tried to convince you to open an account, touting the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And, our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you?

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee — along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember – absolute safety of principal) — really will provide you with peace of mind. I am happy to meet with you – at your convenience and in your home – to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.

Sincerely,

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Other March Council business - At our March general business meeting we agreed to pledge financial support to seminarian Andy Zippora as part of the RSVP program. We also agreed to continue our sponsorship of the STAB men's softball team, sponsor the next Cafe a'Becket "donut Sunday" on 4/17, pursue a local "build" this summer in support of Habitat for Humanity, send the Grand Knight David Lengel and PGK Ed Harkins to the annual state convention in May as our council delegates (PGK Andy Emmert and PGK Rick St. Peter will be alternates), and support RCIA on Holy Saturday Easter Vigil reception work. Also noted was the Golf league start date of May 2nd (still looking for a few more golfers) and the annual council golf outing date of 8/20.

Upcoming Council Birthdays - As a regular feature in our newsletter, we are listing council member birthdays for the next month so you can wish your brothers a special "Happy Birthday" if you like! Following are our **April** council birthdays:

Happy Birthday: Andrew Wegehaupt (4/1), Dan Vaseau (4/2), Nelson Rodriguez (4/3), Tom Angelo (4/6), Chuck Badnarik (4/6), Richard Williams (4/20), Jerry Grzesik (4/22), Hans Hansen PGK (4/25), Tom Mc Adoo (4/26), Eugene Szatkowski (4/26), Harry Doyle PGK (4/27), Gerald Myles (4/27), Richard Caron (4/28) and Donald Pranger (4/28).

In Memoriam - We also wish to honor our council brothers who have preceded us in death by remembering the date that they went back home to the Lord. These are the brothers we have recognized on our council memorial plaque as well. For **April**:

Earl E. Simpson, PGK (4/1/1992)
Horst J. Schmid (4/12/2012).

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

Council clothing - Need some new council "threads"? Check out the order form at the end of this newsletter for selections and pricing. You can also find our clothing selections and prices on our council webpage. Contact [Duke Hynek](#) or [Ed Harkins](#) to place your orders or for any questions.

Council website update - Are you checking our council website regularly? If not, you are missing out on the latest news and information from the Knights of Columbus and your council. Find us at www.kofc8284.org .

Also check out our **Facebook** page from time to time for updates. And be sure to "Like" our Facebook page and get the updates automatically on your timeline! We are up to 189 "Likes" now and our various posts regularly reach over 200 people!

Upcoming calendar dates:

3/27 - EASTER SUNDAY!

4/2-3 - "Baby Bottle" collection weekend, after all weekend masses, STAB

4/2,3,9,10,16,17 - Michigan Knights of Columbus Bowling tournament

4/10 - Pancake Breakfast, after 8:00 and 10:00 Masses, STAB Family Life Center

4/13 - Officers Meeting, 7:00 pm, Adult Ed Room

4/20 - Council general meeting, 7:30 pm, Family Life Center

4/14 - Respect Life Dinner, Laurel Manor

4/23 - Council card night, 7:00 pm, Adult Ed Room

4/27-30 - Charity Poker at Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia

Let us pray - Please remember the following in your prayers.

Prayers for the deceased and their families: All deceased brothers of our council.

Prayers requested on behalf of Fr. Pat Casey, personal intentions.

Prayers for those sick or in distress: Sue Selewski (daughter of Ray Selewski, illness), Gene Borio (medical issues), Bernedette Kerpet (wife of Jerry Kerpet, medical issues), Chris Kerpet (brother of Jerry Kerpet, medical issues), George Bradley (medical issues), Shawn Kuhn (daughter of Denny McCann, medical issues), Charina Jones (daughter of Hans Hansen, medical issues), Steve Titus, Denny and Kathy McCann (medical issues), Jan Peters (wife of George Peters, medical issues), Mark Ryan (son-in-law of George Peters, medical issues), Miranda Queen (daughter of Ed Queen, medical issue), Ray Rathbun (medical issues), Duane Pietryga (brother of Ken Pietryga, medical issues), Juan Carlos Villanueva (brother of Jorge Villanueva), Len Rosiewicz (medical issues), Paul Pucci (medical issues), Joyce Hansen (wife of Hans Hansen, medical issues), Dan Vaseau (surgery recovery), Tom Harkins (brother of Ed Harkins, medical issues) and Marjorie Harkins (mother of Ed Harkins, medical issues).

