



**Knights of Columbus
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Membership update - 2014 member dues statements are in the mail (or in your email). Please be prompt and pay your dues as soon as possible...your Financial Secretary will appreciate it! Also, we welcomed our two newest council members at our November general meeting, Dave Trost and Randy Helms. Welcome brothers!

Annual Council Food Drive - We completed our annual October thru November food drive this month and were able to donate 357 pounds of canned and dry goods to our food bank...just in time for Thanksgiving. You are a generous group of men!

Council Christmas party - Sunday, December 15th - We will be holding our annual Christmas Party on December 15th in the Family Life Center at STAB. The party will start at 5:00 PM. You are encouraged to attend with your family, and we have had a relatively large turnout for this event in the past. Please consider adding this event to your busy holiday calendar. We will be collecting canned goods and/or free will donations for our parish St. Vincent DePaul Society chapter that night too. Please let GK Hans Hansen know if you make it and what dish you might be able to bring. Hope to see you all there!

Knights Aid to Philippine Typhoon Victims - The devastating typhoon in the Philippines has captured headlines and hearts around the world. The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has pledged \$250,000 for relief efforts over the long term. I was privileged to visit Manila and Iloilo recently and meet with Knights of Columbus leaders in the Philippines, where more than 300,000 members stand ready to help their neighbors in need.

Here is a report about Filipino Knights delivering hundreds of emergency supply sacks to families left homeless in northern Iloilo:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/news/releases/detail/knights-deliver-initial-relief-supply.html>

You can also use the above link to make a donation to the Knights of Columbus Philippines Disaster Relief Fund.

Please offer your prayers for those most affected.

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CYO WIND conference - On Nov 9th, St. Thomas a'Becket parish hosted the Archdiocesan Walk In New Directions conference. This is an annual event that helps to develop youth program leaders for our 6th thru 8th graders. We assisted this year by serving a pizza dinner to over 400 of these future leaders. It was a fun work activity for us! Thanks to those brothers who pitched in that evening!



Coats for Kids update - Last month we agreed as a council to again support the Coats for Kids program. We purchased two boxes of coats (one for boys, one for girls) and donated them to the Canton Goodfellows for distribution to those families in need in the Canton area this winter. This is a great Community charitable program we have been involved in for many years and we all can very proud of the fact that we will make a difference in some local kids lives this year!

Other Nov General meeting business - We agreed to provide financial support to brother Joe Kelly as he continues to recover from recent surgeries. Nominations were heard for the vacant Trustee 2-year position. November pancake breakfast results were reviewed...great attendance, lots of help, best receipts in over a year.

Upcoming calendar dates:

- 12/14 - Breakfast with Santa, 8:00 am, Family Life Center
- 12/15 - Council Christmas Dinner, Family Life Center, 5:00 pm
- 12/18 - Council general meeting, 7:30 pm, Family Life Center
- 12/25 - Merry Christmas!!!

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: Millie DiMaggio, mother of Bud DiMaggio; Donna Miller, grandmother of Travis Miller; and all deceased Brothers of the Order.

Sick or medical needs - Fr. Noel O'Conner (medical issues), Tom Kish (sister with medical issues), Joe Kelly (recovery from surgery), Eulalia (Euke) Rhein (mother of Tom Rhein, in hospice care), Jan Peters (wife of George Peters, knee surgery), Frank Dziuban (brother with medical issues). Let us also pray for Fr. Tom as he moves forward in his ministry.

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