



**Knights of Columbus  
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Brothers - Can Spring be far away? It will be right around the corner at our March general meeting on Wednesday, March 20th @ 7:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

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**Knight of the Month (Feb)** - Joseph Nader. Joe volunteered to run the point and get our new Church event, "Social Sunday" off the ground for the first time on Feb 17th. Nice work, Joe, and thanks!



**Stewardship weekend** - At the request of our Chaplain and Pastor of St. Thomas a'Becket Church, Fr. Tom Slowinski asked his Knights to assist with the refreshments at the open house after all masses on Feb 2/3. Thanks to all brothers who came and assisted! We also had a membership table there and engaged several prospective members in discussions about joining the Knights of Columbus and Msgr. Kern Council. We also were able to "tell our story" about what the Knights do for the parish and our community to many parishioners.



**District and Regional Free Throw Contests** - February has been a busy month for our council conducting and supporting our Youth Free Throw contests! We did our own council contest in January (1/20) and then hosted the District event on Feb 10th. From there, we supported the Regional event hosted by Renaud Council on Feb 16th. Three winners from our council contest were winners at the Regionals and are going on to the State event on March 10th. Thanks again to David Lengel and all others assisting him in these events. I was proud of the way our council hosted the District contest and the much needed support we provided at the Regionals. Nice work, men!



Our District Contest winners...way to go kids!



At the Regional Contest 2/16 at St. John Neumann gym.

**Michigan State Council Raffle** - It's still not too late to send your raffle tickets in! You should have recently received your raffle tickets in the mail with the last edition of the Michigan Columbian. Not only can you win up to \$15,000 in the contest, but our council receives a \$1 back for every \$5 sold. Buy your tickets or sell yours to others. Proceeds go to support Michigan Special Olympics and other charities.

**Membership update** - Welcome to Msgr Kern Council's newest brothers, **Michael Goodhart** and **Paul Kopper**. Both of these gentlemen were initiated into our order at the Feb 9th Major Degree held at St. Joseph Church hall in Dearborn. Paul (left) and Michael (right) are pictured below with Membership Director, David Lengel (center), immediately after their degree ceremony. In addition, we are happy to also welcome 3rd Degree transfer, **Charles Gury**, to our council. Please give all of these new council brothers a warm welcome when you see them! With all the recruiting we've been doing lately, we expect to add several additional members to our council before the end of this fraternal year. Keep recruiting men!



**Tootsie Roll Drive update** - As mentioned in last month's newsletter, our Spring drive will occur Palm Sunday weekend (March 21-24). This year we have also added a new venue - Plato's Coney Island on Ford Road. So, our collection stations will be Holliday Market, Richardson's Drug Store, Plato's and St. Thomas a'Becket after all weekend masses. We also have ordered and received new aprons for us to wear with updated and approved language - "Helping People With Intellectual Disabilities - Knights of Columbus". We've heard some sporadic complaints about the old wording. See the picture to the right of GK Ed Harkins displaying the new apron wording at our Feb 20th council meeting. Drive Chairman, Dan Vaseau, is already asking for sign up's. Please be generous with your time and come out to help when the sign up sheet comes your way. Our Tootsie Roll Drive receipts have been increasing each successive drive we do the past few years. Let's keep that great record of achievement going!



**February General meeting business** - At our Feb 20th meeting we approved to support the following activities...The Lennon Pregnancy Center fundraiser (Pro Life), the Bunny Bonanza event (Youth, Church) and the STAB Men's Softball team (Community).

**Council Officer Nominations** - At our March general meeting (Mar 20th) we will be hearing first nominations for all open officer positions for fraternal year 2013/2014 which begins July 1st. If you are a 3rd Degree member in good standing and are interested in helping to lead your council, think about running for a position this year. We need good men to step up and keep our council the active and productive council it is. Are you one of those men? Think about it. Pray about it. Ask questions. See GK Ed Harkins or DGK Hans Hansen with any of those questions. Thank you, brothers.

**NOTE:** Our next Pancake Breakfast is Sunday March 3rd. Please support and work this event with your council brothers! Thank you!

