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1. Agenda

123rd Annual Meeting of the Georgia State Council

Saturday, May 17, 2025

7:30 AM	Memorial Mass	Bishop Emeritus Boland (Celebrant) State Secretary Kevin York (Mass Captain)
8:30 AM	Registration	State Executive Secretary Tim Bair
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Inspection of Membership Cards	State Warden Ladd Rosipal
9:30 AM	Call to Order	State Deputy TJ McCaustland
9:32 AM	Report on Membership Cards	State Warden Ladd Rosipal
9:33 AM	Opening Prayer	State Chaplain Bishop Emeritus Boland
9:38 AM	Presentation of Colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance	State Warden Ladd Rosipal
9:45 AM	Rollcall of State Officers & District Deputies	State Secretary Kevin York
9:48 AM	Appointment of Special Committees Assistant Wardens Audit and Finance Ceremonials Credentials Counters and Tellers Fraternal Greetings Necrology Resolutions Ushers and Greeters	State Deputy TJ McCaustland
9:49 AM	Special Committee on Credentials Excused	State Deputy TJ McCaustland
9:50 AM	Convention Report	Convention Chairman Paul Tanguay
10:00 AM	Recognition of Dignitaries	State Deputy TJ McCaustland
10:05 AM	Spiritual Message	State Chaplain Bishop Emeritus Boland
10:15 AM	Approval of the Minutes of the 122 nd Annual Meeting	State Secretary Kevin York



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10:20 AM	Reading of Communications	State Secretary Kevin York
10:30 AM	Reports of the State Officers	Warden Ladd Rosipal Advocate Mike Basak Treasurer Paul Zock Secretary Kevin York IPSD James H. Clifford
10:50 AM	State of Jurisdiction Remarks	State Deputy TJ McCaustland
11:05 AM	Supreme Representative's Remarks	Supreme Director Vice President Membership Fraternal Mission Robert J. Ennis and Q&A session
11:30 AM	Report on Credentials	DD John Cianfagione
11:30AM	Announcements	State Deputy TJ McCaustland
Break		
12:30 PM	Report of the General Agent	General Agent Ross Conklin
12:45 PM	District Deputy Reports	State Secretary Kevin York
12:50 PM	Report on Programs	State Program Director Rich Parcels
1:05 PM	Report on Membership	State Membership Director Mark McMullen
1:20 PM	Report on Cor	Evangelization and Faith Formation Director Brian Musha
1:35 PM	Report on the 4 th Degree	District Master Arnie Terrell
1:45 PM	Report on Communication	Communications Director Chris Bell
1:55 PM	Rerport on Wheelchairs	Wheelchair Chairman Thomas Fagbamiye
2:10 PM	Nomination of State Officer Candidates	State Deputy TJ McCaustland
	State Deputy State Secretary State Treasurer State Advocate State Warden	(One nomination per delegate – nomination speeches limited to five minutes each)
2:20 PM	Nomination of Delegates & Alternates to the 143 rd Supreme Convention	State Deputy TJ McCaustland (One by name nomination per delegate – no speeches)



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2:40 PM	Nomination of KCCG Board Member	KCCG President Ed O'Connor
2:45 PM	Announcements	State Deputy TJ McCaustland
2:46 PM	Closing Prayer	Associate State Chaplain Fr. Chris Hassel
2:50 PM	Business Session Recessed until 9:00 AM on May 18, 2025	State Deputy TJ McCaustland

Sunday, May 18, 2025

7:30 AM	Marian Prayer	Deacon Eric Windmöller
8:00 AM	Registration	State Executive Secretary Tim Bair
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Inspection of Membership Cards	State Warden Ladd Rosipal
9:00 AM	Call to Order	State Deputy TJ McCaustland
9:01 AM	Report on Membership Cards	State Warden Ladd Rosipal
9:02 AM	Opening Prayer	State Chaplain Bishop Emeritus Boland
9:05 AM	Pledge of Allegiance	State Warden Ladd Rosipal
9:06 AM	Rollcall of State Officers & District Deputies	State Secretary Kevin York
9:15 AM	Spiritual Message	State Chaplain Bishop Emeritus Boland
9:25 AM	Report of Special Committees	
	Fraternal Greetings	State Secretary Kevin York
	Resolutions	State Advocate Mike Basak
	Audit & Finance	State Treasurer Paul Zock
	Necrology	DD8 Emory Montgomery
	Ceremonials	State Ceremonials Committee Chairman DD 23 Pedro VillaCorte
	Credentials	DD21 Bill Gorny
10:30 AM	Report on Knights of Columbus Charities of Georgia	KCCG President Ed O'Connor
10:45 AM	Unfinished Business GA Resolution 24-12	State Deputy TJ McCaustland



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10:50 AM	New Business	State Deputy TJ McCaustland
	Election of State Officers for 2024/2025	State Deputy TJ McCaustland
	State Deputy	
	State Secretary	
	State Treasurer	
	State Advocate	
	State Warden	
	Election of Delegates and Alternates to the 143 rd Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council	State Secretary Kevin York
	Announcement of the slate of delegates to the 143 rd Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council	State Deputy TJ McCaustland
12:00 PM	Election of KCCG Board of Director Members	KCCG President Ed O'Connor
12:10 PM	Remarks of the State Deputy Elect	
12:20 PM	Summary of State Program Award Winners	State Program Director Rich Parcels
12:40 PM	Remarks of the Convention Committee Chairman	Convention Chairman Paul Tanguay
12:45 PM	Report of Executive Secretary	Tim Bair
	Confirmation of Annual Meeting Sites 2025-2029	
	2026 – Savannah	
	2027 – LaGrange	
	2028 – LaGrange	
	2029 – Savannah	
	2030 – Jekyll Island	
12:50 PM	Good of the Order	State Deputy TJ McCaustland
12:51 PM	Closing Convention Remarks	State Deputy TJ McCaustland
12:55 PM	Spiritual Message and closing prayer	Associate State Chaplain Fr. Sunny Punnakuziyil
	Adjournment of the 123 rd Annual Meeting of the Georgia State Council	State Deputy TJ McCaustland
	124th Annual Meeting of the Georgia State Council	
	Savannah, Georgia	
	May 15 – 17, 2026	



Saturday May 17, 2025

2. Call to Order

State Deputy TJ McCaustland called the meeting to order promptly at 09:30AM

3. Report on Membership Cards

State Warden Ladd Rosipal reported that all present were in possession of the current membership card.

4. Opening Prayer, by Bishop Emeritus of Savannah, J. Kevin Boland

In the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit.
Love you. God, we praise your name in our hearts.
We're grateful for the safety of the trials of all people who came here.
We ask you to remember us at this meeting. What we do today.
May be done for the benefit of the Lord's Kingdom.
For Jesus, you died, when we live.
May everything we say and do be done.
With the purpose and the benefit of your Kingdom and Earth.
So therefore, seeing how we do is a measure of our goodness.
Is a measure of our loyalty to you and your love for us and the person of the Lord Jesus.
We may live forever in his presence.
So we ask your blessing upon this upon this meeting.
Of all of our deliberations may be for the benefit of the Knights of Columbus, the State of
Georgia, And also for the benefit of Knights of Columbus isn't in this world.
So for the benefit of all of our families, living and dead.
All in this we ask in your name through Christ our Lord.
Father, son and Holy Spirit.
Amen



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5. Presentation of Colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Colors were presented by color guard under the command of District Marshal Pat McMahon of Assembly 173, consisting of:

Sir Knight Patrick White, from Assembly 4034, a new Assembly in Statesboro

Marshal Paul Tanguay, from Assembly 173

Marshal Brian Musha, from Assembly 174

Marshal Christopher Bell, from Assembly 3086

Past Faithful Navigator Thomas Fagbamiye, from Assembly 2562

Faithful Navigator Marvin Manning, from Assembly 173

Sir knight Mark Mahaffey, from Assembly 2148

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by State Warden Ladd Rosipal.



