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**Upcoming Council 544 Meetings & Special Events**

- **Council Meeting:**  
Wed., Sept 14th 7pm  
3rd floor St Albert Hall
- **40 Day for Life**  
Sept 28-Nov 6, 6am-6pm  
Womens Center Abortion Facility
- **Golf Tournament**  
Friday, October 14  
Hole Sponsors needed  
Start making plans now!

Newsletter Delivery

- **Would you like to receive the Knights newsletter by email?**
- **Let us know a valid email address**

**CATHEDRAL CHARITIES CLASSIC NEEDS YOUR PARTICIPATION TO BE SUCCESSFUL**

**FORE!!!**



**Grand Knight's Report**

By Stuart Littleton, GK



With our golf tournament, The Cathedral Charities Classic, quickly approaching these are very busy times for our council. This year marks the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tournament! The day of the tournament, which is October 14<sup>th</sup>, is filled with fun for golfers and non golfers alike. Those who attend the tournament can count on pleasant fall weather, good food, entertaining festivities to begin and conclude the tournament, and fellowship which is facilitated by the relaxed atmosphere of the charming Wyndtree Golf Course.

While the day of the tournament always proves to be an enjoyable day, it takes a lot of work to make the tournament a success. Since we no longer have the money from the KC Club Fund to support our council's activities and charitable works, the success of this year's tournament is more crucial than ever. The amount of money raised from this tournament will determine how much help we will be able to give to those in need and how active our council will be in the future. If every Knight who receives this newsletter acquired one team and one hole sponsor for the tournament our council's financial wellbeing would be secure for years to come. Please see the flyers attached to the newsletter for detailed information on how to sign up hole sponsors and players for the tournament.

The golf tournament notwithstanding, our other programs / ministires are also flourishing. Our community committee has done excellent work over the past few months with the Dismas House, a transitional living facility for former inmates who have recently been released from prison. We have served dinner to the residents of Dismas on a monthly basis and Roman Pohlid has led a weekly AA meeting for large group of the Home's residents. Our "Choose Life" sign is currently displayed at the Bishop's Office on 21st Ave. North. Please see Pro- Life Committee member Roy Silveria's article in this newsletter on our participation in the nationwide 40 Day for Life campaign. We have held several fraternal activities this summer such as a canoe trip and an outing to a Sounds game. There will be more of these events to come in the near future.

Please continue to keep the success of our ministry in your prayers and think of what you can do to help your brothers live out our orders principles. I am always eager to hear what you think we can improve on. It is my belief, along with the leaders of our order on the state and international level, that the most practical way for councils to improve in any way that you care to measure is to increase member involvement. When you consider what the Knights of Columbus ministry is, a means for us to serve the Lord, it is inevitable that we should continuously be looking for ways to increase our involvement in the life of KC # 544

Vivat Jesus,  
Stuart



## Knights Saving Lives

40 Days For Life Campaign  
Pro-Life

Brothers,

We will be starting our 40 Days for Life campaign in Nashville on Sept 28th. We need you to come out any time from 6am to 6pm, till the 6th of November. We are going to need ALL Knights to put on the armor of Christ, get out our weapons - our rosaries, and come out and pray with us. Every year the 40 Days for Life campaign effectively shuts down abortion centers all over the world. Each year the campaign has grown in strength and numbers. So come and join us as we pray to end this scourge of abortion that is destroying us.

Vivat Jesus,  
Roy Silveria

<http://www.40daysforlife.com/nashville/>

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life effort that consists of:

- 40 days of **prayer and fasting**
- 40 days of **peaceful vigil at abortion facility**
- 40 days of **community outreach**

### Come Pray With Us:

The Women's Center Abortion Facility  
419 Welshwood Dr.  
Nashville, TN 37211



## The Fruit of our Labors

Over the past year I have received a great number of thank you cards and sincere expressions of gratitude for the work 544 does in Nashville Diocese. Obviously, I can't include them all in our newsletters. I

did select two thank you notes that I recently received which demonstrate the effectiveness and diversity of those who we have been able to help. The first is from Debbie Lassiter, Director of Development for St. Cecilia Academy and the second is from a well known Nashville band, L'Angelus, which recently performed at World Youth Day in front of the Holy Father and two million pilgrims from around the world!

