

Knights News

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Grand Knight's Report

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Dear Brothers,

As I write this we are but a few short days from the start of a new liturgical year, and barely a month from the beginning of 2016. Embarking as we are on a season of new beginnings, I have a confession: I never liked the New Year's holiday. The spectacle of the contemporary celebration—baby New Year, ball/guitar/peach drops, unintelligible renditions of *Auld Lang Syne*, masses queueing for hours in Times Square—struck me as shallow and uninspired. The much maligned New Year's Resolution, as a central part of that tradition, seemed at worst disingenuous and at best a simple waste of time.

A few years ago, however, as I spent some time reflecting on the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent, it occurred to me that resolutions are an important aspect of our faith life. After all, if we "resolve to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid the near occasion of sin" as an essential part of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and if we resolve to take on some mortification or discipline for the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent, then why shouldn't we make annual resolutions as part of our faith life, especially if those resolutions ultimately bring us closer to God?

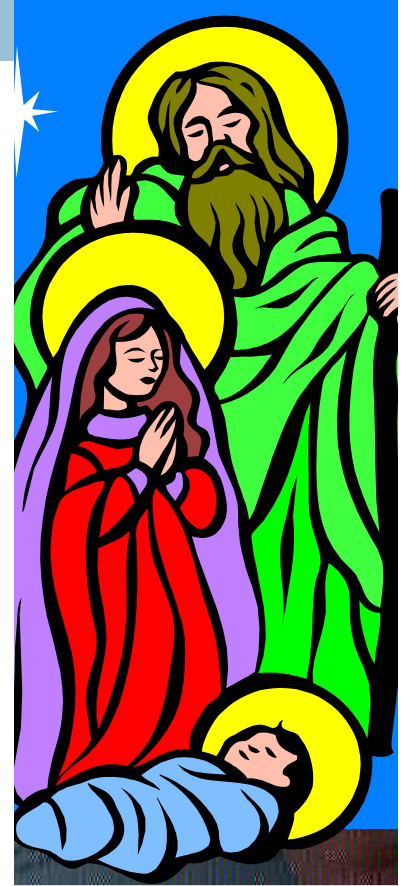
Over the next four weeks we will be preparing ourselves to receive Him who came "to make all things new." As we eagerly seek the renewal that the Christ child brings, I ask that you join me in praying that He will reveal to each of us the path to renewal that we should seek in our own lives. It may be something as simple as adding a weekday Mass to your schedule, as essential as returning to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or as ambitious as seeking out a spiritual director. In this year dedicated to the *Family Fraternal*, perhaps it is something as fundamental as a resolution to take your kids for ice cream once a month, or as practical as meeting with your Field Agent to find out how you can protect your family for the long term. Whatever the resolution, I challenge each of us to take on one thing in this new year that will draw us closer to Christ. We are all parts of the same body, and what profits one profits all regardless of whether your particular resolution guides you to the privacy of the confessional or to a more public role in Columbianism.

And about those New Year's traditions: *Auld Lang Syne* came to the holiday in 1929 via Guy Lombardo, the ball drop started in 1907, and baby New Year traces to the 19th century. Those pesky resolutions? Turns out that the tradition goes back at least to the ancient Babylonians, a full five millennia before there was a Times Square. It seems it is a tradition worth preserving after all.

Wishing you all a Blessed Advent, a Happy Christmas, and a Joyous New Year,

Vivat Jesus,

Bisell



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December Council Meeting Cancelled

Due to the conflict with the Parthenon Towers Party, council leadership has decided to cancel our December business meeting. We encourage everyone to attend the Parthenon Towers event instead.

See's Candy Fundraiser

Sunday, November 15th kicked off our fifth annual See's Candy fundraiser. See's has been selling high quality old fashioned candy since 1921, and their name is well-known and respected. You can buy the same candy at the malls, but buying from your parish Knights of Columbus saves you the 9.25 % sales tax and you contribute to the many charities the Cathedral supports.



The Christmas season is the number one time of the year for candy sales. It tops Easter, Mother's Day, and Valentine's Day. So it is a great opportunity to buy some candy for yourself, family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. To make the sales effort, all you have to do is ask. If every brother knight will buy at least one box of candy, we will easily exceed our goal of a 30% increase. Or if you bought a box last year, buy one more or get someone else to do so. Last year we sold 212 boxes.

Sales will take place at the Fleming Center after both morning masses November 15, 22, and 29. We will have candy on hand for immediate delivery or you can custom order for pick up on December 13 or 20 at the same place. Payment must be made with order and we will accept check, cash, or credit card. It's a fun way to raise some money for good causes and interact with your friends and fellow parishioners as well.