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6. Rollcall of State Officers & District Deputies

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State Officer	Name	Present	Excused
State Deputy	T.J. Mc Caustland	X	
State Secretary	Kevin York	X	
State Treasurer	Paul Zock	X	
State Advocate	Mike Basak	X	
State Warden	Ladd Rosipal	X	
Immediate Past State Deputy	Jim Clifford	X	
Executive Secretary	Tim Bair	X	
State Chaplain	Bishop J Kevin Boland	X	
Associate State Chaplain	Father Sunny Punnakuziyil	X	
Associate State Chaplain	Father Christopher R. Hassel	X	
District Deputy 01	Walt Harper	X	
District Deputy 02	Mark McMullen	X	
District Deputy 03	Dennis Foster	X	
District Deputy 04	Kevin Berkel	X	
District Deputy 05	Luis Rivera	X	
District Deputy 06	Ed Armijo	X	
District Deputy 07	Ken Athaide	X	
District Deputy 08	Emory Montgomery	X	
District Deputy 09	David Hall	X	
District Deputy 10	Robert Barnard		X
District Deputy 11	Anthony Artinelli	X	
District Deputy 12	Chris McHugh	X	
District Deputy 13	Pedro Villacorta	X	
District Deputy 14	Stacy Chadwick	X	
District Deputy 15	Robert Bergeron	X	
District Deputy 16	Chris Bell	X	
District Deputy 17	Ben Cabeen	X	
District Deputy 18	Thomas Fagbamiye	X	
District Deputy 19	Tom Lanyi	X	
District Deputy 20	Robert Aiken	X	
District Deputy 21	Bill Gourny	X	
District Deputy 22	Richard Graff	X	
District Deputy 23	Ken Boone	X	
District Deputy 24	Brian Musha	X	
District Deputy 25	Paul Tanguay II	X	
District Deputy 26	Keith Wagner	X	



7. Appointment of Special Committees

Assistant Wardens:

Chairman - DD 26 Keith Wagner

GK Tim Nord 9923

GK Carl Micu 11461

GK Fabian Apodaca 12287

GK Michael Rutledge 12905

GK Dominick Weir 13217

GK Carlos Moreira 14425

Advisor: Ladd Rosipal - State Warden

Audit and Finance:

Chairman - DD 12 Chris McHugh

GK Shawn Doucette 7601

GK Peter Dapremont 8376

GK Dean Hollman 8495

GK E.J. Couvillion 11402

GK Michael Dutton 13808

GK Tremaine Ross 14944

Advisor: Paul Zock- State Treasurer

Ceremonials:

Chairman - DD 13 Pedro Villacorta

GK Gregory Glaz 11058

GK Warren Inge 11340

GK Mike Palka 12984

Advisor: Tim Bair - State Executive Secretary

Counters and Tellers:

Chairman - DD 07 Ken Athaide

GK Glenn Gaines 5484

GK Glenn Harahan 11746

GK Bernard Palcisko 11768

GK David Chamberlain 12580

Advisor: Kevin York - State Secretary

Fraternal Greetings:

Chairman - DD 06 Ed Armijo

GK David Gagric 12883

GK Todd Morrow 13440

GK Timothy McCarthy 14773

Advisor: Kevin York - State Secretary

Credentials:

Chairman - DD 21 Bill Gorny

GK David Waters 677

GK Samuel Williams 925

GK Alfred Fargione 6514

PGK John Cianfaglione 9923

GK James Piper 10632

GK Jamey Hermanns 10866

GK Terry Duthu 12386

GK David Keller 12862

GK Peter Kruszka 15996

Advisor: Tim Bair - State Executive Secretary

Mass Ushers and Greeters:

Chairman - DD 11 Anthony Annarelli PGK

FDD Karl Stevens 5484

GK Warren Wiltz 6532

GK Keith Schwaner 14122

GK Russell Ford 15848

GK Vincent Toner 17969

Advisor: Ladd Rosipal - State Warden

Necrology:

Chairman - DD 08 Emory Montgomery

KCCGP Ed O'Connor 12862

DD04 Kevin Berkel 4913

PGK Dan Lackey 6514

GK John Dunn 18154

Advisor: Kevin York - State Secretary

Resolutions:

Chairman - DD 22 Richard Graff

SMD DD02 Mark McMullen 13808

GK Kermit Frazier 6352

GK Michael Meehan 10362

PGK Thaddeus M^c Caustland II 11340

FDD Joseph Yorio 14348

GK Larry Suarez 15238

Advisor: Mike Basak - State Advocate

8. Special Committee on Credentials Excused



9. Convention Report, Paul Tanguay, Convention Committee Chairman

Worthy State Deputy, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Representatives, Worthy State Officers, Brothers all. Welcome to this our 123rd Georgia State Council Annual Meeting and Convention. On behalf of the entire convention staff, it's my profound pleasure to welcome all of you to historic Jekyll Island. If during this weekend you encounter any problems, please don't hesitate to contact myself, Paul Tanguay, the convention chairman and District Deputy 25, my wife Lisa or executive secretary Tim Bair. Our goal is to make your experience as pleasant as possible. We strive to learn from past conventions. Things will likely come up. If we don't know about the problem, we can't fix it. Please give us an opportunity to fix it. If you have any criticism, please make constructive suggestions we can use in the future. This year, we have continued the morning brunch for our ladies in place of a luncheon to allow them more free time to enjoy beautiful Jekyll Island. Hopefully, you and your ladies agree. I would like to thank my wife Lisa, as she has spent countless hours leading up to this year's convention on shirts, flowers, and a host of other items for us to enjoy. I want to thank Brian Sartain and Grand Knight Stephen McNicoll of Council 1939 for facilitating this year's golf tournament held at Jekyll Island Golf Club Indian Mounds Course. As most of you know, we will be heading to Savannah. Marriott Riverfront next year for 2026, and then moving to Great Wolf Lodge in La Grange, Georgia for 2027 and 2028. Tomorrow as we wrap up here, the convention committee will make recommendations regarding the 2029 and 2030 annual meetings. Thank you for your participation. Enjoy Jekyll Island, and let's have a great convention. Vivat Jesus!

10. Recognition of Dignitaries

State Chaplain Bishop Emeritus of Savannah, J. Kevin Boland
Supreme Representative, Vice-President of Fraternal Mission, Robert J. Ennis
In Spirit,
Abbot of the Monastery of the Holy Spirit, Dom Augustine Myslinski
Abbot Emeritus of the Monastery of the Holy Spirit, Dom Francis Michael
Brother Callistus Crichlow, of the Monastery of the Holy Spirit
Associate State Chaplain Fr. Sunny Punnakuziyil
Associate State Chaplain, Fr. Christopher Hassel
Master of the District of Georgia, Arnie Terrell
Past State Deputy Mark McMullen
Past State Deputy Mark Corrigan
Immediate Past State Deputy Jim Clifford
General Agent Ross Conklin
President of Knights of Columbus Charities of Georgia, Ed O'Connor

11. Spiritual Message – Associate State Chaplain, Father Chris Hassel

[We will be having a moment of silence tonight for Mark Hoffman. And for those that don't



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know it, Mark Hoffman is the intention of tonight's Mass. So we will do that with our wives as well.]