Note: If you have information, articles or pictures to contribute to this newsletter, please contact PGK Ed Harkins, our Newsletter Editor, at edward.harkins@gmail.com or 734-634-0929.

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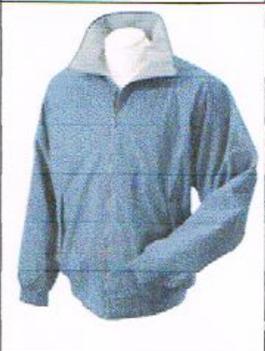
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Apparel
 November, 2013

K of C-Canton, #8284 Msgr. Clement H. Kern Council
 Apparel with Left Chest K of C Embroidery and Right Chest Name

****Council shirts are RED. Other colors are available, but unless noted, they will be produced RED.**

Item	Image	Amount
<p>A 50/50 Jersey Polo Gildan 5.6 oz. DryBlend™ 50/50 Jersey Polo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% preshrunk cotton, 50% polyester • DryBlend® fabric wicks moisture away from the body • welt-knit collar and cuffs • woodtone buttons • double-needle stitched hemmed bottom • three-button placket 		\$25.00 2X + \$3 3X + \$5
<p>B Sports Wicking Polo Harriton Men's 4 oz. Polytech Polo (Sports Wicking Polo)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% polyester • quick dry, anti-microbial, anti-static, anti-odor & UPF 50 • breathable & sideseamed with set-in sleeves with open hem • double-needle topstitch on bottom hem and side vents • clean-finished inside neck with self-fabric neck tape • absorbs, wicks and evaporates more moisture than cotton • three-button placket with flat-knit collar 		\$30.00 2X + \$3 3X + \$5
<p>C Long-Sleeve Jersey Polo Jerzees 5.6 oz., 50/50 Long-Sleeve Jersey Polo with SpotShield™</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% cotton, 50% polyester preshrunk jersey • SpotShield™ stain-resistant treatment • welt-knit collar • back neck tape for a clean, comfortable finish • double-needle stitched bottom hem • two-button placket with pearlized buttons • long-sleeves; rib knit cuffs; seamless body 		\$30.00 2X + \$3 3X + \$5
<p>D Harriton Long Sleeve Twill Dress Shirt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 55% cotton, 45% polyester with stain-release • Extra stitching at seams and buttons • Flat-felled seam finishing • Signature horn-style buttons with Harriton logo • Full back yoke and back pleat • Two-button adjustable cuffs and left-chest pocket • Button-down collar 		\$40.00 2X + \$3 3X + \$5

<p>I Full-Zip Fleece Harriton Men's 8 oz. Full-Zip Fleece</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% spun soft polyester fleece with non-pill surface finish • dyed-to-match zippers and zipper pull • bottom hem with drawcord and toggles • midweight fleece – highly breathable • front-zip pockets • front yoke • non-roll elastic cuffs 		<p>\$40.00 2X + \$3 3X + \$5</p>
<p>J Jacket Harriton Fleece-Lined Nylon Jacket</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% nylon tason shell with anti-pill microfleece lining • Wind- and water-resistant • Full front-zip with inside zip guard • InconspicuZip™ for easy embroidery • Contrast tipped mock collar (except Black) • Nylon/polyester raglan sleeve lining • Outside zip pockets 		<p>\$60.00 2X + \$3 3X + \$5</p>
<p>K Jacket Devon & Jones Men's Three-Season Classic Jacket</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% tason nylon shell with plush microfleece lining • lightweight polyfill insulation • sturdy Black enamel front-zipper • InconspicuZip™ for clean embroidery • raglan, nylon-lined sleeves • outside zip pockets, inside zip security pocket • banded bottom 		<p>1-5 \$75/ea 6-11 \$70/ea 12-24 \$65/ea 2X & 3X + \$5</p>
<p>L Council Jacket</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embroidery Left Chest, • Name on Right Chest • 10" logo on back • Duraweav™ Oxford Nylon Shell • Wind and water-resistant • Quilted nylon lining • Full-snap front • Rib-trim collar, cuffs, and bottom hem • Easy-entry front pockets • Inside pocket 		<p>1-5 = \$125/ each 6-12 = \$100/ each</p>