



**Knights of Columbus  
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**December 30, 2012**

Brothers - **Happy New Year!** We were a very active council in 2012, doing lots of good works and enjoying each others company with great council fraternalism along the way. Let's make 2013 an equally great year as we enter our council's 30th year. Our January general meeting is Wednesday, January 16th @ 7:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

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**Knight of the Month (Dec)** - David Lengel. David is a deserving KOM for his work portraying Santa Claus at our Breakfast with Santa youth activity this month. He did a great job and made lots of children happy at the same time!

**Family of the Month (Dec)** - Ron Socia. Ron and his wife Betty were extremely generous with their time in support of council Christmas party this month. They regularly support our council as a family and are also very active in parish life at St. Thomas.

**Breakfast with Santa** - We participated in "Breakfast with Santa" again this year on Dec 8th in support of the STAB Youth Group. Following is feedback the GK received from Youth Director, Stephanie Tierney, that says it all. Nice work men!

*"Ed, please extend a message of the most sincere thank you to your fellow brothers. BWS could not happen with you guys. Year after year, you help us pull this event off and I would never be able to thank you enough for that. Overall, we served over 1,500 parishioners this weekend (of that, only about 25% attend the breakfast; the others simply attend free activities, totally normal and on par with every other year.) I love the aspect of fellowship that BWS brings to our parish and the Knights have such a huge hand in making it happen. Thank you, thank you, thank you!"*



*"P.S. A special thank you must go out to our fill-in Santa for the year. I received SO many compliments. Dennis and Dave certainly possess a skill and a passion for something that only a select few could ever pull off. Just one more reason that the Knights are awesome!"*

**Council Christmas party** - Our annual Council Christmas party was held December 9th. We set a new attendance record with 67 knights and family members enjoying a great meal and great fellowship. In addition we raised \$820 in voluntary donations for St. Vincent DePaul Society at a time of the year when they really needed help. Well done, my brother knights!



**Coats for Kids** - Our council once again participated in the "Coats for Kids" program where we can purchase new coats at a reduced price and donate them locally to those in need. This year our coats went to The Salvation Army in time for them to be put to good use before Christmas.

**Membership** - This month we welcomed two new brothers to our council, **Tom Angelo** and **Rich Lister**. Both participated in a degree ceremony on Dec 2nd at Renaud Council in Plymouth. It was especially great to have six other members of our council present to witness the degree and support our newest council members. Welcome Tom and Rich! Pictured here (L to R) are Tom Angelo, Membership Director David Lengel, and Rich Lister.

Let's keep looking for more prospective Knights. Remember our charge this year, *One member, per Council, per Month!*



**Good of the Order** - At our December meeting we had a guest speaker, Ryan Ambrozaitis. Ryan is a member of St. Fabian Council in Farmington Hills and also works at Madonna University in the University Advancement Dept. He spoke about how Madonna and the Knights of Columbus have been working together on various projects.

**Pro Life: March on Washington** - January 22nd is the 40th anniversary of the Roe v Wade abortion decision. It would be great if more of us had a chance to actually participate in the march, but D.C. is a long way away. Short of that, let's try to at least remember those most vulnerable victims of abortion in our prayers, and also pray for the success of the Christian Pro-Life movement in this country.

**Upcoming calendar dates:**

1/1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

1/1 - Please pay your 2013 dues asap - statements went out in early December

1/2 - Quad-District meeting - all council officers welcomed to attend

1/9 - Officers meeting, 6:30pm STAB Adult Ed Room

1/13 - Our next Pancake Breakfast, after 8:00 & 10:00 masses

1/16 - Regular Council meeting, 7:30 Adult Ed Room (enter thru South parking lot door)

1/20 - Council Free Throw Contest, 1:30 PM STAB Gym

1/25 - March for Life in Washington, DC

1/25 - Council Card Night, 7:00 pm, Adult Ed Room

**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: Father Pat Casey's mother, Hans Hansen (wife Joyce, medical issues), George Peters (wife Jan surgery recovery), Dan Vaseau (recent hospital stay), Denny McCann (wife Kathy surgery recovery), Andy Emmert (wife Kim and daughter Jennifer medical issues), Larry Guastella family (son Anthony, nephew David medical issues), Len Rosiewicz (wife Marge medical issues), John Brady (wife Marlis medical issues), Greg Day family (mother Pauline passed away), Rick St. Peter family (father Richard passed away), and Brother Donald Bledowski family (Don was a charter member of this council and passed away Nov 29th).

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