



KNIGHTS NEWS

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Cathedral of the Incarnation

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Upcoming Council 544 Meetings & Special Events

- **Council Meeting:**
 Wed., May 11th 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

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KNIGHTS IN MAY

Stay Involved, Be a Knight



Grand Knight's Report

By Stuart Littleton, GK

As fraternity is one of our four values, we are naturally called to pursue brotherhood with one another. However, through our involvement with the

Church, community, youth, military, and clergy we develop relationships with many other people besides our brother Knights. Being a Knight means interacting with children, women, members of different religions, and people of different ethnicities. I can spend a very long time expounding on the wonderful people we help and get to know. Meeting people from within and outside the Cathedral community is something I greatly enjoy about being Grand Knight. Our annual B'nai Brith Dinner, otherwise known as the Cohen's and Kelly's Dinner, exemplifies this aspect of Knighthood beautifully.



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 Ohabai Sholom 5015 **Harding Road Nashville, TN 37205**. Please keep this night open for this very unique and interesting evening. There is still time to sign up!



The following awards that will be given out at our next council meeting to 544 members who have been especially generous with their time talents over the past year: the St. Jerome Award, St. Peter the Apostle Award, St. Jude Award, and St. Vincent De Paul Award.

Please congratulate John Mitchell and Ken Duncan on receiving the Knight of the Year and Family of the year awards at our last council meeting. It is hard to imagine that the St. Patrick's Day Party would have been revived without the diligent work of these two brothers.





Building our
Catholic
Community

PROGRAM COMMITTEES

Pro-Life- We are currently working with St. Thomas Hospital to gain permission to erect our “Choose Life” sign on their property that is visible from Harding Road. If for an unforeseen reason we are not able to place the sign at St. Thomas there is a good chance we will be allowed to erect the sign in front of Aquinas College.

Vocations- Chancellor Ken Thomas has relieved Terry Hill from his duties as Vocations Committee Chairman. Terry, who has done excellent work this position for the past few years, will continue to serve on this committee. The Vocations Committee will meet sometime in May to discuss ways that we can correspond and communicate better with the diocese’s seminarians. The time of this meeting will be announced at the council meeting.

Community- The Dismas House Dinner was very successful. The residents of Dismas House, who are men transitioning back into society after serving prison sentences, were very appreciative of the dinner we served and seemed to genuinely enjoy our company. I am optimistic that we will form good relationships with these men that are mutually beneficial as we continue to our involvement with the Dismas House.

Please make every effort you possibly can to actively contribute to our program committees. Our programs are the manifestation of the creeds of our faith and beloved order. We certainly still need knights to be assertive and help with the planning and leadership responsibilities of our programs. If there is something that you believe needs to be done in the Nashville diocese, these programs are your opportunity to make it happen.

For information on the **B’nai Brith Dinner** please see the Grand Knight’s Report.

Church- Thank you for making our presence known at the Easter Masses. In addition to helping usher at the Sunday Masses that had overwhelming amounts of attendees, we helped parishioner Tom Frazier with the purchasing, unloading, distribution of the book Rediscovering Catholicism, by Matthew Kelly at the Easter Masses. The purpose of Tom’s project was to evangelize Catholics who only attend Mass once annually during Easter by handing out copies of this book which is a proven, effective tool in bringing lapsed Catholics back to the Church.

Youth- At the conclusion of the spring semester, we are going to assist Father Baker with several building/remodeling projects at the Frassati House, which is the house behind the Cathedral that is used by the Vanderbilt Catholic Community.

Membership- Please inform all potential candidates that we are having 1st Degree on JUNE 11TH prior to our council meeting. Please contact Dave Johnson at 406-1200 or davejohnson2@comcast.net for more details.



Prayer List

That Doc O’Dwyer will continue to courageously battle and overcome the many health problems that have burdened him in recent years.

That Dennis McAfee will make a strong recovery from his stroke and resume the life of Christian charity and service that he humbly lives daily

That Ty Corbitt, a close friend of John Mitchell, will overcome the cancer that he was recently diagnosed with

For the spiritual and fiscal welfare of the Cathedral during this time of economic downturn

For the many families throughout the south that were affected by the recent tornadoes and storms

For the health of Monica LaBue, Tristan’s cousin who has resiliently dealt with health problems for a very long time

Prayer for the Sick

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness and worry. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick and needy under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

Knight of the Month

Mike Laterall



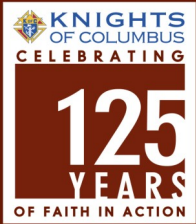
Since joining our Order Mike Laterall has become one of the most reliable Knights in 544. Mike's consistent participation is big a big factor in our council's success. He never turns down an opportunity to uses his talents for the betterment of our ministry. Mike's attitude is an example for us all!

Family of the Month

Andrezj Ballinski Family



This month's family of the month award goes to Andrezj Ballinski Family. Andrezj not only makes significant contributions to our major fundraisers, but can always be counted on to assist at our service projects throughout the month. His wife and children attend our council's events as they are able and are obviously supportive of Andrezj's Columbianism.



At the Tennessee Knights of Columbus State Convention today I realized that I was one of the few delegates who did not have the Prayer for Vocations memorized. In unity with the other councils in our state let's memorize the Prayer for Vocations and recite it daily and at our council meetings.

Knights of Columbus Prayer for Vocations

O God, who wishes all people to be saved, touch with grace the hearts of many young men and women, moving them to offer themselves as candidates for the priesthood and religious life.

Inspire fathers and mothers and all members of Christian families to become aware of the great need for religious vocations.

Endow all people with reverence for these sacred callings that they may encourage many to serve God and mankind in the ranks of religion...These blessings we ask through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



The first Knight who contacts me at 491-2020 or stuartal@comcast.net and tells me who made the following statement will receive 10 free tickets for the good of the order drawing at the next council meeting.

“The Challenges of the present moment and the vast horizons opened up by the new millennium now invite the Knights as individuals and as a body to ponder new and effective ways of witnessing to the Gospel and resisting the “culture of death” which threatens the lives of the most defenseless of our brothers and sisters, even as it denies the most fundamental truths about human dignity: the truth that every man and woman has been created in the image and likeness of God and is called to a transcendent destiny in Christ.”



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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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