



# Knights News

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

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Merry Christmas!

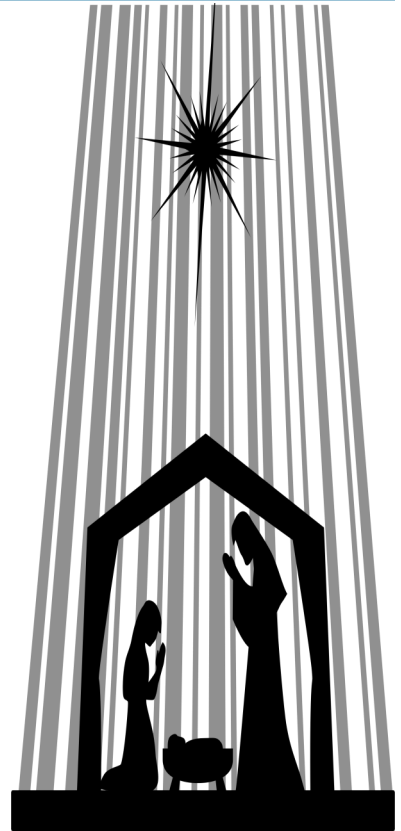
This is the first time I have said this in 2016. I fried the Johnson/Riggan Thanksgiving turkeys yesterday. I am picking up the Boston Butts today for the Parthenon Towers Party smoke. I am planning BBQ Shrimp for the Christmas party. Brother Beal is arranging a big pancake breakfast with Santa. Yes, Santa will be there! Brother Hill is off to another banner start with our See's Candy sale. What a blessing! Doing my favorite things (cooking and eating), for and with the people I love most. We are going to have to ramp up our exercise regimens deal with all these extra calories! Brother Andrew, why don't you sign the council up for a 5k?

I'm really excited about the many upcoming opportunities to share fellowship with you and your families in service of our church and community. With 13 events slated for December, the council voted to cancel our December Business meeting. However, to stay on track, we will still be having our monthly program committee meeting on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, between the masses (9:30am). Please plan on coming to this since we have a lot of planning and organization to do for the coming months in support of the second half of our fraternal year.

Out of all these planned events, I encourage you most to mark your calendars for the Council Christmas party on Saturday night, December 10th. This has historically been one of the best attended and most festive events of the year. The Cathedral rectory is both gorgeous and historic. It is the ideal spot for a large and elegant party, like ours. With many of the finest men I have ever known in residence, it is the ultimate fraternity house. I feel special just being there. My dream is to fill the rectory with more than 100 knights and their dates. No worries if you don't bring a date. There are plenty of knights who come solo. The food and beverages are always excellent and plentiful. This year, we are opening the event to prospective candidates for membership as well so, invite your prospective members and please plan on joining us for a great showcase of our awesome council! If you haven't been to a knight's event in a while, please make this the one. I'm calling you out. If you think I might be talking to you specifically, you are right! PLEASE JOIN US.

Vivat Jesus!

Dave



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## Membership Director's Report

Terry Doherty, Membership Director

Work continues for the establishment of a Round Table council for St. Mary's Parish downtown. Despite having an initially great response from men of St. Mary's, the turnout for our first planning meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup> was unfortunately low, with only three men attending. One thought that emerged was the idea of possibly including Assumption Parish as well in a potentially combined Round Table with St. Mary's. To further the efforts and to continue to explore these ideas, a second planning meeting will be scheduled in the near future. We are hoping to have a better turnout. An invitation to this second meeting will also be extended to our potential candidates and prospects that we hope will join our council at 544.

And speaking of prospects, I feel that we are on the verge of welcoming quite a few new members. We currently have at least four great prospects. One of the ideas that we emphasized at our last business meeting was the natural recruitment that occurs by the simple visible presence of Knights at church and at the various charitable activities of the parish. Three men approached us at the Habitat for Humanity build and another expressed interest and gave us his contact info at the See's Candy sales table after mass. Let's remember to keep our "flags" up to attract these good men who are already volunteering their time to charity. These are the guys that would likely end up being very active members of our council if we can successfully recruit them.

Finally, the Council Christmas party is set for Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. As we touched upon at the last business meeting, this is one of the best events of the year, and one that really displays the wonderful fraternity of our order. How influential this would be to our potential candidates and prospects! Please feel free to invite anyone you have in mind that has expressed any interest in our Council and who feel would make a good Knight.

Vivat Jesus,  
Terry

## December Council Meeting

Please note that our December Council Meeting has been cancelled. The council voted to cancel the meeting during November business due to an extremely busy calendar of events. We will reconvene as usual on the second Wednesday of January. Please plan to use this extra bit of time to attend or contribute to one of our many holiday events.

