



Knights News

Knights of Columbus Council 544
Cathedral of the Incarnation
Nashville, TN

Congratulations to our Newly Elected Officers

Grand Knight Dave Johnson
Deputy Grand Knight Chris Beal
Chancellor Ken Duncan
Recorder Daniel Gibbons
Treasurer Terry Hill
Advocate Frank Steiner

Warden Roy Silveira
Inside Guard Stuart Littleton
Outside Guard Tony Roberts
One Year Trustee John Mitchell
Two Year Trustee Mark O'Neill
Three Year Trustee Bisell McWilliams

Grand Knight's Report

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Dear Brothers,

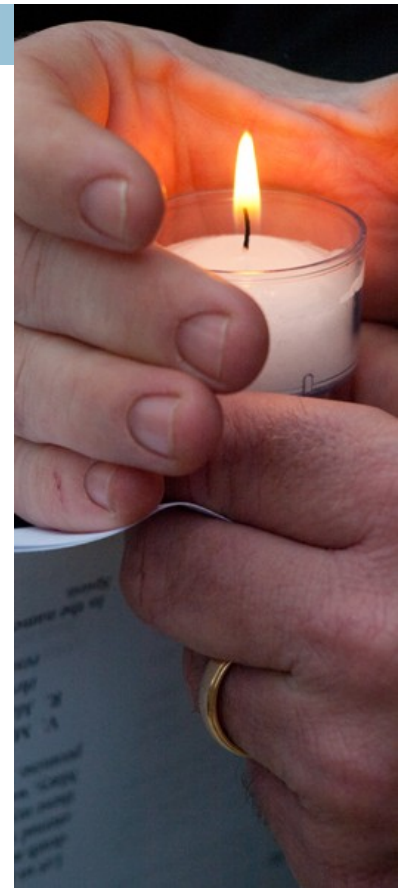
As an urban council in a rapidly changing city we are surrounded by great need—as well as great challenges—when it comes to our mission to foster fraternal, Christ-centered unity in the community. Over the past two years we have sought to meet this need as we placed our focus on *Fraternal Renewal* within the council, and on building *The Family Fraternal* within the parish. The enthusiastic response from all of you who rose to face the need despite the challenges shows what a powerful force for good the Knights of Columbus can be, and I could not be prouder to be part of this great council's work.

Indeed, this ever growing need is one I am personally very familiar with. Amanda and I moved to Nashville in 2008 when I was unemployed, we didn't know a single soul in Middle Tennessee, and we were moving hundreds of miles away from our family; but Vanderbilt was starting classes and so we stepped out on faith and moved anyway. It took a few years of learning to rely on God and each other, but the Good Lord eventually saw fit to grace us with a new family—not the one we grew up with, or the ones we married into, but the one we joined when I took my First Degree. In the years since you all have truly become our family, and we could not have been more blessed to have found a council that looks at recruitment not in terms of quotas, but as an opportunity to bring new brothers into the family.

I have been truly honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve the council in a leadership capacity over the last several years, and I look forward with great excitement to see what our new officers have in store for this coming Fraternal Year.

Vivat Jesus,

Bisell



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Highlights

- New Officers
- Event Photos

Congratulations to our New Officers

Officers for the 2016-2017 Fraternal Year were elected at the June 8th meeting. They will assume their duties on July 1st, and will be formally installed by the District Deputy at the August 10th Council Meeting. New Program Committee Chairs will be listed in the August Newsletter.

Financial Secretary Notes

Submitted by Chris Crane

We still have 20 Associate Members who have not paid their 2016 Dues. Knight Alerts (3rd Notice) 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. If you have moved away from the Nashville area, please let us know so that we can help connect you with a council in your area.

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.

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

GK Dave's First Meeting /

July Council Meeting

July 13, 2016
7:00PM, Rm 305, St Albert Hall

Installation of Officers /

August Council Meeting

August 10, 2016
7:00PM, Rm 305, St Albert Hall

Soup-a-Thon / Fall Fest

Planning has begun for our 2nd Annual Soup-a-thon and Fall Fest, but we need your help to make it happen. Most especially, we need someone willing to step up and take on leadership of the event since Brother Mario has left us for New York. Please reach out to Dave Johnson if you are able to assist.

