



KNIGHTS NEWS

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Cathedral of the Incarnation

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Upcoming Council 544 Meetings & Special Events

- **Council Meeting:**
 Wed., Apr 13th 7pm
 3rd floor St Albert Hall
- **B'nai Brith:**
Speaker: Carol Bucy
Date: Tues, May 10, 2011
Place: The Temple, 5015 Harding Road
Cost: \$15 (price set by caterer)
Time: Social Hour 6:00 pm (courtesy of BB lodge)
 Buffet Dinner 6:45, followed by speaker
- **Fish Fry:**
 June 11, 2011

Newsletter Delivery

- **Would you like to receive the Knights newsletter by email?**
- **Let us know a valid email address**

ST. PATRICKS SUCCESS

Planning for future programs and events

Thanks to the work of Knight of the year John Mitchell and the Ken Duncan family, family of the year, everyone who attended the St. Patrick's Day Party had a very memorable experience. Father Steiner told me as he was leaving the party that this year's St. Patrick's Day Party, along with the Cathedral's 100th year anniversary party, was the best party that he has been during his time as our priest. While John and Ken spent countless hours preparing for the event, many others in 544 contributed to the party's success. This year's party is truly a testament to what our council is capable of and the quality of our membership. Please thank John and Ken as you are able for taking the initiative to revive this event and see their commitment through!



Our council has a reputation for throwing grand events for the parish and Nashville community. With our golf tournament, Souper Bowl Party, and St. Patrick's Day Party behind us for this fraternal year, we will be able to spend time on smaller-scale program activities and more administrative tasks. Now that event the different event committees are no longer meeting we will begin having monthly program / administrative meetings. The first program meeting will take place on Thursday March 31, at 7:00 pm. The main focus of these meetings will be to plan program activities. However, during first meeting we will be working on implementing an approach to our paperwork and accounting that emphasizes teamwork and will make all of our officer's jobs easier. While this meeting will primarily revolve around the roles our council's Executive Officers (Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Chancellor), all council members are very welcome to attend.

One administrative task that has long burdened our council's officers is the distribution of our monthly newsletter. Over this past month we have opened up an account with Fed Ex / Kinko's. This account will take this monthly burden off the shoulders of this year's officers and those who will serve us in the future. In addition to producing the newsletter Fed Ex / Kinko's, will stuffing, addressing, and mailing the newsletter. This process will be less costly than the way that we have been distributing the newsletter.

Another way for us to save money on our newsletter is to have as many members as possible receive it electronically. If you did sign up to receive it electronically at our last meeting please take a minute to send me an email at stuartal@comcast.net to let me know that you do not getting it on-line.



Building our
Catholic
Community

PROGRAM
COMMITTEES

Pro Life- We will be erecting our KC #544 “Choose Life” sign again in the next 4-6 weeks. We are currently working to place the sign in front St. Thomas Hospital. If there is a location where you would like to see the sign please let us know and we will place it there as well!

Church- Plans are underway for our 3rd Annual Spring Fish Fry. Dave Johnson and company have very high expectations after the success of last year’s event. We will need your help to ensure the success of this year’s party. More information will be forthcoming at the council meeting.

Council- Our Annual Cohen’s and Kelly’s Party with the Nashville chapter of **B’nai Brith** is scheduled for May 10th. B’nai Brith is Jewish organization that has some distinct commonalities with Knights of Columbus. This party has been a longstanding tradition between our organizations for over 30 years. While the purpose of the party is to discuss joint philanthropic, it is just as much a time to visit with old friends. The cost of the event is \$15.00 for the meal and drinks. The event will begin at 7:00 pm. B’nai Brith is hosting the party this year at **The Temple** Congregation Ohabei Sholom 5015 **Harding Road Nashville, TN 37205**. Please keep this night open for this very unique and interesting evening. Speaker will be Carol Bucy, who was written up in the Tennessean in

March as the the Davidson County's Historian in 2011. Title of her speech is: **A Seat at the Table: How Jews & Catholics Became Leaders in the 'Buckle of the Bible Belt'**
Community- On April 6th we are going to preparing dinner for the residents of the Dismas House. Here is a description of the Dismas House provided from their website:

The idea for [university students](#) and former prisoners to share a home was conceived by a group of students and the late Father Jack Hickey, O.P., a chaplain at Vanderbilt University, as an extension of the Vanderbilt Prison Project. He saw the plight of so many about to be released from jail - no home, no family, no job, and no hope - all of which contribute to recidivism. Father Hickey and the students opened the first Dismas House in 1974 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Dismas is the traditional name of the repentant thief at Calvary (Luke XXII, 39-43.) The ex-offender is also seen as Dismas - punished, repentant, but deserving of a second chance and a new start.

Residents typically live in a house for 3-6 months, leaving with a stable income, a greater sense of self-worth and hope for the future. Residents are expected to gain employment within 2 weeks of moving in, help with the chores, attend nightly meetings, participate in evening meals and pay program fees.

