



**Knights of Columbus
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Brothers - Plan to be at our May 16th meeting. Lots to discuss and we are electing our council officers for fraternal year 2012/2013.

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Knight of the Month - David Frye. David joined our council as a new member just last month. Since then he's attended his first regular monthly meeting and has volunteered six hours of his time working our activities. Great first month, David! We are glad to have you as a brother Knight!

Family of the Month - Dan Vaseau. Dan once again led our council efforts on our MI "Tootsie Roll" Drive over Palm Sunday weekend. His wife JoAnn "loaned" him to us for over 20 hours that weekend and we very much appreciate her generosity! Dan for his part, helped make this Spring's drive our most successful ever. A big time "thank you" goes to the Vaseau family from his extended family of brother Knights!



Our Lady of Guadalupe prayer service - On April 23rd, we were proud as a council to honor Our Lady with a rosary prayer service in the St. Thomas a'Becket Chapel. 40 people attended our prayer service and Chancellor Dennis O'Beirne led us all in the praying of the rosary. The beautiful "icon" of Our Lady of Guadalupe has been traveling around the state this year and we were able to have it four days this month. In addition to our council prayer service, the "icon" was on display the entire time in the chapel for

further prayerful viewing. I received very positive feedback from many parishioners who were very happy that we were able to do this. Thirteen brothers (pictured above) were able to take part in our Monday evening prayer service. Thanks to all who were able to make it. And a special thanks to Dennis O'Beirne for leading our rosary.

Spring MI Drive results - I am very happy to report that our Spring MI drive generated \$4225 in donations, a new council record! We agreed at our April 18th meeting to once again make Angel's Place, St. Louis Center and the Michigan Special Olympics our beneficiaries and they will be receiving equal splits of our funds. Thanks to the many brothers and spouses who donated their time doing collections. And a huge thank you to Dan Vaseau who again was our event chairman.

Seminarian Support - Our council traditionally provides financial support to a Sacred Heart Seminary seminarian every year. The past few years we have been supporting Steve Mateja. This year Steve is being ordained a priest and we can be proud that we helped in at least a small way to make that happen. With Steve's ordination, we needed to choose another candidate to support. With the recommendations of Fr. James, we have chosen Timothy Horst as our seminarian to support going forward. We sent a check of \$500 to him this month to help with his tuition expenses.

Right-to-life Support - This month we supported right to life efforts with attendance at the annual Michigan Right To Life dinner/fundraiser on April 19th (Mike & Cinda Riley, Lionel Radofski, and Ed & Mary Ann Harkins represented our council). The Michigan State Council of the Knights of Columbus presented RTL Michigan with a check for \$10,000! This month we also voted to support Right to Life Lifespan with an ad in their May banquet fundraising book. As members of the Knights of Columbus, we should be open to support right to life activities whenever we can - individually or as a council. Thank you, brothers.

May Pancake Breakfast - Just a reminder, our final pancake breakfast of the fraternal year will be Sunday, May 13th, Mothers Day. We will be serving after all three Sunday masses and will need more help than usual to cover the extra mass. Please be generous with your time and come help us out. Thanks!

Ministry in Motion support - This STAB parish youth ministry asked us for help this month in buying new shirts. We agreed to do so with a \$150 donation to help them cover the costs. Money well spent in support of our Youth and our Church.

Charity Poker fundraiser - Our biggest council fundraiser for this quarter was our Charity Poker event at Electric Stick this past week. I was hoping to make at least \$1500 and we just did exceed that goal by earning \$1546. Twelve brothers donated their time to cover sixteen time slots over four days. I want to thank all brothers who did so. A special thanks to Dennis Thinel and Dan Vaseau who both agreed to take two time slots. I will be looking to book another event for us at Electric Stick in the upcoming months.

Corporate Communion - Next Sunday at 10:00 Mass we will be having a Corporate Communion. Following Mass, we will also have an optional breakfast at Canton Coney

Island on Lilley Road. Please show up for mass with your family wearing your red shirt that day if at all possible. If you can also join us for breakfast after, let me know by email or phone (734-634-0929, gk8284@mikofc.org). I'll also be sending out a reminder email later this week.

Kern Council Golf League - The May 7th start of our league is right around the corner! PGK and Trustee Andy Emmert is our golf chairperson. We will again be golfing at Hickory Creek on Monday evenings (5:15 start time). Andy will be sending more information including schedules to all full-time golfers later this week. If you are interested in being on our "sub list" or possibly being a regular on our "wait list", please let Andy know asap at emmert@sme-usa.com or 734-516-7201.

2012-2013 Officer Nominations - At our March 21st meeting and again at our April 18th meeting, initial nominations were heard for Fraternal Year 2012-13 starting July 1. The following brothers have been nominated and agreed to be considered for these positions:

Grand Knight - Ed Harkins
Deputy Grand Knight - Hans Hansen
Chancellor - Dennis O'Beirne
Treasurer - Larry Guastella
Advocate - Joe Nader
Warden - Tim Higgins
Recording Secretary - George Peters
Trustee 3 Year - Dennis Thinel
Inside Guards: Gene Borieo, Paul Pucci
Outside Guard - Dennis Keller

At our May 16th meeting we hear nominations one last time and then elect our officer team for next year at that same meeting. To be a council officer you must be a Third Degree member in good standing. You may be nominated by others or you may nominate yourself. Once nominated, you will be asked if you wish to accept the nomination. If you have an interest in joining the leadership of your council, but have questions, feel free to contact me.

Card night - Our April card night was last Friday, April 27th. Seven brothers showed up and enjoyed good fun, drinks and council fraternity! The low stakes poker games we play never costs anybody more than a few dollars. Some of us, including your Grand Knight, even walk away with a few pennies more than we start with (just had to get that in). The Mom Prom was going on at the same time and the ladies were glad to have us next door. So glad that they provided us with free beer and pizza. This was our last Card Night until next September. Consider joining us then for some relaxing fun and camaraderie!

In Memoriam: Horst Schmid - We lost one of our own this month when Horst lost his battle with cancer and returned to the Lord. This council turned out strongly for both his wake and funeral and his family very much appreciated our presence. Thank you, brothers, for being there.

Council contact list - At our last meeting we discussed providing a “contact list” showing names, addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. of all members to all members. It would be for our own use in contacting each other a little easier. The general consensus was that this would be a good thing, but I wanted to get feedback from a larger group of members. If you agree that this is something you would like to have, you don’t need to do anything. If you disagree, please let me know. Any brother could chose to not be listed if he so desired. I appreciate your feedback.

Upcoming calendar dates:

5/6 - Corporate Communion, 10:00 Mass, breakfast after at Canton Coney

5/7 - Council Golf League starts at Hickory Creek, 5:15, weekly thereafter

5/9 - Officers meeting, 6:30 Adult Ed Room

5/13 - Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast - all Sunday Masses

5/16 - Regular Council meeting, 7:30 Adult Ed Room (officer elections)

5/20 - Relay for Life Breakfast (Canton Heritage Park)

5/24-26 - Michigan State Council annual convention

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Please remember all brothers of this council who are sick or in distress in your prayers, but especially the following brothers and families: Horst Schmid family, Joyce Hansen (wife of Hans), Duke Hynek family, and Steven Cliff (nephew of Dennis Keller).

Our next regular council meeting is **Wednesday May 16th**, starting promptly at 7:30 pm. Hope to see you there!