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2nd Quarter 2017 -2018 Fraternal Year
Georgia State Council Newsletter

FROM THE STATE DEPUTY MARK CORRIGAN



Brother Knights;

The second half of our fraternal year is well on its way and we are anticipating an exciting and eventful spring and summer. Our councils should be well on their way to building the Domestic Church and becoming more visible. Our visibility is the key to our Success. Our Parish leaders should be looking at our councils as a force that will fulfill the Pastors vision for his Parish.

Our Order is moving forward with some innovative changes that will carry us through the next several generations. Our jurisdiction is on the forefront of those changes as part of a pilot program for the order's new initiative of "Online" Membership. We have the opportunity and responsibility to mold this program to make it a success as well as creating a vehicle to draw in our younger Catholic men to become part of our spiritual fraternity.

This is the time to make our programs the new standard for recruitment. Keep the lines of communication with our pastors & parish councils opened to stay on track with the vision of the parish. We should be aligning our programs with those goals. When we accomplish this alignment our parishes will see exactly how valuable we are to realize the pastor's vision. Moreover, the men of the parish that are not yet knights will realize where they can best serve their parish and their faith. The Georgia Knights will be the "GO-TO" organization when our parish needs support. We continue to show our faith community that Charity is the first and foremost principle of our order

Let's show the State what the GA Knights can do.

"Be the Prayer that Changes the World."

VIVAT JESUS,

Mark Corrigan

Georgia Council - State Deputy

Carl Anderson: US Has 'Unique Moral Obligation' to Help Iraqi Christians



The Knights of Columbus fraternal organization has given millions of dollars, resources and political support to help persecuted Christians, especially in Iraq, enabling many families either to find refuge in temporary camps or to be resettled in towns liberated from Islamic extremists.

To find out what the Knights' perspective is on the current situation, the Register's Edward Pentin sat down with Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, who was attending the first major government-funded conference in support of persecuted Christians, which took place in Hungary Oct. 11-13.

In this interview, Anderson explains why the Knights of Columbus feel so passionate about helping persecuted Christian minorities in the Middle East, their keen desire that Christians in the region don't end up permanently displaced, and why personnel in the Trump administration need to change to enable the president to fulfill his campaign promises for persecuted Christians.

What is the current perspective of the Knights of Columbus regarding Iraqi Christians and persecuted Christians in general?

You know, we've put — already — \$15 million into helping Christians who have been displaced. I think we think of them more as refugees, but many of them are within their own country. We're going to continue to help; we're going to need to continue the momentum. They need to be given hope that people care, and that there's a future for them, and continue to take the next steps. So it's important that medical assistance, food assistance, education assistance goes forward for those people who are still unable to return to their homes.

But the next stage is to begin to return to their homes and restore towns, so they can do that; otherwise, we don't want to have happen to the Christians what has happened to the Palestinians: generations displaced, unable to go back to their homes, homeless without hope and without a sense of the future.

You gave a significant amount of funds to help Iraqis resettle in Karemlash, a predominantly Christian town near Mosul. Will you be doing more of that to help resettle Christians in particular towns and villages?

We will continue with Karemlash. We may look for another town and may try to partner with Aid to the Church in Need or with others as we move forward, but I think we need to see this as the private sector, Catholic organizations stepping in to fill the gap where the government is not yet ready or able to provide support.

You're stepping in where others aren't?

We have the mechanism, we have the network, we have brother Knights with very large, generous hearts, and we've gone out into the public, too, to other Catholics, other Americans, so we've raised money, but we'll continue to try to do what we can.

Are you nevertheless optimistic he will see those through to be able to overcome this impasse?

The administration appointees I, and we, have spoken to are very committed. It's just a question of having enough of them to actually implement the policy, and that takes some time. I have certain reasonable confidence that as time goes on there'll be more people in government who will reflect the president's position on these policies and things will change. What we need to do now is focus on the gap and make sure that we support the Christians in the Middle East until we can bring the government around to doing what they should do. I really believe that the U.S. has a unique moral obligation in Iraq to protect the communities that have suffered so much: the minority communities, but in particular the Christian communities.