Good morning, gentlemen. Fellow brother knights. It has been an amazing and wonderful Easter season as it always is for us as we celebrate the Lord's resurrection in our lives and what it means in our lives each day. It has been a unique Easter for us, not one that we haven't experienced before in the past, but with the death of Pope Francis and the election of the next successor of Peter, Pope Leo the Fourteenth. And so amidst our resurrection joy, amidst our celebrations of Easter, we have had this time to pray for the repose of Pope Francis, but also to rejoice with great joy. Just a little over a week ago with the election of Pope Leo the Fourteenth. And so it has been an Easter, a unique Easter for us this year. And in that, we continue to go forth and celebrate the Lord's resurrection, his conquering of death, our salvation. And to continue to go out into the world to bring that to all that we meet, as it is a part of our call: to go out, to bring the gospel of Christ, to bring Christ to others, to bring them into an encounter with Christ. And may that be through our words or our actions each day. We bring Christ to others, and as we know, especially with the Knights of Columbus, that is our purpose. The purpose of that Blessed Michael McGivney began, though it was to care for families. Truly at the heart of that was to bring Christ's love to families who were suffering the loss of their husband, loss of a father, to help them and to care for them. Truly, at the heart of what Christ calls us to do, and in that living out Christ in our lives through our actions. And so, as we continue to go through this weekend, as we continue to go then back to our councils, may we continue to live that out—to bring Christ to others through our words but through these. So many wonderful and great actions. But the Knights of Columbus do in the state of Georgia and in your local communities, supporting your parish, supporting the communities, supporting those charities that matter. Let's live out those values that Christ gave us to completely and fully live that in our lives. And so may we continue in this season of Easter to continue to rejoice, to continue to live. As we are called to live as knights, but particularly as sons of God, to live our baptismal values out, our baptismal call to bring Christ to others by preaching the gospel, by living the gospel each day of our lives. May you be blessed this weekend and always. And know of our prayers from Bishop and Father Sonny and myself for you. Your councils and your families.

12. Approval of the Minutes of the 122nd Annual Meeting

PSD Mark Corrigan, Council 631, moved that the minutes be approved as published.
Numerous seconds.

The minutes were approved as published by unanimous vote.



13. Reading of Communications, State Secretary, Kevin York

The first one is from our Associate State Chaplain, Father Chris, who's also the pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Augusta. Knights Columbus Charities of Georgia seventeen March 2025 St Patrick's Day. Thank you for the generosity of the Knights Columbus for our parish. St. Joseph and Augusta, we had to replace our roof here, and your support and generosity is greatly appreciated. The response to the offer and assistance and continued support to Hurricane Helene was what the Knights of Columbus is all about: supporting parishes and families. Thank you all. Vivat Jesus, Father Chris Hassel.

Knights of Columbus Charities of GA, ^{17 March 2025} St. Patrick
Thank you for the generosity of the
Knights for our parish, St Joseph
in Augusta. We had to replace our
roof here and your support and gener-
osity is greatly appreciated! The response
to the affected areas and continued support
of Hurricane Helene areas is what the
Knights are about. Supporting Parishes
and families. Thank you all!
Vivat Jesus, ^{Father Chris} Hassel



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The second one is from New Haven, actually it's from Patrick Kelly:

PATRICK E. KELLY
SUPREME KNIGHT

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1 COLUMBUS PLAZA
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT 06510-3326

January 2, 2025

Knights of Columbus Charities of Georgia
4045 Five Forks Trickum Rd. SW
Ste B9-125
Lilburn, GA 30047

Dear Brother Knights,

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, thank you for the generous donation of \$61,587.00 to the Knights of Columbus United in Charity Annual Appeal.

As of today, donors like yourself have contributed more than \$1.1 million to our annual appeal, bringing the total amount dedicated to the support of our charitable work to more than \$4.5 million dollars. When 100% of donations go directly to aid those we serve through our charitable programs, every dollar makes an impact, and no contribution is ever too small. Yet substantial gifts extend our reach on an immense scale. Our charitable initiatives would not be as robust, extensive, and effective as they are without the support of significant donors like yourself.

The United in Charity Annual Appeal makes possible our quick response to pressing needs aligned with the Knights of Columbus' mission, principles, and priorities. From giving winter coats to children in need and protecting persecuted Christians around the world, to sponsoring seminarians as they pursue their vocation to the priesthood and helping communities following natural disasters, your generous donation enables us to address some of the greatest physical and spiritual needs around the world.

I know this is not only a monetary gift, but also a gift of trust. We are humbled to receive it and to partner with you, as we stand united in charity.

In thanksgiving, be assured of my prayers for you and your family through the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney, Founder of the Knights of Columbus.

Fraternally,

Patrick E. Kelly
Patrick E. Kelly
Supreme Knight



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Next one is from Ms. Meledy Kies:

Melady Kise
4132 Chastain Dr.
Grovetown, Ga 30813

December 28, 2024

Knights of Columbus Georgia State Council
c/o T.J. Mc Caustland, State Deputy
5158 Ashley Drive
Covington, Georgia 30014

Dear Knights,

My late husband, Joe Kise, joined the Knights of Columbus Council 8495 as soon as he converted to Catholicism. He was always so proud to be part of a group of men who make a difference at St. Teresa of Avila and the local community. We attended several State Conventions where we had the opportunity to hear all of the wonderful charity work done by the Knights throughout Georgia and were so impressed by everything that is done throughout the year.

When Joe was diagnosed with cancer in 2011, his brother Knights were always available for whatever our family needed. After his death in 2016, the Knights once again showed our family so much love and support. St. Teresa of Avila was filled for his funeral and the Knights of Columbus were a big part of that. I will never forget the way they honored Joe in so many ways including participating in the funeral and the Rosary services that were held for months after his death.

As you know, my house was pretty much destroyed due to Hurricane Helene this past September. The home we have lived in since 2000 was hit by several trees which caused substantial damage. It is now completely gutted and in the process of repair which will take several months. Once again, the Knights stepped up to help. To my surprise, I received the generous gift of \$1,500 from you and I cannot express the deep gratitude for this. I was able to use it for expenses during the move to the rental home I am living in until the house is completed.

Before Joe died, the Knights told him that they "had his 6", I didn't really know what that meant - apparently it is a military term for "I have your back". You have all certainly done that even after his death.

The Knights were not just friends, they were also brothers to Joe and I feel like they are part of my "guardian angel patrol" here on earth. I know Joe is looking down from heaven and beaming with pride for what his brothers continue to do.

May God bless you all.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melady Kise".

Melady Kise



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Next, from the Missionaries of Charity:

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Missionaries of Charity
995 St. Charles Ave. NE
Atlanta, GA 30306

Dear Knights of Columbus,

"Whatever you did to the least of my brethren, You did it to ME".

Thank you all you do for Jesus in the poor, for being a sign of love and care. We are very grateful for your generosity in sending a donation for the Poorest of the Poor. May God reward every sacrifice you have made to send us this donation.