May Awards

Knight of the Month - Ken Thomas

Brother Ken continues to do a remarkable job as our Retention Director, keeping in regular contact with our brothers Knights, bringing the council's greetings to those unable to attend events, and keeping the council apprised of the news from the ranks. In addition, he always runs a successful MR Campaign, and most importantly is always an encouraging voice in the council.

Family of the Month - Roman Pohlid Family

Brother Roman's years of experience with the order give him an insight and a capability as a Knight that makes him an invaluable asset to our council. Whatever the task, we know he will be one of the first to sign up when the call for volunteers goes out, and that he will make sure the job is done right.





Catholic Charities' Works of Mercy Challenge

In celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy

"Our salvation depends on mercy." (Pope Francis, Misericordiae Vultus §2)



Join Catholic Charities in celebrating the **Jubilee Year of Mercy** by participating in a **"Corporal Works of Mercy Challenge"** from May-November to close out the Year of Mercy.

Contact Aimee Shelide Mayer, Coordinator of Advocacy & Social Concerns (amayer@cctenn.org | [615.760.1019](tel:615.760.1019)), to find out more. More information and participant sign-ups can be found at <http://bit.ly/mercychallenge>.

	July	Shelter the Homeless	<i>"I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25:35)</i>	<i>Participate in "Family Homelessness Awareness Month"</i>
	August	Clothe the Naked	<i>"I was naked and you clothed me" (Mt 25:36)</i>	<i>Diaper drive & sorting for Adoptions Assistance Program</i>
	September	Care for the Sick	<i>"I was ill and you cared for me" (Mt 25:36)</i>	<i>Volunteer at Senior Enrichment Center (Project TBD)</i>
	October	Visits the Imprisoned	<i>"I was in prison and you visited me" (Mt 25:36)</i>	<i>Visit Homebound friends through "Living at Home" Program</i>
	November	Bury the Dead	<i>"Let your tears fall for the dead, and do not neglect the burial" (Sir 38:16)</i>	<i>Participate in a CC grief & memorial service honoring those who have died in the last year</i>
Interested? Contact Aimee Shelide Mayer: amayer@cctenn.org 615.760.1019				

Works of Mercy Images courtesy of the Ade Bethune Collection, St. Catherine University Archives & Special Collections, ST. Paul, MN.

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Jeff Duffield

One Year Trustee

Stuart Littleton

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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

