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# KNIGHTS NEWS

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Cathedral of the Incarnation

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### **Upcoming Council 544 Meetings & Special Events:**

- **May Council Mtg**  
Wed. May 14, 2014
- **Seminarian Dinner**  
Tue., May 20, 2014
- **Survey Due**  
June 1, 2014
- **June Council Mtg /  
Elections**  
Wed. June 11, 2014

### Newsletter Delivery:

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

Brother Knights,

The council has had a great kick-off to 2014. I would like to first recognize the efforts of our St. Patrick's Day committee, who had helped to streamline the event and bring in \$2,500 in net funds.

Our 44th annual Cohens and Kelly dinner was once again a terrific evening and a great chance to catch up with our friends of the B'nai B'rith Lodge as well as our brother Knights from around the Nashville, some of whom have been attending this event since it's beginning.

Our new Cathedral Scout Troop has gotten off to a fantastic start thanks to the hard work of brother Dave Lavell. They've been holding weekly meetings every Monday and already become a large troop with a full and productive calendar. Be sure to read brother Dave's update for info on the troop's coming events.

September's San Gennaro Festival is shaping up to be an exciting development for our parish which we hope will bring support from our community for years to come as well as make the Cathedral an prominent part of Midtown's character. Our council has been able to lend some support to the Writers Round at the Rectory event in hopes of generating money to cope with the festival's fixed expenses and we'll have more opportunities to support them in the next few months. If you'd like to become more involved personally with the festival, be sure to contact Kevin Raymond ([kfraymond@comcast.net](mailto:kfraymond@comcast.net)).



### Grand Knight Report

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Increasing our membership must continue to be one of our council's top priorities. We've been fortunate to have had several outstanding gentleman join our council this year and we're likely to meet our goals. Recruitment and retention in a parish the size of ours has to remain a constant focus for all of us for the health of our council and our parish.

Included in this quarters newsletter is our current slate of new officers. Be sure to attend June's meeting when we elect next year's officers.

Vivat Jesus,

Michael Latterell  
Grand Knight

## PROGRAM COMMITTEES

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**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.

### RETENTION COMMITTEE

#### Council Survey

We are pleased to announce the 2014 Council 544 Survey!

If you are on our email distribution list you will be receiving a link to complete the survey electronically. If you do not receive the email invitation, or would prefer to complete a paper survey, please complete the manual form included with this newsletter and mail it back to the address at the end of the survey.

Our goal is 100% participation among our active members, and we will be keeping track of who has completed the survey. A complete and accurate response from the council is essential, as the results will help guide your officers in the upcoming fraternal year.

Please submit your completed survey no later than June 1st.

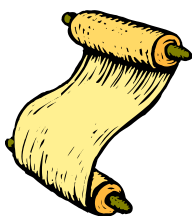
### ELECTIONS



The election of our officers for the 2014 - 2014 Fraternal Year will take place at our council meeting on June 11, 2014. Please plan to attend as we select our leaders for the new year.

#### Proposed Officers for 2014 - 2015 Fraternal Year

<i>Grand Knight</i>	Bisell McWilliams
<i>Deputy Grand Knight</i>	Ken Duncan
<i>Chancellor</i>	Dave Johnson
<i>Treasurer</i>	Terry Hill
<i>Recorder</i>	Daniel Gibbons
<i>Advocate</i>	Frank Steiner
<i>Warden</i>	Roy Silveira
<i>Inside Guard</i>	Chris Beal
<i>Outside Guard</i>	Jeff Duffield
<i>One Year Trustee</i>	Stuart Littleton
<i>Two Year Trustee</i>	John Mitchell
<i>Three Year Trustee</i>	Mike Latterell



### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

#### RCIA

At the Cathedral's Easter Vigil Mass, Bishop Choby received 25 new Catholics into the Church. On April 24th our newest Catholic brothers and sisters met for the Mystagogia, the final stage of the RCIA process in which new converts gather to reflect on the experience of the Vigil and to answer the "what now?" question as they enter into the life of a fully initiated Catholic. Our council was pleased to sponsor dinner for the evening, and membership director Ken Duncan made a presentation introducing the new converts to our beloved Order.

