



## TENNESSEE State Council Newsletter

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Teamwork Makes Our Dream Work

January 2016

# State Deputy's Message

Brothers All:

The peace of Christ and blessings be with you all!

I am taking a few moments to share a few thoughts with you about the month to come.

As we enter 2016, we begin a busy time for us Knights. Once we have recovered from the festivities of New Year's Eve and Day, we must look ahead to some important dates.

Saturday, January 9, is our **Mid-Year Meeting**, being held at Holy Family Parish Life Center in Brentwood, TN; hosted by Council 15234. Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Program Directors and Membership Directors at the least should attend wherever possible. Your DDs have been collecting RSVPs from each council to get an accurate count of attendance. *Please make sure you let them know how many are attending from your council.*

There will be a lot of very important information shared, plus a chance to tour our Mobile Ultrasound Unit, and get a look at our new prayer program centered on the Holy Family.

We hope you have all been working toward STAR COUNCIL as your goal for this year; as such, the filing of **Form 1728 – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity**. Submitting this form on time is critical not only to Star Council status, but also to protect our beloved order from governmental interference. Along with the SP-7 Columbian Award application, due in June, the 1728 is the most important of documents. Also due by February 15 is the semi-annual audit. Don't forget this either.

May you and your families enjoy a safe, happy and prosperous new year. **TEAMWORK MAKES OUR DREAM WORK!**

Faithfully,

*Steve*

# Meet Ferdinand E. Kuhn

## Meet F. E. Kuhn

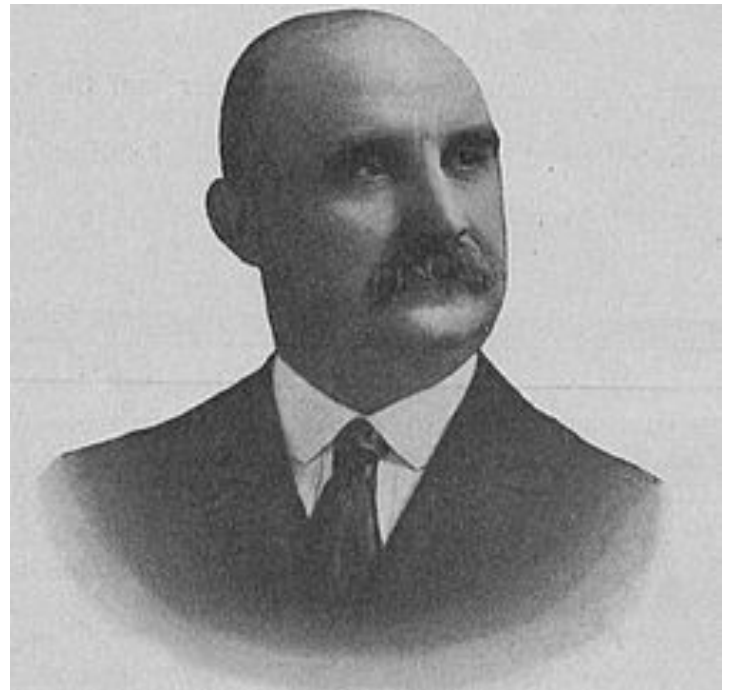
While observing a recent third degree exemplification in Chattanooga I listened to State Deputy Steve Comm introduce a sword used for the Knighting ceremony as the sword belonging to F.E. Kuhn, the Father of Knights of Columbus in the South. I wondered what Mr. Kuhn had done so I did a Google search for F.E. Kuhn and found the information below on Wikipedia.

Ferdinand Kuhn was one of the first five Catholics from the South initiated into the Knights of Columbus in Louisville, KY on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1899.

Nashville Catholics, including Ferd Kuhn, advocated for the formation of a council resulting in formation of council 544 in 1900.

The Supreme Knight appointed Ferd Kuhn as the first Territorial Deputy of Tennessee, and in that capacity he organized councils in Memphis, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Augusta, Birmingham, Mobile, Huntsville, Meridian, New Orleans, Little Rock & Fort Smith. Ferd Kuhn was Tennessee's first State Deputy.

Mr. Kuhn succeeded Daniel J. Callahan as the master ceremonialist, presiding at the institution ceremonies of councils in Florida (1900), Alabama (1902), Louisiana (1902), and Georgia (1902). His degree work at the opening of New Orleans Council No. 714 in November 1902 was



long remembered as "something out of this world". He was once Master of the Fourth Degree for Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

Ferdinand Emory Kuhn was born in 1861 in Nashville to German immigrants, and his father was a brewer. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame, where he was on the rowing team. Ferd married Katherine Wall from County Tyrone, Ireland in 1884, and they had nine children. Kuhn's house from 1898 until his death is now called Frassati House, the building on Vanderbilt's campus for the 'University Catholic.' Surely a Knight to remember!

## Midyear Meeting Edition will be issued on January 13<sup>th</sup>



# Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in Chattanooga opens holy door