### 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

#### Parthenon Towers

December 7th, 5PM

#### Murci Home Party

December 9th, 7PM

#### Council Christmas Party

December 10th, 6PM

#### Breakfast with Santa

December 18th, 9AM-11AM

"You tell us that to love God and neighbor is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely. And you are, dear brothers and sisters, the face of Jesus."

~ Pope Francis

## November Awards

### Knight of the Month - Andrew Lay

I have personally known Andrew for decades. His sharp wits and fun spirit are the reason I joined the Knights. He is one of the most relatable and fun people I can think of. He is extremely loyal to his friends and brother knights. Andrew is very well organized and has served as social and major event chairman numerous times for 544.

### Family of the Month - Roman Pohlid Family

Roman was already a great guy on his own to begin with. He has served as membership director and head chef at numerous of events. I count Roman among our most faithful members. I wouldn't have thought it possible but, since he's met, dated and married Kathleen, I believe he is an even better man! This brings to mind the quote from "As Good As It Gets." "You make me want to be a better man." In return, Roman is a model of what a loving and devoted husband should be. Thank God for those two and that they have each other.



## Council Christmas Party

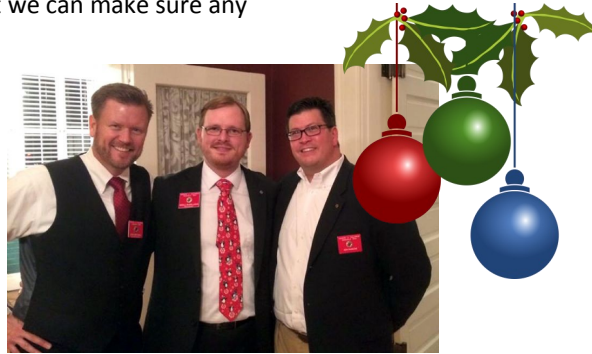
*Mark O'Neill, Trustee*

It is that most wonderful time of the year once again. Join us on Saturday, December 10th at 6:00PM in the beautiful and historic Cathedral rectory for our annual Council 544 Christmas Party. This year we are opening up the party to Prospective Knights as well, so if you know any Catholic gentlemen who would make good Knights please invite them.

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/Soft Drinks  
Beer/Wine



**Please RSVP to Brother Mark O'Neill at 615-948-7443 or [m.oneill@comcast.net](mailto:m.oneill@comcast.net), or use the SignUp Genius link on the council website, [www.kofc544.org](http://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.

## Parthenon Towers Party

The Annual Parthenon Towers Party, hosted by the Cathedral Parish Nurses and Council 544 will be Wednesday, December 7th. Parthenon Towers is a Metro Housing and Development Agency property, and is one of four in the area which provides affordable government assisted housing for the elderly and disabled. Each year our council partners with the Parish Nurses to host a Christmas party for the residents. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 4PM. The party starts at 5:30PM. 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. We hope to see you there.



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### One Year Trustee

John Mitchell

### Two Year Trustee

Mark O'Neill

### Three Year Trustee

Bisell McWilliams

## Program Personnel

### Program Director

DGK Chris Beal

### Church Director &

### Vocations Chair

Tom Costa

### Community Director

Chad Wilhelm

### San Gennaro Coordinator

Chad Wilhelm

### Council Director

Andrew Lay

### Family Director

Mark O'Neill

### Youth Director

Stuart Littleton

### Boy Scout Leader

Dave Lavell

### Culture of Life Director

Roy Silveira

### Choose Life Sign

Stuart Littleton

### Membership Director

Terry Doherty

### Committee Members

Tom Costa

Tony Roberts

Ian Turnbull

### Retention Chair

Ken Thomas

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Trustees of Council 544

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Bisell McWilliams

## Breakfast with Santa

*Chris Beal, Deputy Grand Knight*

Avoid the crowds at the Mall and bring your family to eat Pancakes with Santa! Sunday, December 18, 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. in the Fleming Center \$7 per person, \$25 max per family Proceeds will go to towards the adoption of a Dominican Postulant. Coordinator: Chris Beal, 615-767-3711 the5beals@gmail.com



## Murci Homes Party

*Dave Johnson, Grand Knight*

This year's Murci Home Party will be at Christ the King on Friday, December 9th, starting at 7pm (volunteers please arrive early). Murci-Homes is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) residential agency serving individuals with severe/profound disabilities in a cluster of 9 group homes. This event is hosted by the 4th degree Assembly and is their main event of the year. It is similar to our council's Parthenon Towers Party with music, festivities and food for the residents. Bishop Choby will also be there. Volunteers are always needed for kitchen duties and assisting the 'clients' from the buses to the hall. There are 70+ in wheelchairs, plus 50 or more caretakers.

