



# KNIGHT- KNEWS

THE KNOXVILLE COUNCIL

6515 MILLERTOWN PIKE

MAY –JUNE 2008



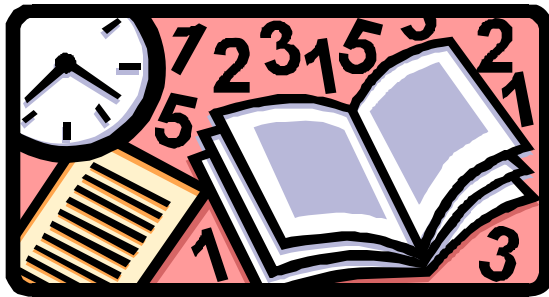
COUNCIL 645  
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Grand Knight: Jack McCusker - 602-7734  
Deputy Grand Knight: Bill Blanke - 310-5586

Financial Secretary: John Swindeman - 602-2376  
Chaplain: Msgr. Xavier Mankel -522-2205

**Meetings: First Tuesday and Third Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. at the Council Hall**

**COME EARLY FOR THE ROSARY AT 7PM**



## COMING EVENTS

- May 4 Paulist 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
World's Fair Amphitheatre  
10 AM
- May 6 Membership Meeting  
Nomination of Officers
- May 20 Membership Meeting  
Backyard Barbecue- Social
- June 3 Membership Meeting  
Election Night
- June 10 First Degree
- June 17 Membership Meeting
- July 1 Installation of Officers  
Family Night Fish Fry

## Tennessee State Convention

The 2008 State Convention was held in Franklin April 25-27. Our council was represented by Past Grand Knight Doc Davidson and Grand Knight Jack McCusker. It was a good Convention for our council .We were awarded the State Chaplain's award. Our selection for this prestigious award was based primarily on our work on the annual Blue Mass. We were also selected for the Youth Activity Award which was presented at the State banquet on Saturday evening. The presentation cited our continuing efforts to support Saint Joseph School with specific references to our efforts at the Fall Festival, the Mardi Gras, the Sister Jolita St Patrick Dinner and the recent art auction to benefit the school's building program. We received these honors because of the work of many of our members and we all should be proud of the council's efforts. The resolution submitted by 645 concerning life insurance was passed by the convention delegates and will be presented to the Supreme Convention later this summer. Mike Wills of 5207 was elected as State Treasurer and our former DD Jim Bruun was elected to the position of Warden. Jack McCusker was elected as a director of the State MR Foundation. The award plaques will be available at the next meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>.



DD Tracy Staller & Jack McCusker with Youth Award

Happy



Birthday

May 8 Richard Krowicki    May 9 Randal Lockmiller  
 May 13 Robert Hunt        May 19 Clarence O'Brien  
 May 21 Clarence Bunch    May 24 Donald Gibbons  
 May 26 Joseph Vinh        June 1 Hoyle Chambers  
 June 9 Douglas Guy        June 9 John Major  
 June 11 Robert DeWine    June 13 Vincent Ferraiuolo  
 June 24 Dan Hurley        June 24 Jesse Carter  
 June 29 Wesley Sheedy

Happy



Anniversary

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William & Faye Conwell May 17, 1997  
 Robert & Teresa DeWine June 11 1947

### Knights of Columbus Memorial Window

The new St. John Neuman Church in Farragut is nearing completion. A decision has been made to commission a stained glass window honoring Venerable Father Michael Mc Givney and also dedicated to the memory of deceased members of the Knights of Columbus throughout the State of Tennessee and their families. This window will be placed in the new church by the end of the year 2008 and will incorporate the KofC emblem, Fr. McGivney's image, some examples of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and the four principles of our order. Donations are being accepted to help defray the cost of this worthy project.

If you would like to participate checks should be made out to St John Neuman Parish (KofC Window) And sent to Council 645 at Post Office Box 5217, Knoxville, Tennessee 37928

### FREE THROW COMPETITION

These St. Joseph students represented the school, Council 645 and District 16 K of C in the recent regional free throw competition. They are pictured wearing the medallions indicating their status as District Champs. Congratulations to students on their effort. Special thanks to Dr. Montgomery for her support of the Knights and to Pam Bernard for her assistance.



### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The nominating committee will present their recommendations of men to serve as council officers for the 2008-2009 council year at the May 6<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at that time. The formal election will be conducted at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting. The committee nominations are as follows:

Grand Knight	David Accardi
Deputy Grand Knight	Greg McGinnis
Chancellor	Phillip Flanagan
Treasurer	Michael Drake
Chancellor	Phillip Flanagan
Recorder	Doug Honeycutt
Advocate	Bert Benedict
Warden	Patrick Belland
Outside Guard	Danny Lane
Inside Guard	Richard Metcalf
Trustee for 1 Year	Doc Davidson
Trustee for 2 Years	Wes Sheedy
Trustee for 3 Years	Jack McCusker

**WE REMEMBER JESS WILLARD.....**

Our former Financial Secretary, Jess Willard, was laid to rest on Thursday, April 24, 2008 after a beautiful service at Immaculate Conception Church. Jess was a life-long Catholic who spent most of his life helping others in his church community. A proud member of the prominent Willard family, Jess will be remembered as one who always helped others, especially the youth as a basketball coach in the old Parochial School Leagues which played at Knoxville Catholic High School's gym on Magnolia in the 1950's and 60's. For years, Jess operated the clock at KCHS basketball games, his beloved alma mater, and generally became a vital part of the athletic program at the school as a loyal volunteer.

Jess was a friendly sort who enjoyed the friendship of many of our brothers such as John Long, John Ramando, Jim Bentley, Ed Liddell, Lawrence Webster, and many others. His best golf buddy was Milton (Sonny) Roberts and they spent many a day at the Holston Hills golf course.

Jess referred to himself as a "staunch" Catholic and he lived his life accordingly as well as serving as an usher for many years at Immaculate Conception.

For years, Jess did a stellar job as Financial Secretary and house manager for our council. His direction and dedication lasted many years for Council #645.

Jess had not been an active member of our council for many years, but those of us who knew him and spent time with him will fondly remember him. A pleasant man who could be very firm in his opinions, he was always a delight as someone with whom you could discuss the issues of the day. Hopefully, all of us can use him as an example and likewise be "staunch" in our support for our Catholic faith and community. Jess, rest in peace.

Bert Benedict

**Chaplains Corner**



My brother Knights of Council #645:

Congratulations on the honors you received at the Awards Ceremony at the 2008 State Convention in Nashville. I am very grateful for your assistance to and involvement at the St. Joseph School. There is no more deserving an entity than the parochial school serving both of the parishes whose students attend there. I really enjoyed the art auction. It was my very first experience with anything like that. The gift to the school of the painting of the Pope by Brother Richard is very much appreciated too.

Bishop James Vann Johnston, Jr. seems very well served by the Knights of Columbus of his Springfield – Cape Girardeau diocese. I am also happy to see a full slate of officers already nominated for next year (which is almost upon us).

Hopefully many of you will participate in our Forty Hours Devotion at Holy Ghost which begins Sunday evening, Pentecost, at 7 pm. Plan to stop in for a visit to our Lord in the Exposed Blessed Sacrament anytime between 8:30 am & 7:30 pm on either May 12 or 13<sup>th</sup>. God will be adored and you will be blessed.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Monsignor Mankel

**From the Grand Knight**



As we near the end of the council year it is a good time to reassess our commitments to the principles of the order and the projects that we undertake to illustrate our commitment to those principals. We work as ushers, cooks, cleaners, fundraisers, and in many other capacities. Some of our members are very active and are involved in every event and others are somewhat less involved. The only real limitation on what we can accomplish is the availability of workers. I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to those men who have so consistently answered to the call for help. But we need to do better! We especially have a need for men who will step up and say that they would like to accept responsibility for leading and coordinating our various projects. No special talents are needed, just a willingness to work a few hours a month. If you are interested in taking on some additional responsibility call me at 748-8700 or e-mail me at [jmceusker@earthlink.net](mailto:jmceusker@earthlink.net)



**SUPPORT OUR TROOPS**

**PRAY  
FOR  
PEACE**



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Pledge allegiance  
to the flag of the  
United States of America  
and to the Republic  
for which it stands.  
One nation **under God**,  
Indivisible,  
With liberty and justice  
for **all....**  
**born and unborn.**



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