



**Knights of Columbus
Council #544**



The Cathedral of the Incarnation
2015 West End Ave., Nashville, TN 37203

Brothers,

June 1, 2007

Next Council meeting will be in the Fleming Center on Wed. June 13th @ 7pm
(Elections of new officers will be held)

Month in Review

(May)

Well, summer has officially arrived, and I hope and pray that you are enjoying it to the fullest in good health and happiness. Council activities have slowed down a bit in preparation for the arrival of our next fraternal year starting July 1st. Nominations of officers have been completed and officer elections will be held at the June 13th meeting.

The State Convention came and went during early May. KC #544 was well represented by Jimmy Walsh, Johnny Burns, Mike Lalonde, and Pat Kelley. The Council received the honor of several statewide prestigious awards including the State Deputy Award, the Past State Deputy Award, the Chaplin's Award, and the Chase B. Wilson Award.

Congratulations to all of us for a job well done this past year! These awards represent some recognition for the good work that we have accomplished. However, the true rewards lie within each of our hearts and souls, and serve us in ways that no material gift can ever hope to do. Your example of self sacrifice and acts of charitable service this past year will not only help to bring your authentic self closer to the spirit of Christ, but also hopefully inspire witnesses and those around you to do the same. Let God work through you and watch the truth be recognized by others. The road to this Truth can be found through our Council and the Knights of Columbus. Lets keep traveling down that path in the next coming year.

The Choose Life Sign project was a great success as well. At the last minute, our location changed to the front yard of Cathedral's rectory. Father Kibby was kind enough to let us put up the 5 x 10 ft. sign in his yard. It stood there for about 3 weeks, showing all those who passed that the Knights of Columbus #544 are in full support of the choose life campaign. Hopefully, you had a chance to see it. Thanks so much to Stuart Littleton, our Pro-Life Director, for coordinating the effort. Thanks also to the assistance of Johnny Burns, Roman Pohlid, John Hupka, Andrew Lay, and Jimmy Walsh. We hope to get a picture in the Nashville Register.

New Membership

It gives me great pleasure to welcome our newest members to the council for this past month. They are three worthy gentlemen that are sure to be good Knights: Tom Beckerman, Tim Grubb, and Patrick McGuffy. Tom is a pharmacology graduate student at Vanderbilt and newly emerging star for the Cathedral Cardinals softball team. thomas.m.beckermann@vanderbilt.edu. Tim is a consultant for a healthcare management firm and is working in his free time to form a Young Catholic Professionals group in Nashville. timr1100gs@yahoo.com. Patrick McGuffy is a member of Cathedral's choir and serves as their most talented trumpet player. He is transferring his membership from another council.



Upcoming Events

June 16 – Family Appreciation Picnic in Edwin Warner Park. We are planning a great time for Father's Day. There will be hamburgers and hot dogs with plenty of side items, games for all ages, and prizes will be given out to adults and children alike! The Cathedral's Youth group has been invited, and our own "Doc Magic" will be performing magic for the kids! The location is Shelter 9 – see map and flyer attached. Things should be getting started about 11am and will wrap up around 3pm. Although, we have the site reserved for all day. Come one, come all and enjoy a beautiful day in the park with family and friends!! **RSVP to Jimmy Walsh 279-0603 kc544@mojoj Juice.com by June 14!!**

August 2-9 – Supreme Convention at Opryland Hotel. As you must already know, this is a once-in-a-lifetime event that we should all take advantage of and attend. It will be the largest gathering all year of not only Catholics, but of Catholic Hierarchy as well. **The Volunteer form submittal deadline has been extended to June 30.** This form and volunteer job descriptions can be found on the State's website, www.kofc-tn.org, along with other good information about the Supreme Convention. The council will pick up the \$25 fee for volunteers. Please contact GK Jimmy Walsh or Pat Kelley if you do not have access to the internet and we can mail information to you. Or, come to the next Council meeting and the materials will be available to you. Also, don't forget about the Country Store. We encourage anyone whom might have anything that is authentically "Tennessee" to donate, including food, please contact the GK. These are items that would be similar to the Cracker Barrel country store.

Persons of Recognition

This month's Family recognition goes to **Father Kibby and the Cathedral family of parishioners** as a whole. As you are most likely aware, the Cathedral is currently undergoing some major structural improvements and renovations. Fr. Kibby has been working tirelessly towards the preparation and completion of this effort, and the Cathedral parishioners have stepped up to help finance it. The Knights would like to recognize this and express our appreciation to all the families of the Cathedral for helping keep the Cathedral Church structurally healthy for all to enjoy for many years to come.

Congratulations to **Stuart Littleton as Knight of the Month** for his hard work and dedication to the recent Choose Life sign project. Stuart is our Pro-life director and has selflessly donated significant time and energy to that cause. His leadership is greatly appreciated.

Good of the Order winner for the Big Draw was Gary Mayfield, however, he was not present to win. The small draw winner was Ken Wood. Be present at our next meeting and you could be going home a winner!

Once again, treat yourself and your family to fun, food, games, and prizes at the park Father's Day weekend Sat. June 16, 11am – 3pm (see attached flyer and map). Let us know if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly. **RSVP to Jimmy Walsh 279-0603 kc544@mojoj Juice.com by June 14!!**

Vivat Jesus!!

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