#### Membership Blitz

We are currently looking at several upcoming dates for a happy-hour / mixer to kick-off our Membership Blitz. Stay tuned for a date, and please plan to attend. (For our new members, participation in this will give you a chance to meet the recruitment requirement for your Shining Armor Award.)

#### Name Badges

Please remember to wear your name badges whenever possible around Cathedral. If you need a new name badge, please contact FS Chris Crane, [Christopher.e.crane@gmail.com](mailto:Christopher.e.crane@gmail.com).

#### Upcoming Degrees

##### *First Degree*

Wed., May 14, 2014, 7PM @ 11925, Nashville  
Wed., May 14, 2014 7PM @ 4563, Murfreesboro  
Mon., May 26, 2014 7PM @ 9168, Smyrna

##### *Second Degree*

Sat., May 17, 2014, 10AM @ 9168, Smyrna

### WEBMASTER

#### Council 544 Online

Website: [www.kofc544.org](http://www.kofc544.org)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/kofc544](http://www.facebook.com/kofc544)  
Twitter: [www.twitter.com/kofc544](http://www.twitter.com/kofc544)

Please remember to book mark these addresses, check back often, and share them among your friends and fellow Knights.

## YOUTH PROGRAM

### **Boy Scout Report**

Dave Lavell, [dave.lavell@gmail.com](mailto:dave.lavell@gmail.com)



- Our Scouts were there to help with the Cathedral Yard Sale - carrying purchases to cars, etc.
- We are very focused on recruiting new members. We visited Pack 50 at West Meade Elementary last week and Pack 63 at St. Ann's the week before. We'll be helping the St. Ann's Pack with their Crossover Ceremony and we expect some of those boys to join us. We have 6 boys registered to date and hope to have 9 or 10 by June 1st.
- We are hosting a "Campfire In The Park" for Cubs & Webelos on Friday, May 9.
- We're having a "Wilderness Survival" campout May 16-18 in the Cheatham Wildlife Management Area in Ashland City. The boys will learn to start fires, use hatchets and saws, build survival shelters, and learn survival skills. We've invited Webelos who are about to cross over to Boy Scouts to come join us.
- We start each meeting with a prayer, and we'll be offering instruction for Ad Altare Dei and Pious XII (Religious awards for Boy Scouts)
- We'll hold Order of the Arrow elections on May 5
- Our Scouts will help place flags on graves at the Veterans Cemetery on Memorial Day Weekend
- Our Troop is attending summer camp at Boxwell the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June
- Our Scouts have been participating in the "Camp Card" fundraiser. A couple of boys have completely paid for their summer camp with this program.
- In the past two weeks one of our (new) Scouts earned his Scout badge and an older Scout earned his Star rank
- Our Senior Patrol Leader will attend NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) in late June. It's a week-long leadership program to be held at Latimer Reservation.
- The boys will soon plan their July & August campouts and they are putting together ideas for a summer trip in July, 2015.
- Our Troop will have a dunking booth at the San Gennaro Festival in September to help raise funds to retire the Parish debt.
- Father Ed told me that he would like to register with our Troop and teach a Merit Badge or two. I left the paperwork to get him signed up in the church office last week.
- We are working with the staff at Metro's Fire Academy to offer training for our Scouts as well as Scouts from other Troops. They'll be teaching our boys CPR as well as First Aid, Search & Rescue, Fire Safety, and Emergency Preparedness Merit Badges.
- Our Troop will attend the Middle Tennessee Council Jamboree in October
- We're taking the boys on a climbing & rappelling campout in November
- We're planning to buy a trailer for Troop soon
- We're starting to plan our fundraiser, which will be a Christmas Tree & Wreath sale

## CHURCH PROGRAM

### **San Gennaro MusicFest**

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. Please stay tuned in the coming months as we get more information as to how our council can support this worthy cause.

