



**Knights of Columbus
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Brothers - Here is our February newsletter. Lent is now upon us and over the next 40 days, may the Spirit of the Lord guide you in your individual preparations for the celebration of Christ's resurrection.

Our next regular meeting is Wednesday, March 21st, the first day of Spring!. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Vivat Jesus

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Knight of the Month - Rick St. Peter. Rick recently transferred back to our council after leaving to assist in the start up of St. Damian Council in Westland. However, he never really left us in that he continued to attend Kern Council meetings and work hard for our council in so many different ways. Welcome home, Rick!

Family of the Month - The David Lengel family. David was chairman of our Free Throw Competition in January and made it a family affair by including both of his daughters - Nadia by participating and Ana by pitching in with the volunteer work. This is the third year in a row the Lengel family has run the point on making our FT contest a big success. Thanks, guys!

Obama Administration HHS mandate - As Catholic men we need to make sure we are aware of what's going on in Washington to force Catholics to violate our beliefs. Educate yourself by reading about what's happening and what the US Conference of Catholic Bishops is telling us about fighting back. We need to support the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act that congress is considering in order to restore our religious liberty! Click this link for more information:

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/conscience-protection/index.cfm>

Pancake Breakfast, 3/4 - Our next breakfast will be Sunday March 4th with the proceeds from that day designated to go to Habitat for Humanity. When our Breakfast Co-chairmen George Peters or Dennis Lipski ask for your assistance, please respond generously with your time to help out if you can.

Membership - I am happy to report that our February Membership Focus period produced a fine list of 15 prospects and transfers for us. Thanks to those who participated with recruiting after Masses last weekend. Recruiting new Catholic gentlemen to our order is not just a one month effort, however. So stay on the look out for others we can ask to join Msgr. Clement Kern Council and let Membership Director, David Lengel, know if you need any assistance. Keep those Form 100s coming in!

Newest Members - Welcome to Greg Day and Tom Kish! Greg recently transferred from another council and joined us for the first time at our February meeting. Tom did his major degrees on Feb 12th. Great to have you in our council, gentlemen!

Spring MI Drive coming - Our annual Spring MI / "Tootsie Roll" Drive will be on Palm Sunday weekend - Friday 3/30, Saturday 3/31 and Sunday 4/1. We will again be working at Holiday Market, Richardson's Pharmacy and after each Mass that weekend at St. Thomas a'Becket Church. Dan Vaseau will again be chairman of the event. Please be generous with your time when asked to volunteer!

Kern Council Golf League - Our first Monday of golf will be May 7th. We only have 32 slots and members of our council get first dibs before we open it up to others. If you are interested in being a regular or would prefer to be on our "sub" list, please let Andy Emmert know at emmert@sme-usa.com or 734-516-7201.

Charity Poker - I have secured dates for us at Electric Stick in Westland - April 24-27. As we get closer, I'll be asking again for your support in this council fundraising effort. In the meantime, mark your calendars!

2012 Dues - We still are awaiting 2012 dues payments from a few brothers. You know who you are! Please make your payment to our Financial Secretary, Mike Riley, asap. If you are having any financial difficulties with dues payments, we can work something out. We don't want to lose any brothers! Contact Financial Secretary Mike Riley at fs8284@mikofc.org or call at 734-377-8734.

Upcoming calendar dates:

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

3/3 - 4th Degree Exemplification, 9:30 AM, Crystal Gardens, Southgate

3/4 - Pancake Breakfast - after 8:00 & 10:00 Masses

3/10 - Father Pat's St. Patricks Day party, 5:30 PM FLC

3/14 - Officers meeting, 6:30 Adult Ed Room

3/21 - Regular Council meeting, 7:30 Adult Ed Room

3/30-4/1 - Spring MI Drive!

3/30 - Card night, 7:00 Adult Ed Room (Mom Prom support)

4/19 - Respect Life Dinner, 6:00 PM, Burton Manor

4/23 - Our Lady of Guadalupe prayer service (more info next month)

4/24-27 - Charity Poker, Electric Stick in Westland

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

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