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# KNIGHTS NEWS



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#### Cathedral of the Incarnation

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#### Upcoming Council 544 Meetings & Special Events

- Council Meeting: Wed., June 8th 7pm 3rd floor St Albert Hall - Officer elections for next Fraternal Year 2012/13
- 2nd Annual KofC Fish Fry Saturday, June 11 6:30pm Fleming Center Proceeds to benefit Seminarians.

#### Newsletter Delivery

- Would you like to receive the Knights newsletter by email?
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## MILESTONE FOR 544

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."" – Rom 8:28



With the passage of the resolution for the disbursement of the funds from the sale of the KC Club House, a chapter in the history of 544 is quickly drawing to a

close. Naturally, as we put these matters behind us, we feel different emotions. As the KC Club House was the hub of Catholic social life for many years, many of us have sentimental feelings for the time we spent on Bosley Springs Road participating in a wide variety of activities. The fond memories we have of spending time with our brothers and sisters in Christ will never leave us. On the other hand, I think it is safe to say that we are all relieved to no longer sit through meetings which are dominated by discussion of polarizing financial issues.

We have all had opinions on what we would like to have seen done with our council's monetary blessings. I have heard many people express regret that certain ideas and proposals did not come to fruition. However, we all know and believe that everything happens for a reason. While I was sitting in Mass at the Cathedral last weekend it occurred to me that in spite of the fact that we were not able to implement anyone's specific ideas regarding the fund, God will is certainly being done with the disbursement of our assets. I don't believe any charitable organization, or church has been spared by our country's economic downturn, the Cathedral notwithstanding. Since it's conception the Cathedral has pillar of strength in Nashville for the downtrodden and needy. Because of the down economy and other factors, which no one could foresee or prevent, such a change of demographics in Cathedral parishioners, the Cathedral is in dire straits financially. With a debt of nearly \$300, 000.00, the parish is in real danger of financial insolvency and having to cut 90% of their staff. Our upcoming gift of \$180,000.00 could obviously not be more timely. You can do the math yourself.

Rather than having to raise \$300,000.00 through their upcoming capital campaign, the Cathedral will be faced with having to raise \$100,000.00, a much more palatable figure!



### **Trivia Question**

The first Knight to contact Stuart at 491-2020 or <u>stuartal@comcast.net</u> with the correct answer to the question will receive free admission to our fish fry!

Which Knight is known as the best offensive and defensive player of his respective sport, but more importantly for his work with orphaned children? (\*Hint: It isn't Rick Ankiel)



#### Building our Catholic <u>PROGRAM</u> Community <u>COMMITTEES</u>

**Council-** Worthy brother Dennis McAfee has made great progress recently. He is staying at Richland Place Nursing Home, which is about 5 minutes from the Cathedral. The address is 500 Elmington Ave., Nashville TN. 37205. He has regained all of his cognitive abilities. He was quick to

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.

laugh and smile throughout our conversation. He has made tremendous improvement with talking, but still struggles in this regard. Nothing would be more meaningful to Dennis than a visit from a brother Knight. I will be speaking to the nurse practitioner tomorrow about our council giving Dennis rides to Mass, council meetings, and some council events. Considering what Dennis has done for 544 and the Cathedral over the years this is the least we can do.

I think it would be especially meaningful to Dennis if we got a group of Knights together to visit him one evening. Please look for an email about doing this soon.

**Church-** Please mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Knights of Columbus Fish Fry! We will be serving catfish with all the appropriate sides. There will be live music and games for all ages. Proceeds from the event will benefit the seminarians of the Nashville Diocese. Our council has a stellar reputation for the events and parties we hold for the Cathedral parish and Nashville community. Please make plans to come, invite your friends, and plan to work the event, as well!

#### Pro-Life-

**Community-** We are planning on doing a small scale picnic (burgers and hot-dogs) for the guys at the Dimas House, a home for former convicts which we have become involved with, after the Fish Fry. We will set a date for this soon.

## <u>Prayer List</u>

My apologies for not having a more current list. I will do better in the future.

For the repose of the soul of Doc O'Dwyer. May he rest in peace.

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

For Dorthea Brown and family as she battles advanced leukemia For the communities that have been ravaged by the storms of the past two months.

For our troops overseas who are fighting terrorism and protecting our freedom

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 and those in Need

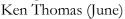
Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this <u>time</u> of illness and worry. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the <u>grace</u> and <u>strength</u> to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries 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 <u>grace</u> to acknowledge your <u>will</u> and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

<u>Family of the</u> <u>Month</u> Terry Hill Family



Not unlike several other 544 families, the Cathedral would not be the same without the Terry Hill family. The Hills have been heavily involved in just about every aspect of Cathedral life during their time as parishioners at the Cathedral. Their eager volunteerism serves as an example to us all Thank you Terry and Alice!

Knight of the Month





Favorite Saint? St. Patrick Hobbies? sports, reading

Hometown? ...born in Lancaster Pa, but have lived in Nashville 21 years so it is home to me!.

Favorite Book? sports, devotional and weather books

Favorite sport's team? Notre Dame, Bears Cubs...

**Profession?** ... I have a teaching degree in earth science and have taught in Junior College also have a master's degree in organizational mgt.

Fav Quote? a number of quotes example: whether you think you can or you can't, you're right!.

Fav Gospel passage? - accounts of the resurrection

We might be surprised to know that you? that I have an intense interest in the weather and am a storm spotter Why you are a proud Knight? ...I believe in the Knights as an organization that allows you to be part of something bigger than yourself in helping others and a great opportunity to associate with some very fine Catholic gentlemen...I am especially proud to be o member of a council with the history and tradition of 544!

### Knight of the Month Mike Laterall (May)

Favorite Saint? St. Francis of Assisi

Hobbies? Music, History

Hometown? Minneapolis, MN

Favorite Book? A People's History of the United States by Howard Zinn

Favorite sport's team? Minnesota Twins

Profession? Recording Engineer and Producer

Fav Quote? Tough to pick just one, maybe you can print your favorite of these.

"The man who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones." - Confucius

"For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven." - Ecclesiastes

"A designer knows he has achieved perfection not when there is nothing left to add, but when there is nothing left to take away." - Antoine de Saint-Exupery

"One doesn't discover new lands without losing sight of the shore." - Andre Gide

Fav Gospel passage? The beatitudes in Matthew (5:3-12):

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

We might be surprised to know that you?

I'm marrying my fiancée Leanne in June @ the Cathedral.

#### Why you are a proud Knight?

The Knights provide an altruistic venue that makes our faith tangible, and I'm very fortunate to be allowed the opportunity to serve.