



# Knights News

Knights of Columbus Council 544  
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## Grand Knight's Report

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Greetings Brothers,

As we wrap up our fraternal year, I would like to thank everyone for an amazing year. Your dedication to our great order, your enthusiasm for its work, and the love and care you show for each other are truly shining examples of the best of what we stand for as Catholic Gentlemen.

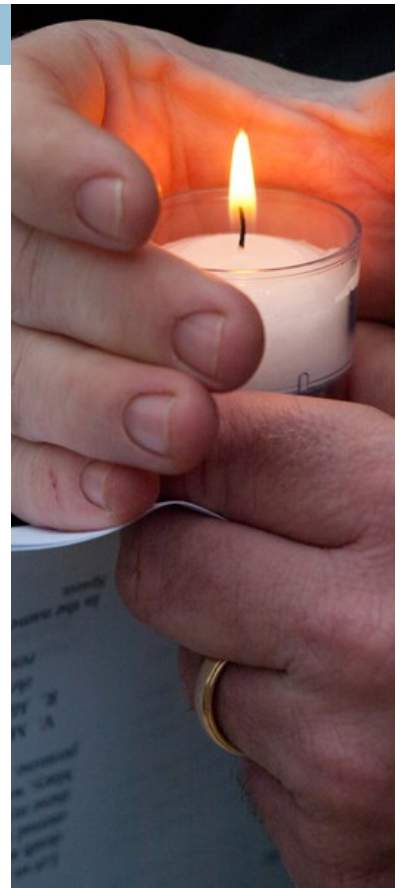
Twelve months ago I challenged the council to a year of *Fraternal Renewal and Membership Growth* and I have been blown away by the enthusiasm with which everyone has pursued those goals. Our unity as a council has grown considerably; and though our recruitment fell a little short of quota, the new recruits we have are on fire for the order and will easily bring the energy equivalent to twice their numbers.

This year's activity has also served as living proof of the Holy Father's words, that "lively awareness of our relatedness helps us to look upon and treat each person as a true sister or brother; without fraternity it is impossible to build a just society and a solid and lasting peace." We started with a focus on strengthening the bonds of brotherhood within our council, through events like our Fraternal Night at the Sounds, Council Christmas Party and Fraternal Night at the Peds. Yet out of this inward focus, a spontaneous outpouring of time and talent for our parish and community has grown. From serving food at the San Gennaro Music Festival, to breaking up ice on the Cathedral walkways; from pancake breakfasts to the Choose Life sign and Room In The Inn, our council has made a significant difference in the lives of our parish and community.

As always, thank you for your faithfulness to the order and our council, and I look forward to what the coming fraternal year has to offer.

Vivat Jesus,

Bisell



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## Elections

Submitted by GK Bisell McWilliams

Our council elections will take place at our next council meeting on June 10th. It is with your great support and encouragement that I look forward to continuing on as your Grand Knight, and I am pleased that all but one of your current officers have agreed to remain in their post for the second year of my term. The successes we have had this past year would not have been possible without the dedication of these men, and I encourage everyone to attend this meeting to show your support and appreciation for their hard work.

Our one open position is for Three Year Trustee, as PGK Mike Latterell has requested to step down from that role due to an upcoming move out of state. Past Grand Knight and former Trustee Mark O'Neill has graciously accepted a nomination to be reelected to the Trustee role, and I look forward to making that official on June 10th.

## Address Record Update

We are in the process of updating our fraternal records and need to make sure that we have correct contact information for our membership. Please take a moment to reach out to FS Chris Crane ([christopher.e.crane@gmail.com](mailto:christopher.e.crane@gmail.com) / [615-301-0262](tel:615-301-0262)) or visit the Members Only section of [www.kofc544.org](http://www.kofc544.org) to confirm your information.

## Annual Dues

Dues notices went out in January, and Knight Alert letters are going out this month to members who have not yet paid. Regular 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](mailto: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)

#### Sr. Jane Dominic

June 10, 2015

#### Priest Ordinations

June 12, 2015

#### Corporate Communion

June 28, 2015

#### Mass Intention @ Cathedral

July 5, 2015

## May Awards

### **Knight of the Month** - Ken Thomas

For many, Brother Ken is literally the voice of our council. As our Retention Director he spends tireless hours on the phone each month reaching out to absent brothers, ensuring their well being and keeping them up to date on council activities. On top of that he recently orchestrated a very successful MR Tootsie Roll Drive.

