

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

Grand Knight Comments

Brother Knights,

As I said last month, October is a very busy month for the council. We held and participated in many activities this month from the once a month daily mass to parish wide Family Fun Day. The famous pancake breakfast started back up for the season that will run through next spring concluding with Mother's Day. Of course, we completed the fall MI Drive on the same weekend as the pancake breakfast. I want to extend a huge thanks to all of you that helped and supported our activities this past month. It takes a lot of time and energy to help so many in our community and parish. We were able to help the Samarita's House with a donation as part of the Mercy in Action Day hosted by the parish. I appreciate all you do to help the council and grow. 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:

- Senior Clergy Village (Faith)
- MI Drive (Community)
- Family Fun Day (Family)
- AAAPRC Banquet (Life)

Vivat Jesus!

Remember to wear your RED shirts to mass and events!

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New Members

This month we are excited to welcome three new members to the Msgr. Kern council. Two men, Greg Jacobs and Basil Opara completed all three degrees on October 20, 2019. Congratulations and welcome to the Knights of Columbus and as a new member to the Kern council. We also welcome John Maclean as a transfer from the Robert Jones Council #3078. We look forward to giving these men a warm welcome at our November meeting and participating in our busy schedule of events.



Pictured left: Greg Jacobs, Mike Goodhart (PGK) Membership Director and Basil Opara at the major degree ceremony.

Awards and Recognitions

At the October general meeting we recognized our Family of the Month. The success of our parish picnic this year was a result of a truly team effort of many diverse groups coming together with a common goal and unified vision. That was made possible by the planning, organizing, hard work and determination of Ann Conklin and Lisa Bittner.

These two individuals brought everyone together, kept the committee focused and working as one to make the event filled with something for all parishioners. Their leadership reminds us of the lesson we were all taught about the cable during our degree ceremony. The strength of cable is dependent on the combined strength of all the individual fibers, meaning because we all worked as one team, we all succeeded as a group. Ann Conklin and Lisa Bittner are the recipients of this award for October as the Parish Picnic Leadership team at St. Thomas a'Becket.



Pictured above (left) is Lisa Bittner, Ann Conklin and Larry Guastella.



Congratulations to Joe Kelly as he was presented the Honorary Life Membership certificate. Joe and his family have been members of St. Thomas a'Becket parish and this council for many years. Thank you, Joe, for all of your service and dedication over the years.

Honorary life status is defined as members who have attained the actual age of 70 years and who have been members of the Order for 25 consecutive years, and those who have been members of the Order for 50 consecutive years, regardless of age, are designated as honorary life members.

A Chocolate Affair: Supporting First Step –

Some of the Knights of Council #8284, Msgr. Clement H. Kern Council attending the LAOH CHOCOLATE AFFAIR. The Knights made a generous donation to the Affair which supports First Step. First Step offers assistance to women who have suffered from abuse or sexual violence. Some of the Available Services; 24 hour help line; 24 hour on-call assault response team; Emergency interim housing; Safety planning; Support Groups; Individual and group counseling; Legal, court, financial, medical, and housing information; Transitional supportive housing; Community organizing; Training/Outreach for domestic violence and sexual assault; Violence prevention programs in school; and Child counseling and support groups. Pictured are: Dan Vaseau; Mike Riley; and PGK Mike Goodhart.



Charity Poker update – Our next scheduled poker event will be **November 7-10, 2019** at Vision Lanes in Westland. Only a few open spots left. Consider helping out and support our chairman Mike Pisano! These events make it possible for us to fund our donations that help so many people. We already have our poker dates for 2020.

MI Drive: Fall 2019 – We completed our annual Columbus Day weekend tootsie roll drive October 11 - 13 at Holiday Market, L. Georges restaurant, Johnny Cakes restaurant and at the parish following all masses. Be sure to support these local businesses that make it possible for us to hold the drive. A special thanks to our co-captains Dan Vaseau, Ed Queen, David Trost and Mike Goodhart for all their hard work and coordination that made this a successful event. With 60 time slots filled, we exceeded last spring's collection and able to provide our selected charities Angel's Place, St. Louis Center and Michigan Special Olympics with a generous donation. Thanks to all our council members and families for helping. Below are just a few pictures of Knights in action supplied by Mike Goodhart. Thanks, Mike, for all the photos you take and post on our website!



Family Fun Day – The event was held this year after mass on Saturday. Once again, the Kern council hosted the Pumpkin Painting activities with many parents and children taking part. We brought out the Cotton Candy and Popcorn machines as a special treat. The Family Life Center and classrooms were filled with excitement, games and crafts. Thanks to our council helpers, Ed Patrick, David Denhard, Lucas Phan, Mike Manini, Vince Ventura and Mike Goodhart for leading the event.



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 **November** council birthdays:

Happy Birthday! - Gary Lee Martin (11-2), Robert A. Simmerer (11-4), Michael A. Veneziano (11-6), Roger T. Kreager (11-7), Dennis M. Keller (11-11), Michael J. Burke (11-14), Michael E. Curran (11-14), Benjamin E. Keyserling (11-17), Peter J. Creal (11-19), Dennis J. O'Beirne (11-19), Kodzo R. Deku (11-20), Longinus O. Iwuoha (11-21), Robert W. Scherle (11-21), Deacon James S. Ward (11-23), Eugene A. Borieo (11-27), Eric C. Hunsanger (11-30).

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 tower as well.

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

Henry J. Sacha (11-10-2014)

Eugene W. Rakoczy (11-12-2016)

Robert G. Flynn (11-25-2014)

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 all council brothers and family members sick or in distress in your prayers. A special intention for our council brother Fr. Tim Babcock with his passing on October 1, 2019.

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Upcoming calendar dates:November

- 1st - Friday daily mass @ Noon (All Saints Day)
- 3rd - Corporate Communion 10 am
- 7th to 10th - Charity poker
- 9th to 10th - Membership drive after masses
- 10th - Pancake Breakfast – Veterans eat free!
- 12th - Remembrance mass 7 pm
- 14th - Officers meeting 7 pm
- 20th - Rosary in Chapel 6:45 pm
- 20th - General meeting 7:30 pm
- 22nd - Game night
- 30th - Breakfast with Santa 9-11 am

December

- 6th - Friday morning mass 9 am
- 12th - Officers meeting 7 pm
- 15th - Council Christmas Dinner
- 18th - Rosary in Chapel 6:45 pm
- 18th - General meeting 7:30 pm
- 27th - 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](#) (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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