Dear Friends,

On June 15, Grand Knight Stuart Littleton delivered a \$125,000 check to St. Cecilia Academy for tuition assistance. This gift was made in response to a specific proposal submitted to the Knights and followed the announcement that the Knights of Columbus Council #544 was making significant gifts as a result of selling some property. Sister Mary Thomas, Principal and Debbie Lassiter, Director of Development were on hand along with Kaitlyn Dedman to receive the gift. Kaitlyn represents one of so many students that benefitted from this gift of tuition assistance. St. Cecilia Academy awarded over \$750,000 this fiscal year to qualified need-based students. Nearly 45% of SCA's students qualified for and received assistance this year.

The Class of 2011 graduated on May 20 having earned a collective \$7.2 million in college scholarship offers. A total of 91% of the class was offered a college scholarship. The 56 graduates will attend 41 different colleges in 19 states this fall including: Georgetown University, Vanderbilt University, St. Anselm College, Wake Forest, Spelman, Villanova, Furman, New York University, University of Tennessee and University of San Diego to name a few.

The Class of 2011 valedictorian, Allyson Danielle Raymond is another student that benefitted from the Knight's gift. She tackled the heaviest course load of any senior in her class, managing four AP courses and an evening class in microbiology at Aquinas. Last summer, she attended Governor's School in science and engineering, taking classes in environmental chemistry and logic. And though she's thinking about a career in biomedical research and was captain of the SCA Science Olympiad Team, she also enjoys drawing, was a four-year long-distance runner on the varsity track team, plays the saxophone "just to relax," and is fluent in French. She was accepted to Georgetown University in Early Action.

Caroline Leftwich, the President of the senior class, also benefitted from the generosity of the Knight's gift. With a love of government and politics, she spent her annual Interims in Washington D.C. She interned with Senator Bob Corker her junior year and the Republican National Com-

mittee her senior year. Caroline has been elected to a class office position each year at Saint Cecilia and was elected Girl's State Senator in the summer of 2010.

Other students benefitting from the gift were named 2010 AP Scholars with Honors, received SAT Perfect Scores in English and Math, and are gifted in the arts and theater as well.

St. Cecilia Academy is Nashville's oldest private high school founded in 1860 by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation. The Academy has been named to the Top 50 best Catholic high schools in the U.S. list five times since 2004.

Thank you,  
Debbie

Dear Stuart,

I'm writing to thank the Knights of Columbus for their generous contribution to L'Angelus towards our performances at World Youth Day in Madrid this August. We just received confirmation that we will be playing on the Papal stage, in addition to our concerts hosted by the KofC throughout WYD. As you can imagine, we are honored and extremely thrilled to represent Nashville Catholics and bring the joy of music and family to the pilgrims gathering there from around the globe. Your support has made this possible, and we cannot thank you enough! We had so much fun playing for your St. Patrick's Day event, we're looking forward to sharing that celebratory experience with those in Madrid!

Thanks again and know of our prayers for all the Knights. Please remember us in your prayers as well!

God bless,  
Paige Rees  
L'Angelus  
JMJ

## **Vocations Report** by Chancellor Ken Thomas

Brother Knights,

I recently came across an interesting article concerning vocations. As a council that has always strongly supported vocations, I thought you might be interested in learning about some of the obstacles that are facing those who feel the call to full-time service in the church. Among the issues raised was a concern about college debt. According to the article, the average college graduate leaves with \$24,000 in educational debt. One person considering a vocation said that at least half of the people she knew entered her religious life with some debt to work off. Back in the days when the church saw a boom in the number of men and women answering the call for priesthood and religious life, many of these people entered seminary or religious community in high school, which meant that the diocese or the religious order would pick up the cost for all subsequent years of education. Also today, seminarians face more requirements than ever, including psychological examinations and several years of philosophy study. Coming from families with fewer and fewer children, candidates sometimes lose the enthusiasm and support of their families, particularly parents who see the chances of grandchildren diminishing. There is work to be done in getting families to understand the vocation of the priesthood and the joy and happiness that comes with it.

In 1965, the total number of religious priest brothers and sisters approached 215,000 compared to just more than 75,000 in 2010. The average age of a person entering religious life is 30 and the average age of diocesan and religious priests ordained in 2011 was 35. At these ages, many Americans have already started on a different and sometimes lucrative career path. This must be left behind to answer a call to the priesthood or religious life. A low in the rate of decline seems to be slowing. The number raised in the United States dropped from more than 58,000 in 1965 to fewer than 40,000 in 2010. What accentuates the problem is that the numbers of US Catholics have increased by 20 million from 45.6 in 1965 to 65.6 million in 2010. In 1965 there was one priest for every 778 Catholics. In 2010 there was one priest for every 1640 Catholics. There is also a great concern with the quality of candidates, due to the sexual abuse crisis calling for quality rather than quantity. This council as well as the Knights of Columbus has always been in the forefront in supporting and encouraging vocations.