Excerpts taken from: <http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/carl-anderson-us-has-unique-moral-obligation-to-help-iraqi-christians>

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A Message from Mark McMullen - IPSD and SVP Membership and Fraternal Mission



“Grassroots Recruiting”

Reflecting on our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, we have wonderful initiatives that we promote and execute Order-wide in support of Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth and Culture of Life.

Our charitable, fraternal and spiritual activities are making a profound difference in peoples’ lives! Since it was established 35 years ago, our RSVP program has raised more than \$67 million dollars to support vocations to the priesthood and religious life. As the Supreme Knight noted in his Annual Report, we will have placed 800+ ultrasound machines Order-wide — saving thousands of lives. We are feeding families, providing coats for children in need, enriching the faith of our military serving far from home with limited access to priests, supporting people with physical and mental disabilities and being there for the marginalized exploited on the fringes of society.

In a particular way, we stand in prayerful solidarity with persecuted Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East through both prayer and material support. We must continue to promote the Order’s Christian Refugee Relief Fund and to be a voice for those who suffer for their faith.

Our Charity is our hallmark. As the Supreme Knight noted, we again set new records this year for charitable giving and charitable hours of service. All of this money and time works toward accomplishing our basic goal — to help those in need. And to make our programs as effective as possible, we need to continually welcome new ideas that can help energize our councils.

Regarding membership, the Supreme Knight continues to challenge each of us to make sure that we offer the opportunity to join the Knights of Columbus to every eligible Catholic man. We all need to work as hard as we can to bring many more good men into our fold — particularly younger men!

We all need to be recruiters, not just the grand knights and membership directors, but every council officer and member. Council officers should lead by example and commit to recruiting at least one new member themselves. But the real key to our success, Brothers, is retaining the members that we have — and keeping them energized. We need to focus on three main areas:

We should encourage all First Degree Knights to make their Third Degree soon as possible.

We must find out from new members what they are looking to get out of membership in our Order — and then give them every opportunity to realize their personal goals.

We need to provide ongoing mentorship for our new members so that they do not become disconnected from the council. We should reach out like “big brothers” for our new members — always being there for them as we would for family members.

In the Knighthood Degree, St. John Paul II noted that “the good works that we do are further multiplied by the good works that we inspire in others.” He added that “we must be bright lights that show others the way.” In other words, as the theme of our convention suggests, we are called to be A Light to the Nations. We all can attract others to our faith and to our Order merely by the way we live our lives.

Brothers, as Knights of Columbus, all of us can, at this moment, make a real difference in the lives of our families and of our parish communities. We have advocated for the dignity of human life and the protection of religious liberty. We have supported our priests and religious, aided the poor and marginalized. And we continue to grow in our support of families — the domestic church.

Let Charity always be our North Star. Let us be energized to do what Knights of Columbus do — serve as the strong right arm of the church, and together with our pastors continue to do God’s work as we lead the charge in “Building the Domestic Church and Strengthening Parishes.”

Mark McMullen

IPSD and SVP Membership and Fraternal Mission

From the State Historian



Knights of Columbus in Albany

Monsignor Daniel J. Bourke Council 3607 is the seventh oldest council in Georgia having served Saint Teresa parish and the Albany community since 1951. However, it is not the first Knights of Columbus council at Saint Teresa. Approximately twenty-nine years before Council 3601 was established Fr. Charles Clement Prendergast Council 2057, became the seventh Knights of Columbus council in Georgia. Fr. Prendergast was the first official Pastor of St. Teresa. Two other Priests served briefly but each died before the parish was dedicated. The October 29, 1938 issue of the Bulletin of the Georgia Catholic Layman's Association laude Fr. Prendergast's apostolic zeal, boundless energy, and deep spirituality; qualities certainly worthy of emulation and sound reasons for the Knights in Albany to select him as their namesake.

