



Knights News

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Grand Knight's Report

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Greetings Brothers!



The last few weeks have been momentous for the Church in the United States. In defiance of a modern society which tells us that marriage and family are merely outdated social constructs, we hosted the largest World Meeting of Families in history. Thousands of families from around the world made pilgrimage to our own "City of Brotherly Love" to stand in solidarity with the Holy Father and proclaim that "families are not a problem they are first and foremost an opportunity... a blessing." From the deafening crowds that lined Pope Francis' motorcade routes to the Argentinian family that drove from Buenos Aires to Philadelphia in a VW Kombi, the passionate love and devotion of these pilgrim families was a bright, roaring fire in the darkness, a great witness to the power and the sanctity of the family.

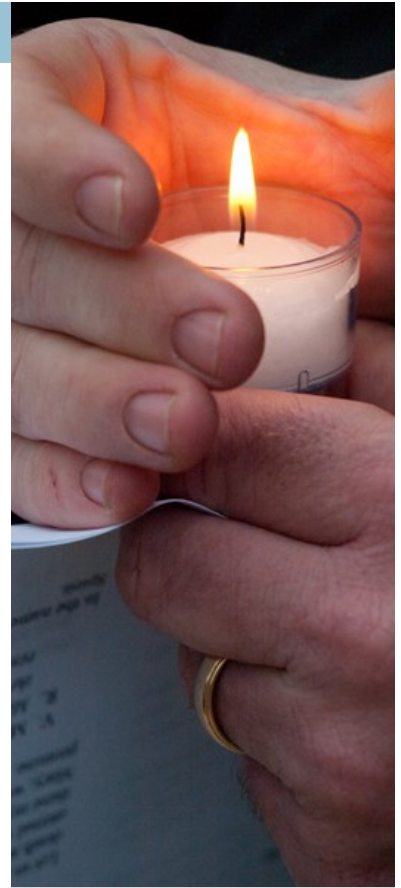
With the conclusion of the World Meeting our pilgrims will be returning home, bearing with them that Olympian flame that was rekindled in Philadelphia. It is now our task to tend that flame, to see that it not only continues to burn but that it also spreads in our parish and community. In my August Grand Knight's Report I introduced our theme for this Fraternal Year: *The Family Fraternal*. Under that banner I made our focus the building and strengthening of the community of families within our Cathedral Parish. This is undoubtedly a lofty goal, but the question remains how exactly do we achieve it?

In his address to families at the Cathedral in Cuba, Pope Francis points out that Jesus' first miracle, "the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory" (Jn. 2:11) took place at "a family party," the wedding at Cana. "There he was, with Mary, his mother, and some of His disciples. They were sharing in a family celebration." The Holy Father then goes on to mention many other instances in which Jesus came to people in their homes and at celebrations, and ends by remarking that when Jesus established the Eucharist, "[He] chose a meal to be the setting for his memorial. He chose a specific moment of family life as the 'place' of his presence. A moment which we have all experienced, a moment we all understand: a meal."

Ours is ultimately a ritualistic faith, but if we study the Gospels we see that Christ spent as much time in domestic space, among families, as he spent in the synagogue. If we are to follow His example, then let us be thinking about how best we can simply foster the coming together of families that they might discover Christ is each other.

Vivat Jesus,

Bisell



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Cathedral Flag

You may have noticed that the American flag that flies over Cathedral is a bit brighter and bolder these last few weeks. The old flag was at the end of its life and was respectfully retired by the Cathedral Boy Scouts Troop 1914 during their campout the weekend of September 11th. The new flag was sponsored by our Fourth Degree Assembly, and was raised into place by the Scouts in time for the San Gennaro MusicFest. Our especial thanks to Scout Master Dave Lavell for his leadership on this project.



Membership Report

Saturday September 12th, GK Bisell McWilliams and Chancellor Dave Johnson led a First Degree ceremony in which we welcomed Michael Augustine, Tony Roberts, and Jeremiah Cioffi to the Knights and to Council 544. All three of these men are wonderful Catholic gentlemen and we are very blessed to have them in our ranks. Assigned as mentors to these new brothers were, respectively, Mark O'Neill, Terry Hill, and Dan Gibbons.

