



Knights of Columbus
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Brothers - Happy New Year! This is our January newsletter. I hope you enjoy it. Hard to believe, but we are now more than halfway through our fraternal year. Our next regular meeting is Wednesday, February 15th. Hope to see you there!

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Knight of the Month - Dennis O'Beirne. Dennis was once again "Santa" at last month's Breakfast with Santa and he made lots of kids very happy that day. The next week, Dennis interrupted his family's preparations for his daughter's wedding, which was only three days away, to lead our council rosary because, as he said, "there's no bad time to pray a rosary". Right you are, Dennis! Thank you for regularly leading us in prayer.

Family of the Month - Paul & Sandy Pucci. Paul and Sandy turned our council activity at Canton Goodfellows last month into a family activity with both of them working side by side with other brother knights that night. Thanks to both of you for the hours of service you put in helping our council!

2012 Dues - Dues statements were sent out by our Financial Secretary a few weeks ago and dues payments are flowing in. If you have not yet responded to your dues statement, please do so asap. If you are having any difficulties with dues payments or have any questions, please contact Financial Secretary Mike Riley.

Pancake Breakfast - We held our latest parish breakfast on January 8th and although attendance was down after 8:00 Mass, we had a good turnout later and it was another successful event. We had lots of great help from many different brothers that day including clean up. Thanks to all who helped! Our next breakfast will be March 4th with the proceeds from that day going to Habitat for Humanity.

Daddy/Daughter Dance - Unfortunately we have cancelled this event originally on our calendar for Feb 10th. Conflicts with the date and lack of a chairman were problems we could not overcome. We will find another "youth event" to support later this year. If you have any ideas or suggestions, let's hear them.

Support for military chaplains - We agreed to donate \$100 in January in support of a 4th Degree led Knights of Columbus scholarship fund to help the cause of vocations and at the same time help find more priests to serve as chaplains in our military. Very worthy causes indeed!

MI Drive update - Checks were mailed earlier this month to St. Louis Center, Angel's Place and Michigan Special Olympics with the proceeds of our Fall MI Drive. We were able to donate \$880 to each of these fine organizations to help them with the great work they do with the developmentally disabled community. It was your time spent working the MI Drive that made this possible. Thank you, brothers!

Annual Relay For Life breakfast - This year's breakfast is on May 20th. We will be asking for worker assistance as we get closer to the date. Thanks to Joe Nader and Ben Zimnicki for stepping up to co-chair.

Membership - February will be a "focus" month for us to recruit new members. Specifically, Feb 11th thru the 26th will be our focus dates. We will be manning membership tables after weekend masses then and will also ask for some announcement time before masses on the 19th. We will also have a Corporate Communion at 10:00 Mass on the 19th and hope to have a big show of "red shirts" visible then as we ask other men to join our ranks. Mark your calendars now to be at that CC and let Membership Director, David Lengel, know if you can man a table after any of the masses that weekend. Most importantly, think of the men of the parish or elsewhere in the community who **you** can recruit to join our council.

Kern Council Golf League - It's still cold and snowy, but May will be here soon and so will time for golf! If you are interested in participating in our Monday night golf league, please let Andy Emmert know. We would love to have even more golfers playing this year!

Upcoming calendar dates:

NOW - Time to pay your dues - please respond to your dues notice!

1/29 - Council Free Throw contest, 2:00 FLC/gym

2/6 - Officers meeting, 6:30 Large Conference Room

2/6 - Semi-annual audit prep meeting (select officers), 7:30 Large Conf Room

2/15 - Regular Council meeting, 7:30 Adult Ed Room

2/19 - Corporate Communion, 10:00 Mass STAB

2/19 - District Free Throw contest, 2:00 FLC/gym

2/24 - Card night, 7:00 Adult Ed Room

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Please remember all brothers of this council who are sick or in distress in your prayers.

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