



**Knights of Columbus
Council #544**

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Brothers,

February 1, 2008

**Next Council meeting will be on Wed., February 13th @ 7pm in the Fleming Center
Month in Review
(January)**

The Mid-Year meeting was held last month and hosted by our Council. Many things were covered from the State level. However, the most important topic covered was membership and the procedures that should be followed when recruiting and screening candidates. Please keep in mind the caliber of the Catholic gentleman that is needed when choosing to recruit for our Order and Council. We should set our standards high and have the wisdom to know who is eligible to be worthy of sharing the honor of being a Knight, and who will represent our Order well. Our focus should then be to discover the candidate's interests so he will be more likely to participate in things that we know interest him. We can help this new member get involved sooner and, as a result, retain more members in the long run. So, all recruiting members should be aware of the Council's Admissions Form which is a very useful tool if properly administered. Future plans involve the creation of a survey to all membership for the same purpose. Contact our Membership director for more information and to help in this effort.



**St. Patrick's Day Party Fundraiser
We Need Your Help with Auction Items!!**



ASK!!

FRIENDS ~~~ FAMILY ~~~ NEIGHBORS ~~~ BUSINESSES

(And you shall receive)

The time is NOW to begin soliciting auction items for the St. Patrick's Day Fund Raiser coming up on March 15th. By the time you read this newsletter, this date will be 5 weeks out. Sooner is much better than later to take action in helping your council carry out this worthy effort. We are a CHARITABLE organization. This is our Primary focus. The leaders of your council that you elected have committed this event to be one of two major Fund Raisers for Charity which is sponsored by 544. As a member of this Council, I ask you, What have you done this year to help the Council achieve it's goals? This is your chance to do just that! Your travel card only proves that you paid yearly dues. A Knight of Columbus is a man of ACTION!! I challenge each of you to bring in one auction item, size or importance is immaterial. Our UNITY as a council should provoke a feeling of Ownership for all that we do, including this event which has proven very successful in the past.

We have 20 auction items as of today. Our goal is 100. Help us reach that goal for the Charities supported by the Cathedral and for the support of Diocesan Vocations.

Please contact Peter Smith at 498-7033 (peter.h.smith@att.net) with any donations that you acquire. Thank you very much in advance for answering this call and having the necessary sense of urgency.



Upcoming Activities

February 13th – Council meeting

Fleming Center @ 7pm

February 19th – Room In The Inn

The Knights will be helping to serve in any need necessary. Volunteers needed and welcome.

Contact Mike Fontaine (michael.fontaine@nashville.gov) 331-5150 for info.

February 20th – Programs meeting

Fr. Baker's house at 2004 Terrace Place, after 5:30 pm Mass

(Location could change depending on availability of new St. Albert's Hall room – stay tuned)

February 21st – Club/Board financial meeting at St. Mary's Villa 7:30 pm

February 28th – B'nai Br'ith – 544 Hosts!

This is our annual dinner with the Nashville Jewish community. This year our guest speaker will be Mayor Karl Dean will be the speaker. See enclosed flyer for details.

March 1st – Fourth Degree Exemplification and Highest Call 2008 Men's Conference

4th degree ceremony will be at St. Henry's church beginning at 1:00 pm – contact John Hupka 615-352-0314 johnhupka@jis.nashville.org See enclosed letter.

Also, the Highest Call 2008 Men's Conference will be held in Franklin at St. Philip Catholic Church. See website for details and to register - <http://www.thehighestcalltn.org>

March 15th – Annual St. Patrick's Day Party Fundraiser

As noted above, this event needs your support in the form of auction item donations, all of which are tax deductible (see enclosed form). And your attendance is wanted - \$65/plate – includes dinner, drinks, opportunity to bid for Charity. All proceeds go to Cathedral charities and Diocesan Vocations.

Membership

Congratulations to the following members for furthering their distinction in the Order by completing the 2nd degree on Jan. 11 '08: Robert Cross, Mark Faulkner, Nick Greco, Tim Grubb, Stuart Littleton, Bob Perschke, John Shimp, and Ryan Taylor.

See below for further opportunities for the 2nd and 3rd degrees. There are plans in the works for a 1st degree soon. Our council will host, so please let the membership team know of any candidates you may have.

Upcoming Degrees

(go to <http://www.kofc-tn.org> and click 'Degree Schedule' for the very latest)

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| Feb. 9 th (Sat) | 2 nd degree | Antioch-St. Ignatius | 10:00 am |
| Feb. 16 th (Sat) | 3 rd degree | Smyrna-St. Lukes | 1:00 pm |
| Mar. 1 st (Sat) | 4 th degree | Nashville-St. Henrys | 1:00 pm |

Knight of the Month: Johnny Burns

Family of the Month: Peter and Amy Smith for their outstanding work on the St. Pat's party.

Good of the Order: Small draw winner was Mike Lalonde (monopolizes the tickets)
Large draw winner was Stephen Volz (not present – draw grows to \$339.50)

God Bless!

Jimmy Walsh
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