



**Knights of Columbus  
Council #544**

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Brothers,

March 1, 2008

**Next Council meeting will be on Wed., March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in ST. ALBERT'S HALL  
Rm. 303**

**Month in Review**

(February)

The highlight of last month's activities was the B'nai B'rith dinner. Mayor Karl Dean was the guest speaker and did a great job! It was truly a treat to meet and speak with our Mayor. Another successful B'nai B'rith gathering between our two organizations is in the books. They will host next year. Look for an article in the Tennessee Register covering the event.

As this Lenten season continues, more than halfway to Easter now, I pray that we have all been given the special graces to be true to our commitments whatever they may be. Hopefully, we will grow spiritually as a result of our choices as they relate to the purpose of Lent. As I was reminded recently, let us not lose sight that we should *want* to sacrifice something of meaning in our lives, not just because we are required to do so. Just as giving is more rewarding than receiving, our desire to make sacrifices becomes more rewarding when done for the right reasons. Thus, we are improved in both body and soul with a new and clearer perspective that will allow us to see things differently, use better judgment with more humility, and be more prepared for the new beginnings that the promise of Easter brings us. As in the days of old, we continue to symbolize the cycle of life with our own traditions and beliefs. Let us not waste these opportunities to grow in love and spirit, for we know not when our cycle of life will reach an end.



**St. Patrick's Day Party Fundraiser**  
**It's almost here! Volunteers needed!**  
**March 14 & 15**



Brothers, Friends, and Spouses ~ We have certainly come a long way since our last newsletter. Thanks to all of you who have answered the call to gather auction items. The turn-out on them has been very good. However, please do not halt any items that are still in process. Our most immediate need is to make sure we have enough volunteers for the setup, tear-down, and clean-up process before and after the event. This would include the evening of Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> as well as the afternoon leading up to the event on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>. Then, just as important is the clean-up afterwards. We will need volunteers for each shift to help in small ways. Our goal is to avoid having the same people doing everything, which runs against the spirit of the Knights' principles on Unity and Fraternity. Please be aware of this so we can all have a chance to enjoy ourselves on this special occasion.

Contact Peter Smith at 498-7033 ([peter.h.smith@att.net](mailto:peter.h.smith@att.net)) or Mike Fontaine at 331-5150 ([michael.fontaine@nashville.gov](mailto:michael.fontaine@nashville.gov)) to volunteer for setup and/or cleanup. Contact Jimmy Walsh, GK to volunteer for bar setup, tear-down, and/or cleanup.



## **Upcoming Activities**

(go to [www.localendar.com/public/butchvic](http://www.localendar.com/public/butchvic) for an online calendar of these events)

### **March 8 – Desert Auction for Postulate Nuns and Knight and Family of the Year Awards**

This annual fundraiser is always fun and exciting because it is not only a live auction for very overpriced desert dishes, but the nuns put on a pretty good show of singing and dancing.

Council 544 has purchased two tables for 20 members to attend. So bring a desert of your choosing and come out to St. Edwards around 6:00 or 6:30 pm Mar. 8.

### **March 12 – Council meeting @ 7pm St. Alberts Hall Room #303**

We're returning to our newly renovated room in St. Albert's Hall for all meetings now.

### **March 14-15 – St. Patrick's Party Fundraiser!**

Fri. Mar. 14 from 1:00pm-9:00pm volunteers are needed to help decorate the Fleming Center.

Sat. Mar. 15 Party goes from 7pm – 10pm. Contact Peter Smith for info and to volunteer.

**March 25 – Room in the Inn** Knights co-host once again. Contact Mike Fontaine for info.

### **April 5<sup>th</sup> – Past Grand Knight Dinner** Fleming Center @ 6pm

Drinks, dinner, DJ, and good fun – honors given to immediate PGK. More details to follow.

**April 10 – Council #544 hosts the Cathedral RCIA dinner.** Held in the Fleming Center with a Lasagna dinner, etc. More details to be announced later – contact Robert Cross at 594-3847 ([robert.w.cross@us.army.mil](mailto:robert.w.cross@us.army.mil)) for more info.

### **April 25-27 – KofC State Convention at the Franklin Marriot in Brentwood**

## **Membership**

Congratulations to the following members that completed their 3<sup>rd</sup> degree on 2/16/08 in Smyrna – St. Lukes: **Andrew Raetzloff, Robert Perschke, Robert Cross, and Stuart Littleton.**

## **Upcoming Degrees**

(go to <http://www.kofc-tn.org> and click 'Degree Schedule' for the very latest – no 1<sup>st</sup> degrees listed)

April 9<sup>th</sup>(Wed)                      1<sup>st</sup> degree                      St. Ann-Nashville                      6:30pm

## **Insurance**

For all your life insurance, Long Term Care and annuity needs contact Stephen Sullivan, Field Agent Knights of Columbus 615-516-9358 or [Stephen.Sullivan@kofc.org](mailto:Stephen.Sullivan@kofc.org).

**Knight of the Month:** John Hupka for organizing the 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification

**Family of the Month:** Mike and Ann Fontaine for their work with the Room in the Inn

**Good of the Order:**      Small draw winner was Alan Honer (Luck o' Irish!)  
Large draw winner was Ken Duncan (not present to win – draw grows to \$345.00)

Happy Easter! Peace be with each of you this Lenten season.

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