All the information I have found about this council comes from the pages of the Bulletin. For reasons that I have yet to discover, Council 2057 was very active, but it only functioned for about seven years. For that entire time most of the council officers remained the same, being led by Grand Knight James H. Lynch. Grand Knight Lynch and many of the charter members of council 2057 were already members of the Order in Council 925 in Macon. He was an active Knight, activity that continued throughout his tenure. Like many of the state officers in the early years of the state council, Grand Knight Lynch served simultaneously served as Grand Knight and State Treasurer from 1925 to 1928. He was the brother-in-law of Fr. Leo Keenan, Pastor of St. Teresa and State Chaplain from 1923 to 1925.

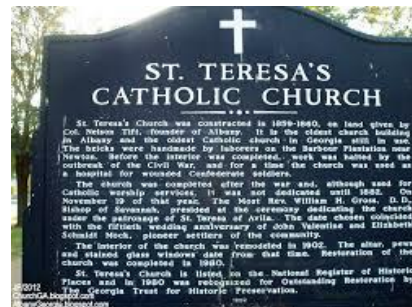
Tragedy struck Council 2057 in December 1924 when Financial Secretary Thomas S. Lynch, brother of Grand Knight Lynch, suddenly died during a brief illness at the age of 28. Thomas Lynch was a Navy veteran of World War I. His funeral was celebrated by Fr. Keenan and two other Priests at St. Teresa. Knights of Columbus acted as pall bearers and members of the American Legion provided an honor guard.

Throughout its existence Council 2057 was the host of several degrees, including June 4, 1927. On that Sunday, 75 candidates from Atlanta, Macon, Albany, Fitzgerald, Bainbridge, and Moultrie were admitted into the Order, taking the Admission, Formation, and Knighthood Degrees. The day began with Mass at St. Teresa, followed by lunch at the Knights of Columbus Hall. After lunch degree teams from Macon and Atlanta conducted the consecutive exemplifications. The festivities concluded with a banquet at the New Albany Hotel with remarks by Fr. Keenan and State Deputy W. M. Mitchell. Grand Knight Lynch acted as toastmaster.

For the following two years there is no mention of Council 2057 in the *Bulletin* other than listing it as a council in Georgia until February 28, 1929. Beginning in the next issue, without explanation, Council 2057 is no longer on the list. In another article some time later Council 2057 is mentioned as having been merged with Council 925, the council from which it originated. Twenty-one years later, Council 3607 was chartered at St. Teresa and remains active today.

If there are brother Knights in Albany or elsewhere interested in researching this topic, please contact me.

Jim Clifford
State Historian



From the Desk of the Reverend Raymond G. Levreault - Associate State Chaplain

"My brother Knights and all,

As we begin a new calendar year we do so with resolutions in mind. Every year, many people set out to make decisions to change behaviors and habits that are usually not so good for them. Some make unrealistic resolutions that deep within they know they won't keep and then never really work at changing. Some people make good resolutions as well... "I'll pray more, attend Mass during the weekday more, be nicer, go to confession more often, help a little more at work or in my church," and on and on the list goes.

But today, as you read this, I ask you to reflect on your own involvement in the Knights of Columbus. How long have you been a Knight? What can you do to make your council better? How many men can I set as a goal this year to invite into the order - and why would I want to do that? After all, why did you join? When we reflect on these few questions, perhaps you are one of the men who can clearly see how God in his goodness, through the Knights of Columbus, has been a blessing in your life - in your family life - in your church life. So take some time, see the blessings, and then go forth and share this with those around you.

Vivat Jesus!
Fr. Raymond Levreault
Associate State Chaplain



FAITH, FRIENDSHIP AND FOOTBALL

Shortly after arriving on campus at Georgia Tech in 2013, Harrison Butker was looking forward to some solitary training on the practice field when he ran into Grant Aasen.

“All I wanted to do was quietly kick some field goals by myself,” recalled Butker, a Decatur native who was recruited as a kicker for the Georgia Tech football team. “This guy I didn’t know at all comes along out of nowhere and acts as if we were best friends.”

