



# Knights News

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

SK Dave Johnson, Grand Knight

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Greetings Brother Knights,

I am excited by the results our great effort and busy fraternal calendar have yielded thus far this fraternal year. We have made progress toward our membership goals. Fr. Steiner has moved his membership to 544. Fr. Gervan Menezes will be joining us as well. Please also join me in welcoming new Brothers Ed Stack, Ron McDow and Dave Lacey to the council. Welcome back brother Bob Kelley, who is back in Nashville and re-instating his membership. Our membership Director, Brother Doherty has several more prospective members interested, who will be joining our ranks soon. Please continue to reach out to new prospects that you think would make good knights. We have a lot to offer Catholic men of all ages! Please also continue to reach out to our existing members who haven't been around in a while. If you haven't joined us for anything lately, this is your personal invitation to come and participate. We miss you!

This quarter featured a fun night at a Sounds game, a Family Mass with lunch afterwards at Amerigo's. We had a highly successful planning and execution of our annual Shrimp Boil, resulting in one of the largest parties of the year for the Cathedral. And, without a doubt, one of the most fun! Additionally, we smoked, cooked and served BBQ and sides at the San Gennaro Music Festival for nearly 225 folks, generating a nearly \$1,800 donation to the Cathedral. Not a small feat! While I'm scared to actually calculate our labor rates for generating this donation, the fun we had at the ultimate Knights of Columbus Tailgate and the smiles we made on the families in attendance was well worth the effort!

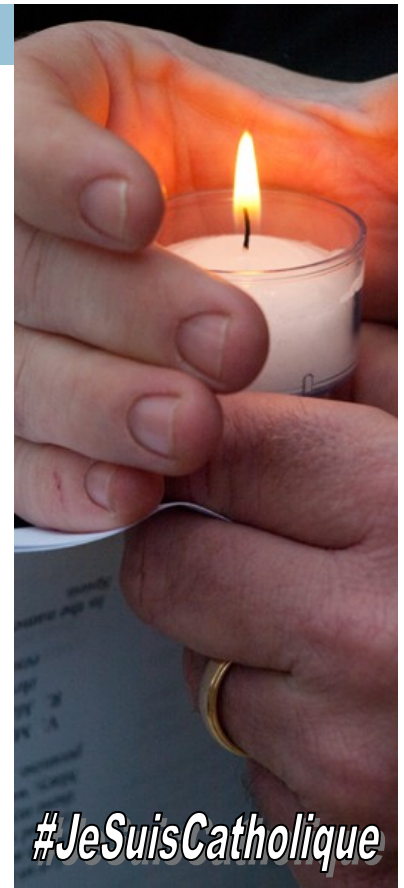
These events were both hard work and highly enjoyable. There is nothing like pitching in and working with brother Knights and their families for generating camaraderie. As this camaraderie builds and continually surrounds the needs of our families, parish and community, I am certain that new candidates will seek membership and our council and order will grow.

I agree with the sentiment of our State leadership! The driving force of council success hinges on offering many programs. I am proud of all we do and everything we have to offer. There will be numerous opportunities for continued charity and unity the remainder of the year.

These include: November Corporate Communion, Knights sponsored Room in the Inn nights, Habitat for Humanity build, Parthenon Towers Party with the parish nurses, Council Christmas party in the rectory, Breakfast with Santa, Catholic Charities homeless "move-ins," and forming a KoC Round table at St. Mary's.

"What exactly is a KC round table?" The Round Table process is designed for every parish to have a knight's presence, even if they are unable to support a full council. Fr. Neely (new St. Mary's Pastor and 544 member) has reached out to us, seeking a knights of Columbus presence at St. Mary's. In response, we have kicked off the formation of a round table there. We have already heard from 6 brother knights there interested in joining. We will bring these gentlemen aboard 544 soon. Even as 544 members, they will remain in service to their home parish. We will actively be recruiting new members there through upcoming promotions during and after masses culminating in the Round table formation, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Cathedral Rectory. There are many more details to follow and much more fun to be had.