I hope all members will participate in some way to help make this year's sale a success. Contact Chairman Terry Hill at (615) 373-4530 or aliceandterry@comcast.net with any questions

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 305, St Albert Hall

See's Candy Sale

November 15-29, 2015

Free Throw Contest

November 24, 2015

Parthenon Towers Party

December 9, 2015

Council Christmas Party

December 12, 2015

Breakfast with Santa

December 13, 2015

November Awards

Knight of the Month - Mario Martinez

Brother Mario did a fantastic job as chairman of our first annual Soupathon. From conception to planning to execution, he took charge and introduced an exciting new event into the life of the council and the parish.

Family of the Month - Jim Pareigis Family

The Pareigis family is always ready and willing to step up whenever a need arises, and the entire family was exceptionally helpful in coordinating and running the children's activities at our Shrimp Boil and Soupathon.



December Awards

Knight of the Month - Terry Hill

Brother Terry has been spearheading our See's Candy Sale for many years and in that time it has not only become one of our principle fundraisers, but has become one of our council's signature events. His leadership and expertise in this and many other programs makes him an invaluable member of our council.

Family of the Month - Roy Silveira Family

Last December we honored Roy and Susan for the first time as our family of the month. With the arrival of their little one this fall it seems only appropriate once again to honor Roy, Susan, and Joseph for the wonderful witness that they give to the beauty and holiness of Catholic family life.

Council Christmas Party

It is that most wonderful time of the year once again. Join us on Saturday, December 12th at 6:00PM in the beautiful and historic Cathedral rectory for our annual Council 544 Christmas Party.

Our food selection will once again be "pot-luck." With so many wonderful chefs and bakers in our council family we look forward for an opportunity to taste the best that everyone has to offer.

In the interest of ensuring a complete and diverse selection, please consider committing to a particular type of food (if not a specific dish) when you RSVP so that we can make sure any gaps are covered. We need:

Appetizers
Salad
Bread
Entrée/Protein
Sides/Casseroles
Desserts
Sodas/SoftDrinks
Beer/Wine

Please RSVP to Brother Mark O'Neill at 615-948-7443 or m.oneill@Comcast.net. Let him know that you are planning to attend, if you're bringing a date, and what dish you anticipate bringing. (You may also RSVP via the council website, www.kofc544.org.)

Kindly park in the parking lot behind the rectory and enter the doors to the right in the breezeway between the rectory and the church.



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Mark O'Neill

"All our works reflect Jesus's call to be his disciples by sharing his love and hope with others. We serve others regardless of their religion or circumstances not because they are Catholic, but because we are Catholic.."
- Cardinal Wuerl

Parthenon Towers Party

The Annual Parthenon Towers Party, hosted by the Cathedral Parish Nurses and Council 544 will be Wednesday, December 9th. (Please note, this is a different date than what was announced in the last newsletter.) Volunteers are asked to arrive at 4PM. The party starts at 5:30PM. Brother Dave Johnson will be providing the food, and Knight volunteers will be helping to meet, greet and seat the residents for their dinner, as well as serving and cleanup. The nurses are in charge of the decorations and desserts. This long-running event is the highlight of the year for many of the residents, and is always a blast for the volunteers. Please check your calendars and plan to attend if you are able.



Program Personnel

Program Director

DGK Ken Duncan

Church Director

vacant

Vocation Chair

Tom Costa

Community Director

vacant

San Gennaro Coordinator

Dave Johnson

Council Director

vacant

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

Christmas Tree Sale

Submitted by Dave Lavell

Boy Scout Troop 1914 will be selling Christmas trees at Villa Maria Manor (32 White Bridge Road) starting Friday, November 27. Wreaths, tree stands, and delivery are also available. Bring your tree stand and we'll stand your tree free-of-charge! For more information, call Scoutmaster Dave Lavell at [615-587-3342](tel:615-587-3342). **Bring in this newsletter for a 10% discount!**



Breakfast with Santa

Why fight the crowds at the mall? Bring the kids to see Santa here at the Cathedral! Knights of Columbus 544 will be hosting a pancake breakfast with Santa on Sunday December 13th, from 9AM - 11AM in the Fleming Center. Cost is \$8 each, \$25 max per family. Proceeds will go to fund emergency Room in the Inn nights at Cathedral. Contact brother Chris Beal to volunteer.

Rosary for Vocations—Prayer Chain

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, costat@aquinascollege.edu;) to sign up or for more information.

Cathedral Snow Shovel Team

We are putting together an emergency snow shovel team to assist with keeping the Cathedral safely accessible when winter does its worst. Our goal is to have 5 - 10 brothers on call. Please contact Paul Ney (pcney@comcast.net; 615-297-5266) to add your name to the list. The Knights exist to serve the church, and this is one visible and concrete way we can do it.

Special Fourth Degree Announcement

Submitted by Marty O'Haver

After 7 years of trying and being told "NO", the Nashville Predators have said "YES" to a Fourth Degree Honor Guard to present the Colors for the National Anthem on the ice at a Predator game. This has been a lot of work by The Divine Mercy Assembly and all Knights need to support our Honor Guard on that night.

