

**Knights of Columbus
Msgr. Clement H. Kern Council #8284
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September 2019

Grand Knight Comments

Brother Knights,

Here we go right into fall with another busy month. Actually, this next quarter is filled full of activities. We will be starting up a new fraternal year of our famous pancake breakfasts in October and leading the pumpkin painting at the Family Fun Day. It's great to see all the brothers volunteering to make these events work so well. If you haven't been involved lately, come back and be active at any of the upcoming events. The council calendar is included later in the newsletter.

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

- Men's Retreat (Faith)
- Charity Poker (Community)
- Family Dinner Night Out (Family)
- Pro-Life Workshop (Life)

Vivat Jesus!

Remember to wear your RED shirts to mass and events!

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Awards and Recognitions

At the September general meeting there was a foursome of Knights being recognized as Knight of the Month. For August, Rick St. Peter and Jamie Bernacik took the honors for their effort with this year's annual golf outing. Because of their planning, hard work and detailed execution, the outing was a huge success. This year the proceeds were split between St. Vincent de Paul and Vista Maria (see Annual Golf Outing article below).



Pictured above (left) is Rick St. Peter, Jamie Bernacik, Mike Goodhart and Larry Guastella (GK). Grand Knight Larry Guastella presented George Peters his award at the Family Night Out Dinner. Thanks again to all four men for another fantastic season!



Additionally, for September, Mike Goodhart (right) and George Peters received the award for their summer endurance run. A special thanks for many hours the two of them spent preparing the schedule and calculating the stats every week to keep the league running smooth. This year's recipient of the proceeds from the golf league and golf outing went to St. Vincent de Paul.

Sue White from SVDP accepted the check on behalf of SVDP from Mike Goodhart and Larry Guastella at their meeting.

Congratulations to Darius Dzikowski and of course to Lady Cathy as he became the newest member from our council to join the Fourth (Patriotic) Degree Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536 during the September Exemplification.



Reminder, the Patriotic Exemplification occurs twice a year in March and September. If you are considering joining the Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536, you can learn more by asking one of the 4th Degree members in our council or visit www.kofc1536assembly.org

As previously announced, our Worthy former Field Agent Greg Rapelje was awarded Family of the Month (August) by GK Larry Guastella for his strong commitment to the family and our council.

As a result of that submission, our council was also recognized as one of 100 councils as a winner of the Family of the Month program for August by Supreme's Fraternal Mission Department.



Annual Church Picnic – This year’s parish picnic was a huge success. We added a second cotton candy machine this year to handle the overwhelming demand from prior years. Aside from the food lines, our cotton candy machines and popcorn machine were the next hot spot. Thanks to all the Knights that volunteered in nearly every capacity. It was awesome to see so many groups within the parish working seamlessly to make such a big event run so smooth.

Pro-Life Workshop – Thanks to the joint effort of St. John Neumann and Msgr. Clement H. Kern councils, guest speaker Mike Spencer was supported by nearly 75 people that turned out on a Saturday morning. Thanks to St. John Neumann parish for providing the meeting space and both councils for providing the funding to make the workshop possible along with snack and refreshments free for all to attend. Mike Spencer is pro-life convert that provide insight to help protect the unborn. The flyer for the workshop was included in last month’s newsletter.

Annual Council Golf Outing – In September the council presented the Moms Group with a donation from the proceeds raised at the annual golf outing at Fellows Creek in Canton. Below is the article published in the Chancellor. Thanks again to the co-chairs Rick St. Peter and Jamie Bernacik for organizing and delivering a fun-filled event!



Moms Group News

Our Knights of Columbus have been moved by our efforts to help youth at Vista Maria, and last week they made a generous donation to them through the Mom’s Group.

Vista Maria is an organization that helps youth under treatment for human trafficking, domestic abuse, and sexual violence. Every year we hold a pajama drive for them via the Becket Advent Tree, in addition to hosting a pizza party with games/spa activities in the Spring. Please continue your prayers and efforts to support their youth!

Charity Poker update – We completed our first event of the fraternal year at Vision Lanes in Westland. This is an easy source of income for the council to help support our charitable contributions throughout the year. Thanks to everyone that volunteered their time to make this event successful. Our next scheduled poker event will be **November 7-10, 2019** at Vision Lanes in Westland. We already have our poker dates for 2020.

“Knights Family Night Out” dinner -

Our monthly family dinner gathering started back up in September. We all had a great meal at Palermo’s on Ford road in Canton. The wonderful evening was filled with conversation and fellowship.



This is great opportunity meet and visit with fellow Knights and their families. Please watch for an email announcing for the next dinner date and location.

It’s always a good time for all attending.

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 **October** council birthdays:

Happy Birthday! - Arthur V. Carinci (10-1), Steven J. Celeste (10-2), Ronald F. Drabicki (10-3), Lucas A. Phan (10-4), Jody A. Mockridge (10-5), Mark R. Miranda (10-9), Dan E. Farnstrom (10-17), William E. Des Ormeau (10-20), Robert E. McGovern (10-21), Jorge L. Villanueva (10-21), Danny J. Perkovich (10-26), Leonard J. Rosiewicz (10-27), Robert H. Polzin (10-29).

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 **October**, please remember these brothers:

Julian T. Kozlowski (10-19-2005)

Chester F. Sobell (10-24-2006)

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: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

November

- 1st - Friday morning mass 9 am
- 3rd - Corporate Communion 10 am
- 5th - Remembrance mass 7 pm
- 7th to 10th - Charity poker
- 9th to 10th - Membership drive after masses
- 14th - Officers meeting
- 20th - Rosary in Chapel 6:45 pm
- 20th - General meeting 7:30 pm
- 22nd - Game night

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](mailto:Mike Goodhart (md8284@mikofc.org)) (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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