

Knights of Columbus

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**ST. MARY OF THE HILLS COUNCIL 13950
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Grand Knight Notes:

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Stations of the Cross

St Mary of the Hills parish is seeking donations for Stations of the Cross to be created and placed in the church. The cost of each station is \$2,000. At the Council 13950 meeting held on March 15, 2011, a proposal was made, seconded, and passed on the first vote to approve expenditure by the Council in the amount of \$2,000 to donate a Station. The Council has funds to donate thanks to our Poker (K)nights we have been sponsoring.

Supreme guidelines require that 2 votes be taken, and a publication be made, for any expenditure greater than \$500. This expenditure will be discussed and voted on for the 2nd time at our next meeting scheduled on **April 12, 2011**. Please note the date change as our normal meeting date, April 19, falls during Holy Week.

MI Drive

Our annual spring 'Tootsie Roll' drive will take place on April 15, 16, and 17. Can you spare a couple of hours to help us with this important event? If you can't spare 2 hours, can you spare 30 minutes after one of the weekend Masses? Monies that are collected go to Oakland County Special Olympics and the SCAMP program at Rochester Avon Recreation Authority. Please contact Mike Blake (248-852-6071) or Rich Diem (248-852-9616) to volunteer. We do not send anyone out into the street to collect. We only collect at store fronts. Please help.

POKER (K)NIGHTS

The Council will be working at Snookers on Hall Road, just east of the M-53 Freeway, on April 9 through 12. This is an opportunity for us to raise money to donate for special causes. Please contact Bob Jackson (248-652-8115) if you can spare a couple of hours.

Soup and Salad Meal

Our annual Soup and Salad meal will once again be on Good Friday from 5 – 7 p.m. Advance ticket sales will begin after all Masses this weekend, April 2 and 3. Tickets will be available at the door. Price is \$5 per person, \$20 for a family. Again, if you can help during the event, contact Arnie Vandercruyssen (248-656-9126) to volunteer.

State Council Convention

The annual State Council Convention is being held this year on May 26, 27, 28, on Mackinac Island. It is the custom of the Council to send the Grand Knight to this event so he can participate in and learn more about what Knights accomplish throughout Michigan. I was elected and accepted the position of 1st Delegate to the convention.

In the past, the Council has paid for part of the expense incurred by the GK. This amount has been up to \$600. A 1st proposal and vote will be made at the next meeting to offset the expense in this amount. The 2nd proposal and vote will take place at the May meeting.

2011 – 2012 Officers

The election of Officers for the next Fraternal Year will be held at the May meeting. The election committee will be named at the April meeting. These men will put together the Slate of Officers. If you are interested in running for an Office, please contact me and I will pass your name on to the committee.

Michigan Columbian

You now have a chance to receive the Michigan Columbian magazine online instead of through the mail. Go to the State Council web site, www.mikofc.org, and scroll down to the Newsletter sign up box on the main page and follow the instructions. Your membership number is on your Membership card. After you sign up for the paper online, surf through the site and see what is happening at other Councils in the State. You might also want to view Supreme's web site, www.kofc.org.

Membership Update

Our membership goal for the current Fraternal Year, which ends June 30, is 9. A total of 6 men have joined our Council since July 1, 2010. If you know a gentleman who would like to join us, please contact one of the Officers.

Susan G. Komen

Our State Deputy recently issued a letter stating that Councils and Assemblies in Michigan can no longer raise funds for, or be associated with the Susan G. Komen organization. The reason for this is because Komen has donated over \$3 million to Planned Parenthood over the last several years and despite requests to stop, plans to continue donations. Planned Parenthood is the largest provider of abortions in this country. The Knights of Columbus supports life from conception through natural death. By conscience, if you wish to support Komen, you may do so without using the symbol or name of the Order.

Did You Know

St. Mary of the Hills Council 13950 is now 5 years old. The Charter is dated January 10, 2006. We have grown to about 140 members in this time. Since warmer weather is upon us, maybe we can have a celebration. Please send suggestions if you have any.

In Need of Our Prayers

Please pray for SK Joe Bono, Lady Claire Bono and Joe Bono Jr., SK L.T. Mathews, Ted Skrzyszewski, Doug Schultz, SK Gary Semrau, State Deputy Tom Marcetti, SK Deacon Gene Kowalski, SK George Phillips, SK John McKevez, PGK SK Ed Ratzenberger, Helen Drake, (sister of Lady Elizabeth Hundiak), and Cindy McNeely (cousin of our State Program Director Paul Thorn).

Remember to pray the Rosary daily.

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