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KNIGHTS NEWS

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Cathedral of the Incarnation

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Upcoming Council 544 Meetings & Special Events:

- **Super Bowl Party**
Sun., Feb 2, 2014
4:30 PM Fleming Ctr
- **St Pat's Meeting**
Tue., Feb 4, 2014
7 PM St Albert Hall
- **Council Meeting**
Wed., Feb 5, 2014
7 PM St Albert Hall
- **St Pat's Meeting**
Tue., Feb 18, 2014
7 PM St Albert Hall
- **St Pat's Meeting**
Tue., Mar 4, 2014
7 PM St Albert Hall
- **Council Meeting**
Wed., Mar 5, 2014
7 PM St Albert Hall
- **St. Pat's Event**
Sat., Mar 15, 2014
6 PM Fleming Ctr

Newsletter Delivery:

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ST PATRICK'S DAY FUNDRAISER



March 15, 2014
6:00 PM—10:30 PM
Cathedral Fleming Center
\$65 Individual / \$550 Table of 10

- Overall Co-Chairs.....Daniel Gibbons - daniellgibbons@live.com
Bisell McWilliams - bisell3@gmail.com
Entertainment Sub-Committee.....Kevin Raymond - kfraymond@comcast.net
Auction Sub-Committee.....Dave Lacey - davelacey@earthlink.net
Decorations Sub-Committee.....Amanda McWilliams - cindercat167@gmail.com

Meetings: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7pm, St Albert Hall 303

The 8th Annual St Patrick's Day Dinner & Silent Auction will be March 15, 2014. We will have live entertainment from *Floyd the Barber*, Irish step dancing from the *O'Brien Dance Academy*, a gourmet dinner prepared by *The Chef and I*, and a silent auction. This event is our council's best attended (and most talked about) event of the year. It provides great visibility for our council in the parish, as well as raising crucial funds that allow our council to continue to meet its charitable obligations.

The planning committee has been hard at work since last April, and as we are now barely 2 months away from the event, it is time that we need every Knight to step up and make their contribution to the effort. The committee respectfully requests that each 544 Knight voluntarily commit themselves to:

- 1 - Two Tickets (Purchase or Sell)
- 2 - One Mid-to-High Value Auction Item

Additionally, we will need volunteers for the following:

- Auction Canvass.....Fri., Jan 31st, 2PM - 5PM
Sat., Feb 8th, 9AM - 1PM
- Registration Table.....Sat., Feb 8th through Sun., Mar 9th after all Masses
- Event & Stage Set-Up.....Fri., Mar 14th
- Event Tear-Down & Clean-Up.....Sat., Mar 15th, 10:30PM

If you would like to be more involved in the planning process, committee meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

Please contact Bisell (bisell3@gmail.com, 770-789-3355) or Dan (daniellgibbons@live.com, 615-428-0998) and let us know how you would like to contribute.



PROGRAM COMMITTEES

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Please make every effort you possibly can to actively contribute to our program committees. Our programs are the manifestation of the creeds of our faith and beloved order.



S*per Bowl Party

Chair: Stuart Littleton

It's time to make plans for the Cathedral Su*er Bowl Party, hosted by Knights of Columbus # 544. The party will be held Feb 2nd, starting at 4:30 pm. We will be watching the big game on the big screen in the Fleming Center, and having a Chili Cook-Off in which everyone is invited to participate. There will be games of chance for all to participate in. If you are not participating in the chili cook-off please feel to bring a side-dish or dessert to share (not mandatory). The party will be sponsored by the Midtown Corner Pub.

In order to feed 150 people, we need to have 18 plus gallons prepared. Please contact Stuart (stuartal@comcast.net; 615-491-2020) to let him know how much you can bring. Volunteering to bring chili does not mean you will automatically have to participate in the half-time taste-off/ judging. This event is always a very fun time, so please plan on attending and inviting your family and friends.



Brothers Terry Hill, Chris Crane, Mark O'Neill and Roman Pohlid prepare dinner for guests of the Room in the Inn. **Mike Hosey, Joe Bednar** and many other 544 Knights have given much over the last month as extreme temperatures have prompted the Cathedral to open its doors for many extra nights.

Membership Report

Membership Director: Ken Duncan

Retention Chairs: Bisell McWilliams & Jim Pareigis

New 544 Knights:

Cathedral parishioner Jeffrey Duffield received his 1st Degree on Jan 20th, and his 2nd Degree on Jan 23rd. Brother Terry Hill was in attendance for both ceremonies, and has graciously agreed to serve as Jeffrey's mentor.

Joe Bednar is a 3rd Degree, and will be joining us from the Clarksville council.

Recognition

Knight of the Month Dec / Jan - Chris Crane

For exemplary service to the council including planning the Mid-Year State Meeting.

Family of the Month Dec / Jan - Mark & Bobbie O'Neill

For catering the Christmas Party and their tireless hours with the Room in the Inn Program.



Mario Martinez, 544 Knight and Campus Minister at Aquinas College, along with more than 80 Aquinas students, braved extreme winter conditions in Washington DC to participate in the March for Life 2014.

Programming Report

DGK Bisell McWilliams

We have been working to fill the many vacant programming positions in our council, and are excited to announce the following appointments for January:

Youth Directors - Chris Beal & Rich Adams

Church Director - Stephen Penton

Retention Chairs - Bisell McWilliams & Jim Pareigis

Please take a moment to congratulate these brothers, and consider how you might help them in their new roles.

We still have several Program Director and Committee Chair positions open. If you have been looking for an opportunity to step up and take a more active role in council life, please contact GK Mike or DGK Bisell and we will work to find the best fit for your interests and talents.

Council 544 Online

Website: www.kofc544.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/kofc544



This past year we launched online initiatives to improve communication with our membership, and to broaden our reach in both recruiting and fundraising. You can help us in this effort by:

- 1 - Including the website address on bulletin announcements, flyers, etc when promoting council events.
- 2 - Submitting council event information, volunteer requests, and announcements to Bisell (bisell3@gmail.com) so that it can be published to the web.
- 3 - Sharing the links, especially among brothers and potential Knights.

Additionally, if you are not receiving emails from the council, please contact any officer with your email address and we will make sure that you are added to the listserv.