May The Blessed Virgin Mary keep you in Her Immaculate Heart. You and all your loved ones are in our prayers as well as all your intentions.

May Our Mother, St. Teresa of Calcutta obtain for you all the graces you need to continue to grow into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Let us be small pencil in the hand of the Lord so that He may use us to write His message of love to all those we come in contact with.

May God Bless you

Sincerely in Christ,

Sr. M. Aracelly, MC

Sr. M. Aracelly, MC.
Superior



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From Governor Kemp and his wife Marty:



Brian P. Kemp
GOVERNOR

Marty A. Kemp
FIRST LADY

May 17, 2025

GREETINGS:

On behalf of the state of Georgia, allow us to extend our warmest regards to The Knights of Columbus Georgia State Council as you host and participate in your event.

Additionally, please allow us also to welcome your distinguished guests, honorees, their families, and other attendees. Events like these are crucial for those in attendance to go forth and produce good works that benefit all. The Knights have many programs that assist those on the margins of society which is good for all Georgians. We are confident that GA State Council's 123rd Annual Meeting will be great success!

We commend you and your team for your effort and dedication in organizing the event, and we send our best wishes for your continued success and a productive event!

Sincerely,


Brian P. Kemp


Marty A. Kemp



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I'd also like to note that you need to get a copy of the Knightlife magazine, which has additional messages that will let you read on your own time. See messages from:

- Bishop Stephen D. Parkes, Bishop of Savannah
- Bishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, Archbishop of Atlanta
- Abbot Augustine Myslinski, Monastery of the Holy Spirit
- Bishop Bernard E. Schlesinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Atlanta
- Bishop Joel M. Konzen, Auxiliary Bishop of Atlanta
- Bishop John-Nhan Tran, Auxiliary Bishop of Atlanta
- Patrick E. Kelly, Supreme Knight
- Chris Carr, Georgia Attorney General
- Robert J. Ennis, Knights of Columbus Vice President of Membership Growth
- Bishop J. Kevin Boland, State Chaplain (Bishop Emeritus of Savannah)
- Father Sunny Punnakuziyil, Associate State Chaplain
- Father Chris R. Hassel, Associate State Chaplain



14. Report of State Warden Ladd Rosipal

Worthy State Deputy, Your Excellency, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Associate State Chaplain and Fellow Clergy, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Delegates, and Brothers All:

I wish to thank the State Deputy and my brother Knights for the honor and privilege of serving as State Warden this year. I extend my sincere thanks to all of you for affording me this honor.

I report to you today that I have carried out the duties stated in Article III, Section 5 of the Georgia State bylaws. All state council equipment has been stored safely and maintained in working order. I have prepared the meeting chambers for the state level meetings with the assistance of several former Wardens, up to and including our current State Deputy as well as numerous District Deputies, Grand Knights and other council members at the local level.

As the form official I am appreciative of the timeliness of most council's form submissions. The State of Georgia has submitted just under 90% of all Forms currently due. I have not included the SP-7 Form on this report as it is not due until 6/30/2025.

365	1295-1	1295-2	1728	185
107/115	100/115	98/115	103/115	111/115
93%	86%	85%	90%	97%

My Wife Renee' and I were able to visit many council activities this year. We were welcomed and made to feel at home. Thank you all for the nice hospitality.

In closing, I Thank you again for the honor and privilege of serving you as Warden of the Georgia State Council and looking forward to a wonderful year ahead of doing great things for the State of Georgia and our State Councils.

Vivat Jesus
Ladd Rosipal
State Warden
Georgia State Council



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15. Report of State Advocate Mike Basak

Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Representative to our Convention, Worthy State Deputy and all State Officers, Past State Deputies, District Deputies, Delegates, and Brothers, all:

Thank you to my Brother Knights of the Georgia State Council for your confidence and trust in me to serve as your State Advocate for this fraternal year. It has been my distinct honor and privilege to serve in this capacity. I appreciate everybody's kind cooperation and unwavering support.

I am pleased to report to you that I have successfully carried out the duties of Advocate, pursuant to Article III Section 4 of the State Bylaws. I have represented the State Council in all legal matters that have come before me, in as much as I am qualified. When necessary, I consulted with the Office of Youth Protection and our Supreme Advocate John Marrella.

I have had the all-important assignment of ensuring compliance with Safe Environment regulations, to faithfully adhere to our mission, responsibility, and sacred duty to protect our youth. While not quite at 100% compliance, we are within reach of full compliance by the end of the fraternal year.

As of May 9th, 2025

Grand Knights: 108 of 115 Councils are compliant (94%)

Program Directors: 101 of 115 Council are compliant (88%)

Community Directors: 93 of 115 Councils are compliant (81%)

Family Directors: 95 of 115 Councils are compliant (83%)

Per the Bylaws, I oversaw the submissions of resolutions, ensuring proper format and validity, and I am serving as advisor to the Convention Resolutions Committee. This fraternal year we have (27) resolutions.

My wife, Sylvia, and I have had the pleasure of visiting several Councils and events around the State. We are in awe of all the varied and great charitable goings-on in all corners of Georgia, and we thank you for your commitment, for your generosity, and for your hospitality.

Having executed my duties as Advocate and having responded to all issues and concerns promptly and thoroughly, I humbly solicit your support, as I prepare for the position of State Treasurer for the next fraternal year.

Respectfully presented, May 18, 2025, by.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Basak'.

Mike Basak
State Advocate



16. Report of State Treasurer Paul Zock

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplains, Reverend Fathers, Deacons, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Master, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Delegates, and Brothers, all:

I offer my sincere thanks to my brother Knights of the Georgia State Council for your support and confidence in me. It has been my privilege and honor, this Fraternal Year, to serve as Treasurer to our State Deputy, to the Executive Committee, and to the entire Georgia State Council.

I report to you today that I have diligently, faithfully, and successfully carried out the duties and responsibilities of the office of State Treasurer as stated in Article III, Section 3 of the Georgia State bylaws.

I have reviewed all vouchers for disbursements made this year. No funds are expended unless approved by the State Deputy and State Treasurer. After reviewing and verifying the vouchers, and their associated receipts, I have affixed my stamp of approval to the vouchers, for the official record.

Our Executive Secretary, Tim Bair, reconciles receipts and disburses payments. It is also my duty to countersign all the checks generated by Tim so that bills and reimbursements can be paid in a timely fashion. Although there are many checks to sign, I get particular pleasure in approving the vouchers and signing the checks for the Delegates' travel and per diem for attendance and enthusiastic participation in this Convention.

Tim then prepares monthly financial status reports. The state officers review these reports to Corroborate and ensure that funds are being disbursed properly.

I assure you; the Georgia State Council continues to maintain a sound financial position.

In accordance with Section 56(b) of the Supreme Charter, Constitution, and Laws, and Article IV, Section 7 of the Georgia State Bylaws, the Executive Committee of the Georgia State Council engaged accountants to prepare an independent, comprehensive, financial statement and compilation report of and for the Georgia State Council. Like last year's engagement, this year it was AGL CPA Group, LLC, a certified public accounting firm in Duluth, Georgia. A copy of the previous AGL audit report, which comprised the year ending June 2023, was forwarded to and acknowledged by the Supreme Secretary. The AGL audit report for the year ending June 2024, will likewise be forwarded to Supreme, pending examination and approval of this year's Audit and Finance Committee.

