



**Knights of Columbus**  
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**March 31, 2013**

Brothers - I hope you and yours all enjoyed a blessed Easter. He is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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**Pancake breakfast - March 3rd** - Our March breakfast was our most successful this year! Both our gross (\$1019) and our net (\$540) were the best of the year. We had great customer turnouts after each mass and we had great support from many of you making our work efforts a little easier. Thank you all who showed up to work this breakfast! Our next breakfast will be our annual Mother's Day breakfast on May 12th. That will be a bigger effort for us because we will be serving after all three Sunday breakfasts and all "Mothers" eat free, pretty much guaranteeing us big turnouts. Mark that date on your calendars and please pitch-in to volunteer your help that day if at all possible. Thank you, brothers!

**Tootsie Roll Drive - March 21 to 24** - I have good news and not so good news to report. Despite the colder weather all weekend and not having Holiday Market for much of the day on Saturday (a conflict with the girls scouts), we still managed to generate nearly \$3500 in donations. A very good result. The not so good news is we had several time slots go empty with no volunteers and had fewer Knights participate than in any recent drive in memory. Without the dedication of a few men who took multiple time slots, we would not have done as well as we did. Brothers, surely most of you can donate a couple of hours the two times a year we do this drive. Please consider pitching in next time even if you cannot afford to volunteer at breakfasts and other events or activities we do. We need your help. More importantly, the good people we support with our MI Drive funds need our support. A special "thank you" goes out to **Dan Vaseau** and **Gene Borieo** who once again co-chaired this important event for us.

**Council Officer Nominations** - At our March 20th general meeting we heard first nominations for open officer positions for the July 2013/2014 fraternal year which begins July 1st. The following nominations are what we have at this point:

Grand Knight - Hans Hansen  
Deputy Grand Knight - Denny McCann  
Chancellor - Ed Harkins  
Treasurer - Larry Guastella  
Advocate - Lucas Phan

Warden - Rick St. Peter  
Recording Secretary - open  
Trustee 3 year - George Peters  
Inside Guards - Dan Vaseau and Paul Pucci  
Outside Guard - Dennis Keller

We will once again hear nominations at our April general meeting on April 17th. In May, we will hear nominations a third time and then vote on the candidates we have.

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.

**Membership update** - We are well into our 2012/13 fraternal year and to date we have 4 of our 10 "new member" goal. We also have 2 transfers-in, but they do not count toward our "new member" goal. Although we are working several potential new prospects, we want to jump start membership even further. So, we will be conducting a Council Information Night on April 18th to help attract many more candidates. Come to our April 17th general meeting and hear more on this! We intend to attract men for major degree ceremonies April 28th in Plymouth and May 5th in Farmington. Thanks to DGK Hans Hansen for running the point on our Info Night planning.

**Corporate Communion** - Our next council Corporate Communion is Sunday **April 14th** at 10:00 Mass. We will be doing a breakfast afterward at Canton Coney. Hope you can make it!

**Blood Drive work** - This month we once again supported the Good Friday Red Cross blood drive at St. Thomas a'Becket by assisting with phone call-outs to recruit volunteers. Thanks to Ron Socia and Ed Harkins for representing our council in this very worthwhile effort.

**March General meeting business** - At our Mar 20th meeting we agreed to support the post Easter Vigil reception with manpower. We also agreed to help support the annual Relay for Life by working the Sunday morning breakfast again on May 19th (more to follow as we closer to the event). A committee was also formed by GK Ed Harkins to develop recommendations to the council as a whole in how to direct funds earned from our general meeting 50/50 raffles. PGK's Andy Emmert & Rick St. Peter will also serve on this committee. Attend our April general meeting to learn more on this.

**NOTE:** Our next Social Sunday will be Sunday **April 7th**. Help out if you can!

**Upcoming calendar dates:**

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  
4/10 - Officers meeting, 6:30pm, Gathering Area conference room  
4/14 - Corporate Communion at 10:00 Mass (STAB) and breakfast afterward

4/17 - Regular Council meeting, 7:30 Adult Ed Room (enter thru South parking lot door)  
4/26 - Council Card Night, 7:00 pm, Adult Ed Room  
5/6 - Tentative start date for Council Golf League season!  
5/8 - Officers meeting, 6:30pm, Gathering Area conference room  
5/12 - Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast  
5/15 - Regular Council meeting, 7:30 Adult Ed Room (enter thru South parking lot door)  
5/19 - Relay For Life breakfast  
5/23-25 - Michigan State Convention, Mackinac Island

**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: Deacon Jim Ward (medical issues), Denny McCann (wife Kathy surgery), Father Pat Casey's mother, Hans Hansen (wife Joyce, medical issues), George Peters (wife Jan surgery recovery, daughter Jennifer medical issues), Len Rosiewicz (medical issues), Larry Guastella family (son Anthony, nephew David), Ray Selewski (recovering from illness), John Brady (wife Marlis medical issues), Brian Schmacher (medical issues), Lionel "Rad" Radofski (recent illness), Dennis O'Beirne (surgery recovery), and PGK Bill Simmerer (medical recovery).

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