



**Knights of Columbus
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Family of the Month - The Guastella Family

Ralph & Larry Guastella and their wives are worthy recipients of our FOM award. Their work in running the point on the Pasta dinner was great and helped us have another successful dinner this year. Thank you gentlemen!



Fifty Year Award - Major congrats are in order for PGK Harry Doyle who recently celebrated his 50 year anniversary as a member of the Knights of Columbus! Harry is pictured here with DGK Denny McCann who awarded Harry with a 50 Year watch. Thanks for 50 great years of service, Harry!



Star Council Award - The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and service program activities. Your council won this award for the just completed 2012-13 fraternal year! It has been several years since our council won this award, so we should all be proud of our accomplishments. DD and PGK Lou Brotchner is pictured here presenting the award to PGK Ed Harkins at our September meeting.



Membership update - A couple of significant recruiting days are upcoming up shortly...this coming weekend we will be doing a recruiting blitz after every Mass. It's a great time to start conversations with our parishioner brothers and get them thinking about becoming a K of C brother!

Also, on Thursday October 3rd, we will be holding another Council Information Night. The one we did earlier this year was very successful and we hope to do even better this time. Spread the word!

Fall Tootsie Roll Drive - Our Columbus Day weekend Tootsie Roll drive starts soon! The dates are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct 11-13. Please sign up for a shift and help us support the Developmentally Disabled Community!



Blood Bank work - As members of the Knights of Columbus, we support the American Red Cross and their local blood drives whenever we can. The past couple weeks, our council again provided support by making phone calls to recruit donors for the October 6th drive at St. John Neumann here in Canton. Thanks to those who helped with the calls! Pictured here is brother Mike Goodhart...who could turn down this man's requests for making a donation! Thanks, Mike!

Annual Council Food Drive - Our annual food drive begins Oct 16th, the date of our Oct general meeting, and runs thru Nov 20th, the date of our Nov general meeting. Please bring your canned and dry food goods to those meetings. Our donations go to local food banks. We have been very generous in the past and hope to break last year's record amounts donated with an even bigger donation this year!

Other Sep General meeting business - We agreed to make a \$2200 cash donation to St. Vincent DePaul Society, made up largely from the proceeds of our golf outing (\$1675) and our summer golf league (\$438). We also agreed to again support the LAOH Elizabeth Fagan Division fundraising efforts for First Step of Michigan with a \$100 donation to their Chocolate Affair event. The Pancake Breakfast committee reviewed results of our Sep 15th breakfast and plans for our Oct 6th breakfast. Our annual council food drive was discussed - it starts Oct 16th. We are supporting the Joe Kelly fundraiser on Oct 6 by doing the 50/50 raffle.

Upcoming calendar dates:

- 9/28-29 - Membership "Blitz" after all Masses at STAB
- 10/3 - New member "Information Night", 7:30 pm, STAB, Rooms 6 & 8
- 10/6 - Pancake Breakfast, FLC, after 8:00 and 10:00 Masses
- 10/6 - Joe Kelly Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, St. Richard's in Westland, 12-5 pm
- 10/10 - Officers meeting, STAB conference room, 7:00 pm
- 10/11-13 - Tootsie Roll Drive weekend. Sign up and help us out!
- 10/16 - Council general meeting, 7:30 pm, Family Life Center, start our Food Drive!
- 10/20 - District Corporate Communion, St. Mary's in Wayne, 10:00 Mass
- 10/25 - Council Card Night, 7:00, Adult Ed Room

Let us pray - Please remember all brothers of this council and others noted below who are sick or in distress in your prayers.

Prayers for the deceased and their families: Vera Wrosch, wife of brother Chris Wrosch, and all deceased Brothers of the Order.

Sick or medical needs - Fr. Noel O'Conner (medical issues), Denny McCann (sister-in-law with medical issues), Tom Kish (sister with medical issues), Ben Zimnicki (daughter, medical issues), Joe Kelly (recovery from surgery), Dennis Thinel (recovery from surgery), Duke and Pat Hynek (surgery), Al Czajkowski (cancer), Tom Angelo (surgery), Jan Peters (medical issues), Travis Miller's Mother (medical issues), Dennis Keller's son (surgery recovery).

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