A fellow freshman, Aasen hoped to join the team as a walk-on punter and was blasting footballs all over the otherwise empty field. He was happy to see Butker and began chatting. He even asked Butker to videotape him punting so that he could analyze his technique. Whereas Aasen was having a great time, Butker was annoyed beyond belief.

“Harrison was one of the best kickers in the country, and he didn’t find the talkative ways of a low-level punter very appealing,” recalled Aasen, who didn’t make the team his freshman year. “He didn’t want to be bothered by me, and I thought he had a bad attitude, so we basically despised each other.”

Little could they have imagined that by the time they graduated nearly four years later, with Butker drafted to the NFL and Aasen heading to seminary, they would be not only teammates and classmates, but also close friends and brother Knights of Columbus.



Though Butker was thriving on the field, he increasingly felt frustrated and lonely. An occasional churchgoer during his high school years, Butker entered college planning to put what he perceived as the oppressive rules and regulations of the Church far behind him. But that separation had failed to bring happiness. Ironically, Butker found himself turning to the punter who had once irritated him so much.

“I knew Grant was a practicing Catholic, and I also saw that he was joyful,” Butker said. “I didn’t understand how someone could live the way the Church wants us to and still be joyful.” In order to make sense of the situation, he started asking Grant questions about God and the Church.

“He answered a lot of my questions and referred me to Catholic Answers and Father Joshua Allen at the school’s Catholic Center for responses to others,” Butker explained. “The explanations I got about salvation, marriage, family life, science and so many other things made so much sense. I started to see how someone could actually be happy as a practicing Catholic, because I was getting a clearer perspective on the nature of God and man revealed through the Church. I started going to Mass with Grant and then went to confession for the first time since second grade.”

Butker says that his friendship with Grant completely changed his life.

At Georgia Tech, Aasen and Butker were part of a vibrant Catholic community. Some 80 students attend daily Mass at Georgia Tech’s Catholic Center and 200 to 300 attend each of the center’s four Sunday Masses. “Father Josh is amazing. He has helped Harrison, other football players — three this year alone — and many more people into the Church, which meant probably 20 converts total last year,” Aasen said. Father Allen, who serves as chaplain of Georgia Tech Council 14496, is aided in his pastoral ministry by the Knights and the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS).

Butker and Aasen graduated in May 2017, each with degrees in industrial engineering. Butker ended his career at Georgia Tech as the school’s all-time leading scorer, with 337 points. After being drafted by the Carolina Panthers in April, he signed with the Kansas City Chiefs Sept. 26. His first game with the team, which was also his first regular season appearance as a pro, included a game-winning 43-yard field goal against the Washington Redskins Oct. 2.

Aasen still had a year of athletic eligibility when he graduated last spring, but rather than staying at Georgia Tech, he decided to forgo the extra year and apply to seminary.

“I want to bring people close to Christ, and the priesthood seems like the best way for me to do that,” Aasen said. “The priesthood is an amazing thing, but I don’t think I should get credit or some award for pursuing it. If that’s my calling, that’s my calling, just like another young man might be called to marriage.”

HARRISON BUTKER’S ROOKIE YEAR

Harrison Butker, pictured kicking one of five field goals during an Oct. 8 victory over the Houston Texans, has made a dramatic NFL debut with the Kansas City Chiefs. Previously a captain of the Georgia Tech football team and its all-time leading scorer with 337 career points, Butker was initially drafted by the Carolina Panthers last spring and was later signed to Kansas City from Carolina’s practice squad. A member of Georgia Tech Council 14496 in Atlanta, he has garnered formidable statistics in his rookie season.



Excerpt taken from: <http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/detail/faith-friendship-football.html>

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Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

The Order encourages all councils and assemblies to sponsor the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest at schools in their communities. The essay contest is a creative way to encourage young people to become citizens who are firmly grounded in the Faith.

The Order has expanded the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest to all Catholic students — in public, private or parochial schools — in grades 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 during the current school year. The contest has also been expanded to go through the different levels of competition to the international level.

