

**Knights of Columbus  
Msgr. Clement H. Kern Council #8284  
555 S. Lilley Rd  
Canton, Michigan 48188-1103**



July 2019

## **Grand Knight Comments**

Brother Knights,

Many thanks to all the officers for their service this past year, those completing their term and those continuing as officers into this new fraternal year. Your participation and leadership is critical for this council to function and continue well into the future. Once again, thanks for stepping up!

Special thanks to PGK Mike Goodhart and his supportive wife Theresa for all their hard work to keep this council active and proud. His leadership kept this council busy and always exploring new ideas. They both made themselves available, a pleasure to work with and doing whatever needed to be done to finish the task at hand.

During the past two years our council has accomplished quite a bit in our church, in our community and by combining efforts with other councils. We have also embraced a lot of change. One thing for certain, we never lost focus on our mission to continue our good work, grow in our faith, strengthen our fraternity and support Fr. McGivney's vision.

I am looking forward to an exciting fraternal year filled with activities, opportunities and hope. Yes, hope. Hope that we continue to make a difference in the lives of those we help.

My vision for this council is simple:

- Continue to strengthen our faith and relationship within the parish
- Promote family and membership
- Increase our community involvement
- Protect Life

I ask for the support of each and every brother in this council for your continued support and pray that the Holy Spirit help you with your consideration to get involved and contribute to shaping the future of our council.

I am honored to serve as your Grand Knight and pledge to do my very best!

Vivat Jesus!

*Larry Guastella*  
Grand Knight  
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**Officer Installation & Picnic** – Thanks to our new District Deputy Rick St. Peter for officiating the installation ceremony, Fr. Chris for blessing and all the incoming officers for participating. The officers each received the appropriate medal for their position along with a single carnation presented to their wife. A buffet style meal was enjoyed by all with brats, dogs and burgers fresh off the grill. Check out our Facebook [Knights-of-Columbus-8284-Canton-MI](#) for more pictures. Thanks to all who brought a dish!



**July General meeting notes** – This month we approved the purchase of a second cotton candy machine to support the high demand especially at the annual parish picnic. The second machine will help keep the lines moving and of course a happy parishioner. We also approved a \$500 donation to support the school back pack

program held here at our parish. The back packs are filled with donated supplies and then delivered to intercity as well as local community schools to support the youth.



With all the new officers and directors in place, the planning for this new fraternal year is underway. We will continue to be a very active council during the months to come. However, to be successful, the council needs you! We need just a small portion of your time to make this council to continue to support our parish and community. The most common response is that “I don’t have time”. That time is as simple as a 2 hours collecting during the MI (tootsie roll) Drive to chairing an event. That time you give helps put a winter coat on a kid’s back, supply a child with a back pack for a family that couldn’t afford one or puts food on a table through our donations. Any time you can volunteer is well appreciated.

**Council Summer Golf League** - On Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, we will complete another successful council summer golf league season at Fellow’s Creek in Canton. Thanks to our co-captains PGK Mike Goodhart and George Peters for keeping everyone on track!

**Charity Poker update** - Our next scheduled poker évent will be **September 12-15, 2019** at Vision Lanes in Westland. At time of this publication there was only one position to be filled. Please sign up and help out if you can. We have also applied for poker event dates in 2020.

**“Knights Out” dinner** - Our monthly dinner gathering will start back up in September. Please watch for an email announcing the date and location. Your response with a count is important for an accurate reservation. This is great chance to learn more about fellow members and meet their families. It’s always a good time for all attending.

**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 **August** council birthdays:

**Happy Birthday:** Bob Yancey (8/3), Randy Helms (8/4), Jerry Kerpet (8/7), Stuart Selewski (8/9), Joe Kelly (8/12), Stanley Polkowski (8/12), Keith Barker (8/13), Robert Erdelen (8/13), Jeff Kramer (8/20), John Kish (8/24), Mike Manini (8/24), Rev Tim Babcock (8/26), Andy Emmert (8/27), Tony Kelso (8/23), Ed Queen (8/29).

**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 months of **August**, please remember these brothers:

**John F. Brady (8/12/2016)**

**Raymond J. Selewski (8/16/2014)**

**Lionel F. Radofski (8/17/2013)**

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 all council brothers and family members sick or in distress in your prayers. Thank you.

**Upcoming calendar dates:**

*(at time of publish, many of these have taken place in August)*

August

- 5<sup>th</sup> - Golf League
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Officers meeting
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Council audit
- 9<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday morning mass 9am
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Council Golf Outing
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Corporate Communion 10am
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Golf League
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Golf League
- 21<sup>st</sup> - General Meeting – 7:30 pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> - Petition Drive tables after mass
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Golf League (season finally)

## September

- 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday morning mass 9am
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Prolife training 9 - 11 am @ SJN (see attached flyer)
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Parish Picnic
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Officers Meeting 7pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> - Charity Poker
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Rosary - 6:30 pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> - General Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Opening Ceremonies - Special Olympics 7:30 pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Special Olympics @ Heritage Park 8 am
- 28<sup>th</sup> - sign up for MI Drive
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Watch your email for more details or changes.

Any questions, email to [gk8284@mikofc.org](mailto:gk8284@mikofc.org)

**Council clothing** - Need some new council “threads”? Contact [Mike Goodhart](mailto:Mike.Goodhart@mikofc.org) ([md8284@mikofc.org](mailto:md8284@mikofc.org)) to place your orders or for any questions.

**Council website** - 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](http://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!

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**Pro-Life Training Workshop**  
**With Nationally-Known Speaker: Mike Spencer**  
**Sponsored by**  
**Msgr. Clement H. Kern Council # 8284**  
**St. John Neumann Council # 16169**



## The Case for Life

*Persuasively Communicating The Pro-Life Message*

The Christian worldview has something important to say about every facet of life. Using science and philosophy, this workshop will equip you to answer two basic, but crucial questions in the battle for life: What are the pre-born? & What makes humans valuable? Being prepared to answer these two questions will help you simplify the abortion debate and stay focused on the main issue. Come and learn to speak intelligently and winsomely to the defining moral issue of our times.

Our workshop leader will be Mike Spencer of Life Training Institute. Mike considered himself "pro-choice" until shortly after coming to faith in Christ in 1983 when the church he attended showed the pro-life film, *The Silent Scream*. Upon being confronted with the reality of abortion, Mike became deeply convicted and prayed for God's forgiveness, offering himself as a voice for the unborn. Mike serves as our Midwest Director of Training and travels extensively throughout the United States equipping pro-lifers on high school and university campuses, in churches and serving as the keynote at pro-life banquets and conferences. Mike is a gifted and much sought after communicator who has a passion to equip others to speak to the often emotional and divisive issue of abortion in way that is both gracious and kind.

Please plan to join us for this **FREE** 2-hour workshop in September. You will leave empowered to confidently and compassionately stand for the unborn.

**When:** Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 9 a. m. to 11 a.m.

**Where:** St. John Neumann Catholic Church  
44800 Warren Road  
Canton, MI 48187

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