Vocations- With our major fundraisers completed for the year, our Vocations Committee will now receive a lot more attention. Two simple activities that I would like for us to complete are writing the seminarians while they are completing the spring semester and spending time with them as they return back to the diocese for the summer. We will be discussing our relationship with the seminarians at the next council meeting.



FAMILY OF THE YEAR
AWARD

Ken Duncan Family

The 544 Family of the year is Ken Duncan family. With their wide array of work experiences, volunteerism, and talents Ken, Maggie, and Neil are invaluable assets to our council. Their love for God is very easily seen through their service and the way they treat others. Please thank them for what they do for the Church and Nashville community when you get a chance!



KNIGHT OF THE YEAR
AWARD

John Mitchell

Congratulations to John Mitchell for winning Knight of the Year. John’s love for the Lord and his Church is very evident by his service to our order and council. His consummate professionalism marks everything he does. This was very evident in the way he co-chaired and revived our St. Patrick’s Day Party. I know I speak for the council by saying we look forward to working with John in the future.

Knight of the Month

Dennis McAfee Sr.



Dennis McAfee Sr. is April’s Knight of the Month. Please keep Dennis in your prayers as he recovers from a stroke. As he always does, Dennis is very upbeat and in good spirits. Dennis has very faithfully served 544 and the Cathedral parish with an unassuming manner for many years. He always has a warm, upbeat personality and never has a cross word

to say to anyone. He can also be always be counted on for thoughtful, wise advice on any issue. Knowing that your friends are concerned and praying for you is very comforting when you are trying to overcome health issues.

Family of the
Month

McWilliams Family



The April Family of the Month is the Bssell and Caroline McWilliams Family. Bissell and Caroline did an excellent job with the photography of our St. Patrick’s Day Party. They have also been extremely help ful at our other recent events. We are definitely blessed to have them as a part of the 544 family!

March 9, 2011

RESOLUTION TO DISTRIBUTE THE KC FUND

Whereas, Worthy KofC Supreme Advocate John Marella and Worthy KofC Supreme Treasurer Emeritus Jack O'Reilly have determined that, for the good of the order, the Fund formed from the proceeds of the sale of the K C Clubhouse in 1997 and held by Wiley Bros./Aintree Capital, be liquidated and given to worthy organizations within the Diocese of Nashville.

Whereas, the spending formula below was used by Council over the years to distribute donations to past organizations and membership has voiced that it's a good framework for fairly and equitably dispersing the Fund.

Cathedral of the Incarnation.....	30%
Worthy charities.....	30%
Catholic education.....	20%
Diocese of Nashville seminarians and priests.....	10%
Dominican sisters.....	10%

Whereas, the balance of the Fund as of the last statement on 12/31/10 was \$978,539.79, and after paying our outstanding legal bill approved by Council earlier this year of \$8,530, the balance is \$970,009.79.

Whereas, the amounts listed below will be deducted from the beginning balance prior to distribution:

Council #544 seed money.....	\$50,000.00	
Donation to the Middle Tennessee KofC MR fund.....	<u>\$20,009.79</u>	(plus any additional accrued interest from the KC Fund or minus any unforeseen expenses at the time of disbursement)
KC Fund balance available for distribution.....	\$900,000.00	

Therefore, be it resolved, Council #544 will distribute the \$900,000.00 KC Fund balance in the following manner and order Wiley Bros./Aintree Capital to send checks to the following organizations:

Cathedral of the Incarnation (20%).....	<u>\$180,000.00</u>	(10% less because of ongoing support from #544)
Cathedral building fund.....	\$50,000.00	(remainder of #544 pledge from '08)
Cathedral Charities fund for parish needy.....	\$130,000.00	(restricted to those in need only)

Worthy Charities (30%).....	<u>\$270,000.00</u>
Catholic Charities.....	\$50,000.00
Tennessee Pro-life Campaign.....	\$40,000.00
Loaves and Fishes.....	\$40,000.00
Room in the Inn.....	\$40,000.00
Camp Marymount.....	\$20,000.00
Vanderbilt Catholic Community.....	\$20,000.00
Grace Pregnancy Center.....	\$20,000.00
North Nashville Community Outreach.....	\$20,000.00
"We Believe" Catholic Media.....	\$20,000.00

Catholic Education.(30%).....	<u>\$270,000.00</u>
Fr. Ryan High School.....	\$90,000.00
St. Henry School.....	\$35,000.00
St. Ann School.....	\$35,000.00
Christ the King School.....	\$35,000.00
St. Cecilia Academy.....	\$35,000.00
St. Bernard Academy.....	\$20,000.00
Smithson Craighead Academy (Sr. Sandra Smithson).....	\$20,000.00

Priests and seminarians (10%).....	<u>\$90,000.00</u>
Dominican sisters (10%).....	<u>\$90,000.00</u>

Additionally, when the entire distribution is finally completed, Council #544's trustees shall conduct a full accounting and report the results at the next regularly scheduled business meeting. After Council approval, a copy of the report will be sent to the Supreme Advocate and Treasurer Emeritus.

Very truly yours,

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