



TENNESSEE State Council Newsletter

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State Deputy Message

Brothers All:

How the seasons pass! It seems only yesterday we were preparing to kick off another fraternal year, and here it is with Thanksgiving past and Advent upon us! Christmas is just around the corner.

Christmas means gifts for our children, grandchildren and each other. But that is not the real meaning of Christmas. It is so easy to get caught up in the consumerism of Christmas that we may forget why we celebrate. We celebrate because our Lord and Savior was born to the Virgin Mary and, for a brief time, walked with us on the earth.

Giving and receiving gifts is fine, especially if we remember those who have less than we do also. It is great to see smiles on our loved ones' faces, true. We need to remember that the giving represents all that Jesus gave to us. His gifts are the greatest gifts of all, and all we need to give him is our love, expressed through prayer and how we treat our fellow human beings.

So, make sure you spend some time in prayer; at church, with your family at home, and privately. Take a few hours in between the shopping, parties and visits to acknowledge the greatest gift of all.

May God grant you and yours grace and peace at this holy season. Merry Christmas!

Faithfully,

Steve

Stephen B. Comm, State Deputy

**A Very nice Christmas Gift -
a form 100 for membership &
and honors of Knighthood.**

**Merry Christmas
from the State Council
to your Council and
To each brother Knight and
Family.**

Stephen Comm

Message from the State Membership Director

Worthy Brothers,

The Holy Spirit drives us in many ways. Just got the latest news from supreme - we are back on top, setting new standards, leading our region!!! With this said, we still have lots to do before the promotion ends. Sooooo, settling is not our strength but our enemy, we are a team who perseveres, overcomes, leads and is humble while doing it. Enjoy your Thanks Giving and right after let's get going with Stage 2. I am hoping most of you have started organizing your team and structuring a game plan for new members and retaining the ones you have. Each team will need to elect a spokesman;

this Worthy Brother will be responsible for team communication to state and a few brief conference calls. I need your team name and spokesman so we can start tracking results and earn some recognition. I also need council pictures, I am hoping to get at least 4 pics per council, please start sending them because I need it by mid-December.

Thank you,

Kevin Petite

State Membership Director/District #1 Warden

First Quarter Membership Contest Results

Our 1st Quarter "Batting Championship" has ended and the results are in!! Listed below are the winners and prizes:

- **Winning District: *DISTRICT 18 – DD TIM BROWN - Batting Average .673***
(67.3% of annual Supreme Quota for District!)
 - **Councils:** 645, 3832, 5207, 8418, 12961, 14341, 16523
 - **Prize:** DISTRICT COOKOUT PROVIDED BY STATE OFFICERS AND STAFF
 - **DD Prize:** DINNER FOR TIM and BRENDA BROWN with STATE DEPUTY
- **Top Recruiting Council: *COUNCIL 3837 – UNION CITY - Batting Average 1.750***
(175% of annual Supreme Quota - District 5, DD Wyatt Brooks)
 - **Prize:** Council's choice of a set of Officers' Jewels or an Admission Degree (1st Degree) Kit

Honorable Mention to:

- *District 10 (DD Ed Corbitt) Batting Average .486*
- *District 19 (DD Luis Crespo) Batting Average .435*

Additional Councils Recruiting over 100% of Annual Quota in 1st Quarter:

- *Council 14341 (UT Knoxville) 114.29% District 18*
- *Council 12012 (St. Henry-Nashville) 100.00% District 9*