The proposed budget for fraternal year 2024-2025 has been prepared. Expenditures, in particular, the costs of hotel rooms, meals, travel expenses, postage, printing, and digital communications tools, have all risen dramatically. The Executive Committee reviewed and discussed these issues in great depth. They are very sensitive to the financial strain these expenditures inflict and have explored various options to adjust line items in the budget while still following the bylaws and Supreme charter requirements for meeting frequency and content, accommodating Clergy in our gatherings, training, recruitment, and other operations. It is also important to build on our commitment to COR.



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Fortunately, over the last few years, actual versus budgeted expenditures have resulted in moderate, if not healthy, surpluses of cash on hand. Unlike last year's deficit, this year's proposed budget projects a break-even bottom line. Details will be covered in the report by the Audit and Finance Committee.

The proposed budget, along with the Financial Report from the AGL CPA Group, has been sent to the Audit and Finance committee for their review. That committee will present their report tomorrow for all the delegates to consider for approval. As your State Treasurer, I am the advisor to the Audit and Finance Committee, under the leadership of Chairman, District Deputy Chris McHugh. I had several preliminary in-depth discussions with the Chairman wherein the required tasks were set forth and initial discussion of the proposed budget commenced. He then convened two virtual pre-convention meetings with members of the Committee, and in-depth discussions ensued, featuring vigorous analysis, thoughtful questions, and much foresight, as well as insightful input from the State Deputy and State Secretary. An in-person meeting was held to iron out details. A final meeting will be conducted later today where the results of the discussion and recommendations will be carefully crafted into the Committee Report to be presented tomorrow. A consolidated financial summary of the budget is in your packets. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to committee Chairman McHugh, and all the members of the committee for their diligent work. These men took this job seriously and can by no means be thought of as a rubber stamp.

I thank Executive Secretary Tim Bair for his extensive help, timely responses, prompt action as needed, and thoroughness in executing all the details. He continues to make all of our jobs easier, and events like this run smoother.

My wife Amy and I enjoyed several visits to local Council events, programs, and celebrations. We thank everyone for their generous hospitality. I love seeing the various programs in action and am looking forward to attending many more. Please be sure to let the webmaster know about your events so he can publish them, and I will make every effort to be there, if I can.

As we were so poignantly reminded this morning in the Memorial Mass, one of the most important things we do as Knights is to pray for our deceased Brothers and their families. We grieve especially for the sudden loss of Past State Deputy, Mark Hofmann. This year, I had the honor of attending several funerals of Brother Knights or their spouses. While always a sad event, I am heartened when I see the Honor Guard and a packed Church, and when I hear the tributes from family and friends. But most of all, I am filled with rejoicing in the certainty of the Promise of seeing our loved ones in heaven wrapped in the arms of Jesus, when I listen to the readings and the Priest's homily. It makes me even more proud to be a Knight, carrying on the vision of Father McGivney, caring for widows and orphans, and praying unceasingly for our fallen to get to heaven.

As some of you may know, my passion in my years as a Knight, and well before, has been the mission of Pro-life, from conception to natural death. Thankfully, our esteemed Life Director, Dave Schofield has enthusiastically and effectively assumed the mantle to spearhead those tasks. Be sure to visit his program table for the latest updates on the many and varied aspects he is overseeing. Not just ultrasound, but also ASAP-Aid and Support After Pregnancy (remember to Pass the Hat), March for Life, Walking with Moms in Need, the Pro-Life Billboard program, and many other exciting initiatives are ready for your involvement. He has a table full of support materials for many of these programs. He has asked me to reiterate his three Challenges for Life for every Council:



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1. Sponsor One Year of “EveryLife” Diapers for One Child.
 - a. This is a new challenge under ASAP. Each council is challenged to provide enough diapers, and it is matchable for 20% of the value of the diapers as part of ASAP.
 - b. If Georgia performs well, this can go nationwide. The more we order the lower the price, as we help one another. Diapers are a big expense as many of us know, they are one-time use and this will provide your PRC with a much-needed valuable item, plus you get free money from Supreme.
 - c. Details how you can order them are available at the table in the lobby.
2. Budget \$1,000 Toward the Purchase of an Ultrasound Machine.
 - a. In 2025/26 each council is challenged to get skin in the game. Budget a minimum of \$1000.00 to assist another council reach its goal of donating an Ultrasound machine and participating in the donation.
 - b. Not all areas of the state have approved locations, and in this way, you can participate until one opens in your area.
3. Add Parish Second Collections for Pro-Life causes.
 - a. Brothers, our parishioners are more generous when they know what their money is supporting. Therefore, each council is challenged to approach your Pastor and Business Manager add a second collection twice a year for each program, Ultrasound and ASAP.

The State Deputy had a goal of 10 ultrasounds being placed this year. We have placed 6 so far and have 11 more approved by the Archdiocese of Atlanta or the Diocese of Savannah, just waiting for funding. See Dave for a list, and let's get those systems delivered!

Thank you, again, for your support and confidence in me as your State Treasurer. I look forward to serving for years to come.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted, May 17, 2025, by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Zock". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Paul Zock
Treasurer
Georgia State Council



17. Report of State Secretary Kevin York

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplains, Reverend Fathers, Deacons, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Master, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Delegates, and Brothers All:

Thank you to my brother Knights of the Georgia State Council for your confidence in me to be your State Secretary. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as Secretary to our State Deputy and to the entire Georgia State Council this fraternal year.

I report to you today that I have successfully carried out the duties and responsibilities of the office of State Secretary as stated in Article III, Section 2 of the Georgia State bylaws. I have recorded and prepared minutes for all state meetings. I have overseen the receipt of all state funds. Our Executive Secretary, Tim Bair, reconciles receipts and payments and prepares monthly financial status reports. No anomalies were noted with any transactions.

I was provided the opportunity by our State Deputy to present several Star council awards this year. It is a privilege to recognize and celebrate with local councils on these occasions. The Star council designation should be the goal for every council; I look forward to presenting many many star councils in the coming fraternal year. I must admit, I do not look forward to the travel time, but Star council is a big deal; I may be a weary traveler, but I will be a very happy and grateful presenter.

Publishing the state directory is the responsibility of the State Secretary. I completed that task this past year with the enormous contributions from our directory guru Mr. Tim Bair. Many councils timely and readily submit the necessary updates; however, we always have a few stragglers, sometimes the same repeat offenders, which delays and hinders publication. Gentlemen, please keep your eyes open for the update request in the new fraternal year and knock it out quickly and painlessly.

I have faithfully and lovingly prepared the necrology report for our annual memorial mass. This year was especially hard since I have several dear friends in the booklet. Remembering and praying for our beloved dead is not only a core practice of our Order, it is indeed a core tenant of our Holy Religion; thank you all for participating. May their souls Rest in Peace, and may we always fulfill Blessed McGivney's vision of caring for the Widows and Orphans of our departed brothers.

I would like to thank Executive Secretary Tim Bair for his help this year. Tim's continuous can-do attitude and will-do philosophy make him an invaluable asset to me and to the entire Georgia State Council. The Executive Secretary at the state council is the firm foundation supporting the overall continued success enjoyed by the Knights of Columbus from year to year here in Georgia. Presuming, but not assuming, the results of the election tomorrow, Tim will become an even more vital and critical stronghold for me.

