



Knights of Columbus
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Grand Knight Comments

Brother Knights,

This month has been filled with some of our traditional activities and the introduction of some new ones. As you will read about later in this newsletter, we held another Pancake Breakfast, monthly morning mass and a Corporate Communion mass. We also participated in the annual baby bottle campaign and launched a new program to recognize the newly baptized children of our parish. Our Lenten journey began the end of this month to guide us in faith in preparation for the Easter celebration.

Last month I shared the new ceremonial process that candidates will go through to become a Knights of Columbus member. We are in the process of preparing for our first Exemplification here at St. Thomas a'Becket on Sunday, March 29th following the noon mass. We currently have 14 members of our council that are First Degree only. They have been invited to attend this ceremony where they can reach full Knighthood. We have also invited our new candidates interested in joining our council and extended the invite to the other councils in our district. This ceremony is public and will be open to anyone attend. If you are available, I encourage all of you to attend to experience the new Exemplification.

Soon we will be accepting officer nominations for next year's fraternal year. This is a good opportunity for you to share your talents with the council to help grow and continue doing the good work in our parish and local community. If you are interested in participating in a council leadership role, you can review the roles and responsibilities via this link:

<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/service/council/duties-responsibilities-council-officers-directors.pdf> The councils' success is based on participation of its membership in events, activities and leadership. Please consider making a difference!

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

- Sacramental Gifts – Baptism Casey Bears (Faith)
- Pancake Breakfast (Community)
- Corporate Communion mass (Family)
- Baby Bottle Campaign (Life)

Vivat Jesus!

Remember to wear your RED shirts to mass and events!

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Awards and Recognitions

At the January general meeting we recognized our **Knight of the Month** Ken Pietryga for his key role as the man in the red suit during the annual Breakfast with Santa event. Last year we were informed a new Santa will be needed. This past fall Ken volunteered to fill those tall boots. He did a great job and gathered many Christmas lists as the children visited with Santa. Thanks to Ken, the tradition continues for our parish families as they prepared for Christmas. This month we were able to catch up with Ken and snap a photo.



Beginning in February, we began a program under the Faith section of Faith in Action called Sacramental Gifts. Going forward, the parents of each child baptized at our parish will receive a Casey Bear at the child's baptism. The bear is a gift from our council to celebrate the baptism of the child into our faith and to walk in the way of Christ. Each Casey Bear has a guardian angel prayer card attached and our council information. The parents at the first baptism to receive the bears were very appreciative. The other sacramental gift program we participate in is presenting each confirmation candidate with a thumb rosary from our council as support of this Sacrament of Confirmation.

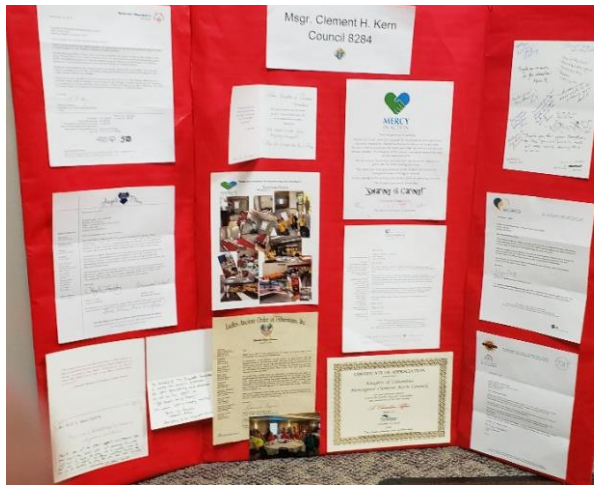


Corporate Communion

This month we celebrated mass as a council family with Fr. Manny at 10 am. There was a very good turn out and so good see so many of you in red shirts and your families to promote our council. The next Corporate Communion mass is Sunday, May 3rd at 10:00 am.

Membership Drive

We held a Delta drive this month to attract new members on the weekend of February 8th and 9th following each mass. One of our trifold displays letters of thanks and certificates of appreciation to our council for all the support we have provided. You all should feel proud to see that our work is truly helping others. With great support from the pulpit and an article in the Chancellor, the drive generated 2 new prospects and 3 brothers interested in transferring to our council. It was a very busy weekend with a pancake breakfast in high gear.



Pancake Breakfast

We continued our monthly feast featuring Red Velvet pancakes to recognize Valentine's Day and the milestone anniversary month on Sunday, February 10th. Congratulations to each couple celebrating a special anniversary! We honored 26 couples with a complimentary breakfast after mass. Thanks to everyone for working the breakfast and help with clean up!

Baby Bottle Drive

Once again, we are working with the parish Right to Life team to support the parish's annual Lenten Alms Giving program. Thanks to many volunteers, there were nearly a total of 600 bottles distributed to parishioners after each weekend mass last Saturday and Sunday to kick off the Baby Bottle Campaign. The donations received from the baby bottles returned will support the AAA Pregnancy Center in Livonia. The bottles are due back Palm Sunday weekend where we will assist in the bottle collection and delivery to the center.



State Raffle Tickets

Remember to keep selling the Knights of Columbus raffle tickets you received from the State. A portion of each ticket sold by our council is returned to our council. If you have unsold books of tickets, bring them with you to the Pancake Breakfast.

Upcoming Council Birthdays

Here are our council member's birthday for the next month so you can wish your brothers a special "Happy Birthday" if you like! The following are the **March** council birthdays:

Francis S. Dziuban (3-3), Fr. Christopher P. Maus, (3-3), Obioma Opara (3-16), James L. Allen (3-18), Dennis P. McCann (3-18), Philip J. Moran (3-19), Thomas J. Alberty (3-23), Ralph F. Guastella (3-34), Christopher Paul (3-26), Dennis R. Inman (3-28), Matthew Zehel (3-29), Timothy P. Higgins (3-31), Dennis M. Lipski (3-31).

In Memoriam

We honor our council brothers who have preceded us in death by remembering the date that they went back home to the Lord. We recognize them on our council memorial tower as well.

For the month of **March**, please remember all our brothers:

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.

Council clothing - Need some new council "threads"? Contact [Mike Goodhart](mailto:Mike.Goodhart@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. Be sure to "Like" our Facebook page and get updates automatically on your timeline!

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Upcoming calendar dates:

<p><u>March</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th - Friday morning mass 9 am • 8th - Pancake Breakfast • 12th - Officers meeting 7 pm • 18th - Rosary in Chapel 6:45 pm • 18th - General meeting 7:30 pm • 19th - Council Free Throw Contest • 21st - MI Drive Calls • 25th - Family Dinner Night • 27th - Game night • 29th - Exemplification 1:30 pm 	<p><u>April</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd - Officers meeting 7 pm • 3rd - Friday morning mass 9 am • 3rd to 5th - MI Drive • 12th - Officers meeting 7 pm • 15th - Rosary in Chapel 6:45 pm • 15th - General meeting 7:30 pm • 19th - Pancake Breakfast • 24th - Game night
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Watch your email for more details or changes. Any questions, email to gk8284@mikofc.org