



Knights News

Knights of Columbus Council 544
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Grand Knight's Report

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Dear Brothers,

Happy Easter! I pray that you and your families are being richly blessed as we journey through this most holy Easter season. It is, of course, a bittersweet celebration for our council this year, as we lost our dear friend and brother Stephen Penton on Easter Sunday following a short and very private battle with cancer. It is bitter in that we miss him dearly, and yet it is sweet as we share in his joy as he worships in this season of the Resurrection at the throne of the Risen One himself.

There is also a great fraternal joy that we can share with Stephen. As everyone knows he very much loved being a Knight, and if you were at our March council meeting you know that Stephen was one of five candidates from 544—along with Dave, Roy, Jeff, and myself—committed to participate in the Fourth Degree on March 12th. The Fourth is the highest degree in our order, and the annual ceremony is an epic day of formalities and pageantry that cannot be forgotten by anyone who has witnessed it. Every one of us was thrilled at this opportunity, but when the day arrived Stephen was already too ill to attend. The degree went on, setting a state record of 81 candidates, but all of us from 544 were keenly aware that record should have been 82.

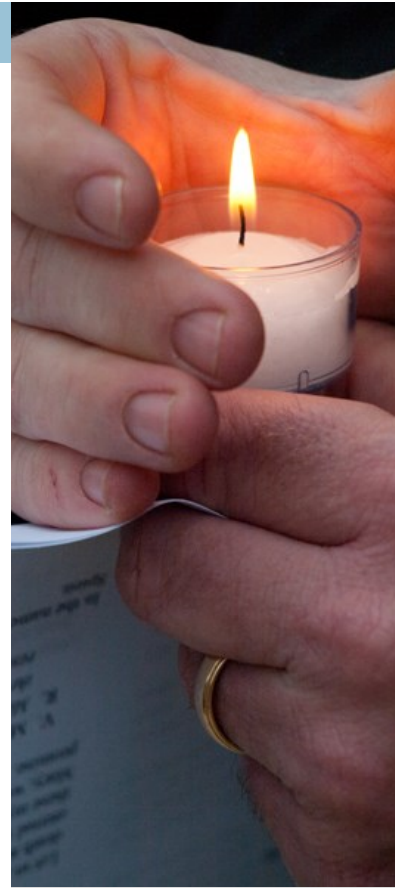
As Stephen's health markedly declined heading into Holy Week, word spread and an effort was launched to fulfil Stephen's desire. On Holy Thursday, the Fourth Degree team put their own busy lives and Holy Week obligations on hold and travelled back into Nashville just two weeks after their record setting degree ceremony. And in Stephen's tiny ICU room, in an abbreviated ceremony attended by a small contingent of 544's Sir Knights, Stephen was inducted into the Fourth Degree.

This is the beauty of the Knights. We are an order that follows the example of the Good Shepherd, not satisfied with the 99 (or the 81), but instead compelled to go in search of the one who is lost. The one who is alone. The one who is ill.

I am often asked why I am a Knight. *This* is the reason.

Happy Easter,
and Vivat Jesus,

Bisell



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Welcome Our New Brothers

James DaSilva, Ian Turnball, and Chad Wilhelm joined the order at a First Degree held prior to our Council Meeting on April 13th. We are thrilled to welcome these three young men to our order, and look forward to sharing in a lifetime of service with them. Also, please congratulate Roy Silveira, Dave Johnson, Jeff Duffield, and Bisell McWilliams who completed their Fourth Degree on March 12th.

Beal Update

As most of you know, brother Chris Beal's daughter Taylor was seriously injured while on the Cathedral ski trip several months ago. Since then the Council has been coordinating fundraising to help the family offset medical expenses, and thanks to the generosity of 544 Knights, the Cathedral Youth Group families, family friends, classmates, and a donation from the council, we have raised over \$6,000 for the Beals. Members of the council and parish also stepped up to provide food for the family during the time Taylor was out of school. The best news of all, though, is that Taylor is back at school and healing quickly.

Financial Secretary Notes

Submitted by Chris Crane

We still have 26 Associate Members who have not paid their 2016 Dues. Second Notices have gone out. Please be proactive in responding to requests for payment, or communicating with the FS about your status. Calling, mailing, and emailing delinquent members takes valuable volunteer time away from our charitable programs.

Our newsletter is now (almost) exclusively electronic. We have pushed to get as many of our members as possible on email for electronic delivery. We're down to mailing via USPS to only 12 members (from 82). This helps reduce the cost of producing the newsletters and saves time in managing the mailing.

