



**Knights of Columbus
Msgr Clement Kern Council #8284
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January Awards updates - Two brother Knights were recognized with awards at our January 18th general meeting. Deputy Grand Knight, **Mike Goodhart**, was recognized as the Kern Counsel January "Knight of the Month". PGK **Bill Simmerer**, with over 25 years of active membership in the Knights of Columbus, was awarded "Honorary Life" status in the order. Congratulations to both Bill and Mike! Mike is pictured here (top) receiving his award from GK David Lengel. Bill is pictured (bottom), also receiving his award from GK David Lengel.



Holy Family Icon - Msgr Kern Council #8284 was active again at the St. Thomas a'Becket Ministry Fair on January 15th and we also had the traveling icon of the Holy Family prominently on display there. Working our recruitment table in the picture below is GK David Lengel (right) and PGK Jamie Bernacik (left).



Kern Council Free Throw Contest - Congratulations to the boys and girls who participated in our council's annual Youth Free Throw competition on January 22nd! Pictured below are our happy winners. Way to go kids! Our winners will move on to the District competition to be held in February. Thanks to Grand Knight David Lengel for once again chairing a very successful event for us.



Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest - Kern council just completed our annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest and here are our winners! All winners earned a free family breakfast at one of our world famous council monthly breakfasts! Thanks to Deputy Grand Knight Mike Goodhart for chairing this popular program for the past two years and keeping the message "Keep Christ in Christmas" front and center at Christmas time!



Charity Poker update - Our next poker fundraiser is February 16-19 at Vision Lanes in Westland. We've had a great volunteer response so far, but still have three time slots to fill. They are noted below in "yellow". If you can serve in any of those time slots, let Ed Harkins know (edward.harkins@gmail.com). Thanks.

K of C #8284: Vision Lanes Charity Poker Fundraiser - Feb 16 to Feb 19					
Shift Schedule	Thu, Feb 16	Fri, Feb 17	Shift Schedule	Sat, Feb 18	Sun, Feb 19
11:00am - 3:00pm	Jerry Grzesik	Jim Allen	6:30pm - 10:30pm	David Trost	Larry Guastella
11:00am - 3:00pm	Jim Allen	David Lengel	6:30pm - 10:30pm	Jorge Villanueva	Ed Queen
11:00am - 3:00pm	Joe Kelly		6:30pm - 10:30pm		
3:00pm - 6:00pm	Bob Yancey	John Spencer	10:30pm - 2:00am	Mike Goodhart	Tony Vella
3:00pm - 6:00pm	Duke Hynek	Mike Pisano	10:30pm - 2:00am	Mike Fitzgerald	Mike Goodhart
3:00pm - 6:00pm	Paul Pucci	Mike Goodhart	10:30pm - 2:00am	Ed Harkins	Ed Harkins
Chairpersons:					

Note: We need three workers including one "official" chairperson present for each time slot. Chairpersons will be assigned after we fill all time slots.

Pancake Breakfast committee - Our January 8th pancake breakfast experienced a somewhat lighter turnout than normal, but we still served 188 customers. We are considering some special breakfast pricing for our February breakfast as a Valentines Day promotion. Our next regular council breakfast will be February 5th.

Culture of Life - Chairman George Peters has identified several areas where our council can be active this year in support of the Culture of Life. The 44th annual March for Life in Washington DC was this past Friday, January 27th. Although no council members were able to attend the march this year, we did dedicate our pre-meeting rosary on January 18th to the unborn and those mothers facing difficult pregnancy decisions. Our Knights were also in attendance at the January 26th prayer vigil in support of the march at St. Thomas a'Becket church. Please continue to keep the unborn in your prayers.

Other January Council meeting news - Present membership is 169; we have 4 new members towards our overall goal of 11 this year. We have 5 new insurance members so we are ahead of our goal of 4. The parish has approved our '17 baby bottle program. Our annual golf outing will be August 19th and it's not too early to start looking for door prize donations (gift cards, restaurant certificates, golf balls, golf gear, etc.). Our weekly summer golf league will be moving from Hickory Creek to Fellows Creek this May; more info to follow on that. We are having a problem with our council clothing supplier. Please be patient while we are working things out. If things don't work out, we'll be getting a new supplier. Our pre-meeting rosary on February 15th will be dedicated to vocations.

From Our Worthy Insurance agent - Dear Brother Knights, I hope this note finds you having started a great 2017. The start of a new year is a good time to review many things in our lives. Some of those things are financial.

These following ideas are valid whether you have K of C products or products from other companies.

