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Cathedral of the Incarnation

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Upcoming Council 544 Meetings & Special Events

- **Council Meeting:**
Wed., March 14th 7pm
3rd floor St Albert Hall
- **6th Annual St. Pats Party** Saturday, Mar 17
6:30-10:00pm

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REFLECTING ON THE PAST YEAR

Looking Forward To the Future in 2012



Grand Knight's Report

By Stuart Littleton, GK

Brothers,

Because of all of you, we had a very active Christmas and winter season in which we have accomplished a lot for the Church and the Nashville community. While 544 might not have the sheer numbers of active members that we once had, we have 40-50 members who participate in various activities throughout the fraternal year. We are frequently asked by the Cathedral's clergy and ministry leaders to assist with different aspects of the Cathedral's life. Over the past two months we have been especially active with the Room in the Inn Program. Knights from 544 have served as innkeepers, transported overnight guests, and provided all three meals for the guests. We decorated the Cathedral for the Christmas season and provided funds so that the family of a long-time Cathedral employee would be able to have a Christmas meal and gifts, which they otherwise would not be able to afford.

We have been active with and will continue to be active over the next few months in the Nashville Community working with and supporting the Dismas House, the 40 Days for Life Campaign, Parthenon Towers, and Catholic Charities of Nashville (specifically North Nashville Outreach).

Thanks to your good work we were able to implement a See's Candy Sale Fundraiser and have another successful "Souper" Bowl Party, which both raised solid amounts of money for the Charities we support. We have our annual St. Patrick's Day Party on March 17th and Breakfast Fundraiser on February 26th which will both help to strengthen our ability to give to the Cathedral and other Diocesan organizations. In order for these two events to be a success we will need help, in whatever way that you are able, from all those that read this newsletter. Now that the majority of the money from the KC Club Fund has been disbursed, are fundraisers are critical if we are to continue the same level of charitable giving that we have historically enjoyed. We certainly have the talent and manpower to do this. If we are all willing to put a little more time into our ministry, I have no doubt that our best years are yet to come!



The 6th Annual St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser is Here!!



Thanks to the good work of the St. Patrick's Day Party Planning Committee, we have another elegant evening planned to commemorate St. Patrick and raise funds for the Cathedral. You can count on being able to enjoy exquisite Irish themed food and entertainment in the festively decorated Fleming Center. However, we are currently not where we need to be on ticket sales and silent auction items. In years past we were much closer to achieving our goals at this point. At the February council meeting the St. Patrick's Day Party Planning Committee and I asked the members present if we should call the event off or continue with our plans. The overwhelming response was to continue on. This means we are all going to need to buy tickets to the event for ourselves and sell them to other people. We will need to acquire items for the silent auction, as well. 544 needs every member reading this to contribute in both of these respects. It will inevitably take a lot of work, possibly 2-5 hours a week, on everybody's part to do both of these things, but we have no choice at this point. Our party will generate a lot of funds for the Cathedral and provide a great event for Cathedral parishioners and the Nashville community. I am very proud of our commitment to make this event a success!



How Can I Help you ask...? Message from event Co-Chairs

Mark your calendars for Saturday March 17th, for the 6th Annual St. Patrick's Day Party. This year's event should be the biggest ever. As Co-Chairs of the event, John Mitchell and Ken Duncan are counting on our Brother Knights to come through and help. This year more than ever it is vital to make this event a success. As usual, there will be a fabulous meal, excellent entertainment, great auction items to bid on and this year we will honor some special members of the parish. This year the benefactor will be the Council, the Cathedral, and the MR Fund.

There are many ways to help, including volunteering to be on the committee, which meets every Wednesday at 6:30 pm in Room 208. There are many jobs which need to be done, such as publicity, decorations, putting the program together, etc. Additionally, the two most important jobs, which must be done by all Knights, are collection of items for the silent auction and selling tickets. Items needed for the hotel and vacations home use, sports collectables, tickets to sporting events, movies and concerts, golf outings and equipment, and gifts certificates from restaurants. If you can't attend, consider purchasing a ticket to sponsor.

If you have questions contact John (813-504-3777 or mitchell556@gmail.com), Ken (445-9475 or kenrduncan@att.net) or Stuart (491-2020 or stuartal@comcast.net). **Please let Ken know as you get auction items. A copy of the donation letter and tax form have been included in the newsletter.**

Past St. Pats 2011





50 YEARS OF SERVICE

HONORING JOHNNY BURNS, PGK



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

It's our pleasure to congratulate Johnny Burns on fifty years of service to our Order! When Johnny was in his early twenties he decided to follow the example of his father and grandfather by becoming a Knight. In spite of being a dedicated family man and civil servant of the Metro Nashville Sheriff's Department, Johnny has always made time to be active in the life of 544. He contributed significantly to building the KC Club House on Bosley Springs Road by clearing the land and constructing the buildings. He became one of the youngest Grand Knights in 544 history and has since chaired many committees. Johnny was the driving force behind our council's move to the Cathedral. He still humbly and faithfully serves our order by cooking at fundraisers, visiting sick Knights at area hospitals, and holding communion services at the Cathedral. There is no other Knight who is more frequently identified by the Nashville community for his association with 544 than Johnny. Everybody knows or has heard of Johnny!