My wife Charlotte and I have enjoyed several visits to local council events. We thank everyone for their generous hospitality. I firmly believe that having state leadership present at events across our great state is a key factor to building our Georgia family of the Knights of Columbus. We are a great team here in Georgia as we serve and support our families, our parishes, and our communities. I look forward to participating and contributing with many of you in the year ahead.



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In my travels across the state, I have witnessed a fabulous trend. Our more seasoned and senior knights are embracing our younger members and graciously sharing their wisdom and insight about the true joys of membership and service in the Knights of Columbus. Together, young and not so young, new and not so new, all members of our great Order working side by side, hand in hand will ensure our Blessed Founder's vision endures into the future.

In closing, Thank You once again for the honor and privilege of serving you as Secretary of the Georgia State Council this fraternal year. I look forward to continuing to serve the Georgia State Council in the years ahead.

Vivat Jesus

Kevin J York

Secretary

Georgia State Council



18. Report of Immediate Past State Deputy Jim Clifford

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain(s), Worthy Supreme Representative, My Brother State Officers and Past State Deputies; Worthy District Master, President of Knights of Columbus Charities of Georgia, General Agent and Field Agents; Worthy District Deputies, delegates to the 123d Annual Meeting of the Georgia State Council, and brother Knights of Columbus, greetings

Brothers, serving as your Immediate Past State Deputy in 2024/2025 has been a privilege. This year brought challenges, but I am grateful for the chance to address the Georgia State Council today, possibly for the last time.

My tenure as a state officer will conclude in a few weeks. As I transition from this position, I leave with two points to contemplate.

Since my days as Grand Knight of Council 7601, I've relied on guidance from the 2009 Grand Knight Handbook. It comes from a simple statement on page 9:

During their term of office, the grand knight and officers should set as their goal — “a better council.”



My primary objective in every position I've ever held has been to enhance the organization. I am confident that each of you shares this objective in your roles.

It is not appropriate for me to discuss my achievements as a state officer because they were not mine; they were yours.

The success of a leader cannot be quantified by rank, honors, or longevity. Only those we serve can determine our success as a leader. I leave you now knowing that I always exerted my utmost effort, and I am confident that all of you will do the same as you lead the Georgia State Council into the future.

The second message precedes the first by about one hundred and twenty years. It pertains to our mission as Knights of Columbus leaders. It is conveyed through an article in *The Atlanta Constitution* issue of March 28, 1904, the day after Palm Sunday and just one year after the jurisdiction of Georgia was established. It is the story of Palm Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart parish attended by the Atlanta Council, one of only three councils in Georgia at that time. Reverend Father Gaffney, a visiting priest from Memphis, Tennessee, celebrated the Mass. His homily that evening emphasized the mission of the Knights of Columbus. As quoted in the article,



“I do not wish to speak to you,” said Rev. Father Gaffney, “of the financial good of your organization, but it is of other features that I will talk tonight. I wish to show you the aim and the necessity of the Knights of Columbus.

“There is a story in the Scriptures of the time when the chosen people were fighting with a strong foe. Moses went up on a mountain and so long as he kept his arms raised up toward heaven the Israelites prevailed, but as soon as they were lowered their enemies got the better of the conflict. And finally, when his arms became tired, his brother Aaron stayed up the arms of Moses and when he tired his friend Hur stayed up his arms.

“And this is the task allotted to the Knights of Columbus. Your purpose is to stay up the arms of the priests of God and to act as the Aaron and Hur of the Scriptures.

“There is work cut out for you, Knights of Columbus. You must know your religion, you must know your church history, you must know your church; for there may come a time when it will become necessary for the members to show your knowledge of your religion and God will hold you responsible for the dissemination of truth.”



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Father Gaffney's words are as true today as they were in 1904, except we cannot say that "There may come a time." We must say that the time is today and that today is our time.

As I conclude my tenure as a state officer, I extend my gratitude for the boundless support and kindness received over the years.

As Father Gaffney encouraged our brother Knights in 1904, you were my Aaron and Hur as together we worked to make the Georgia state council better. I hope that I was yours in our striving to further the vision of Blessed Father Michael McGivney.

Vivat Jesus!

Immediate Past State Deputy James H. Clifford



19. State of Jurisdiction Remarks – State Deputy T.J. McCaustland

Your Excellency Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Associate State Chaplains and Fellow Clergy, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies. Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Delegates, and brothers all:

I wish to thank you, my brother Knights, for affording me the opportunity to serve as State Deputy.

The Knights of Columbus in Georgia are in a strong position. Georgia is poised for more explosive service growth which will drive strong membership growth.

If you hear your name or council, please stand up and wave. I would like people to know who you are.

Most importantly the State Officers retained a fantastic State Chaplain in Bishop Emeritus J. Kevin Boland of Savannah or is Savannah of Bishop Boland? This year we continued two Associate State Chaplains and we have Father Chris Hassel of St. Joseph in Augusta and Father Sunny Punnakuziyil of St. John Neumann in Lilburn. I believe that they have done a fantastic job, don't you agree?

I have performed my many duties to the best of my abilities starting with becoming familiar with the State Deputy Handbook. I completed the various forms to Supreme. Yes, we have a Form for Officers Selected and Service Personnel, as well as an audit and Survey of Fraternal Activity. I requested that the Supreme Knight invite all Georgia Bishops to the Supreme convention. I made sure that all program award winners, Family of the Year, and Blessed Michael McGivney Award winner were sent to Supreme for International judging.

I selected the Blessed Michael McGivney Award and Family of the Year. Neither was an easy task as there were so many quality entrants.

We recently experienced the loss of good friends including Mark Hofmann PSD, this makes our Necrology Mass an important and a time of healing.



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We welcomed a new, Pope Leo XIV, General Agent, and a new Master Arnie Terrell. Don't let that go to your head Ross and Arnie, it is not quite the same. I expect all three will do an exemplary job in their new roles.

Since Emory Montgomery asked, I have visited 106 councils and driven in excess of 140,000 miles as a state officer 44,332 and counting as State Deputy.

I have listened to the sage advice of my predecessor James H. Clifford who began relaying lessons learned in my first weeks as State Secretary. Jim's leadership style may be different than mine, but we agree on the important things.

This year breakout sessions were continued. The breakouts were not perfect, and we are still learning and applying your suggestions and think that the Council Officer meetings will continue to improve. If you would like them to continue, please let the State Officers know with your voiced approval.

Every seminarian in both dioceses is sponsored by at least one council, thank you to Faith Director Deacon Eric Windmoller and District Deputy Bob Aiken. Councils 4913 Valdosta, 3607 Albany, 10632 Roswell, 7113 Americus, and others hold seminarian dinners and other fundraisers providing the seminarians with much needed money. There are 38 Archdiocese seminarians and 18 Savannah seminarians plus a few military seminarians so about 56. We need more seminarians so please encourage the young men in your life to prayerfully consider a vocation. Under no circumstances discourage the priesthood, keep all negative thoughts regarding a priest to yourself and reflect on the accuracy of such a thought.

The Georgia Knights of Columbus membership quota should show having been met before the end of May's report. If not early June. I would like to thank Mark McMullen for forgoing all the glamour of the Supreme office to return to his Great home State of Georgia to lead our membership growth. Without his guidance we definitely would have struggled. Thank you Mark for your mentorship, guidance, and friendship.