The theme of the essay contest is “**Going to the Peripheries.**” The contest opens the doors of young minds, enabling the entrants to be creative, thoughtful and introspective in their work.

Through his Incarnation, the Lord has united himself forever with suffering humanity — not as an abstraction, but throughout history with each suffering person. Jesus is already at the peripheries. The question for us is whether He will be there alone or whether His disciples will be there with Him.” - Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

Discuss the role of the Catholic Church going to the peripheries, then select one of the following ideas to complete your essay:

- a) Describe the work of one widely known current Catholic who went to the periphery.
- b) Describe the work of one widely known historical Catholic who went to the periphery.
- c) Describe the work of one person in your life, who helps alleviate human suffering.

(It appears that each essay must begin by discussing the role of the Catholic Church “going to the peripheries”. THEN, each writer would select one of the three above ideas to complete the essay!)

If there are any questions regarding the contests, please email me at zin31707@yahoo.com with the name of the contest in the Subject line. Good luck to all councils!

Fraternally,
Dick Hayden, FDD
GA State Council Essay and Poster Contest Chairman

2017 - 2018 YOUTH ESSAY & POSTER CONTESTS SCHEDULE

ESSAY Contest

Council Judging: Oct.15 - Nov. 30
District Judging: December - January
Entry turned in by No later than Feb. 17, 2018

KCIC Poster Contest

Council Judging: Dec. 15 - 31
District Judging: Jan 1- 15, 2018
Entry turned in by no later than Jan. 20, 2018

Substance Abuse Contest

Council Judging: February 2018
District Judging: Early March 2018
Entry turned in by no later than March 31, 2018

Send Entries to:

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Thank you to Chas Ratliff for putting together the materials and letter for our State Newsletter. For a donation of \$24, you can put A FRONTLINE FAITH Player in the hands of one of our service members. The Georgia State Council of the Knights of Columbus is leading the efforts to help.

The FRONTLINE FAITH Project distribute compact MP3 players, preloaded with Catholic content, to members of our Armed Forces currently deployed or preparing for deployment.

-The FRONTLINE FAITH players provide nearly 7 hours of spiritual content, especially as it pertains to military service.
-The FRONTLINE FAITH Players include a Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services; a “Warrior Rosary,” conceived by Lynda McFarland, the wife of a career military man, using the Sorrowful Mysteries and recited by the auxiliary bishops.

While FRONTLINE FAITH is a Catholic initiative, this is an ecumenical endeavor. The MP3 players are given free of charge to every Soldier, Airman, Sailor, Guardsman, and Marine who wishes to receive one as a powerful tool for evangelizing our Catholic faith.

If you wish to donate a player to a loved one who is currently serving in our Armed Forces, please provide the recipient’s name, branch of service, and APO/FPO mailing address.

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Knights of Columbus
Georgia State Council

A Letter to all Brothers from Mike Vanairsdale R.S.V.P. Director:

Worthy DD's, State Officers and Directors-

Greetings from the RSVP Program! I am pleased to announce that all of our Seminarians in the Atlanta Archdiocese and the Savannah Diocese, and select Seminarians in the Military Archdiocese have sponsoring Councils and/or Assemblies in the state of Georgia. As a matter of fact I went back to the Vocations Office in Atlanta and asked if there were any Seminarians in greater need, and the four Seminarians identified have received additional help.

As I have received notifications of support I have updated my files with the amount of support provided. Unfortunately I have verified only about 40% of the RSVP support in the state. What I have found is that it is very difficult for me and the Vocations Offices to determine who is in greater need if we don't have the correct amount of support being provided.

What I am asking is for each Council and Assembly providing financial support to a seminarian, send me an email me with the Seminarians name and the amount of support being provided. I will then contact those Councils and Assemblies which do not respond.

Thanks in advance for providing this very valuable information.

