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Cathedral of the Incarnation

KNIGHTS NEWS

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Upcoming Council 544 Meetings & Special Events:

- **Newborn Diaper/Clothing Drive**
Dec 15 & 22, 2013
After Mass, Narthex
- **Parthenon Towers Dinner**
Fri. Dec 13, 2013
5 PM Parthenon Towers Social Hall
- **KofC Christmas Party**
Sat., Dec 14, 2013
6 PM Rectory
- **St Pat's Meeting**
Tue., Jan 7, 2014
7 PM St Albert Hall
- **Council Meeting:**
Wed., Jan 8, 2014
7 PM St Albert Hall
- **Mid Year State Knight Convention**
Sat., Jan 4th, 2014
Fleming Center

Newsletter Delivery:

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW KNIGHTS

Richard Adams

Robert Kelley

Joshua Carswell

Alexandre Moreira

Alex Wolaver

Michael Hosey

Benjamin Wolaver

The second half of 2013 has been a great success for #544 and this season of Advent will bring a busy but productive end to a fantastic year. Brother Dave Johnson's BBQ sale was a tremendous success, followed by another See's Candy sale led by Brother Terry Hill. We're fortunate to be able to welcome our newest Brothers to our council as well as ample opportunity for all of us to serve our community, our council, and our parish this December.

- Our annual Christmas party will be hosted at the parish rectory. Brother Mark O'Neill has been recruited to cater once again. I'll be looking forward to a wonderful evening and sharing it with the rest of our brothers.
- We've been asked to support the Parish Nurses again this year at their annual dinner for Parthenon Towers residents. In addition to our financial support the Parish Nurses will need at least 5 Knights to help prepare and serve the meal.
- See's Candy purchases will be available for pickup after Masses 12/15 & 12/22.
- The Knights will be taking donations of infant clothing, infant diapers, and cash to benefit The Hope Clinic for Women and Mother to Mother after Masses 12/15 & 12/22 as well.
- Remember to make sure the Council is prepared at both tables when you arrive to celebrate Mass or after receiving communion.
- The Cathedral's Room at the Inn program has already begun hosting as many as 40 guests each Tuesday evening. Our council was able to fill a last minute need to feed our guests 11/19. The Cathedral hosts the largest number of guests in the area and the program depends on the Knights when other volunteers fall short. If any of our Brothers haven't had the opportunity to serve remember there is a frequent need every Tuesday @5:30pm for drivers, innkeepers, and food prep. It's a rewarding experience.



Grand Knight Report

Michael Latterell, GK

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On the 100th anniversary of our Cathedral's dedication in 2014, our council will be chartering a new Boy Scout Troop. This will allow us a fantastic opportunity to strengthen our bond with our parish, open new service opportunities, and extend many of the virtues we hold dear to young men from around the area in an ecumenical setting.

With this busy month leading into our Mid-Year meeting and then our St. Patrick's Day party, take time to attend at least one of our monthly meetings this winter, even if other commitments prevent you from attending meetings frequently. Here's to 2014!

Vivat Jesus
Michael Latterell
Grand Knight

PROGRAM COMMITTEES

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Saint Patrick's Day Committee

Event Date: Saturday, March 15th, 2014
Co-Chairs: Daniel Gibbons & Bisell McWilliams
Meetings: 1st Tuesdays, 7pm, St Albert Hall



March 15, 2014
6 PM - 10 PM
Cathedral Fleming Center
\$65 Individual / \$550 Table of 10

The 8th Annual St Patrick's Day Dinner & Silent Auction will be March 15, 2014. With live entertainment, a gourmet dinner, and silent auction, this event is our council's best attended (and most talked about) event of the year. It provides great visibility for our council in the parish, as well as raising crucial funds that allow our council to continue to meet its charitable obligations.

The planning committee has been hard at work since April, and as we are now barely 3 months away from the event, it is time that we need every Knight to step up and make their contribution to the effort. The committee respectfully requests that each 544 Knight voluntarily commit themselves to:

- 1 - Two Tickets (Purchase or Sell)
- 2 - One Mid-to-High Value Auction Item

Additionally, we will need volunteers for several efforts in February and March including canvassing midtown businesses for auction items, tabling for registrations after Mass, and set-up and tear-down crews for the event. If you would like to be more involved in the planning process, committee meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7pm. (Starting in January, meetings will be the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.) Please contact Bisell (bisell3@gmail.com) or Dan (daniellgibbons@live.com) and let us know how you would like to contribute.

Council 544 Online

Website: www.kofc544.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/kofc544
Twitter: www.twitter.com/kofc544

This past year we launched two online initiatives in an effort to improve communication with our membership, and to broaden our reach in both recruiting and fundraising. Both the website and the Facebook page have been well received, and we look forward to making even more use of them in the year to come.

You can help us in this effort by:

- 1 - Including the website address on bulletin announcements, flyers, etc when promoting council events.
- 2 - Submitting council event information, volunteer requests, and announcements to Bisell (bisell3@gmail.com) so that it can be published to the web.
- 3 - Sharing the links, especially among brothers and potential Knights.

Additionally, the fastest and most direct way for us to reach the membership is through our listserv. If you are not receiving emails from the council, please contact any officer with your email address and we will make sure that you are added to the listserv.

Membership

Committee Chair: Ken Duncan

Our council was blessed to receive seven new brothers into the First Degree in September. As always, the strength of our order and our insurance program relies on its continuing growth. If you know any Catholic gentlemen who you think would make a good candidate for Knighthood, please put them in contact with the membership committee. If each member recruited only one new member, our growth (and thus our charitable reach) would increase tremendously in a very short time.

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 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.

San Gennaro MusicFest

September 20-21, 2014

The Cathedral will be hosting its first annual San Gennaro MusicFest in September of 2014, as part of the 100th Anniversary celebration. Styled as an Italian block party, this event will serve as a major fundraiser for the Cathedral, while also raising the profile of the parish in the growing Midtown community.

Though planning is still in the early stages, the MusicFest committee has already requested that Council 544 be integrally involved in the festival. Please stay tuned in the coming months as we get more information as to how our council can support this worthy cause.

Committee Chairs

Parthenon Towers Party & Diaper Drives

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Christmas Party

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Mid-Year Meeting

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Souper Bowl Party

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St Patrick's Day

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