Upcoming Dates

Council Meetings

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

Programming Meetings

4th Sunday of the Month
9:30AM, Rm 303, St Albert Hall

MR Drive

April 23-24, 2016

Council Meeting

May 11, 2016

Corporate Communion

May 29, 2016

Council Meeting / Elections

June 8, 2016

MR Tootsie Roll Drive

Our next Tootsie Roll Drive benefiting the KofC MR Fund is the weekend of April 23-24. If you are able to volunteer after any of the Cathedral Masses please contact Ken Thomas, or just make yourself available in the Narthex after Mass. This is the quintessential Columbian fundraiser, and is a fun way for us to make a positive impact for those with mental disabilities.

Annual Awards

Knight of the Year - Terry Hill

Brother Terry is one of the anchors of our council. In addition to his much lauded work as the progenitor of our See's Candy sale, he has ably served as our Treasurer for several years, and has been an active and effective member of our council's leadership team. He and Alice are a dependable presence whenever volunteers are needed, and are among the kindest and most thoughtful people we could hope to have in our council family.

Family of the Year - Chris Beal Family

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, family, fraternal organization, and the Beal family lives each of these to the nth degree. As our council's Youth Director, Chris has done an amazing job leading our engagement with the Boy Scouts, Neri Nights, Fraternalus, Religious Ed, and all the other youth activities at the parish. It also wouldn't be a Sunday morning Mass at Cathedral without at least one of the Beal clan serving in some fashion, whether at the altar, or as an usher or Eucharistic Minister. Perhaps most important though, is the simple joy that Chris and his family bring to everyone they meet.



State Convention Golf Tournament

Submitted by Ken Duncan

The Knights of Columbus Field Agents are hosting a Golf Tournament the weekend of the State Convention to Benefit the Seminarians.

What 4 Man Scramble

When Friday, April 29

Where Kings Creek Golf Course, 3901 Kedron Rd, Spring Hill

What Time 7 am Registration, 8 am Shotgun Start

Cost \$100 per player. (Note: The Council is sponsoring a hole, which covers the cost of 1 foursome. All 544 players will split cost of additional foursome(s))

Fees include cart BBQ lunch, 2 drink tickets, and a gift bag

There will be long drive, closest to pin and chance to win \$10k for hole in one.

Contact Ken Duncan, 615-238-1582, kenrduncan@att.net if interested in playing.

Pancake Breakfast w/ Neri Nights (Supporting the Beals)

Sunday, April 17th we are partnering with the Neri Nights youth group to host a Pancake Breakfast to help raise funds for the Beal Family. Breakfast will begin at 8am and go until 11am (or until the food runs out). Cost is \$7 each, max \$20 per family. Please plan to attend and show your support for your brother Knight.

Choose Life Sign

Program Chair Stuart Littleton

Sometime in the next few weeks we will be installing the council's Choose Life sign at the new Catholic Center on Briley Parkway. If you would like to be part of the installation team, please reach out to Brother Stuart Littleton (615-491-2020).

Soup-a-Thon / Fall Fest

Event Chair Mario Martinez

Planning for our Second Annual Soup-a-Thon & Fall Fest will begin soon. If you would like to help plan this event or are willing to help solicit donations, please contact Brother Mario Martinez (615-945-7998). This event has the potential to be one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, but we need your help to pull it off.

Rosary for Vocations - Prayer Chain

Vocations Chair Tom Costa

As Catholic Knights we are called to provide unfailing support for the cause of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and the first and most powerful way that we can support this cause is through prayer. The Vocations Committee is working to establish a prayer chain, with the goal that every week we have one or two Knights praying a daily rosary for the intention of vocations. Please contact Tom Costa (615-512-3826) to sign up or for more information.

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One Year Trustee

Stuart Littleton

Two Year Trustee

John Mitchell

Three Year Trustee

Mark O'Neill

Program Personnel

Program Director

DGK Ken Duncan

Church Director

vacant

Vocation Chair

Tom Costa

Community Director

vacant

San Gennaro Coordinator

Dave Johnson

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

Choose Life Sign

Stuart Littleton

Membership Director

Dave Johnson

Retention Chair

Ken Thomas

Day School Fundraiser

Submitted by Dave Johnson

The Cathedral Day School families actively support our Knight's events, and now we have the opportunity to return the favor. Please consider attending their Fourth Annual Fundraiser on April 23rd for their Silent Auction & Songwriters Night.

Silent Auction & Songwriter's Night

Featuring

Shawn Byrne

John Riggins

Amos Heller

Chris Yarber

Lucy Isabel

4th Annual
Cathedral Day School FUNDRAISER
April 23rd, 2016

Doors Open: 6pm

Music Starts: 7pm

Sponsored By: **THE HOP STOP**


Please see Becky Gerhold OR Contact Kelly Doyle for tickets at kdoyle@cathedralnashville.org

Seminarian Dinner

The 7th Annual Dinner and Auction benefiting our Nashville Seminarians will be on May 24th, 6-9 pm at Holy Family Church.