Mike Vanairsdale

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Vivat Jesus

A Letter of Thanks to the Knights of Columbus

Brothers All,

Here is one of the many stories that came out of the devastation of Hurricane Irma. We were SO Blessed by the generous donation from the Supreme Office of the Knights of Columbus. For those that have never been through this kind of devastating loss, there are no words to explain the helplessness that is felt when you return to a home that is no longer livable. As you can see below, the funds from Supreme have gone to VERY good use. God Bless the K of C.

VIVAT JESUS

Mark Corrigan
Georgia Council - State Deputy



Let me begin by thanking the Knights of Columbus for your generosity of 20 \$100 cash cards for our St. Michael's (Tybee Island) parish members who suffered through the flooding and devastation of their homes during Hurricane Irma. You have no idea how much joy you brought to the families.

I had the great privilege of delivering these cards to the people who suffered great loss from the hurricane.

They have a long way to go and are working daily toward trying to figure out the best way to get things back to normal or as normal as they can be.

Some are looking at raising their homes and some cannot raise them.

We started from the parish with gift cards to grocery stores, Walmart, Target and Home Depot. These were great and very much appreciated, but the cash cards were so easy for them to use. You offered them so much flexibility. Most of them cried when I gave them the cards. They wanted to make sure I thanked you for them.

I seriously don't know what we would have done without this support.

I felt like the Santa Claus of the parish delivering these cards. I stay in touch with each person and ask each week what their needs are. For the most part, we are currently in a waiting game as they wait to see if their houses can be repaired, or lifted, etc.

Again, the Knights of Columbus are at the forefront of bringing hope to many people who felt hopeless.

I am proud to say my father was in the KofC in NC. My husband and both sons are members of the KofC in Savannah.

On behalf of St. Michael's, thank you for all you do.

You were an answer to many prayers on Tybee Island.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Jurick



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Caring for Our Own

The Knights of Columbus isn't just an insurance company. It's a brotherhood, and so we do things differently.

If we were just another insurance company, you'd be nothing more than customers – or potential customers – who only add value based on the products you purchase. But you're not. You're brothers, and so are we. After all, Father McGivney founded the Knights 135 years ago so that we could help each other. So we offer you products and services unique to our industry because we care deeply about you and your families, and your wellbeing.

For starters, we extend to each of our members an Accidental Death benefit for free, just by virtue of their membership in the Knights of Columbus.

The program – which is only available in insurance jurisdictions – provides a benefit of \$1,000 - \$2,500 upon the accidental death of any member or his spouse (subject to certain age restrictions).

The program was launched at the 113th Supreme Council Meeting in 1994, and has continued to the present day, providing more than \$12.5 million in benefits.

In addition to the Accidental Death benefit, the Knights of Columbus offer a number of free services to our members and their families. First and foremost, we agents are committed to providing survivor assistance to widows and families left behind after the loss of a loved one.

Most commercial agents would fill out the necessary paperwork and move on, but not Knights of Columbus agents. We will stand by you and help you contact your attorney to sort out the will, help you make funeral arrangements, help you notify and coordinate with the council, help resolve any financial matters, help you file any claims (including claims with companies other than the Knights of Columbus), and will help file for survivor benefits or Veteran's benefits, if necessary.

Secondarily, we offer two additional services to help Knights' families plan. The first is Profiles & Forecaster, a comprehensive and complimentary industry tool that helps you evaluate your family's financial situation, and to determine what insurance protection – if any – may be needed. The second, the Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook, will help you record your final wishes and important information (including accounts, passwords, funeral arrangements, etc.) for your survivors. Both of these services are free.

To our insurance members,* we offer two additional programs: the Family Fraternal Benefit Program, and the Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program.

The Family Fraternal Benefit Program offers two distinct benefits. The first offers insurance eligibility to uninsurable children. Through the Program, a member can purchase a \$5,000 life insurance policy for an otherwise uninsurable child at standard rates before the child is 61 days old, or at a rated premium if before the child's 18th birthday. A member can also purchase a \$5,000 policy for a mentally impaired child at standard rates, between the ages of 3 and 18 years old.