Vivat Jesus! Dave



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## Membership Director's Report

*Terry Doherty, Membership Director*

Council #544 is once again very pleased to welcome our newest members, Dave Lacey and Ron McDow who had their first-degree exemplifications on September 14<sup>th</sup> and September 19<sup>th</sup> respectively. Many of us have already met Dave from our September business meeting and from his presence and work at the San Genaro festival. Way to jump right in Dave! Ron was brought to us by brother Tony Roberts and had his first degree at Christ the King, so most of us are still looking forward to meeting and welcoming him in person. We hope to do so at our next business meeting. Ron is a medical doctor by training, but is also an inventor and entrepreneur. He is currently a parishioner at St. Henry's church.

During the past few months, our worthy Grand Knight Dave Johnson and brother Bisell McWilliams have been working very hard on establishing a Knights Round Table at St. Mary's parish downtown, with the ultimate goal of establishing a new council. So far their work has yielded responses from at least six Knights who are members of St. Mary's parish and who are interested in helping with the efforts. This is quite a fantastic start and exciting news! During the month of October, several announcements will run in the St. Mary's weekly bulletin detailing our efforts to members of the parish and we will try to have information tables set up after their masses. We want to get our membership committee members present at these tables, but anyone interested in participating is certainly welcome. In addition, we hope to get the involvement of some dynamic speakers such as Mike Porter, or our State Deputy Steve Comm to make announcements after mass and to participate in our first Round Table meeting, which is currently targeted for October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Cathedral Rectory.

Father Ed has provided the names of the several new members of our parish and I have reached out to them via e-mail, summarizing what the Knights are about and inviting them to consider joining our council. As always, please continue to be on the lookout for men who would make good Knights. We want to keep this council growing!

Vivat Jesus,

Terry

### 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

#### Council Meeting

October 12th, 7 PM  
Room 305, St Albert Hall

#### Round Table Meeting

October 26th, 7 PM  
Cathedral Rectory

#### See's Candy Sale

November 13-27th, After Mass  
Fleming Center

**"This support [for the work of the Holy See]... is also seen in the daily prayers, sacrifices and apostolic works of so many Knights in their local Councils, their parishes and their communities. "**

*~ Pope Francis*

## September Awards

### **Knight of the Month** - Ken Duncan

Brother Ken Duncan – Rock Solid example of faith and service. Loyal husband, father and brother knight. Go to guy when you're trying to get a four-some going for a golf tournament. Smart, great planner, organizer and leader. Always shows up with a great attitude and a fun loving spirit. Proud to call him a friend and brother. Blessed to have him and his sharp wits as a part of 544!

### **Family of the Month** - Mark O'Neill Family

Mark and Bobbie are Mr. and Mrs. Cathedral. They have and continue to serve in too many capacities to name! Their creativity and hard work have made a huge difference in our parish for many years. Their lovely and talented daughter Caroline is the culmination of awesome parenting. They are the ultimate team and among the most faithful servants I know. We are very blessed to know the O'Neills!



## 40 Days for Life

*SK Roy Silveira, Culture of Life Director*

From Wednesday September the 28th to Sunday November the 6th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil on the sidewalk outside The Planned Parenthood located at 412 Dr. D.B. Todd Blvd, 37203, from 7 am to 6 pm. You can sign up for an hour by going to <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/nashville/> and clicking on "Sign up for Vigil Hours".



You are also invited to help spread the word about this important community outreach. Also the Cathedral Parish has selected Sunday October the 23rd for our day. We get to represent the Cathedral for the whole day. Please sign up for this day as we would like to have a good showing. If you do not want to sign up online, please contact me at my email address or call me and i can sign you up.

I would like to have Knights there for the whole day and to make it easier we have divided the day up into shifts.

Here is the breakdown. Having at least 2 knights there for each shift would be great.

7am-10am / 10am-12noon / 12noon -2pm / 2pm-4pm / 4pm-6pm

If you want to sign up for a particular shift please do let me know. If you have any questions please contact Roy at [roysilveira@gmail.com](mailto:roysilveira@gmail.com) or [201-6743233](tel:201-6743233). Its a New Jersey number but I live in Nashville.

## Soupathon / Fall Fest

Due to our heavy fall schedule, we have opted to cancel the Soupathon / Fall Fest for this year. If you are sad to see it go, please consider stepping up and volunteering to lead the event for Fall 2017.

## Financial Secretary Report

*SK Chris Crane, Financial Secretary*

Replacement permanent plastic membership cards were mailed on 10/1 to those who requested them. As a reminder, starting in 2017 we will not send out annual paper membership cards to honorary and honorary life members.