### **Family of the Month** - John Jones Family

Former FS John Jones is an invaluable source of knowledge and experience for our council. Most recently, his experience and the personal time commitment of both him and his wife were essential to the success of our MR Tootsie Roll Drive.



## June Awards

### **Knight of the Month** - John Mitchell

In addition to his role as Trustee, Brother John has played a significant part in both the success of our fraternal goals for this year, and in the incredible work that the Room in the Inn program did through our severe winter months.

### **Family of the Month** - Michael Latterell Family

Brother Mike has been a valuable member of our council as a leading force in our Pro-Life and Room in the Inn ministry, as well as serving terms as GK, DGK and Trustee. As he and Leanne move on to the next chapter in their lives, we are ever thankful for all that they gave to us during their time in Nashville.

## Officer Slate 2015-2016

Grand Knight	Bisell McWilliams
Deputy Grand Knight	Ken Duncan
Chancellor	Dave Johnson
Recorder	Daniel Gibbons
Treasurer	Terry Hill
Advocate	Frank Steiner
Warden	Roy Silveira
Inside Guard	Chris Beal
Outside Guard	Jeff Duffield
One Year Trustee	Stuart Littleton
Two Year Trustee	John Mitchell
Three Year Trustee	Mark O'Neill



## Rosary and Guest Speaker at June 10 Meeting

*Submitted by Stuart Littleton*

We are pleased to welcome Sister Jane Dominic of Aquinas College for the second month of our pre-meeting spiritual enrichment series. Sister Jane Dominic will lead us in a Rosary beginning at 6:30pm, followed by a short presentation on the role of men in the prayer life of the family. This is an incredibly generous gift of Sister's time and wisdom, and I would encourage everyone to arrive early to hear what she has to say.

## Our Lady of Fatima

*Submitted by Tom Costa*

On May 13th, 1917 three children tending their sheep in Portugal suddenly saw a flash of light. Worried that it was lightning, the children gathered the sheep and started for home. They took refuge under a tree about a hundred yards away. They saw a flash of light again and saw a Lady dressed in white more brilliant than the sun standing over a small evergreen oak tree.

That was the beginning of Our Blessed Mother at Fatima. She visited the children six times bringing them messages for the world. In all Her appearances at Fatima, Our Mother repeatedly emphasized the necessity of praying the Rosary daily, of wearing the Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel and of performing acts of reparation and sacrifice. The October 13th visitation was witnessed by over 70,000 believers and non-believers.

98 years to the day of the first apparition of Our Lady at Fatima, the Knights of Columbus Council 544 welcomed a statue depicting Our Lady as directed by Sister Lucia, one of the children of Fatima. The statue was on loan from Sister Mary Michael of the Congregation of St. Cecilia and it was a wonderful focal point for our rosary lead by Fr. John O'Neill on the feast of Our Lady of Fatima.



## Council Officers

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Dan Gibbons

### Treasurer

Terry Hill

### Advocate

Frank Steiner

### Warden

Roy Silveira

### 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

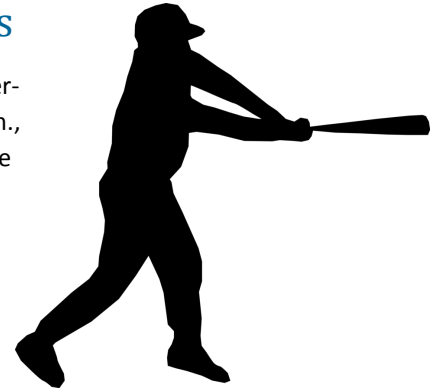
Dave Johnson

### Retention Chair

Ken Thomas

## Fraternal Night at the Sounds

We are in the process of planning another Fraternal Night at the Sounds, which will be either Sun., July 19th or Thurs., July 30th. Please keep an eye on your inboxes for an email with full event details; contact Brother Andrew Lay (volfan1989@gmail.com) or Brother Terry Hill (aliceandterry@comcast.net); or visit [www.kofc544.org](http://www.kofc544.org).



## Corporate Communion

*Submitted by Bisell McWilliams*

Our next Corporate Communion will be on June 28th at the 11AM Mass, followed by lunch at Blackstone. Please note that this date is a change from the one previously announced. Direct any questions to GK Bisell.