The Program also offers death benefit coverage to members who have lost an infant child less than 61 days after birth, or who have lost an unborn child in a stillbirth, after the 20th week. (The Order affirms that life begins at conception. In this instance, the benefit requires a certified death certificate for the stillborn child, hence the 20-week rule.)

The second fraternal benefit program available to insured members is the Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program. This extensive program also provides two benefits. The first is an \$80 monthly benefit for each eligible orphan, until their 19th birthday. The second is a scholarship program, which grants eligible orphans up to \$1,750 per year for a four-year period.

In a letter addressing the programs, our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson noted that "These benefits augment the tradition of fraternity established by Father McGivney, namely, that the Order cares for its own; it expands upon a basic reason for which he founded the Order: 'of rendering pecuniary aid to its members, their families, and beneficiaries of members and their families.'"

They are part of what makes us unique.

So get to know all of our fraternal benefits, and the ways in which you may benefit from them.

Contact me today to learn more.

*To be eligible for both the Family Fraternal Benefit Program, and the Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program, the member must be in good standing, and either he or his wife must be insured under a Knights of Columbus certificate requiring an annual premium of at least \$150, or providing at least \$5,000 in permanent life insurance coverage. Eligibility for the Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program is also contingent on the child being covered by an individual Knights of Columbus certificate.

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Georgia Knights of Columbus, Holy Trinity Council 7601, Donates \$1,500.00 to A Friend's House, McDonough, GA, for Children in Crisis

The Georgia Knights of Columbus Holy Trinity Council 7601, McDonough, GA, know there is a special place in the Heart of Jesus for children. In the Holy Gospel of Matthew 19:13-14, Jesus told His disciples of His special love of children this way: *"Then children were brought to Him that He may lay His hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

It was in this spirit that on December 11, 2017, Knights of Columbus Holy Trinity Council 7601, McDonough, GA voted to donate \$1,000.00 to "A Friend's House", McDonough, GA to help ensure the children under their care receive Christmas presents and gifts on Christmas morning. A Friend's House is currently home for several boys and girls, ages 8 to 17. Inspired by the plight of these children in crisis and the work of A Friend's House, an additional \$500.00 was donated by an individual Knight of Columbus who asked to remain anonymous. This brought the total amount to be donated to A Friend's House to be \$1,500.00.

On December 13, 2017, Council Trustee, Sir Knight Fred Johnson and Sir Knight Wally Marchant, both members of Council 7601, presented two checks totaling \$1,500.00 to Mr. Gary Wright, Executive Director of A Friend's House. Also present was Mrs. Melissa Thomas, Human Service Provider, who has counseled and worked with children in crisis for the past 15 years and Mr. David Porter, Program Manager, a member of St. James the Apostle Catholic Church, McDonough, GA where Holy Trinity Council 7601 is located. Mr. Wright thanked the Knights of Columbus for the donation and confirmed the donation would be used to help provide presents and gifts to the children in their care on Christmas morning.

The doors of "A Friend's House" were opened on October 27, 1998, for children who have been alleged to be abused, neglected and abandoned. A Friend's House operates as a home for children in the custody of the Department of Family and Children Services (DFACS) and over 2003 children have been welcomed since its opening. A Friend's House is dedicated to meeting the emotional and physical needs of children in crisis. Services such as counseling, medical treatment, academic assistance and recreational opportunities are available for the children.

In 2016, the Henry County DFACS received over 4000 reports of child abuse, neglect or abandonment. That averages over 300 reports each month! The statistics are heartbreaking considering these numbers have more than doubled since 2008.

If you're interested in finding out more about A Friend's House or making a personal donation, go to www.afriendshouse.org or call (678)432-1630. For more information about the Knights of Columbus and Holy Trinity Council 7601, go to www.kofc7601.org



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Each council should have someone appointed to handle council publicity. The GK cannot do it all. Give the job to some full Knight that doesn't already have a title. If there is nobody available, then add it to the duties of the Council Director. How it is done and by whom is not important. It is only important that we start getting the word out more often.

Jim Clifford
Georgia State Treasurer
Knights of Columbus