



**Knights of Columbus**  
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**May 29, 2012**

Brothers - Our next general meeting June 20th. This is also our last meeting of the year. We start a new fraternal year effective July 1st! Come join us on the 20th!

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**Knight of the Month** - Dennis Keller. Dennis led our Community activity last month, as he and several brothers spent a day removing salvageable materials from the "purple house" on STAB property to be re-used in future Habitat for Humanity building projects.

**2012-2013 Officer elections** - At our May 16th meeting, officers for open positions were elected. The following brothers were elected to 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

Thanks to **Dan Vaseau** who completes his three year term as a trustee of our council on June 30th. We really appreciate Dan's efforts supporting our council over that time.

**2012-2013 State Officer elections** - The Michigan State Convention was held on Mackinac Island May 24th -26th. A new slate of state officers were elected. PGK Andy Emmert and GK Ed Harkins represented our council as voting delegates at the convention. Our new state officers are as follows:

State Deputy - Michael Malinowski  
State Secretary - Robert Fox  
State Treasurer - Kenneth Unterbrink  
State Advocate - Antonio Vittorini  
State Warden - Rick McCloy  
Thomas Marcetti now becomes Past State Deputy after serving the on the state board for the past 10 years; the last 2 as our State Deputy.

**Corporate Communion** - On May 6th we held our latest Corporate Communion with a big show of council unity at the 10:00 Mass followed by breakfast together at Canton Coney Island. Chaplain Father Casey wore his Knights of Columbus vestments for the occasion!



**Welcome to our newest members!** - May 6th was a busy day. We also welcomed two new Kern Council brothers - Lucas Phan and Nelson Rodriguez both received their 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees at a major degree ceremony at Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington Hills. Pictured below are L to R: Membership Director David Lengel, Lucas Phan, Nelson Rodriguez and GK Ed Harkins. Please be sure to introduce yourselves to Lucas and Nelson when you see them!



**Mothers Day breakfast** - Our May 13th Mothers Day breakfast was a big success. We had record crowds after 8:00 and 10:00 Masses and we served a lot of happy Mothers with a free breakfast. We also conducted a customer satisfaction survey that day and are still compiling the results. Overall, though, parishioners like our breakfasts and were very complimentary. They did offer us some improvement opportunities that we will assess over the summer and consider before we start up our breakfasts again in September. Thanks to all the dedicated council support in putting on these breakfasts. It isn't easy and requires many hands. I'm proud of all you that help! I want to particularly recognize George Peters and Dennis Lipski who served as our Breakfast Chairmen this year. Without their leadership our breakfasts would not have been as successful as they were. Thank you, men!

Check out these good looking, hard working brothers:



**Kern Council Golf League** - PGK Andy Emmert has our golf league off to a great start! We are off for the Memorial Day week, but have completed three great weeks already and look forward to our next night of golf on June 4th.

**Council contact list** - As we have discussed at our last two general meetings and as I mentioned in last month's newsletter, we are considering publishing a council "contact list" so that all of us could have a sheet showing names, addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. of all members. I received absolutely no negative feedback on this, so we will proceed with publishing this contact list very shortly. I hoped to have it for you as an attachment to this newsletter, but that wasn't possible. I do promise to get it out shortly and will likely send it out as a separate emailing/ mailing. Again, if you do not care to be listed, just let me know. But do it now, otherwise I will include you. I ask that all of us treat this information with an appropriate amount of privacy and just use it for our own personal use as council members connecting with other council members.

**Relay for Life breakfast** - Kern Council again teamed up with the Canton Lions Club to do a Sunday morning breakfast and help wrap up this year's RFL on Sunday May 20th. We should net at least a \$300 profit from this work which we will donate back to the Relay for Life program. Thanks to Chairman Joe Nader, DGK Hans Hansen and the other ten brothers who helped out. A HUGE thanks goes out to PGK Rick St. Peter for his logistics expertise and use of his truck. We couldn't have done this fine activity as well without all of Rick's assistance. Thank you, Rick!

**Council Golf Tournament** - For the past several years we have held a successful fundraising golf tournament for St. Vincent DePaul Society. We usually do this in late August or early September. We are in need of a chairman for this year's event. PGK Jamie Bernacik has graciously agreed to be the MC for the event, but we need a chairman to coordinate all the other behind the scenes activity in putting this together. You will have help from lots of others, so it's not an overwhelming job. If you are willing to serve as our event chairman, please let me (or DKG Hans Hansen, PGK Rick St. Peter, or any other officer) know or show up at our next meeting to learn more. Thanks!

**Upcoming calendar dates:**

6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25 - Council Golf League, Hickory Creek, 5:15

6/13 - Officers meeting, 6:30 Adult Ed Room

6/20 - Regular Council meeting, 7:30 Adult Ed Room

6/22 - Council officer training, STAB FLC 6:00

7/11 - Officers meeting, 6:30 Adult Ed Room

7/18 - Regular Council meeting, 7:30 Adult Ed Room

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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: Gene Borieo family, Jim Vassallo family, Frank Dziuban family, Lou Brochner's sister (Delores), Steven Cliff (nephew of Dennis Keller) and Dennis Thinel's family (nephew who recently passed away).

Our next regular council meeting is **Wednesday June 20th**, starting promptly at 7:30 pm. Hope to see you there!