



**Knights of Columbus  
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**February 28, 2014**

**Knight of the Month** - Congrats to Travis Miller, our February KOM!

**Family of the Month** - Congrats to the Ed Harkins family, our February FOM!



Travis Miller receiving his KOM certificate (left), Ed Harkins receiving his (FOM) certificate (right). Below is David Trost receiving his KOM award from last month. Congrats to all these council brothers for all they do for our council! It's appreciated!



**Charity Poker update** - We have obtained dates for our next charity poker fundraising event. It will be March 31 thru April 2nd., a three day event, at Northville Downs. Poker Chairperson, Ed Harkins, will be looking for assistance in filling our time slots those three days. We will need a pair of men per shift, filling 3 or 4 shifts, between the hours of 11 AM and 2 AM. This will be a significant fundraiser for our council so please consider helping us out when your are asked. More to come on this...

**District Free Throw Contest** - On February 16th, our council hosted the District Free Throw contest. Pictured here the 2014 District winners! Congrats, kids!



**Pancake breakfast update** - Our next pancake breakfast will be on March 9th. If you can help out in any way, please be sure to reply to our GK's email request for assistance.

**Michigan State Council Raffle** - Time is running short, but it's still not too late to send your raffle tickets in! The drawing is on March 15th, so you'll have to move quickly. 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.

**Council Officer Nominations** - At our March general meeting (Mar 19th) we will be hearing first nominations for all open officer positions for fraternal year 2014/2015 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 Hans Hansen or any current officer with any of those questions. Thank you, brothers.

**Tootsie Roll Drive update** - Our Spring drive will occur Palm Sunday weekend (April 11 to 13). At our March general meeting we will start circulating our usual sign-up sheets. Please be generous with your time and come out to help!

**Other Feb General meeting business** - We agreed to financially support the prison ministry of council brothers Deacon Jim Ward, Dennis Lipski and Frank Dziuban with assistance in purchasing prayer books, rosaries and scapulars for inmates. The date is set for our 2014 Council Golf outing - Saturday, August 23 at Fellow Creek. In addition to agreeing to support our 3/31 - 4/2 charity poker event at Northville Downs, the council agreed to spend \$300 to join the Michigan Charitable Gaming Assn to have better access to future event dates at Northville Downs. Our council website is getting a much

needed upgrade and we agreed to financially support the effort which involves moving our hosting from GoDaddy to Weebly. Delegates for the upcoming state convention in May were announced - 1st Delegate is GK Hans Hansen, 2nd Delegate is PGK Ed Harkins, 1st and 2nd alternates are PGK Andy Emmert and PGK Rick St. Peter. The council will be strongly supporting the annual Right to Life banquet on 4/10. Insurance Agent David Stock gave a fraternal benefits presentation. Our newest council member, Brian Titus, was introduced to the council. Continue to support our Baby Bottle program at our monthly meetings!

**Upcoming calendar dates:**

3/5 - Ash Wednesday  
3/8 - 4th Degree Exemplification, Decarlo's in Warren  
3/9 - Pancake Breakfast (after 8:00 & 10:00 Masses)  
3/13 - Kern Officers Meeting, 7:00 pm, STAB conference room  
3/19 - Council general meeting, 7:30 pm, Adult Ed Room  
3/20 - Protecting God's Children training/certification, STAB, 6-9:00 pm  
3/28 - Council Card Night, 7:00 pm, Adult Ed Room  
3/31-4/2 - Charity Poker fundraiser event at Northville Downs  
4/3 - Kern Officers Meeting, 7:00 pm, STAB conference room  
4/6 - Pancake Breakfast (after 8:00 & 10:00 Masses)  
4/9 - Council general meeting, 7:30 pm, Adult Ed Room  
4/10 - State Council Right to Life Banquet, 7:00 pm, Burton Manor in Livonia  
4/11-13 - Spring Tootsie Roll Drive

**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 Chaplain Fr. Tom Slowinski as he moves forward with his ministry.
- \* Prayers for the deceased and their families: all deceased Brothers of the Order including Brother Carl "Charlie" Krawczyk.
- \* Fr. Noel O'Conner (medical issues), Joe Kelly (recovery from surgery), Joe Nader (upcoming surgery), Eulalia (Euke) Rhein (mother of Tom Rhein, in hospice care), Jan Peters (wife of George Peters, recovery from surgery), Sandy Pucci (wife of Paul Pucci, recovery from surgery), Brenda (Sister-in-law to Dan Farmstrom), Mother-in-law of Randy Helms.

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