The particulars are:

Date: Saturday, February 6, 2016

Time: 7 PM (Colors presented around 6:45 pm)

Cost: \$37 per ticket (lowest cost we could get for a big block of tickets).

We have 75 tickets on hold for the Knights of Columbus until January 15th.

Reservations: to Marty O'Haver @ ukcats34@comcast.net

Payments: We will need to have \$\$ in prior to placing our order on January 15th.

Make your reservations ASAP and I will advise you of where to send your payment.

Who: All Knights and families-not just Fourth Degree. This is a Knight's Family Night Out.

Soupathon / Fall Fest

Submitted by Mario Martinez

Sunday, October 25, 2015 the Knights of Columbus, Council #544 partnered with local restaurants and home cooks for our inaugural Soup-a-thon fundraiser. Excited and hungry guests sampled over a dozen soups which included creamy tomato dill, seafood gumbo, chicken tortilla, and red pepper. The fundraiser benefits charities supported by the Knights of Columbus and this year four hometown restaurants joined the cause. McCabe Pub, Nashville, Newk's, and Blackstone Brewery donated their signature soup for the 120 guests that filled the Fleming Center. The Knights were joined by the Cathedral Women's Group who provided a delicious plethora of desserts and decorations. This family filled event included games, costume contest, and live entertainment by King Leg. The Knights are grateful for all who supported this inaugural event and we look forward to next year's soup-tacular event!



Brother Bill Applegarth (center) celebrated his 96th birthday with brothers Terry Hill and Coplin Curtis.



World Meeting of Families

Submitted by Vocations Chair Tom Costa

When it was announced in November 2014 that Pope Francis would be traveling to the United States to participate in the World Meeting of Families (WMOF) my wife and I decided that we would reallocate our vacation budget and “make a statement” to our 4 children by traveling to Philadelphia. We booked a house on Airbnb and bought tickets for the WMOF. We shared our plans with Fr. Maxi of St. Matthew Catholic Church in Franklin and he opted to join us.

So fast forward to Monday September 21st. We packed the minivan adorned with window paint and started the 14 hour journey to Philly at 4:30 AM. Understand that the family dynamic changes when there’s a priest on board and we did our best to behave with respect. I guess you could say that Fr. Maxi got a real taste of family life on that 14 hour ride.



On Tuesday morning we registered for the WMOF conference along with 14,000 others. Each family member received a KofC logo backpack loaded with goodies and information. It was easy to spot conference attendees with their Knights of Columbus gear as you walked the streets of Philly. Almost as easy as spotting one of the 100 plus Nashville Dominicans that were in Philly attending both the WMOF and the Papal Mass!

After listening to Bishop Robert Barron in one session and Dr. Scott Hahn in another we cruised the exhibit hall. The largest exhibit among the hundreds of exhibitors was the Knights of Columbus (next to EWTN) booth that was well staffed and attractive. The WMOF conference ended on Friday and was followed by the “Festival of Families”, an event where Pope Francis made a wonderful speech about the importance of family. On Sunday we enjoyed talking with Catholic families as we waited in excitement for the 2nd Papal parade at 3:15 PM followed by the Papal Mass at 4:00 PM. Pope Francis didn’t disappoint as he cruised by



us and circled the crowds at the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Our Fr. Maxi was near the altar and was one of the hundreds of priests who processed out with communion, many accompanied by a Knight of Columbus.

It was a very special week and an experience that none of us will ever forget. I am grateful for our Catholic faith, our Holy Father, my family and my brothers in the Knights of Columbus. Thank you for letting me share this experience.

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Fraternal Calendar 2015-2016

- November 15-29, 2015
See’s Candy Sale
- November 22, 2015
Corporate Communion
- November 24, 2015
Free Throw Contest
- December 9, 2015
Parthenon Towers Party
- December 12, 2015
Council Christmas Party
- December 13, 2015
Breakfast with Santa
- January 9, 2015
State Mid-Year Meeting
- February 7, 2016
S*per Bowl Party

Third Degree Opportunity

Calling all Second Degree members. The next Third Degree opportunity in Middle Tennessee will be on January 23rd in Tullahoma. It is a bit of a drive, but this is your last chance if you want to participate in the Fourth Degree on March 23rd. Contact GK Bisell or Membership Director Dave if you would like to participate.

Fourth Degree Opportunities

Calling all Third Degree Members. There will be only one Middle Tennessee opportunity to take the Fourth Degree this coming year: Mar. 12, 2016 in Brentwood. Contact Bisell or Dave if you would like to participate.

Prayer Requests

- **Repose of the soul of Bill Dortch**
- **Continued health of Michael McGivney Schachle**



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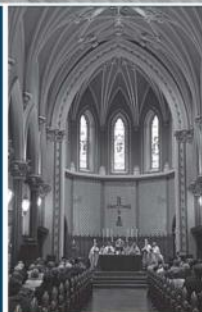
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