- 1) Reviewed life policies for value and expiration date?
 - 2) When was the last time you reviewed your beneficiaries, have there been changes in your family?
 - 3) Are you maximizing your retirement savings, have you reviewed your risk tolerance?
- These all are items I can help with if you would like my assistance, please call with any questions.

Below is a note from the home office in regards to ideas that may interest some brothers.

Life Insurance As a Gift?

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. "How morbid," they think. While it may seem that

way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers – even while you're alive.

Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

Have a Blessed Day,

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Card Night 1/27/2017 - Fraternity, the third principle of our order, was on display at Card Night this past week! DGK Mike Goodhart hosted our card night and reports that all who attended had a great time!



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 **February** council birthdays:

Happy Birthday: Jeremy Beal (2/5), Paul Pucci (2/11), Ken Pietryga (2/17), Paul Kopper (2/20), Mike Riley (2/21), Steve Vargo (2/25), Davis Pawczuk (2/25), Alan Tykoski (2/28), Glen Rossow (2/28).

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 the month of **February**, we want to recognize the following brothers:

Charles Mayfield - 2/2/1999

Carl Krawczyk - 2/1/2014

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

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

Brothers and Families Sick or In Distress:

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: Gene Borieo (medical issues), Shawn Kuhn (daughter of Denny McCann, medical issues), Kathy McCann (medical issues), Jan Peters (wife of George Peters, medical issues), Juan Carlos Villanueva (brother of Jorge Villanueva), Len Rosiewicz (medical issues), Brian Titus (surgery recovery), Tom Harkins (brother of Ed Harkins, medical issues) and Marjorie Harkins (mother of Ed Harkins, medical issues), Kittie Higgins (wife of Tim Higgins, medical issues), Margie Carmine (sister of Frank Dziuban, medical issues), Shannon Featherstone (daughter of Denny McCann, medical issues), Irena Dzikowski (mother of Darius, medical issues), Stan Dzikowski (father of Darius, medical issues), Dennis Thinel's sister Charlene Neipote (medical issues), Sue Nader (wife of Joe, hip surgery), Traci Callender (Jim Allen's sister-in-law, medical issues), Denny McCann (shoulder surgery recovery), Jan Peters (wife of George, medical issues), and William Short (Financial Sec of New Boston's council, auto accident) and Scott Keller, son of Dennis Keller (medical issues).

Upcoming calendar dates:

2/5 - Pancake Breakfast, 8:00 am - Noon, STAB Family Life Center
2/8 - Officers Meeting, 7:00 pm, STAB (STAB conference room)
2/15 - Council general meeting, 7:30 pm, STAB, Family Life Center (Rosary @ 6:45)
2/16-19 - Council Charity Poker, Vision Lanes in Westland
2/19 - District Free Throw Contest, 1:30 pm, STAB Family Life Center
2/24 - Council Card Night, 7:00 pm, location to be announced
3/1 - ASH WEDNESDAY
3/4-5 - Baby Bottle program starts
3/24 - 4th Degree breakfast fundraiser at St. Robert Bellarmine parish
4/7-9 - Spring Tootsie Roll Drive

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 200 “Likes” now and our various posts regularly reach well over 200 people!

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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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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

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<p>E Barbados Textured Camp Shirt Harriton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70% rayon, 30% polyester • Short-sleeve camp shirt with special shadow weave • Full-button front • Sand washed for softness • Synthetic coconut shell buttons • Left-chest pocket and side vents • Replacement buttons 		<p>\$45.00 2X + \$3 3X + \$5</p>
<p>F 50/50 Fleece Crew Gildan 7.75 oz. Heavy Blend™ 50/50 Fleece Crew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% cotton, 50% polyester • pill-resistant air jet yarn • double-needle stitching throughout • 1x1 ribbed collar, cuffs and waistband with spandex 		<p>\$30.00 2X + \$3 3X + \$5</p>
<p>G 90/10 Fleece Crew (Heavier Blend) Hanes 10 oz. Ultimate Cotton® 90/10 Fleece Crew (Heavier Blend)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90% cotton, 10% polyester • low-pill, high-stitch density fleece with 100% cotton face • coverseamed neck, armholes and waistband • spandex-reinforced neck, cuffs and waistband • coverstitching throughout • Light Steel is 85% cotton, 15% polyester • Charcoal Heather is 65% cotton, 35% polyester 		<p>\$35.00 2X + \$3 3X + \$5</p>
<p>H Quarter-Zip Fleece Pullover Harriton 8 oz. Quarter-Zip Fleece Pullover</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 • on-seam pockets • front yoke • non-roll elastic cuffs 		<p>\$40.00 2X + \$3 3X + \$5</p>

<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>