Hosted by Bishop Choby and sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Serra Clubs of Williamson County and Nashville, this annual even is the diocese largest fundraiser for seminarians and is always a most enjoyable evening. Please consider attending this event and contributing to a worthy cause. Tickets are \$75 each and must be purchased by May 13th.

Ticket order forms are available on the diocese web-site, www.dioceseofnashville.com.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE 7TH ANNUAL DIOCESE OF NASHVILLE

Seminarian Education Dinner & Auction



**MAY 24, 2016
6:00 TO 9:00 PM
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**


Hosted by
THE MOST REVEREND
DAVID R. CHOBY, D.D., J.C.L.
BISHOP OF NASHVILLE

Sponsored by the
SERRA CLUBS OF
WILLIAMSON COUNTY AND NASHVILLE,
AND THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS


SEMINARIANS OF THE DIOCESE OF NASHVILLE 2016

Congratulations to Rev. Mr. Rodolfo Rivera and Rev. Mr. Daniel Steiner who are to be ordained to the priesthood June 3, 2016








Rev. Mr. Dillon Barker




Rhoades Bolster




Sam Browne




Michael Cassman




Rick Childress




Edwin Cardona




Jackson DalBois




Rev. Mr. Joseph Jesuenden




Rev. Mr. Andrew Foreythe




Juan Carlos Garcia




Jacob Lamoureux




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
Michael Nolte




Nomo Okanaka




Hung Pham




Anh Tuan Pham




Quinn Robinson




Oscar Romero




Dustin Shane




Mark Simpson




Anthony Stewart




Malachi Walker



Michael Walker



Justin Whitehead



Luke Wilgenbusch

Name _____ Parish _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Number attending: _____ at \$75 each = _____ or Tables for 10 at \$750 _____ or Tables for 8 at \$600 _____

Tables on a first come, first served basis. Tables must be paid for with one check.

I/We am/are unable to attend. Please accept my contribution to the Seminarian Education Endowment Fund of :
 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ \$1000 _____ \$ _____ Other _____

Make checks payable to: Diocese of Nashville, Seminarian Education Fund with the Memo: Serra/Knights Fundraiser
Mail to: Diocese of Nashville, Seminarian Education Fund, Catholic Pastoral Center, 2800 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214
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Fourth Degree Ceremony March 12, 2016



General Agent's Report

Dear Brothers,

Did you hear the great news?

The Knights of Columbus was recently named a 2016 World's Most Ethical Company by the Ethisphere Institute.



This is the third year in a row that we received the honor, and we were only one of two awardees from the life insurance category.

"The Knights of Columbus was founded on providing financial security to our members and their families in keeping with Catholic values," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "Those principles continued to guide our company as we grew into a top-rated insurer with the same ethical commitment in every aspect of our business, our corporate governance, our professional agency force, our investments and our day-to-day business operations. It is this commitment to our Catholic principles that is the key to our ethical, sustainable and successful business model."

This commitment is also a huge part of what makes doing business with the Knights of Columbus different.

So reach out to me today, and let's find a time to get together and chat to see how a "World's Most Ethical" company can help protect you and your family.

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Parish Roundtables

If you are a 544 Knight and attend Assumption or St Mary's, please reach out to GK Bisell if you would be interested in helping explore the formation of a Knight's Roundtable in your parish.

Newsletter Delivery - Please Read

In our ongoing effort to manage expenses while continuing to promote communication with all of our knights who want to remain in active communication with the council, we are again reviewing our US Postal Service mailing list for this newsletter. We currently have about 120 knights who receive this newsletter electronically and about 60 more who get it via US mail. Most of those who get it via US Mail are Knights who we do not regularly see at meetings or events. To those Knights, we just need to hear from you that you still want to receive the newsletter, so please call or email Chris or Bisell. (Contact information is on page 3 of this newsletter)

Fraternal Calendar 2015-2016

- April 23-24, 2016
MR Drive
- May 11, 2016
Council Meeting / Officer Nominations
- May 29, 2016
Corporate Communion
- June 8, 2016
Council Meeting / Elections
- October 23, 2016
Soup-a-Thon / Fall Fest
- November 13, 20, 27, 2016
See's Candy Sale
- December 7, 2016
Parthenon Towers Party
- December 10, 2016
Council Christmas Party
- December 18, 2016
Breakfast with Santa

Prayer Requests

- **Rest of the soul of SK Stephen Penton**
- **Rest of the soul of SK Phillip Simpson, PGK**
- **Health of Deacon Jim McKenzie**
- **Continued health of Michael McGivney Schachle**
- **The success of the Cathedral's Capital Campaign**