**Upcoming calendar dates:**

- 3/3 - Pancake Breakfast, after 8:00 & 10:00 masses
- 3/13 - Officers meeting, 6:30pm, Gathering Area conference room
- 3/20 - Regular Council meeting, 7:30 Adult Ed Room (enter thru South parking lot door)
- 3/21-24 - Tootsie Roll Drive weekend - All hands on board to assist!
- 3/30 - Easter Vigil reception, more info to follow
- 4/7 - Social Sunday, FLC before and after 8:00 and 10:00 masses
- 4/11 - State RTL Banquet, Burton Manor, Livonia, 6pm reception, 7pm dinner
- 4/14 - Corporate Communion at 10:00 Mass (STAB) and breakfast afterward

**We still have a few brothers who are tardy in paying their 2013 membership dues. Please pay those 2013 dues to Financial Secretary, Mike Riley, as soon as possible. Thank you!**

**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 and Mother recently passed away), George Peters (wife Jan surgery recovery, daughter Jennifer medical issues), Len Rosiewicz (medical issues), Larry Guastella family (son Anthony, nephew David medical issues), Ray Selewski (recovering from illness), John Brady (wife Marlis medical issues), Brian Schmacher (medical issues), Lionel "Rad" Radofski (recent illness), Dennis O'Beirne (upcoming knee surgery), Paul Pucci (pneumonia), PGK Ron Fournier (recent knee surgery recovery) and PGK Bill Simmerer (medical issues; brother-in-law Jerry Trosky surgery).

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## Grand Knight



The grand knight is responsible for the welfare of the council. He presides over council meetings, acts as an ex-officio member of all committees, appoints a membership and programming director, convenes officers for a monthly meeting, and ensures all necessary reports are submitted to the state and Supreme Council. He should also be aware of the council's financial status and ensure that his signature appears on all checks drawn. The grand knight is a member of the Advisory Board with general supervision of the council's Columbian Squire circle. *For more specific duties and responsibilities, refer to the Grand Knight's Handbook (#915).*

## Chaplain



The chaplain is the spiritual advisor of the council. He is expected to make a report at council meetings on religious matters. The grand knight appoints a priest in accordance with any rules established by the bishop of the diocese to serve as council chaplain. *For more specific duties, responsibilities and eligibility, refer to the Chaplain's Handbook (#945).*

## Deputy Grand Knight



The deputy grand knight is second in command. He assists the grand knight with council affairs and fulfills all duties assigned to him by the grand knight. Should the grand knight be absent from a council meeting, the deputy grand knight will preside. He is chairman of the council's retention committee

and also a member of the Advisory Board charged with overseeing the council's sponsored Columbian Squires circle.

## **Chancellor**



The chancellor has a variety of responsibilities. Primarily, he assists the grand knight and the deputy grand knight in the execution of their duties and oversees the council in both their absences. He is charged with strengthening the members' interests in council activities. The chancellor is chairman of the admission committee and a member of the Columbian Squires circle ceremonial team.

## **Recorder**



The recorder is similar to a court reporter or a secretary. He is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the council and its correspondence. A Recorder's Minute Book (#1403) is available from the Knights of Columbus Supply Department for keeping a record of council meetings.

## **Financial Secretary**



The financial secretary is appointed by the supreme knight, upon recommendation of the council. His main area of responsibilities is maintaining all financial and membership records. He collects and receives all moneys from all sources, including annual dues from council members. He also handles supply orders for the council officers and members, filing the Report of Officer

(#185), and submitting all membership transactions to the Supreme Council. *For more specific duties and responsibilities, refer to the Financial Secretary Handbook (#1410).*

## **Treasurer**

The treasurer is responsible for the safe-keeping and maintaining records of all council funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the council's accounts and provides a certificate of such monies to the grand knight. He is also responsible for payment of all ex-penses.

## **Lecturer**

The lecturer is appointed by the grand knight to provide both educational and entertaining programs to the council. He is responsible for the 'Good of the Order' portion of council meetings. In order to provide members with informative and educational programs, he must be knowledgeable and aware of all council programming.

## **Advocate**

The advocate is the legal representative of the council and serves as the council's attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with the council by-laws, the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws (#30), Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting (#1937), and Robert's Rules of Order.

## **Warden**



The warden is the 'watchdog' for council property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the financial secretary, treasurer and recorder. He is also responsible for setting up the council chambers for meetings and ceremonial work. During ceremonial exemplifications, he will appoint and supervise guards.

## **Inside & Outside Guards**



The guards have similar responsibilities, but distinct differences. The outside guard tends to the outer door admitting visitors and members to the inner door. Once at the inner door, the inside guard checks to make sure that their membership cards are current.

## **Board of Trustees**



The board of trustees consists of three members elected by the council and the grand knight, who serves as chairman of the board. They oversee the work of the financial secretary and treasurer, and with the deputy grand knight serve on the council's retention committee. During council elections, only the three-year trustee is voted on, with the others moving on to become two- and one-year trustees, respectively.