



Knights of Columbus
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March 2020

Grand Knight Comments

Brother Knights,

This month started off very normal with our plate full of activities and in a flash it all changed so very fast. The highlights are minimal with the real focus on everyone's health. Everyday life as we knew it just a few weeks ago is now like we are frozen in time. Everyone is impacted by this serious medical emergency from the Coronavirus pandemic. Even though our mainstream council activities have come to a halt, we all can still do our part. Reach out to a fellow brother and check in to see how he and his family are doing. Sometimes a call means so much.

We are transitioning to virtual meetings for the Officers and Directors meeting along with the General meeting. This is an opportunity for us to gather as a council just in a virtual environment. The Stay Home order still permits you to go out and donate blood. The Red Cross demands continue to grow each day. Remember the annual Good Friday parish blood drive will still take place, but at The Inn at St. John's due to the social distancing requirement. If you can donate, please consider. The Red Cross is also seeking our help facilitate with the blood drive. If you can help, please contact Mike Goodhart (md8284@mikofc.org).

This is a time to be safe and be smart. It is also a time to stay in touch with family and friends. Maybe think about giving that person you haven't spoken to in a while or been meaning to call. Its time be creative or catch up on those choirs we never had time for or still don't want to tackle. There are a lot of internet-based games to play with participants remote locations. Hopefully you have had a chance to participate in mass online with Fr. Chris. The people involved do a great job keeping us engaged with our faith. We all could use extra prayers and pray for those impacted by this pandemic, those on the front lines and those that have experienced loss. Be thankful for what we do have as will celebrate Easter in a very different way this year. We will get through this difficult time.

Vivat Jesus!

Cali & I wish you and your family a very Blessed Easter.

Remember to wear your RED shirts to mass and events!

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Awards and Recognitions

Once we resume physical meetings, the appropriate recognition will take place at our next meeting.

Corporate Communion

Our next Corporate Communion mass is tentatively (pending changes to the Stay Home order) scheduled for Sunday, May 3rd at 10:00 am. This event will only take place if mass has resumed. This celebration is a good time to bring the family and gather as a council. Remember to wear your red council shirt. If you don't have one, where a red shirt. If you are interested in getting a red shirt, see the information later in the newsletter to contact PGK Mike Goodhart.

Coat Drive Published on State Website

This is a real nice honor to see our local story published on the State Knights of Columbus website. This event was a joint effort by the Parish Coat Drive Team and volunteers from our council. Thanks again to everyone involved. Hopefully others can volunteer this fall at the next drive. Here is the link and look for the section titled "Local Councils in Action".

<http://www.councilnet.us/Jurisdiction/State/Default.aspx?State=Michigan>

Local Councils in Action

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To promote the activities of our local councils around the State, various council programs will be posted here.

Send your stories of worthy council programs along with pics to g.merritt@mikofc.org.

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The council sponsored a coat drive in partnership with St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Parish. Over two weekends, members and parishioners collected more than \$3,000 in donations and approximately 1,500 coats for parishioners and neighbors in need, which they sorted and bagged for distribution.

Pancake Breakfast

Fortunately, we were able to host our famous pancake breakfast in March before the Stay Home order was issued. Continuing with our special flavor feature, March once again featured Gingerbread pancakes along with the many other offerings for breakfast. At this point the April and May breakfasts are cancelled and we don't know when the next pancake breakfast will take place. Once that is determined we will let you know. Thanks to everyone for working the breakfast and help with clean up!

Baby Bottle Drive

Under normal conditions we would be asking everyone that took a Baby Bottle to participate in the parish's annual Lenten Alms Giving program to return the bottle this Palm Sunday weekend. At this point, parishioners are asked to hold onto the bottles. Once services resume and a return date is established, instructions will be communicated by the parish.

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. Submissions need to arrive to the State before April 15, 2020. The drawing is April 16, 2020.

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 **April** council birthdays:

Andrew D. Wegehaupt (4-1), Daniel T. Vaseau, (4-2), Chuck A. Badnarik (4-6), Eugene J. Szatkowski (4-20), David A. Denhard (4-22), Gerald C. Grzesik (4-22), Thomas R. McAdoo (4-26), Harry G. Doyle (4-27), Gerald F. Myles (4-27), Richard W. Caron (4-28), Donald E. Pranger (4-28), Daniel R. Markovich (4-29).

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 **April**, please remember all our brothers:

Earl E. Simpson (4-1-1992)

Horst J. Schmid (4-12-2012)

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!

www.facebook.com/pages/Knights-of-Columbus-8284-Canton-MI/235628156455332

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.

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Upcoming calendar dates:

<p><u>April</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2nd - Officers meeting 7 pm (virtual) ● 3rd - Friday morning mass 9 am ● 3rd to 5th - MI Drive ● 10th - Blood Drive @ Inn at St. John's (Plymouth) ● 15th - Rosary in Chapel 6:45 pm ● 15th - General meeting 7:30 pm (virtual) ● 19th - Pancake Breakfast ● 24th - Game night ● 27th - Respect Life Dinner - postponed 	<p><u>May</u> (All dates tentative, subject to cancellation due to the Coronavirus)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1ST - Friday morning mass 9 am (if mass has resumed) ● 3rd - Corporate Communion 10 am (if mass has resumed) ● 14th - Officers meeting 7 pm (virtual) ● 20th - Rosary in Chapel 6:45 pm ● 20th - General meeting 7:30 pm (virtual) ● 10th - Pancake Breakfast ● 29th - Game night
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Watch your email for more details or changes. Any questions, email to gk8284@mikofc.org