



**Knights of Columbus
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Brothers - Congratulations to our new officer team elected in May! Our last general meeting of the 2012/2013 fraternal year is June 19th. I hope to see you there!

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Knight of the Month - Our KOM this month is DGK Hans Hansen (left) for the fine work he did in organizing our successful Information Night last month. Nice work, Hans!

Also pictured below are co-KOM from last month, Dan Vaseau, and our Family of the Month winner from last month, Andy Emmert. Dan (center) and Andy (right) received their awards at this month's meeting also.



Council Officer Elections - Congratulations to all new council officers elected at our May 15th General Meeting. Our council officer team effective July 1, 2013 is as follows:

Chaplain - Rev. Tom Slowinski
Grand Knight - Hans Hansen
Deputy Grand Knight - Denny McCann
Chancellor - Ed Harkins
Treasurer - Larry Guastella
Advocate - Lucas Phan
Warden - Rick St. Peter
Recording Secretary - Ron Fournier
Trustee 3 Year - George Peters (will be serving 1st year of a 3 year term)
Trustee 2 year - Dennis Thinel (serving 2nd year of a 3 year term)
Trustee 1 year - Andy Emmert (serving 3rd year of a 3 year term)

Inside Guards - Paul Pucci and Dan Vaseau

Outside Guard - Dennis Keller

Financial Secretary - Mike Riley (appointed position by Supreme after recommendation of the GK and Trustees)

My sincerest thanks for their service to our council goes out to Ron Socia (completing his three year term as Trustee), Tim Higgins (past work as Warden), Gene Borieo (past work as Inside Guard), Joe Nader (past work as Advocate) and George Peters (past work as Recorder, George moves on to Trustee). Also, thanks to Dennis O'Beirne for his past service as Chancellor. Many thanks also to David Lengel for serving us well in the appointed positions of Membership Director and Lecturer.

I complete my two years as your Grand Knight on June 30th. It has been my privilege to serve in that position and lead our council during that time. You are a great group of men in a very active and effective council! Please continue to keep our council active and effective in the works of our order under your new leadership team.

Finally, congratulations to Hans Hansen in stepping up and being elected as our new Grand Knight. Hans will do a great job and continue to move our council forward. Please provide him with the same fine support you provided me.

Thank you, my brothers.
Ed Harkins, GK

Membership update - We are now at 110% of our new member quota for the year (11 new vs 10 goal). We hope to process our 4th new insurance member this month also which will put us at 100% of goal for insurance too. We started a little slow this year, but finished strong to make our goals! Thanks to Membership Director, David Lengel, and to all of you who sponsored a new member this year. Nice work, men!

Michigan State Convention - The 113th K of C Michigan State Convention was held as usual on Mackinac Island on May 23-25. Your two council delegates attending were GK Ed Harkins and DGK Hans Hansen. State Deputy Michael Malinowski, State Secretary Robert Fox, State Treasurer Kenneth Unterbrink and State Advocate Tony Vittorini were all re-elected to their positions by acclamation. Bill Chasee was elected State Warden, besting Chris Kolomjec in the only contested race.



State Deputy Michael Malinowski addressing the state convention delegates.



The 4th Degree Color Corps conducted a beautiful “Living Rosary” on Friday morning. Your delegates, GK Ed Harkins (and wife Mary Ann) and DGK Hans Hansen (and wife Joyce), are pictured at the annual State Deputy’s Banquet on Friday night.

Council Golf League - Our golf league got off to a great start in good weather on Monday May 13th. Pictured below is one of our first groups getting set to tee off on #10. We have 32 men golfing again this year.



Charity Poker update - Our summer dates for charity poker fundraising are now up in the air after a terrible fire at Electric Stick on May 8th. In that fire, a Westland Firefighter lost his life. While we are sorting out Electric Stick’s plans to rebuild and set up temporary quarters in the meantime, let’s all remember that firefighter, Brian Woehlke, and his family in our prayers. More to follow on if our June, July and August dates have any chance of happening in any temporary location. Our scheduled dates were June - 6/24 thru 6/27, July - 7/12-13 and August - 8/3 thru 8/6.

May General meeting business - First let me note that we had a near standing room only crowd of 34 brothers at our May meeting, including several of our newest brothers from last month’s Major Degree ceremony. Great turnout, men! Our District Deputy mentioned that we should be eligible for a Star Council award if we make our insurance quota before the end of June. Dennis Keller mentioned that there is a Rouge River

clean-up taking place on June 1st at St. Paul of the Cross (on their grounds) and it would be good if some Knights could volunteer to help out that day. The big event of the meeting was the final reading of nominations and elections of 2013/2014 council officers.

Relay for Life breakfast - The Canton Relay for Life was a big success this year on May 19th. Our St. Thomas a'Becket Youth Group was the top fundraising team and our Knights of Columbus came through with another delicious breakfast for all participants still around on Sunday morning. Some of our hard working Knights are pictured below. Thanks to Joe Nader, our chairman for the event, and all others who helped this year.



Upcoming calendar dates:

- 6/3 - Golf League, 5:30 start at Hickory Creek Golf Club
- 6/5 - Relay for Life committee wrap-up meeting, 7pm, STAB
- 6/10 - Golf League, 5:30 start at Hickory Creek Golf Club
- 6/12 - Officers meeting, 6:30pm, Adult Ed Room
- 6/17 - Golf League, 5:30 start at Hickory Creek Golf Club
- 6/18 - Summer Diocesan meeting - 6:30 pm, place TBD
- 6/19 - Regular Council meeting, 7:30 Adult Ed Room (enter thru South parking lot door)
- 6/24 - Golf League, 5:30 start at Hickory Creek Golf Club
- 6/24-27 - Charity Poker event, Electric Stick temporary facilities (tentative)
- 6/29 - Officer Training, 9:00 to Noon, STAB
- 7/1 - New fraternal year begins

Mothers Day breakfast - Our annual Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast was a big hit again this year. We served over 430 breakfasts covering all three masses that Sunday. There was lots of positive feedback from many of the Mothers and their families attending. We had a super turn out of help that day too. Thanks to all brothers who assisted in making this a very memorable day for all those Mothers who came to our breakfast!

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: Fr. Tom Slowinski (for a successful sabbatical and God's blessings), Fr. Noel O'Conner (medical issues), Deacon Jim Ward & Pat Ward (surgeries, recoveries), Denny McCann (SIL medical issues), Hans Hansen (wife Joyce, medical issues), Tom Kish (sister with medical issues), Larry Guastella family (son Anthony, nephew David), Ray Selewski (recovering from illness), Ben Zimincki's daughter (medical issues), Lionel "Rad" Radofski (still recovering from illness), PGK Bill Simmerer (recent surgery), Past District Deputy Mike Kisabeth (recovering from medical issues) and Westland Firefighter Brian Woehlke and his family. Also pray for safe travels for all brothers and families traveling this upcoming summer season.

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