Veni, veni, Emmanuel, captivum solve Israel,  
qui gemit in exilio, privatus Dei Filio.  
Gaude! Gaude! Emmanuel, nascetur pro te Israel!

## See's Candy Sale - Preliminary Results

*Dave Johnson, Grand Knight*

Brother Hill pushed us over the hump during the last week of the See's candy sale. I propose we call him "the mailman." Because when we need sales performance, Terry Hill delivers! Preliminary results show a net profit of around \$820. Way to go Terry!!! Many thanks are also in order for the others who helped with manning the tables, setup and packing. Especially Alice Hill, Andy and Betty Gamble. Order pickup will be after the morning masses on Sundays 12/11 & 12/18.

## Cathedral Snow Shovel Team

*Paul Ney*

We are again putting together an emergency snow shovel team to assist with keeping 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.

## Christmas Tree Sale

*Dave Lavell, Scout Master*

Boy Scout Troop 1914 has moved its Christmas tree lot. We are now at 4401 Charlotte Avenue.

We'll be selling Christmas trees starting Friday, November 25. 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 bulletin for a 10% discount!** Hours are M-F 5:00-8:30 PM, Saturdays 8:00 AM- 9:00 PM, Sundays 12:30-8:30 PM. We plan to close on December 19.



“Be attentive to the needs of the poor, the suffering, the lonely,  
for whoever has chosen to love Jesus cannot but love his neighbor. “

~ *Pope Francis*

## East Tennessee Fire Relief

Brothers all:

I am sure you know of the recent wildfires which have ravaged parts of East TN. Although the rain which followed the fires have stopped them from spreading further, much damage was done and thousands of families have had to leave their homes. Many will be homeless for some time. Many are families of Brother Knights. In addition, there may also be damage done to churches, although we don't yet have complete information on the extent.

Prayer is first and foremost, please pray for the victims and all those affected by this tragedy.

There are representatives of our "Second Responders" group on the scene, and we are also getting reports from Mike Wills, our Supreme Director, as well as State Officers, Staff and DDs in the area. What we are hearing is that, at this point, gifts of money are the most needed, to assist families who are homeless in purchasing clothing and other essentials of life.

Below is a link from the Diocese of Knoxville which will allow councils and individuals to make donations to assist these victims. Please prayerfully consider giving as much as you can. The State Council will of course be participating.

<https://dioknox.org/fund-for-east-tennessee-wildfire-fire-victims/>

We will send more information as we receive it, including other ways to help.

Charity is the first principle of the order. Here is an opportunity to exercise that.

God bless you all, and God Bless the Knights of Columbus!

Stephen B. Comm, State Deputy

## I Already Have Insurance At Work

Many jobs offer some form of group life insurance. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at no charge, or for a small co-pay. Knowing that this coverage exists may convince someone that he doesn't need to discuss personally owned life insurance with an agent. That could be a mistake.



Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount. That amount may be tied to a salary or some other benchmark, but often there is a cap. That cap may be dangerously low for your family's needs should you die. In fact, without a needs analysis (which I'll be happy to provide, free of charge), it may be completely unrelated to needs at death. In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced – and sometimes dramatically – when you retire.

Especially today, there is the very real possibility that you could lose your job. Or that your benefits could be reduced. In either case, you can find yourself without coverage. If your health has changed in the meantime, you can find yourself out of luck.

While group life helps, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, so that you'll know exactly where you stand. Please give me a call.

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## Hope Clinic Need

Hope Clinic for Women is seeking a certified and licensed Nurse Practitioner for about 10 hours per week. This position needs to be filled immediately, and details about the job and requirements can be found by visiting <http://www.indeed.com/m/viewjob?jk=2310af2e67c2f141&from=serp>. If you know anyone who would be interested in this position, please pass it along.

### 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

- December 7, 2016  
Parthenon Towers Party
- December 9, 2016  
Murci Home Party
- December 10, 2016  
Council Christmas Party
- December 18, 2016  
Breakfast with Santa
- January 1, 2017  
State Mid-Year Meeting

## Fourth Degree Opportunities

There is only one remaining Middle Tennessee opportunity to take the Fourth Degree this coming year: March 11, 2017 in Murfreesboro. Contact GK Dave or Membership Director Terry if you would like to participate.

### Prayer Requests

- Health and Healing for Brother Ken Thomas
- Repose of the Soul of Brother Richard A. Francis
- Repose of the Soul of Brother John F. Damberg
- For all those affected by the wildfires in the Smokies
- For an end to violence