Thursday, September 24th at St Ann Parish , Michael Augustine, Tony Roberts and Terry Doherty were inducted into the Second Degree of our order. Present from our council were Chancellor Dave Johnson and GK Bisell McWilliams.

We are also pleased to welcome new incoming transfers Chad Christian and Deacon Joe Holzmer.

We are still working to contact interested parties at Assumption Parish to get the proposed RoundTable off the ground. If you would like to volunteer to assist with this effort, please reach out to GK Bisell McWilliams.

A Visible Council is a Successful Council

If you need a name badge or lapel pin, please contact FS Chris Crane. Additionally, we have a supply of grey Knights t-shirts, which will be available at cost If you'd like one, please bring \$12 (cash or check) to the next council meeting.

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

Soup-A-Thon

October 25, 2015

See's Candy Sale

November 15-29, 2015

Parthenon Towers Party

December 11, 2015

Council Christmas Party

December 12, 2015

Breakfast with Santa

December 13, 2015

September Awards

Knight of the Month - Ian Pasek

Brother Ian is still in his first year as a Knight, but he is already making his mark. Ian made a significant contribution to the success of our Shrimp Boil and has been representing the Knights well with his tireless work on the San Gennaro MusicFest, all the while preparing for the arrival of a new baby.

Family of the Month - Terry Doherty Family

Brother Terry is also a first year Knight, and he and his family have already become invaluable members of our council family. They were very helpful in getting families to the Shrimp Boil, and Terry put in a great amount of time in the kitchen.



October Awards

Knight of the Month - Bob Katcavage

Brother Bob transferred to our council last year, and since then he has become a fixture at our council meetings and a reliable hand whenever volunteers are needed. We are truly blessed to have him as a member of our council family.

Family of the Month - Daniel Schachle Family

In a year dedicated to the family, it is only right that we recognize the Schachles. Their love for each other, their openness to life, and the respect they instill in other families serves as a role model for all of us who strive to build faithful, Catholic families.

Soup-a-Thon / Fall Fest

Submitted by Mario Martinez

We are excited to announce that we have joined forces with The Cathedral Women's Group to co-host our October 25th Soup-a-thon, a melding of our already announced event with the Cathedral's traditional Fall Fest. This promises to be a fantastic fall family event with great food, fellowship, kids games, trick-or-treating, and even a kids costume contest. The event will be in the Fleming Center from 12p-3p on Oct 25th. Tickets will be \$10 ea / max \$25 per family.

In order to make this a successful event we still need volunteers in the following areas:

- 1) Solicitation of local restaurants and caterers to donate a few gallons of their signature soup
- 2) Home cooks willing to donate their own favorite soup
- 3) Event Day set-up, monitoring and clean up.
- 4) Hosting of kids games (a great way for your older kids to get involved)

Our goal is to have all of our soups donated for this event, as we are counting on this event to raise some much needed funds to seed the events we are planning for the Parish in the Spring.



Please contact Mario Martinez, mariodpm@gmail.com or 615-945-7998 to volunteer or for more information.

See's Candy Fundraiser

Our popular holiday fundraiser is back again this year. Sales will occur the weekends on November 15th, 22nd and 29th, with pickup the weekends of December 13th and 20th Brother Terry Hill has done a fabulous job growing this sale each year since he introduced it, and we are looking forward to another successful year. Sign-up sheets will be available at the November meeting, and beginning mid- October on the website, www.kofc544.org.



Pancake Breakfasts

Following on the success of our joint pancake breakfast with the Boy Scouts earlier this year, we will be co-hosting more breakfasts over the next several months to help other Cathedral youth groups such as Neri Nights and the Altar Servers raise funds for their own projects.

Parthenon Towers Party

The Annual Parthenon Towers Party, hosted by the Cathedral Parish Nurses and Council 544 will be Friday, December 11. The Knights have been asked to provide food, as well as help to meet, greet and seat the residents for their dinner, as well as serving and cleanup. The nurses will be 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.

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Stuart Littleton

Two Year Trustee

John Mitchell

Three Year Trustee

Mark O'Neill

Program Personnel

Program Director

DGK Ken Duncan

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vacant

Vocation Chair

Tom Costa

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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

Shrimp Boil Report

Our Back-to-School Shrimp Boil, co-hosted by the Cathedral Day School, was a runaway success far beyond our wildest expectations. Attendance easily topped 200, and we had a solid crowd for almost the entire three hours of the event. With great food, fellowship, lively music and plenty of kids games it was a wonderful afternoon of family fun.