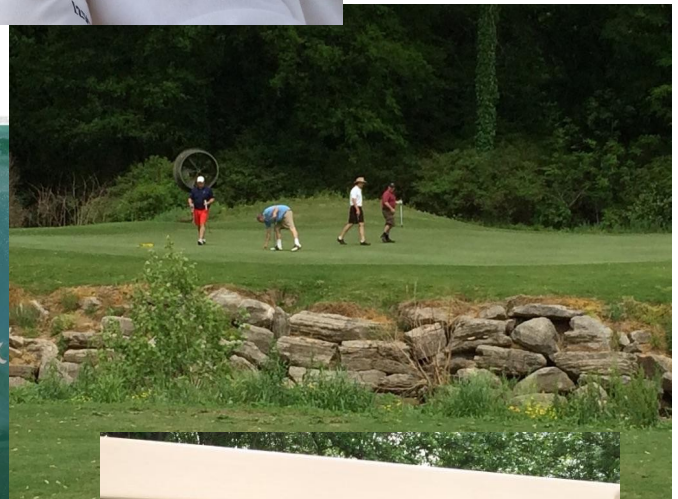
Membership Director

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Retention Chair

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State Convention Golf



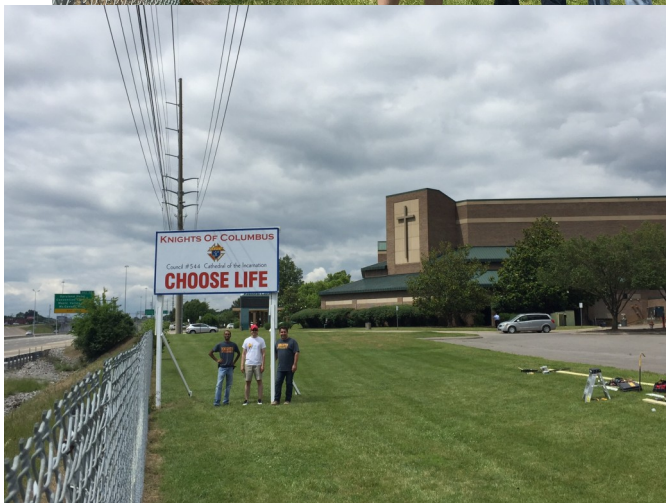
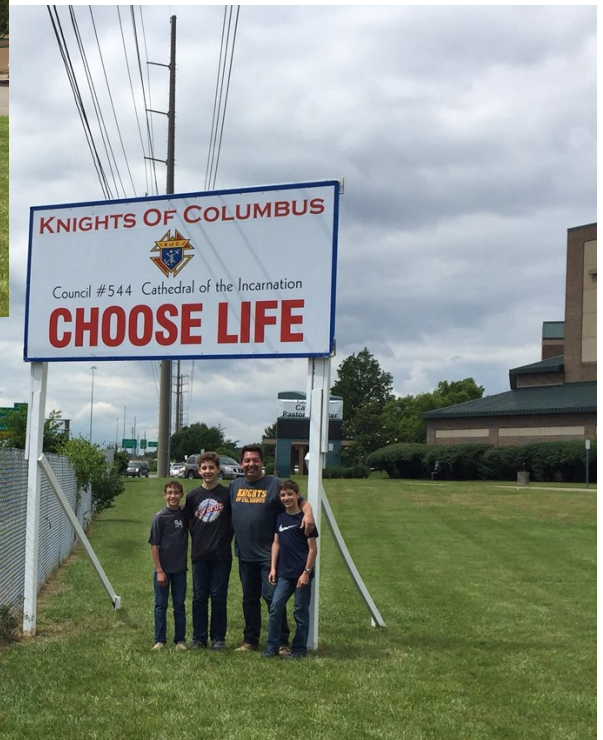
Boy Scout Court of Honor

On May 9th the Cathedral Boy Scout Troop 1914 held an extra special Court of Honor as they honored their Troop’s first ever Eagle Scout, Sawyer Cantrell. In attendance as representatives of Council 544 were GK Bisell McWilliams and Youth Director Chris Beal.



Choose Life Sign

Thanks to Stuart Littleton, Roy Silveira, and the Tom Costa Family, our Choose Life sign is currently installed at the new Catholic Center on Briley Pkwy, in a location highly visible to Briley traffic.



General Agent's Report

Dear Brothers,

Have You Insured Your Most Valuable Asset?

Is your income protected if you become sick or injured and cannot work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings.

Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection.

If you are ill or injured, Income Armor provides tax-free monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain you and your family's standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, while your savings and retirement assets remain intact.

In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. I look forward to meeting with you.

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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 always reviewing our US Postal Service mailing list for this newsletter. We currently have about 120 knights who receive this newsletter electronically and about 15 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, if you can help us save money by switching to electronic delivery, please call or email Chris Crane. (Contact information is on page 3 of this newsletter)

Fraternal Calendar 2016-2017

- **July 16, 2016**
State KickOff Meeting
- **August 10, 2016**
Installation of Officers (at Council Meeting)
- **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

St Mary's Parish Roundtable / Council

At the request of Fr Baker (and with the approval of Fr Neely, who will be assuming the pastorate at St Mary's on August 1st) we are making plans to establish a Roundtable at St Mary of the Seven Sorrows with the hopes of eventually establishing a new council. Any Knights who are members of St Mary's will automatically be part of the new Roundtable once it is established, but we need your help to get it off the ground. If you attend St Mary's or are otherwise willing to help get this project rolling, please reach out to GK Bisell McWilliams, GK-Elect Dave Johnson, or our new Membership Director Terry Doherty.

Prayer Requests—2015-2016 Necrology

- **Stephen Penton**
- **Phillip Simpson & Sue Ann Simpson**
- **Gerald Carden**
- **Thomas Hunter**
- **John Shea**
- **William Burns**
- **James Reilly**
- **Stephen Curley**

