

**Knights of Columbus
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August 2019

Grand Knight Comments

Brother Knights,

As we finish another summer month, many of us have got that final vacation time in and getting back to the routine. Hope you all and your families have enjoyed the summer. We have spent a good portion of the month planning for our upcoming fraternal year. This year will no different as we continue to be involved in many events/activities and working closer with other groups in the parish.

There were still a number of things the council participated in this month. I would like to thank all of you that participated in and/or supported the following:

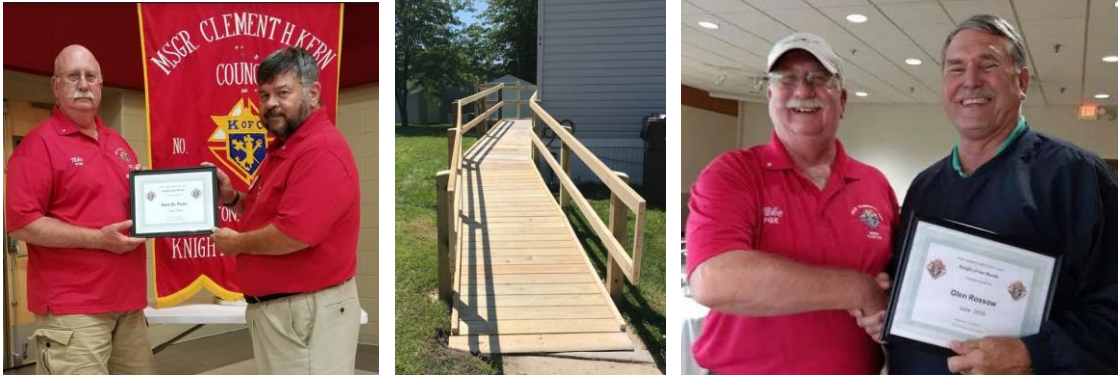
- Friday morning mass (Faith)
- Council Golf Outing (Community)
- Corporate Communion (Family)
- Petition drive for the unborn (Life)
- Wearing your red shirt to mass

Vivat Jesus!

Larry Guastella
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Awards and Recognitions

There were also some brothers that received special acknowledgement at last month's general meeting. First, we closed out the prior fraternal year with PGK Mike Goodhart presenting Rick St. Peter and Glen Rossow with Knight of the Month (June) awards for volunteering to finish the wheelchair ramp project. Both of them jumped in early on Saturday and Sunday to assist the contractor. PGK Mike Goodhart was able to catch up with Glen to deliver his award.



As previously announced, our Worthy Field Agent elected to retire after serving for the past 6 years. He was a great asset to our council, provided inspiring suggestions by keeping us in touch with financial and insurance needs with emphasis on family. He was also awarded Family of the Month (August) by GK Larry Guastella for his strong commitment to the family and our council. Greg attended nearly all our meetings and participated in our events. We wish him a happy and healthy retirement.



The Knight of the Year was presented to Joseph Nader by both GK Larry Guastella and PGK Mike Goodhart for his outstanding service to both of them.



He took the lead on a number of events and/or activities over the past year including our pancake breakfast, family dinner night, monthly Friday morning mass to name a few. He also did a lot of the leg work for things like the purchase of our second cotton candy machine and events we were considering like a pasta dinner. Joseph contributes a lot of his time and energy to the parish as a Sacristan and involved in various committees. He is always looking for ways to promote and serve this council and our parish.

During the Fourth (Patriotic) Degree report WFN Gene Suchyta recognized Brother and Sir Knight Ken Pietryga by proclamation for his outstanding service to the Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536.



Congratulations Ken!

Council Summer Golf League – Wrapped up our 16th season with our final night of golf and a banquet and award presentation afterward. Thanks to all our regulars and subs for providing another season of fun golf and fraternity! Our top three scorers this season were Bob Yancey (36.71 average weekly score), Tim Magers (37.14 average score) and Rick Stepien (37.43 average score).