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Many councils participate in Habitat for Humanity and that is a wonderful thing. On June 22 Transfiguration Council 10632 and St. John Vianney Council 12580 partnered with Sleep in Heavenly Peace in a pilot program of Build-a-Bed. The Supreme council donated \$5000.00 and the Knights of Columbus Charities of Georgia donated \$2500.00 so that at least 30 beds were made for children that are sleeping on the floor. This is a pilot program and if you are interested in participating put some money in your budget next fraternal year and we should be able to discuss it more at the council officer meetings in July. Hint-look at the award winners in Knightlife.

Georgia District Masters Tom Frizzi, Stan Rapciewicz, Brad Burnett, and now Arnie Terrell have allowed the “Flag Program” where flags are given at 4th Degree exemplifications and money collected for Military Seminarians and Warriors to Lourdes. With my increased duties I have had to hand the “Flag Program” over to Thaddeus M^c Caustland and he continues the tradition. The order has raised over \$5,000,000.00 for Military Seminarians and I know of at least two Assemblies that have given more than 1% of that total-each. Again, Georgia is pulling more than their weight. Georgia Councils and Assemblies sponsor multiple warriors to Lourdes and your State Executive team had the privilege this last Tuesday of escorting these warriors through the Hartsfield-Jackson airport on their way to France with a stop in F concourse for a Mass that overflows the chapel, celebrated by Father Peak.

This year in February a Gala was held in Savannah at Karl Holman Hall in the building built by Council 631. The expectation was to break even but a few thousand dollars were made and donated to Warriors to Lourdes. This coming year we will likely have the Gala at the Racing Hall of fame in Dawsonville, details will be announced soon.

You continue to give the gift of mobility, there have been numerous wheelchair deliveries throughout the state. Should you need a wheelchair please call District Deputy Thomas Fagbamiye as he is wheelchair Chairman. The wheelchairs are managed by my home council mainly Past Faithful Navigator Thaddeus M^c Caustland and Lee Mayfield of Mayfield Hardware Fame. Should you be in Covington please patronize Mayfield Ace Hardware as he donates the warehouse space that would otherwise cost us tens of thousands of



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dollars. We still have plenty of wheelchairs to give but it will not be long before we need to replenish the stock which is an expense of more than \$30,000.00 and takes about six months of coordination. So set aside some money in your budget for wheelchairs in the next fraternal year.

COR continues to grow in Georgia with about two thirds of councils participating in the initiative under the guidance of District Deputy Brian Musha. Pope Francis remarked on the positive aspects of COR in his remarks to the Supreme Convention in Quebec City last August.

When I was elected State Warden I had to go to training in Hilton Head the next day. At that time there were to be 100 attendees of which maybe six had heard of the Knights of Columbus and two or three might know who we are. I seriously doubt that any of them knew what a State Officer is.

I assigned Chris Bell the job of Communications Director and he has run with it. Starting from practically zero:

- * We have reached over 1800 followers, or 12% of all members of the K of C in Georgia
- * We average over 4100 different people viewing our pages every 28 days
- * We average over 2,000 shares/comments per 28 days
- * We are averaging over 35 new likes (1st time someone likes our page)
- * Post from council 18218 Divino Nino Mission fish fry had 2,414 views
- * We average over 250 views per post
- * 45% of followers are men 65 years and older

Next year Chris is expanding the Georgia Knights to the Instagram platform where we will obtain more followers.

Chris was also instrumental in the budding relationship with Quest Radio who is at the convention for the first time, wave at them while they do interviews



and say hello to brother Josh if he is not on the air. They just might put you on the air.

Georgia Knights of Columbus participate in over 100 various programs.

Rich Parcels has done an exemplary job of coordinating with his Directors to make Georgia Knights of Columbus Programs relevant.

Faith Programs under Deacon Eric continue to grow. With the assistance of Dennis Klein there were many many (which means I do not have the exact count) Holy Hours six of which I know the State Council presented.

Deacon Eric had a challenging year as his Father was in our necrology report this year. Not only that, Deacon Eric coordinated relief efforts in the Tifton area after Hurricane Helene devastated much of south and east Georgia.

District Deputy Berkel was instrumental in relief efforts in the Valdosta area.

Please remember that most of these areas are still recovering from storm damage and continue to have challenges.

Also, heroes in the storm recovery efforts are Grand Knight Kevin Schneider of Vidalia, District Marshal Todd Morrow, State Secretary Kevin York, and District Deputy Stacy Chadwick and his crew. Each one of these men performed numerous and continued services.

I endeavored to count the hours of service and dollars of aid to hurricane victims, but the aid was so grass roots and abundant that it was not possible. My best estimate is \$500,000.00 and 5000 hours, Worthy Vice President Ennis please convey our thanks to the Supreme Council for their assistance and the gift of \$30,000.00.

Terry Krohn has grabbed hold of the icon program and will ensure that the Sacred Heart of Jesus icons are presented to every council in the state during their tour.

The St. Joseph icons are being distributed to parishes that the bishops requested with the next one being presented in Metter, Georgia. As my good



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friend District Deputy Joey Courchaine always said, “Its better in Metter, but it is cooler in Pooler!” Where we have a new council.

Our Community Director Tom Schuler stills does a bang up job with Pennies for Heaven as you will see by the checks for the monasteries tonight. Tom was a District Deputy when I was a District Deputy and he did a very good job with that and continues to excel in all he does. His wife Janet is Supreme Secretary of the Columbiettes. Tom reminds you the First Friday is Five For Faith or 5F. 5F is not doing as well as Tom would like but it is slowly taking hold, Tom please don’t be discouraged as it is not your fault that I can’t separate out which is 5F and which is not. We will get there. Please thank Tom for a Job continually well done!

Bryan Kler ran another successful Free Throw challenge with over 50 kids participating at the State Championships.

Wreaths Across America under the guidance of Mark Miklos and then Brad Burnett was again successful with the program growing steadily. I am not sure if every soldier’s grave in Georgia was provided a wreath but most of them were.

The Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest and Catholic Citizens Essay Contest were again run at a high level by Dick Hayden-look for his bio and picture in Knightlife. Dick essentially runs the program himself, I simply ask him if he has got it and he says yes. This year not only did we get several great essays which you can read in Knightlife but I received copies of two letters from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly informing me of two international winners from Georgia. Well done Mr. Hayen well done.

Also under the direction of Tom Schuler is the Disaster Preparedness program. During the Hurricane the Disaster Preparedness program chair was in the hospital and we learned a myriad of lessons that we are working on to improve our preparedness.

Georgia councils donated to Campaign for Persons With Intellectual Difficulties /Special Olympics Georgia in excess of \$75,000.00. Special



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Olympics Chairman Johnny Cianfaglione has embarked on a project to distribute monies to local Special Olympics agencies, and received monies for that last night.

Many councils and assemblies participate in the local Special Olympics games and the State Fall Games were held in Valdosta again this fraternal year with many knights participating most notably St. John Paul II Assembly in Kennesaw traveling the 600-mile round trip to Valdosta to lend assistance.

Coats for Kids was run by John Steffl and Rich Parcels and this year was huge, a new record for Georgia with 10,372 coats being distributed. Please congratulate Rich and John!

Bruce Sabatino continues to expand the Billboard for Life program and has many great ideas, please see the ad on the inside back cover of Knightlife.