MR Foundation Project



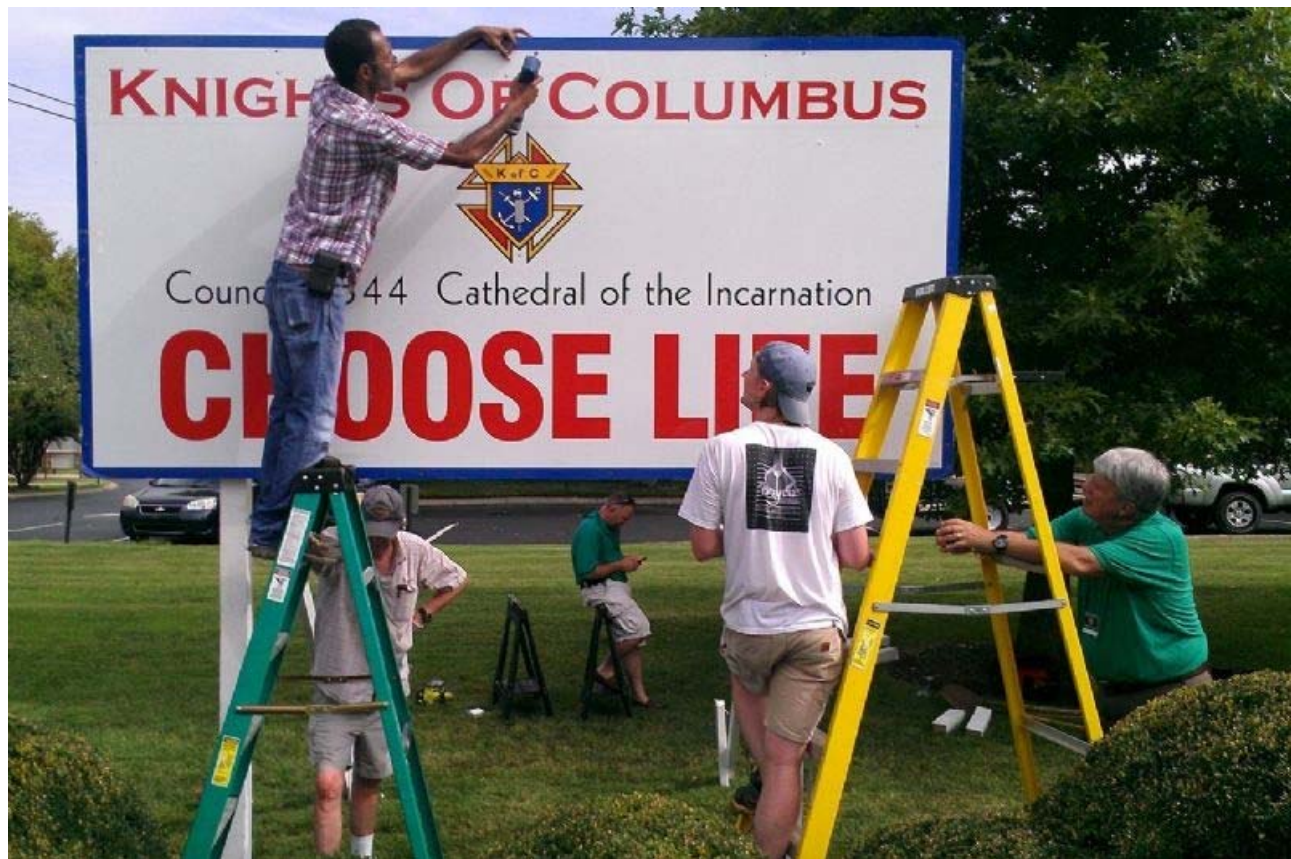
Here is a picture of the check presentation in Murfreesboro for Project One Four. What a great playground this will be. The Knights in Murfreesboro are to be commended for all the are work and dedication to this project, they truly have put charity first. The playground will serve those children with physical limitations, and special equipment designed for children with intellectual disabilities. The MR Foundation is very proud to partner with the council through our grant program to make this a reality.

Tex Shellhart, the GK of council 4563, Josh Kubly, and Alan Cutler, should be congratulated for great job well done. They are great guys!

Spotlight on Council 544



BBQ for the Cathedral's San Gennaro MusicFest Frank Steiner and Dave Johnson



Installing our Choose Life Sign

Presentation of Knight of the Year to Joe Bednar at Room in the Inn



Roman Pohlid, Joe Bendar, Dave Johnson, & Chris Crane



Back to School Low Country Shrimp Boil