



Knights of Columbus
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Brothers - In October we completed the Fall MI Drive, started our annual food drive and held our first membership blitz of the 2012/13 fraternal year. Keep reading to see how we did! **NOTE:** November meeting date has been moved to Friday the 16th @ 7:30 pm.

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Knight of the Month (Oct) - Gene Borieo. Gene volunteered to be a co-chair for our MI Drive, assisting Dan Vaseau in helping to make our drive a success. Thanks for stepping up, Gene!

Family of the Month (Oct) - Dan Vaseau. For the 4th straight year, Dan has led our MI Drive efforts. With the support of his wife, JoAnn, the Vaseau family contributed over 20 hours of volunteer service for their council, and more importantly to raise money for the developmentally disabled in our community. Thanks so much, Dan & JoAnn for your wonderful work!

MI Drive aka "Tootsie Roll" Drive - Our Fall drive was held October 5, 6, and 7. We raised \$3,710 which amounts to a 12% increase over our Fall 2011 drive results. As agreed to by council vote, we will again split our donations among Angel's Place, St. Louis Center and Michigan Special Olympics. Thanks to the 25 brothers and 2 "civilians" who volunteered their time and efforts. A special "thank you" again to Dan Vaseau and Gene Borieo for co-chairing our drive.

Council Food Drive - We started our annual food drive on October 17th and were blessed to receive 74.5 lbs in food donations. That's a great kick off for us! Please remember to bring your can goods and other dry goods food donations to our General Meeting in November as well. Thanks for your continued generosity, brothers!

Fall Membership Blitz - The official October state membership drive period is Oct 14th thru Oct 28th. In that time, we have received two completed Form 100s (one transfer, one new), have another 3 out for completion by new members, and have 5 more very solid new possible candidates we are following up with. Most of our success came this weekend with our recruitment efforts after all masses. Just a reminder, our membership goals for the year are 10 new members / 3 new insurance members. We can do this! Thanks to Membership Director, David Lengel, for manning our recruitment point at each mass. Thanks also to those other brothers who assisted after individual masses.

“Thanks” from the St. Vincent DePaul Society - We received a very nice thank you note from SVDP which I shared at our October meeting. In addition, they put the following commentary in the Oct 28th Chancellor:

Wow! Thanks again to our wonderful K of C here at Becket. We received a very generous donation of \$1,500 from their Annual Golf Outing. And, in addition, they presented us with \$200 from their golf league. A whopping \$1,700 from our Knights in shining armor. All that these men do to care for others is so appreciated. Thank you so much to each of you.

Oct New Business - Our council again agreed to purchase a box of coats from the “Coats for Kids” program. Coats will be distributed to kids in need in the Canton area. We agreed to proceed with the Council Membership Memorial project and fund it up to \$300 in material costs. Thanks to Larry Guastella for running the point on this! On behalf of the council, Joe Nader is looking into us running a Donut & Coffee Sunday every other month at STAB. This would provide fellowship for the parish and also be a charity fundraiser with any leftover monies. In addition we will use it as a recruitment mechanism. More to follow on this. We also agreed to spend \$160 to fund the purchase of a new ambry set (holy oils) for the parish.

Upcoming calendar dates:

11/6 - Election Day. Vote in support of Catholic values!

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

11/11 - Pancake Breakfast, after 8:00 & 10:00 masses

11/16 - Regular Council meeting, 7:30 Adult Ed Room (enter thru parking lot door)

11/16 - Council Food Drive ends

11/18 - Fr. Tom Slowinski Installation Mass, 12:00 Mass at STAB

11/22 - Thanksgiving Day!

12/9 - Council family Christmas party, 5:00 pm, Mark your calendars!

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Let us pray - Please remember all brothers of this council who are sick or in distress in your prayers, but especially the following brothers and families: John Spencer (wife Nancy passed away), Denny McCann (wife Kathy surgery), Dennis O’Beirne (surgery), Andy Emmert (daughter Jennifer), Larry Guastella (son Anthony), Greg Day (Mother), Len Rosiewicz (wife Marge) and John Brady (wife Marlis).