“The family is a school of humanity, a school which teaches us to open our hearts to others’ needs, to be attentive to their lives.”

- Pope Francis, Address to Families, Santiago, Cuba

Council Christmas Party

Our Annual Council Christmas Party in the Rectory will be Saturday, December 12th at 6PM. Last year’s “pot-luck” dinner was such a rousing success that we will be following the same format this year, so start thinking about what favorite dish you want to make to share with your council family. Sign-up and volunteer sheets will circulate at the November and December Meetings. Please reach out to brother Mark O’Neill with questions.

Breakfast with Santa

We are teaming up with the Cathedral Women’s Group to host a Breakfast with Santa between the Masses on Sunday, December 13th. Stay tuned to the bulletin and the December Newsletter for more details.

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.

If you have any questions, please call me at any time. We haven’t had a very good turnout for this event the last couple of years, but this is different. Let’s have some good Fraternity and Knight’s Pride for our Honor Guard this night.

Birth Announcements

Ian & Melissa Pasek

Sophia Marie Pasek was born at VUMC on Tuesday, September 8th. Her first name was adapted from the father's grandmother (Zofia), an Auschwitz survivor. The middle name is taken from the mother's mother (Mary) and the Virgin Mary. Coincidentally, Sophia was born on the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. She was born weighing just under 7 pounds.



Roy & Susan Silveira

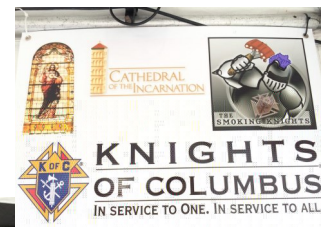
Joseph Graciano Silveira was born Saturday, August 22, at 2:49 P.M., weighing 5 lbs. and 15 oz. and measuring 19.5 inches long. He is doing well. The little one is named after St. Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus, and Graciano Silveira, Roy's late father.



Shrimp Boil



San Gennaro Music Fest



General Agent's Report

Raising children is probably the hardest job you'll ever take. It requires you to wear more hats than you ever thought possible. Cook, chauffeur, nurse, counselor and many more... and that's often in one morning. One of the most important roles you accept as a parent is that of a teacher. Before they even get to school, you'll teach your children so much, and before they get out into the world, you'll instill values that they will carry with them.

Sometimes the values you want to impart (respect, compassion, accountability, financial responsibility, etc.) often run counter to what our instant-gratification driven society values. So, we strive to teach by example.

This is one good reason to carry enough life insurance to protect your family. This one simple act can show what you value. You'll show them that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they're provided for even if you're not around. You'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

It will teach them about priorities. Sure, it may not sink in at the time, especially if any of the sacrifices made prevent them from filling what they see as their immediate "needs" (really things they want, not need, like the newest phone, video game or article of clothing). In the long run, they will learn from what you do and what you don't do. Only you can choose the lessons you will teach.

Let's meet to review your existing coverage. My needs analysis, provided free, will help teach you where your coverage may be lacking. We can plan today to secure your family's future and set in motion lessons that will last a lifetime.

Fraternally,

Daniel Schachle

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Fraternal Calendar 2015-2016

- **October 17, 2015**
Third Degree Ceremony (@ Holy Family)
- **October 25, 2015**
Soup-a-thon
- **November 2015, TBD**
Youth Free Throw Contest
- **November 15-29, 2015**
See's Candy Sale
- **November 22, 2015**
Corporate Communion
- **December 11, 2015**
Parthenon Towers Party
- **December 12, 2015**
Council Christmas Party
- **December 13, 2015**
Breakfast with Santa
- **February 7, 2016**
S*per Bowl Party

Third Degree Opportunity

Calling all Second Degree members. There will be a Third Degree ceremony on Saturday, October 17th at 1PM, hosted by Holy Family. 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 two Middle Tennessee opportunities to take the Fourth Degree this coming year: Nov. 7, 2015 in Clarksville, and Mar. 12, 2016 in Brentwood. Contact Bisell or Dave if you would like to participate.

Prayer Requests

- **Rest of the soul of Ray Alves**
- **Continued health of Michael McGivney Schachle**