



KNIGHTS NEWS

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Upcoming Cathedral Knights Meetings & Special Events

- **Council Meeting**
Wednesday, Sept. 9th, 2009
7pm 3rd floor St. Albert Hall
- **District 9 Pot Luck Family Dinner** Thurs, Sept. 17th 6:30pm Fleming Ctr.
- **Cathedral Charities Golf Classic**
October 9, 2009 12-6pm
Nashboro Golf Club.
- **MR Drive**
Thanksgiving week.
Dates and locations TBA
- **Parthenon Towers Christmas Party**
December, 2009 12-3pm
- **Council Christmas Party**
Friday, December 11th 6-10pm Cathedral Rectory
- **State KC Mid-year Mtg.**
Saturday Jan. 16, 2010
7am-3pm Fleming Center
- **Cathedral Super Bowl Party** Sunday, Feb. 7th 3-9pm @ Fleming Center
- **St. Patrick's Fundraiser**
Saturday, March 13th 6-10pm @ Fleming Center

KNIGHTS HOST SILVER ROSE CEREMONY AT CATHEDRAL

A beautiful service and reception honoring our Holy Mother was a great success last month. Over 200 guests and a contingent of eighteen 4th Degree Knights in full regalia prayed together in a moving ceremony sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and hosted by Council 544. It celebrated life and a miracle that occurred in Mexico nearly 500 years ago.

The Silver Rose stopped in Nashville as part of its journey from state to state and eventually to Monterey, Mexico on the anniversary of our Blessed Virgin Mary's contact with a poor farmer named Juan Diego in the early 1500's. The Silver Rose represent the roses Diego took the Bishop of Mexico City as proof the Mary appeared to him.

The ceremony attracted Hispanic members of our diocese and the readings and prayers were done in English and in Spanish.

Tennessee's State Deputy Mike Porter had the honor of bringing in the Silver Rose to begin the one-hour ceremony.



Tennessee State Deputy Mike Porter processes with the Silver Rose

CATHEDRAL KNIGHTS SPONSOR DISTRICT 9 POT LUCK DINNER

Catholic families from all over Nashville are going to converge on the Fleming Center on Thursday, September 17th at 6:30 pm as part of an effort to get the members from the 5 Councils from District 9 to get to know each other better.

The pot-luck dinner is going to be hosted by Cathedral Knights and attended by KC families from Christ the King, Hermitage, St. Ann's and St. Henry. For more information on what to bring, contact Deputy Grand Knight Mike Fontaine at michael.fontaine@nashville.gov.

CATHEDRAL CHARITIES GOLF TOURNNEY NEEDS YOUR HELP NOW!

We're heading into the final month of preparation for the Third Annual Cathedral Charities Golf Classic and we are looking for all council members to step up.

"Please take a few minutes of your time to help find sponsors and golfers for this important KC

544 fundraiser," says Council Treasurer Lois Moix. "If we all pulled together, we could raise funds to help those in need in our parish community." The event is set for noon on Friday, October 9th at the Nashboro Golf Club off

Murfreesboro Rd in Antioch.

Please call Patrick McGuffey at 838-4666 or Louis Moix at 512-4518 for more info, to sign up to participate in the tournament or to help out. Info sheets and signup forms are included in the mailing of this newsletter

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

BY MARK O'NEILL

It's been a busy month of behind-the-scenes planning for the upcoming fraternal year. We are laying important groundwork for upcoming fundraisers, special events, recruitment and retention efforts.

We attended an excellent State "Kick-Off" meeting in July and an informative District Deputy's gathering for all officers in August. Our Council leadership also had a working dinner meeting at my home recently and we will have another get together this month to finalize plans. Special thanks to DGK Mike Fontaine for his assistance in making this go smoothly.

There has also been considerable activity planning the future framework of our benevolent fund. There are two competing proposals before the Council at this time. Here is a summary:

One resolution submitted by Pat Kelley would set up a stand-alone 501(c)(3) corporation and for the Council to give all the money to that organization. Knights would be welcome to join this organization, but as I understand, it would not be affiliated with or have to abide by any rules of the Knights of Columbus. As of now, this is only a resolution and there is no accompanying written legal document to look at and consider.

The second resolution submitted by myself and supported by leadership is to form an Irrevocable Trust in which to put the money with the fund managed by the duly-elected trustees of Council 544. You received a copy of the trust draft in last month's

newsletter written by Former Judge Ben Cantrell. There would be general guidelines on the breakdown of how the funds should be distributed (30% diocesan, 30% Cathedral, 20% religious and priests, 20% education). Council members would also have a say, within the specified guidelines, how the money generated by the fund would be spent.

In the August business meeting Council approved a motion by Advocate Patrick McGuffey to table both resolutions pending a "fact finding" special committee meeting with our trust attorney and tax attorney as they explain in terms of legal precedent and the law, the pluses and minuses of each proposal. A full report from that committee will be in next month's newsletter and a vote on the issues will tentatively take place at the October Council business meeting set for Wednesday, October 14th.

I urge you to take time, look over the findings and come prepared to vote for the measure that is best for the long-term future of our organization. No one will be more relieved than myself to finally have this controversy over with and the Council to shift its focus on ways of best serving pastor, parish and our community.

If you have any question or concerns about any issue, you are welcome to contact me.

Vivat Jesus!

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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

BY MIKE FONTAINE

We are off and running for our fraternal year. Here is a list of the Program Committee chairs for 2009-2010. A special "thank you" to all who've agreed to serve:

Membership: Dave Johnson
Retention: Ken Thomas
Pro-Life: Stuart Littleton
Community: Jim Pareigis
Church: Mike Fontaine
Family: Wayman Gamble
Vocations: Terry Hill
MR Drive: John Jones
Parish Council rep: Mark O'Neill
Youth: TBA
Charities: TBA

Our plan is to have every active Knight in our Council as a member of one of the previously listed committees. We recently compiled the information gathered from our membership survey. We are going to give you're a "job" on at least one of these committees from what you put down as your interests in serving the Council.

We are also working hard to set up a Council-wide phone tree to keep in better contact with Brother Knights and to call them monthly to see how we can serve them as well as keeping them advised on the best ways they can help serve our Church.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: KEN THOMAS

For his strong leadership as Chancellor and his efforts to greatly improve our membership retention efforts. Ken is role model of hard work and consistency. He's battled thru a series of painful illnesses, but always has a smile on his face and is always asking what he can do to serve others.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH: THE FAULKNER FAMILY

Deacon Mark Faulkner, wife Sue and kids Shannon, Joseph, Mathew and Peter are an everyday example of what a great Catholic family should be about...service to the Lord and love for each other.