Membership Director	Ken Duncan
Retention Chair	Bisell McWilliams
Council Director	Andrew Lay
Church Director	Stephen Penton
Vocations Chair	Mark Cassman
Community Director	[vacant]
Pro-Life Chair	Roy Silveira
Family Director	[vacant]
Youth Director	Chris Beal & Rich Adams
Boy Scouts	Dave Lavell

**VOCATIONS COMMITTEE****Seminarian Education Dinner**

The Diocese of Nashville's Fifth Annual Seminarian Education Dinner and Auction will be Tuesday, May 20th from 6-9pm at Holy Family Catholic Church.

This event, hosted by Bishop Choby and sponsored by the Serra Clubs of Williamson County and Nashville and the Knights of Columbus, is a crucial fundraiser benefiting the Seminarian Education Fund. Your help is needed to support the education of our seminarians so that we can continue to have priests offering Mass and providing sacraments in our parishes.

Please consider attending this event, or making a donation.

Tickets are \$65 individual / \$650 table of 10 / \$520 table of 8.

Make checks payable to:  
Serra Club of Williamson County

Mail reservation to:

Serra Club of Williamson County  
c/o St. Philip Catholic Church  
113 Second Ave., South, Franklin TN 37064

For more information, contact  
Nancy Downey: 615-771-5088 or  
dtelineman@att.net

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY****Dues Reminder**

If you have not paid your 2014 Membership Dues, they are now overdue. Please send your check for \$36 to:

FS Chris Crane  
7927 River Road Pike  
Nashville, TN 37209

**INSURANCE**

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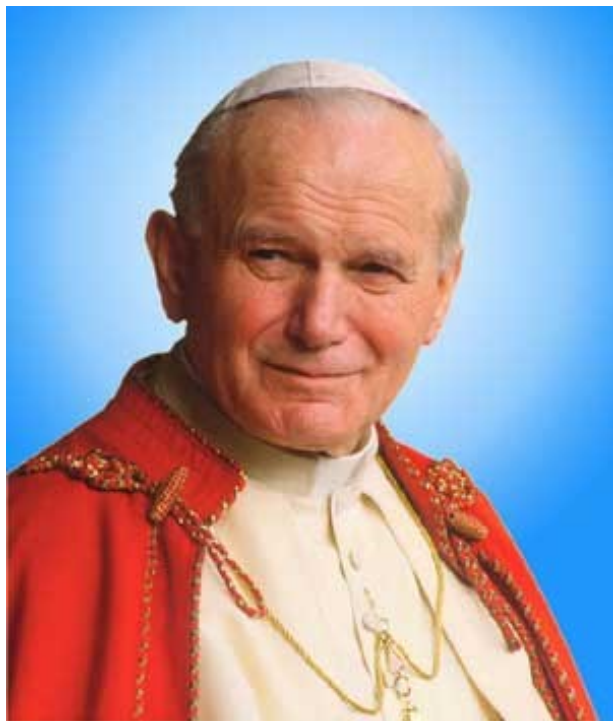


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Canonization Mass at St Peter's

**Prayer for the Intercession of St. John Paul II**

O Blessed Trinity, we thank you for having graced the Church with Saint John Paul II and for allowing the tenderness of your fatherly care, the glory of the Cross of Christ and the splendor of the Spirit of love to shine through him.

Trusting fully in your infinite mercy and in the maternal intercession of Mary, he has given us a living image of Jesus the Good Shepherd.

He has shown us that holiness is the necessary measure of ordinary Christian life and is the way of achieving eternal communion with you.

Grant us, by his intercession, and according to your will, the graces we implore, through Christ our Lord. Amen.