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Brothers - This is my first attempt at a council newsletter! My intention going forward is to provide brief highlights of our latest business meeting and inform all on upcoming events of interest to the council. If you have any suggestions for me on content to include, just let me know. I plan to publish this email newsletter monthly and try to hard-copy it to brothers without email.

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Knight of the Month - Bill Simmerer. Bill just successfully completed his sixth consecutive year of serving our council as Financial Secretary. In that time, he supported three Grand Knights as their Financial Secretary. Congratulations and thanks to Bill for his work for our council.

Family of the Month - Andy and Kim Emmert. Over the past two years, Andy and his family have made many sacrifices to allow him to do an excellent job for our council as Grand knight. During that time, Kim has consistently supported Andy both in her actions and verbal encouragements. Both are active members of St. Thomas a'Becket parish and serve monthly as Eucharistic Ministers. Together they have been great role models for our council members and families to follow. Congratulations and thanks to Kim and Andy.

New council grills - As we agreed to a couple months ago, new grills for our pancake breakfasts were needed and have been ordered. They should arrive in early August in plenty of time before our breakfasts begin again in September.

Cotton Candy machine - On August 28th, we will again be supporting the STAB parish picnic by doing the 50/50 raffle, our putt-putt contest and serving cotton candy. In the past we've rented cotton candy equipment. It was decided by the council to purchase our own cotton candy machine rather than rent since we could do so at a good price and save money in the long run. That machine has also been ordered and will arrive shortly. We will now have it available to use at other council events besides the church picnic as well.

Pasta Dinner - Our annual Pasta Dinner this year is Thursday 8/18 at 5:30 in the FLC. This is both a family & church function for us (open to all) where we can say "thank you" to the parish for their support throughout the year and also a way for us to promote the Knights of Columbus. We also use this event to recognize the recipients of our Palm Sunday MI Drive donations. This year those charities are Angels' Place, St. Louis Center and St. Francis Camp. We still need more volunteers to work this event. A sign-up sheet will be sent separately. Please help by pitching in some time if you can. There will be Chancellor ads promoting the dinner on August 7th and August 14th. We will also need brothers to sell tickets after each Mass on those weekends too - sign up sheets to follow.

Blue Mass - This is something we are planning for September 11th - the 10th anniversary of the terrorists attacks on our country. As a council, we would like to do something to recognize those who serve and protect us here in Canton. We hope to have local police, fire and EMS and their families join us at 8:00 Mass that morning and then be our guests at a special breakfast following Mass in the FLC. More information will follow on this.

Gleaners Food Bank project 8/13 - We will be volunteering our help at the food bank that afternoon. If can attend and help in this worthy project, please let George Peters know. His email is gkp350tpi@comcast.net.

Kern Council golf outing 8/21 - Our annual outing that raises funds for St. Vincent De Paul is Sunday, August 21st at Fellows Creek. It is always a fun event for us. See the church bulletin ads for more information and specifics. We need golfers and donated door prizes! Contacts are Rick St. Peter or Andy Emmert.

Church picnic 8/28 - As mentioned earlier, our council will have a significant presence again at the picnic. In addition to doing 50/50, putt-putt and cotton candy, we will also have a membership recruitment table set up. Volunteers for all of these activities will be needed. Come join us and sign up to help when you when you are asked. Thanks!

Corporate Communion - Our first Corporate Communion of the year was scheduled for 8/28. Since we moved the golf outing to that day, we will reschedule that Corporate Communion to another date.

Charity Poker - We have secured dates for our next Charity Poker fundraising event - October 20 thru 22 at Northville Downs. This will be a significant fundraiser for us and I hope to be able to count on your assistance in filling time slots. More to follow as we get closer to the dates.

New Council Insurance Agent - In July, we welcomed new agent Gerald DeRocher who has been assigned to our council. Phone #: [734-560-0155](tel:734-560-0155). Email: gerard.durocher@kofc.org. We thank our past agent Mark Sieloff for his service. Mark is still available...he's just been reassigned to other council duties.

Don't forget our next business meeting is Wednesday, August 17th starting promptly at 7:30. There will be a rosary led by our Chancellor, Dennis O'Beirne, prior to the meeting at roughly 6:45. Council Officers for the new 2011/12 fraternal year will also be formally installed into their positions by our District Deputy, Lou Brotchner, at 6:15 that night. Any council member is welcome to come to the installation and support their brother officers as they are installed into office.

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

Final note and disclaimer - If I forgot any information here, it is strictly my fault and due solely to my faulty memory! Again, feel free to provide me with anything you'd like me to include in future newsletters.