



Knights News

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Grand Knight's Report

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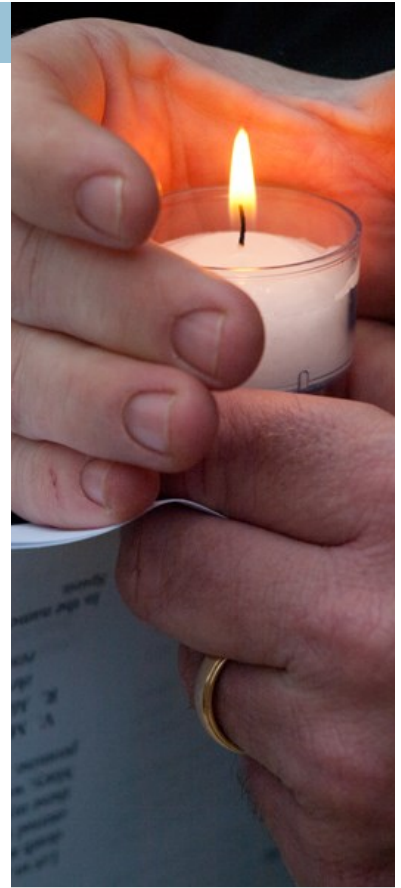


Greetings Brothers,

Due to the arrival of this sweet face there will be no GK Report this month. Stay tuned for my next report, first week of April.

Vivat Jesus,

Bisell



Aurelia Josephine McWilliams ~ 1/16/2015 ~ 7lbs, 8 oz ~ 20 inches

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Highlights

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Fraternal Night at the Preds

Submitted by Andrew Lay

Get your Fang Fingers ready to mark your calendar for Thursday, March 5, as we are set to have another great fraternal event for Council #544. The top ranked Nashville Predators are taking on the New York Islanders at 7pm at Nashville's Bridgestone Arena. Tickets are \$34 each and seats will be in the Sideline Balcony for this game.

What: KC544 Fraternal Hockey Night – Nashville Predators vs. New York Islanders
 When: Thursday, March 5, 2015
 Time: 7pm (Pre game 5pm upstairs at Baileys Sports Grille. Tickets to be handed out here or left at Will Call at the Arena)
 Cost: \$34 per ticket

There are multiple ways to sign up and pay: RSVP via the events page on www.kofc544.org (you must still send in your payment). Bring your check and sign up this during the next Council meeting on Wednesday, February 11. Finally, you can mail your check to Brother Knight Andrew Lay (Mr. Andrew Lay—8007 Timber Cove Dr—Mt Juliet, TN 37122—(615) 288-2622 Home). Let's have a great showing for this event Brothers. It's time to support your local Knights Council #544 and The Predators! *Deadline for RSVP is two week prior to the game on Thursday, February 19.*

Annual Dues

Submitted by Chris Crane

2015 Dues notices went out on January 19th. Regularly members are \$36, Honorary Members are \$13, cash or checks payable to KofC 544. Prompt payment of your dues is appreciated as these funds are needed to cover the basic operating expenses of the council. Contact FS Chris Crane, christopher.e.crane@gmail.com.

Upcoming Dates

Council Meetings

2nd Wednesday of the Month
 7:00PM, Rm 305, St Albert Hall

Programming Meetings

4th Wednesday of the Month
 7:00PM, Rm 303, St Albert Hall
 (Alt. Location: Corner Pub)

S*per Bowl Party

February 1st - 5:00PM

Fraternal Night at the Preds

March 5th - 7:00PM

St Patrick's Day Fundraiser

March 14th - 6:00PM

Corporate Communion

March 22nd - 11:00AM

Easter Membership Blitz

TBD

January Awards

Knight of the Month - Mark O'Neill

Brother Mark is a longtime member and Past Grand Knight of our council. His expertise and counsel are always greatly appreciated, as is his hard work on any program he is involved in. Most recently, we are thankful for his invaluable assistance with the Christmas Party, and his leading the effort for our December Room in the Inn date.

Family of the Month - Damon Romano Family

In just his first three months as a Knight, Brother Damon has completed his Second Degree, attended several meetings and—along with his wife Julia—chaired our Council Christmas Party. The Romanos are a wonderful family and we are so blessed to welcome them into our 544 family.



February Awards

Knight of the Month - Stuart Littleton

Brother Stuart is responsible for many of our councils most visible programs, including our annual S*per Bowl Party and our Choose Life Sign ministry, and in everything he does he stands as an example of our orders dedication to life and religious freedom.