Ken Thomas

## **Letter from Casey Lodes** Airfield Commander US Army

As you well know, Brother Casey Lodes is valiantly serving our country in Afghanistan. With the knowledge that we are praying for him, he has provided us an update on his life overseas. At the next council meeting we will gather items to mail to him and his fellow soliders. Please keep Casey, Kimmer and the new additions to their family in your prayers!

*Hello everybody! I hope this email finds everyone doing well. I myself am just wrapping up a day and am getting ready to get in bed here shortly. Things here are ok. Not the best, but now that we are settled in our rooms - it is better. Let me back up - Thank You to everyone who contributed or TRIED to contribute to our sock purchase. I understand that there were quite a few of you that wanted to contribute only to find out that the order was closed. I have to tell you - These socks are really really incredible. We may look at doing another purchase a little closer to christmas so we can get Christmas Presents! Hahah.*

*As an update - we still have no store here. We rely on either the folks at home or from folks flying in and out to bring us toiletries and stuff. My wifey is hooking me up pretty regularly but we could always use extra stuff. Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Soap/ Bodywash, TP. We can always use snacky stuff and drink powders etc. I myself am fond of Diet Mt Dew. It is nowhere to be found here. The drinks we get come in and out with no regularity so you never know what all will be available when you go to the Chow Hall.*

*If you want to send me some stuff then try and space it out. I.E. don't everyone rush out today and send stuff or I will be stuck with a bunch of stuff with no where to put it!!! But no worries, if that happens it will be shared with our unit first then with the rest of the folks in my building. If you have ideas but want to check with me - then email me and I will let you know if it sounds good.*

*As a heads up - it takes anywhere from a week and a half to longer to get mail. Don't put anything perishable in there. No Alcohol either. It is extremely hot with our High temps still hovering around 110 everyday so if it looks like it might melt - it WILL haha. I can verify that. My mom mailed Reeces Pieces and it was a big rock of rieces pieces by the time it made it here. Also - be careful with anything breakable. I watched a helicopter throw off mail the other day and then take off which caused mail and packages to blow all across the Landing Zone!*

Over —>

My address is as follows:

Casey Lodes  
1-107th AOB  
FOB Farah  
APO, AE 09382

Even if you want to mail a letter - I Love getting them. I will also try my damndest to write back.

Ok, now for a update on my wife. We are pregnant with twins!!!! They are not Identical so who knows what we will be ending up with! I have made a decision to be surprised by what we end up with. I want to be surprised. Kimmer might find out but has swore that she will tell NO ONE. She said she cannot risk the chance of someone screwing up and telling me. So long story short - no asking her - she will not spill the beans. Ask Crissy - she has been bugging the heck out of her with no luck...

We are both really excited about having twins. She will be due in February. I am trying my hardest to make it home for the Birth by taking my leave during that time. Everyone say a prayer for that to happen.

Well, I gotta jet and hit the shower before my nightly call to my wife before bed.

Love to all. Please email with any questions!!!

[caseylodes@hotmail.com](mailto:caseylodes@hotmail.com)

Casey

## Knight of the Month

Gerry Livingston



**Favorite Saint?** Father Ed Steiner (but Michael will-do until Father Ed gets there)

**Hobbies?** restoring worthy old-automobiles

**Hometown?** Arcola Illinois (crossed by the Lincoln-trail where Ol' Abe rode his buggy)

**Favorite Book?** Dr Zhivago (my final-test in Russian)

**Favorite sport's team?** Notre Dame football (every-year)

**Profession?** former Fighter-Pilot (3-yrs in combat) & Rescue Helicopter pilot (1-yr combat)

**Fav Quote?** Abe Lincoln: men want to be common-men, but nobody wants to be called common.

**Fav Gospel passage?** (after reflection): god created life & it was good

**We might be surprised to know that you?** were a KGB-agent-hunter in Cambodia circa 1972

**Why you are a proud Knight?** (too easy) Just being in the presence of great-men makes me proud

**P.S.** (another anecdote) I am descendant-kin of Robert R. Livingston Justice of the Supreme Court & co-writer of The Declaration, & man who swore-in Geo Washington.