We still have a few of you who haven't paid your 2016 dues. It is your responsibility, not your option, as a Brother Knight to pay your dues. Of course we can make considerations to waive dues for those stretched financially, but you have to let us know if that is the case.

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Stuart Littleton

### Outside Guard

Tony Roberts

### 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

#### Committee Members

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Bisell McWilliams

## Support for Buddy Up Tennis

*Andy Telli, The Tennessean Register*

The Knights of Columbus Council 544 at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Nashville presented a check for \$1,650 to the Murfreesboro chapter of Buddy Up Tennis on Saturday, Sept. 10, during the annual kickoff luncheon for Buddy Up Tennis. The money is a portion of the funds raised by Council 544 for the Knights' MR Foundation, which supports agencies that serve people with intellectual disabilities across Tennessee. Buddy Up Tennis serves individuals with Down Syndrome in an enjoyable and supportive environment by providing an opportunity to learn and play tennis, in order to impact athletic, social and emotional development. For more information about the organization, visit <http://buddyuptennis.com>.



## Eagle Scout

Cathedral Boy Scout Troop 1914 has its second ever Eagle Scout, and it is none other than Chris Lavell, son of 544 Brother and Troop Leader Dave Lavell. Please take a moment to congratulate Chris (and Dave!) the next time you see them. We have a great relationship with the Cathedral Scouts and the Lavell family, and are always thrilled to honor their accomplishments.



# San Gennaro



## New Field Agent for 544

Daniel Schachle, General Agent

Brothers,

I am pleased to introduce Stephen Regan as the Field Agent for your council. Stephen brings his five and a half years of Knights of Columbus Insurance experience as well as proven experience from many more years of financial services to you and your family. Stephen has achieved multiple annual memberships in both the Supreme Knight's Sales Club as well as the Million Dollar Round Table. Please reach out to him for policy questions or a free, no obligation review of your program. His email address is [Stephen.Regan@kofc.org](mailto:Stephen.Regan@kofc.org) and phone is [423-653-5618](tel:423-653-5618).



Vivat Jesus,  
Daniel Schachle

## Don't Crowdfund Your Family's Future

There is a new phenomenon sweeping the internet: crowdfunding. Pioneered by organizations like GoFundMe, crowdfunding allows anyone to donate to a project or cause online.



Crowdfunding is increasingly being used to raise funds for grieving families. Chances are you've seen this more than once. Someone passes away, and within a day or two a representative from the family opens a crowdfunding page to raise funds to pay for funeral expenses and medical bills.

Without question, crowdfunding is a great way to harness the power of the internet for charitable ends, but it is often insufficient. Recent studies show that the average crowdfunding memorial page raises \$2,000-\$2,200 — far below the average cost of funeral services. Grieving families are left to deal with the shortfall as well as the additional stress of soliciting donations, figuring out how to access the money and calculating platform fees.

September is designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's a great opportunity for you to evaluate your life insurance coverage and make sure your family's future will not be left up to a crowdfunding page.

Since life insurance guards against one of life's only certainties, it's a product that nearly everyone needs. The question is not "Do I need life insurance?" but rather "Who should I get it from?"

For us Knights, the answer is easy.

Every life insurance company sells life insurance. There are hundreds of them in North America. But there's only one life insurance company that belongs to you.

From the beginning, the Knights of Columbus has been determined to offer insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights and to uphold the Catholic commitment that has animated our Order since Father McGivney's time.

So, as we observe Life Insurance Awareness Month, don't leave your family's future to chance charity. Protect your family with the safety and guarantees of life insurance from the Knights of Columbus.

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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

- 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

## Third Degree Opportunity

The next Third Degree opportunity in Middle Tennessee will be on October 23rd, 2pm at St Edward Parish. Contact GK Dave or Membership Director Terry if you would like to participate.

## Fourth Degree Opportunities

There will be only two Middle Tennessee opportunity to take the Fourth Degree this coming year: Nov 5, 2016 in Clarksville, and 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**
- **Health and Healing for Brother Terry Hill**
- **Rest of the soul of the mother of Bobbie O'Neill**
- **Rest of the soul of Fr. Jacques Hamel**
- **For all those affected by Hurricane Matthew**
- **For an end to violence**