Family of the Month - Coplin Curtis Family

Brother Coplin's unassuming manner and ready willingness to volunteer make him a perfect model of the humility of service to which we are called as Knights. He and Sandra are a wonderful couple and we are so blessed to have them in our council family.

St Patrick's Day Fundraiser

Our St Patrick's Day Fundraiser is only six weeks away. The plans have been set and it is now time for everyone in the council to step up and do their part to make this a successful event.

The 2015 event is a reimagining of our traditional fundraiser as we work to find a format which will yield a return commensurate with the care and planning that goes into the event each year.

Dinner will consist of a classic southern fish fry menu, catered by the council under the expert direction of brother Dave Johnson. The atmosphere will be festive casual, with a greater focus on the social component than on a headline entertainer. Ticket prices will be \$35 for individuals, with tables of 10 available for \$300.

This new format has allowed us to cut ticket prices nearly 50% (which we anticipate will boost attendance) while cutting our budget by nearly 70%. With this combination of increased attendance and lower costs we hope to double our profits of the past few years.

Our bare minimum goal is to raise the remaining \$2,000 that we need to balance our council budget for this year. Profits beyond that mark will be dedicated to assisting the Cathedral with their current needs.

Again, this is our biggest event of the year, and in order for it to be successful it truly is an undertaking which requires "all hands on deck." As such, the committee respectfully requests that each 544 Knight voluntarily commit themselves to:

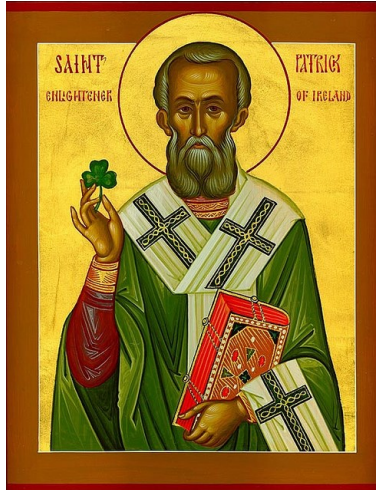
- 1 - **Two Tickets** (purchase or sell)
- 2 - **One Mid-to-High Value Auction Item**

All promotional materials are available from any council officer.

Additionally, we need volunteers for the following:

- Neighborhood Auction Canvass.....**
- Handing Out Flyers after Mass.....**Sat., Feb 7th & Sun., Feb 8th after all Masses
- Registration Tabling.....**Sat., Feb 14th through Sun., Mar 8th after all Masses
- Event Set-Up.....**Fri., Mar 13th
- Food Prep, Service & Bartending.....**Sat., Mar 14th
- Auction Tally & Check-Out.....**Sat., Mar 14th, 8:00-9:30PM
- Event Tear-Down & Clean-Up.....**Sat., Mar 14th, 10:30PM

Please contact GK Bisell or DGK Ken with any questions or to sign up to volunteer. We are counting on each and every one of you.



March 14, 2015
6:00PM - 10:00PM
Cathedral Fleming Center
\$35 Individual / \$30 Table of 10

Council Officers

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Inside Guard

Chris Beal

Outside Guard

Jeff Duffield

One Year Trustee

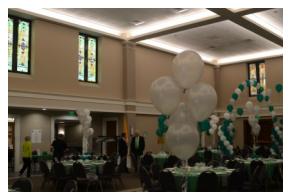
Stuart Littleton

Two Year Trustee

John Mitchell

Three Year Trustee

Mike Latterell



Program Personnel

Program Director

DGK Ken Duncan

Church Director

vacant

Vocation Chair

Mark Cassman

Community Director

vacant

San Gennaro Coordinator

John Mitchell

Council Director

Andrew Lay

Family Director

vacant

Youth Director

Chris Beal

Boy Scout Leader

Dave Lavell

Culture of Life Director

Tony Grubbs

Culture of Life Chair Couple

Roy & Susan

Yes on 1 Campaign

Tony Grubbs

Hope Clinic Coordinator

Mike Latterell

Choose Life Sign

Stuart Littleton

Membership Director

Dave Johnson

Retention Chair

Ken Thomas

Degree Opportunities

If you have not yet completed your Second Degree, there is an opportunity on Sat., Feb 21st, 9AM at St. Luke's in Smyrna. There will also be a 4th Degree on Sat., March 14th (see pg 6). Contact GK Bisell or Membership Director Dave if you would like to participate.

Corporate Communion - Follow Up

Submitted by Bisell McWilliams

Thanks to everyone who came out for our 2nd Corporate Communion on Jan 25th. These events are a wonderful chance to share in both the Eucharistic and the social bonds of our fraternity. Mark your calendars for the next Corporate Communion on March 22nd.