Pictured below are left to right: PGK Mike Goodhart, league co-chairman; Tim Magers; George Peters, league co-chairman; and Bob Yancey. Rick Stepien was not available for the photo. Thanks to our co-captains PGK Mike Goodhart and George Peters for keeping everyone on track!



Annual Council Golf Outing – The 16th annual charity golf outing, raised funds for St. Vincent de Paul Society and Vista Maria, was blessed with great weather and full roster. There were 85 golfers at this year’s outing at Fellows Creek in Canton. Golfers were served lunch on the course during the round and enjoyed a delicious meal at the end of play with awards and prizes. Thanks to the co-chairs Rick St. Peter and Jamie Bernacik for organizing and delivering a fun-filled event!

Charity Poker update - Our next scheduled poker évent will be **September 12-15, 2019** at Vision Lanes in Westland. 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.

Report from our Chancellor – During his report, our Worthy Chancellor encouraged us to pray for our priests and vocations. Attached at the end are the prayers he provided. Please pray for them.

Upcoming Council Birthdays - As a regular feature in our newsletter, we list our council member birthdays for the next month so you can wish your brothers a special “Happy Birthday” if you like! The following are the **September** council birthdays:

Happy Birthday! - Michael D. Goodhart (9-2), Robert D. Platter, Jr. (9-4), Aaron F. Poyer (9-4), Richard J. Lister (9-10), John S. Spencer (9-13), Michael P. Middel (9-14), Sean A. St Peter (9-16), Peter F. Frola (9-17), Deacon Steven J. Morello (9-17), James F. Malinowski (9-19), Charles E. Gury (9-24), Paul F. Slavin (9-25), Michael P. Mackley (9-26), Wesley D. Anderson (9-28), Charles E. Craven (9-28), Edward D. Patrick (9-28), Kevin Burke (9-29).

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 bothers we have recognized on our council memorial tower as well.

For the month of **September**, please remember these brothers:

Stanley Dziuba (9-7-2007)

Gerald Ross (9-19-2016)

Thaddeus Plaza (9-30-2008)

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.

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Upcoming calendar dates:

September

- 6th - Friday morning mass 9am
- 7th - Prolife training 9 - 11 am @ SJN
- 8th - Parish Picnic
- 12th - Officers Meeting 7pm
- 12th to 15th - Charity Poker
- 18th - Rosary - 6:30 pm
- 18th - General Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 20th to 22nd - Men's Retreat @ St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Ctr
- 20th - Opening Ceremonies - Special Olympics 7:30 pm Ann Arbor Sheraton
- 22nd - Special Olympics @ Independence Park 8 am
- 28th - Sign up for MI Drive

October

- 4th - Friday morning mass 9 am
- 10th - Officers meeting 7 pm
- 11th to 13th - MI Drive
- 13th - Pancake breakfast
- 16th - Rosary in Chapel 6:45 pm
- 16th - General meeting 7:30 pm
- 17th - AAAPRC Dinner Livonia 6 pm
- 25th - Game night AFF room 7 pm
- 26th - Mercy in Action Day
- 26th - Family Fun Day after 4:30 mass

Watch your email for more details or changes.

Any questions, email to gk8284@mikofc.org

Council clothing - Need some new council "threads"? Contact Mike Goodhart (md8284@mikofc.org) 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!

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Note: If you have information, articles or pictures to contribute to this newsletter, please contact Larry Guastella, our Newsletter Editor, at lguastel@gmail.com or gk8284@mikofc.org.

A PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf: Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son.

Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word and follow your will.

O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the Heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(St. John Vianney, universal patron of priests, pray for us and our priests.)

Prayer for Vocations

God, our Father, together with Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, we ask that You pour out Your Spirit upon all the men, women and children of the Diocese of Lansing.

We ask for growth in a culture of vocations. May we, as Catholics, be a witness of commitment and selfless love in living out our baptismal call. May we see the same gifts in those already living in marriage, consecrated life and Holy Orders.

Help us to have no fear in asking Your will for our lives. Through this asking, may we learn to hear your call clearly and to respond quickly with a desire to "do whatever You tell us." Mother Mary, pray for us!