A Little bit about Johnny:

Favorite Saint? St. Jude, I ask for his prayer frequently!

Hobbies? Serving as the neighborhood handyman at the Lion's Head Condominiums

Hometown? I'm a Nashville original

Favorite Book? The Book of Christian Prayer

Favorite sport's team? The Titans and Father Ryan Athletics

Profession? Employed by Metro Nashville Sheriff's Department in every capacity possible from bottom to top ; retired as Superintendent of the County Jail System

Fav Quote? " Can't dance and it's to wet to plow" " Don't worry about the mule just load the wagon"

Fav Gospel passage? Matthew 25:40 "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

We might be surprised to know that you? That I went to embalming training school and became a licensed embalmer.

Why you are a proud Knight? It's my lifeblood. My Father and Grandfather were Knights. I have always been very proud of the work we have done for our brothers and sisters in the Nashville community and elsewhere.



40 Days For Life Campaign

Pro-Life

This spring, from February 22 through April 1, believers in Nashville and surrounding communities will be joining together for the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history -- the *40 Days for Life* campaign.

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

We are praying that, with God's help, the dignity of every woman and man will be recognized and valued. As God's children, we can make a difference in our community and end abortion in Nashville -- and throughout America.

For more information or to sign up for the vigil please visit the website at <http://www.40daysforlife.com/nashville/> or email Kristen and Benjamin Rinaldo at 40daysnashville@gmail.com.



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Council #544
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“Top of the Mornin’ to you”

Join us in celebrating St. Patrick’s Day 2012 at the Cathedral of the Incarnation, on March 17th! With the help of the Knights of Columbus Council #544, the oldest council south of the Mason Dixon line, this year’s party is set to be a “*Blarney*” good time!

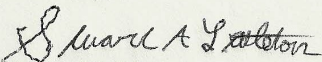
Being a fundraising event, our goal this year is to raise **\$10,000** for the Cathedral Charities, the MR Fund and the Cathedral. To accomplish this we are asking individuals and businesses to donate items for the silent auction held in conjunction with the event. Your donation will go a long way to help local organizations that support the Nashville and surrounding communities.


The following are the charities that the Cathedral supports or makes donations:

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| Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen | The Hospital Hospitality House |
| The Safe Haven Shelter | Ladies of Charity |
| The Hope Clinic for Women | Project Reflect |
| The House of Mercy | Catholic Charities of Nashville |
| The Campus for Human Development | Dress for Success Nashville |
| | United Neighborhood Health Services |

Thank you in advance for your support! Feel free to contact us at the numbers below if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Stuart Littleton
Grand Knight, Council #544
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John Mitchell
Chairman
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May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face, The rains fall soft upon your fields and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Talking points for Auction Item Request

- **The Event is Sat. March 17th, at the Cathedral of Incarnation from 6-10:00pm**
- **Proceeds of Auction Items Benefit the Cathedral and Cathedral Charities and the MR Fund**
- **We are looking for any item of value for our silent auction**
- **You can write off the value of the donated item**
- **We ask that the minimum value of the item be \$25**
- **We will recognize our donors during the event**
- **Our Goal is to raise \$10,000**
- **Donated Items needed by Wednesday March 7th**
- **If you can't donate an item at this time, we would appreciate consideration of a financial contribution or purchasing tickets (\$65 or \$550 for a table of 10) to help underwrite the cost of the event**

Examples of Previous Auction Items

Trips, Dinners, Hotel Stays, Predator Tickets, Titan Tickets, Art, Jewelry, Rounds of Golf

For Questions or to arrange delivery Contact

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Cathedral of The Incarnation
2015 West End Avenue
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Date: _____

This acknowledgment of your contribution to Cathedral of the Incarnation, is provided pursuant to section 170 (f)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Name of Contributor:

Address of Contributor:

Date of Contribution:

Description of Non-Cash Contribution:

CHECK AS APPROPRIATE:

XXX Cathedral either did not provide any goods or services in whole or partial consideration for the above contribution or provided only intangible religious benefits.

_____ Cathedral provided the donor with the following goods and services in return for the above contribution:

The estimated value of these goods and services is \$ _____.

The amount of your contribution deductible for federal income tax purposes is limited to the excess of the amount contributed over the estimated value of the goods and services indicated above.

CATHEDRAL OF THE INCARNATION
Knights of Columbus, Council #544


Stuart Littleton, Grand Knight


Ken Duncan, Event Co-Chairman

Date: 03/17/12

Time: 6:30-10:00

*The 6th Annual St. Patrick's Day
Dinner and Auction hosted by the
Knights of Columbus #544*

Our primary fundraiser, the Saint Patrick's Day Party and Silent Auction is on Saturday March 17th, 2012, from 6:30 – 10PM. There will be dinner, music, dancing and the auction. This year, we will be honoring members of the Knights and the Parish for their service to the Cathedral Community. Tickets are \$60 per person in advance or \$70 at the door. Tables of 10 can be purchased for \$550. The KC Pub opens at 6:30 PM, blessing and dinner are at 7:30 PM.

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The Festivities will in the Fleming Center

*If you would like to volunteer, provide an auction item or purchase tickets
please contact John or Stuart*