Parthenon Towers Party - Follow Up

Submitted by Dave Johnson

I am proud of the strong showing the council had at the annual Parthenon Towers party co-hosted with the Cathedral parish nurses. These ladies, as usual, had it going on with great ideas and excellent organization. There was a festive spirit fostered by beautiful decorations, delicious food, a variety of live music, a DJ, dancing, and nice presents. Santa even dropped by for a bit. There were smiles everywhere you looked. The knights and parish nurses there shared a strong camaraderie while working hard to serve 125 of the senior and disabled tenants of the Metro home. As with most of our service projects, the folks there serving were equally as blessed as the people we were helping.

Boy Scouts Christmas Tree Sale - Follow Up

Submitted by Dave Lavell

Troop 1914 held their first Christmas tree sale in 2014. The good folks at Villa Maria Manor were kind enough to let us set up our lot on their property. The boys sold Christmas trees, wreaths, and offered delivery. The Troop put stands on the trees and tied them to vehicles free of charge. We had no baseline from previous years to go by when ordering and we ordered too many trees. A generous donor bought 50 trees and donated them to the Last Minute Toy Store. There were still a few trees left that were donated to Catholic Charities. They found homes for them with some of their clients. The Troop is very grateful for all of the support from the Cathedral Community and K of C #544 during our tree lot and the wreath sale that preceded it. The boys will be using the proceeds to go to summer camp in June and to Washington, DC in July.

Free Throw Contest - Follow Up

Submitted by Stuart Littleton

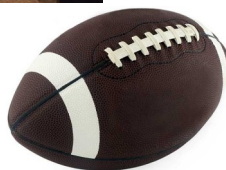
Thanks to Janeth Harper, the administrative secretary at St. Pius X, and the assistance of John Mitchell, Ken Thomas, Bob Katkavage & Bryan Joyce our inaugural Free Throw Challenge went very well. The participants came from St. Pius X School and our Cathedral parish. All of the boys truly enjoyed the intensity and competitiveness of the contest and the support and encouragement they received from their fellow shooters and family who came to watch. There is no doubt that the boys who are advancing to the district competition will represent our council and their school very well. One shooter made 9 out of 10 foul shots in the final round! The administration of St. Pius X has told us we are more than welcome to have our Free Throw Challenge at their gym next year and that they are happy to help us again in any way that they can. There is a good chance we will have a Soccer Challenge at St. Pius X next fall. Please stay tuned for more info.

Council Christmas Party



S*per Bowl Party

Free Throw Contest



Insurance Check-Up for 2015

Submitted by Ernest Plus

Where did 2014 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week.

I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2014. Now, the first quarter of 2015 is flying by.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

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Fourth Degree Opportunity

Submitted by Tom Mikulski

Calling all 3rd Degree Knights, in good standing, we have a Great Opportunity upcoming. Our 4th Degree Assembly will be hosting a 4th Degree Exemplification at Our Lady of the Lake, Hendersonville, TN. The date is Saturday, March 14th. For more details please contact Tom Mikulski, Faithful Navigator, at tmikul0817@aol.com. Please respond early as this is open to the entire state. We also need to get a headcount for the banquet. Wives are welcome for the mass and banquet portions.

Newsletter Delivery

All members with an email address on file will receive the newsletter by email only. Please be sure to add kofc544@gmail.com to your address book to ensure that council communications are not caught by your spam filter. Those without an email address will continue to receive a paper copy in the post. If you do not currently have an email on file please send that info to kofc544@gmail.com. E-communications is more efficient and more economical.

Fraternal Calendar 2014 - 2015

- **January 25th, 2015**
Corporate Communion
- **February 1st, 2015**
Super Bowl Party
- **March 5th, 2015**
Fraternal Night at the Preds
- **March 14th, 2015**
St Patrick's Day Fundraiser
- **March 22nd, 2015**
Corporate Communion

We are in search of leaders and ideas for some new fundraisers and service programs for the coming year.

By-Laws Update

With the KC Club era behind us it is time to update our council's bylaws to reflect the council as it is today. The proposed by-laws, which are appended to this newsletter, will be read at the February council meeting and voted at the March meeting. These new bylaws are derived directly from the template recommended by Supreme Council. Please contact FS Chris Crane or GK Bisell with questions.

Prayer Requests

- **Health and healing for brother Andy Gamble**
- **Health and healing for Anne McGinley, wife of brother Jim McGinley**
- **Thanksgiving for the healthy birth of Aurelia McWilliams, daughter of GK Bisell McWilliams.**