## Seminarian Dinner - Report

*Submitted by Tom Costa*

The annual fundraiser for seminarian education was held on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family Church in Brentwood. Highlighting the sixth year of this event was an auction featuring a gourmet dinner with Bishop Choby and artwork from Igor Babailov, world famous portrait artist. There was also a silent auction with a variety of items to satisfy almost any taste or budget. As sponsors, the Knights of Columbus were highly visible in providing support as volunteers and donors. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship and a great opportunity to visit with friends from across the Diocese.

## Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast - Report

*Submitted by Dave Lavell*

Troop 1914 would like to give a hearty "Thank You" to Knights of Columbus Council #544. K of C #544 hosted a Pancake Breakfast for Troop 1914 on May 17 between the Masses. Chris Beal drove this ship and lined up the food, the help, and did a great job pulling it off. Rich Adams (whose son, Jordan recently joined the Troop) and Ken Duncan were hard at work in the kitchen helping to prepare the meal.

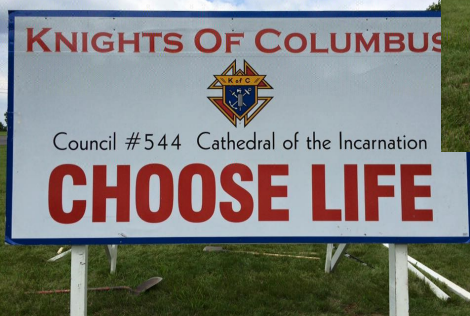
Pancakes, bacon, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, hash browns, fruit, orange juice, and coffee were eagerly devoured. Over 100 people were served.

Ten Scouts were on hand to serve breakfast, move tables, and prepare the dining area. The troop will use the profits from the Pancake Breakfast to buy custom troop Neckerchiefs featuring the Cathedral's bell tower in their newly designed logo.

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## The Value of Life Insurance for Children

Submitted by Ernest Plus

As a father, you worry about your children and do everything you can to protect them. You try to raise them right and make sure they are prepared to become adults. But have you ever thought about buying life insurance for your child?

When you insure a child, you are protecting his or her future. Did you know that one out of every six adults get rated, postponed, or denied for insurance coverage? If you purchase a policy for your child from the Knights of Columbus with a guaranteed purchase option, it guarantees that more insurance can be purchased for that child at certain set dates, without proving insurability.

Unfortunately, as fathers we don't have a crystal ball, and we don't know what the future may have in store for our children's health. But did you know that right now you can purchase a child's policy, in many cases, for less than \$10 a month?

I've heard it said that people don't want to "profit" from the death of a child, so they won't purchase coverage on their children. God forbid something tragic happens, those funds can come in handy at a time when finances will be the last thing on a parent's mind. I have never heard a story about someone who regretted buying coverage on their child.

Contact me today to discuss the many policy options for child plans, including 10- and 20-Pay life insurance.

**Ernest Plus, PGK PFN FDD**

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto:kofc544@gmail.com). E-communications is more efficient and more economical.

## Fraternal Calendar 2014 - 2015

- **June 10, 2015**  
Sr Jane Dominic speaking at meeting
- **June 12, 2015**  
Priestly Ordinations at Cathedral
- **June 28, 2015**  
Corporate Communion
- **July 5, 2015**  
Mass Intentions for Deceased Knights

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

## Mass Intention for Deceased Knights

On July 5th, the 11:00am Cathedral Mass will be said for the deceased members and family of our council. While this is not an official corporate communion, please consider attending this Mass so that we have a good representation to honor our brothers who have gone before us.

### Prayer Requests

- **Repose of the soul of Brother James "Chink" Reilly, husband of Darleen Reilly**
- **For vocations to the priesthood, and for the five men soon to be ordained for the Nashville Diocese.**

## Priestly Ordinations

Bishop Choby will ordain five new priests at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 12, the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. This promises to be a momentous and spirit filled Mass and we encourage anyone who is able to attend.

## Fourth Degree Opportunities

Calling all Third Degree Members. There will be only two Middle Tennessee opportunities to take the Fourth Degree this coming year: Nov. 7, 2015 in Clarksville, and Mar. 12, 2016 in Brentwood. Contact GK Bisell or Membership Director Dave if you would like to participate.