# CATHEDRAL OF THE INCARNATION

## Charity Golf Classic

**PRIZES:**

**EVERYONE COMES AWAY A WINNER!**

**FIRST AND SECOND PLACE PRIZES FOR:**

- CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT
- FIRST FLIGHT
- SECOND FLIGHT

**"TOURNAMENT WITHIN A TOURNAMENT"**

**"OVER-THE-HILL" TEAM WITH HIGH SCORE**

**LONGEST DRIVE & CLOSET-TO-THE-PIN**

**MANY OTHER PRIZES FROM COMPETITION AND**

**DRAWINGS WILL BE AWARDED.**

**HOLE SPONSORSHIP/SUPPORT:**

- \$250 FOR HOLE SPONSOR SIGN AT TEE BOX
- \$500 FOR OWNERSHIP OF ONE PAR 3
- \$2,500 SUSTAINING PARTNER

**WE WILL ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT THE DONATION OF ANY GOODS OR SERVICES FOR PRIZES**



**WINDTREE GOLF CLUB  
810 NONVILLE ROAD,  
MT. JULIET, TN 37122  
615-754-4653**

**THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT**

**REGISTRATION FORM:**

**MAIL FORM AND ENTRY FEE TO:**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL #544  
P.O.Box 3423  
BRENTWOOD, TENNESSEE 37024-3423**

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COUNCIL #544**

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Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS PREFERRED BY OCTOBER 1ST.**

**5TH ANNUAL CATHEDRAL OF THE INCARNATION**

*Charity Golf Classic*

Cathedral of the Incarnation *Charity Golf Classic* tees off Friday, October 14th, 2011, at 1:00pm at the Windtree Golf Club in Mt. Juliet, TN. Registration and a box lunch will be served beginning at 11:30am. Facilitated and sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 544, volunteers from the Council and special volunteers from Cathedral Parish are partners in this annual event all for a grand purpose. The annual *Charity Golf Classic* benefits the many charities supported by the Cathedral Knights, including Room in the Inn, North Nashville Community Outreach, Loaves and Fishes, Grace Pregnancy Clinic, the Tennessee Pro-Life Campaign, Homes for the mentally challenged, Camp Marymount, Catholic Charities, Cathedral Charities, and many of our fellow Nashvillians who need a helping hand.

***WE NEED YOUR HELP*** in making the *Charity Golf Classic* a rousing success. No doubt you or someone you know will want to play in this worthwhile and fun event destined to be one of the area's premier golf tournaments. Sponsors for the tournament, however, have a great opportunity to showcase their company or business in a most positive way. Please consider joining us or asking someone you know to participate in one of the following categories:

**SUSTAINING SPONSOR \$2,500.00**

*Sustaining Sponsors* will have special signage - your own if you desire - in a prominent location on the course, special recognition for your participation level, promotional rights if you choose, and a complimentary four-person team in the tournament.

**PAR THREE SPONSOR \$500.00**

*Par Three Sponsors* have exclusive rights to one of four par 3 holes on the course, special signage including your own if you desire, and promotional rights on your hole.

**HOLE SPONSOR \$250.00**

*Hole Sponsors* have signage at the tee box. The fee can be a cash payment of \$250 for the total amount or a \$200 payment with a payment-in-kind of \$50 e.g. a gift certificate for products or services.

**VOLUNTEER DONOR \$100.00 \$50.00 \$25.00 \$ Other**

*Volunteer Donors* are those that want to help but are not playing golf or sponsoring a hole.

**We welcome any and all levels of participation. All payments are tax deductible.**

Questions? Contact Stuart Littleton: 615-491-2020 / stuartal@comcast.net or Dave Johnson: 615-406-1200 / davejohnson2@comcast.net

Please fill out and mail the form below *today* but certainly before September 30th, 2011.

**Yes! I want to help by being a:**

- SUSTAINING SPONSOR** \$2500.00    **PAR 3 SPONSOR** \$500.00    **HOLE SPONSOR** \$250.00    **VOLUNTEER DONOR**

Company name / message to be featured on signage (please print):

If you are a Sustaining or Par Three Sponsor, will you want to use your own signage? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information:

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to Knights of Columbus Council #544.

(Hole Sponsors for \$200, please indicate your gift-in-kind for \$50 value: \_\_\_\_\_).

**Please mail your check along with this form to:**

Knights of Columbus Council #544  
Cathedral Charity Golf Classic  
P. O. Box 3423  
Brentwood, TN 37204-3423

*Thank you for your generous support!*