The Silver Rose had struggles with timing this year due to the Rose entering Georgia during Lent. May parishes do not want an external distraction so the job was not as easy as in years past Chairman Larry Suarez was undeterred and kept the rose moving and visiting many Georgia Councils.

Tony Maturo continues to expand the March for Life in Georgia. This year Governor Brian Kemp spoke to the crowd at March for Life Georgia in Atlanta. Joining the Governor was the Archbishop of Georgia Gergory Hartmayer, I know he is Archbishop of Atlanta but he was bishop of Savannah first so that qualifies him as Archbishop of Georgia. Tony had big ideas for growing attendance next year including a warmer day, so look for communications from Tony in the early spring.

Dave Schofield is doing an excellent job with Ultrasounds and Aid and Support After Pregnancy. Dave has innovated a new way to look at funding ultrasounds with getting Pregnancy Resource Centers approved and then finding funding. This will speed up the process. Dave has three more Pregnancy centers approved so if you have some Ultrasound money gathering



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dust or still in parishioner's pockets, talk to Dave Schofield and he will get a machine to start saving lives. This year we will likely place 5 more machines. We have 7 more approved so start raising money.

Todd Eaton continues to enable the GAKOFC website and keeps it functioning.

Tonight, there will be a drawing for \$8500.00 in prizes and \$850.00 in commissions, if you need tickets come see me. This massive undertaking is brought to us courtesy of Bob Hornback with some assistance from his wife Judy. Just storing the drum is a big job, thank you Bob.

If you like this convention thus far show some appreciation to our convention committee Paul and Lisa Tanguay, Philip Aitken, Ladd Rosipal, Deacons Eric Windmoller and Tom Ryan, and ensuring that everything gets done Tim Bair. If you like the events thank Paul, Lisa, Philip, Ladd, Tim, or the Deacons. If something went wrong, it is my fault and let me know. I have a tab at four bars at the Holiday Inn and I will buy you a refreshment at each one.

The Knights of Columbus Charities of Georgia continues to wisely distribute the charitable dollars of the Knights of Columbus of Georgia. Under the leadership of President Ed O'Connor and Vice President John Cianfaglione the KCCG will give away \$100,000.00 dollars this weekend. This does not include Raffle Money or Pass the Hat Money. Board Treasurer Steve Brischler has his hands full with all of the accounting and Secretary Pat McMahon keeps everyone abreast of the happenings with consistent minutes. Board members Kevin, York, Mike Basak, and Tim Bair are dedicated and quick to approve worthy causes.

With the help of Mike Basak, Don DeClue, Tim Bair, and many contributors Knightlife was published with 160 pages and a number of interesting stories and an interview with Bishop Boland. When all the bills are received and the invoices paid, we should see a net monetary result of near break-even. Knightlife is meant to break even and this year we published an extra 10% more copies. There about \$7000.00 in ads provided as incentives and the usual \$1300.00 in ads donated to the Monastery and Dioceses. If you count the incentive as income the Knightlife would have a profit of about \$5000.



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Speaking of money, the income and expenditures are trending to come in as budgeted. Thank you Tim Bair for keeping us abreast of our financials and Paul Zock for reviewing and approving the vouchers.

I thank all of the Grand Knights for their time and dedication, without you the order would cease to operate. I wish to thank all of the District Deputies for their continued support and blessings that they provide. Last year this group produced 18 Star Districts. There were 53 star councils last year and this year there may be more.

The State Officers are a tireless group and I thank them.

I will have you know that Ladd Rosipal finally found a chocolate cruller. Even with all of the hours he spent in preparation for our meetings Ladd still kept everyone up front supplied with their favorite beverages. Ladd you are in large part responsible for our meetings having completed in a timely fashion.

Mike Basak didn't believe me when I told him that State Advocate is the least enjoyable office. Mike you did a fine job in keeping Safe Environment Compliance Improving, your help with Knightlife is invaluable, and that redacted thing that you redacted did because of redacted was instrumental in our success.

Paul Zock I want to thank you for keeping us on our toes and preparing us for our future endeavors that will be successful.

Jim Clifford, again I appreciate your input and read all of your responses. I especially appreciate that you had input every time I requested it frequently when no others responded.

Tim Bair, words cannot express my gratitude for all of the things that you do and have done for the State Council, so I brought you some Guinness.

Kevin York, your hours of conversation and advice were invaluable and your assistance was a huge part of our success.

The Consigliere, An'tny you are a invaluable source of inspiration. Your dedication and good humor are what kept many of us going during our down periods. No, you may not ask a question.



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Finally, I thank my wife Sherri for her support and the countless hours she spent assisting or alone over these many years.

In the beginning of the year, I set some goals

1,000,000 – Service Hours

100,000 – KCCG Donation Dollars

10,000 – Coats for Kid

1,000 – New Members by March 30, 2025

100 - State Program Award Submissions

10 - State Holy Hours -Ultrasounds

1 – Rank in order for support of Warriors to Lourdes

All seminarians Supported

All Star Districts

All Star Councils

Let's talk about these goals

1,000,000 – Service Hours

Exceeded by 26%

100,000 – KCCG Donation Dollars

Met without counting ASAP and raffle

10,000 – Coats for Kid

Exceeded by 3.7%

1,000 – New Members by March 30, 2025

Met this includes 2023-2024 net growth

100 - State Program Award Submissions

Exceeded by 5%



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10 - State Holy Hours or Ultrasounds

Exceeded by 10% at a minimum

1 – Rank in order for support of Warriors to Lourdes

To be determined but this year's donations exceed last years

All seminarians Supported

Met in the Fall

All Star Districts

To be determined-this is a bit unrealistic but your District Deputies would love to show me it is possible

The State of Georgia is in a strong position in both programs and membership. Membership growth is positive with 527 (Monday 5/12) more members than at the start of the year. That means that we are replacing and growing our membership at the rate of over 2.6% per year. At that pace membership in the Knights of Columbus in Georgia should reach 20,000 by this time next year.

But what do those numbers mean. This year our 19,600 members (and remember I believe that we underreport by a factor of 2 or more) provided 1,263,636 hours of service and \$3,126,780.69 in donations. Those volunteer hours are valued by the IRS to be worth \$42,319m169.64 So, the 2.6% growth next year translates to about another 1.1 million dollars. Money keeps score as it is a value of labor and goods. But money is not the driving force, as Matthew said in 16:26 “For what doth it profit a man, if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his own soul?”

In the beginning of the year, I stated that my goal was to be an All-Star State Deputy, we may fall a bit short of that but more than half of the councils in Georgia are or will make star. It is an accomplishment for which I will come and pat you on the back. But it is not an award that drives this goal. It is something more. Many of you have heard me speak of the mission of the Knights of Columbus.



Supreme Knight Kelly states:

Mission: The Knights of Columbus empowers Catholic men to live their faith and serve their family, parish, community and country.

Vision: Founded by Blessed Michael McGivney in 1882, the Knights of Columbus is the premier lay Catholic men's organization. Guided by the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, we build lifelong relationships with our members and families. We are multigenerational and international. We offer formation, mutual aid and financial security to members through our charity, products and outreach. We aspire to invite every Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus and to extend our charitable reach as widely as possible.

I may be paraphrasing to an elevator speech when I say, "The Mission of the Knights of Columbus is the continuity of the Catholic Family from one generation to the next." My vision is seeing all of you in Heaven with the reward of a life well led, an eternity with God.

So, when you hear membership growth think not numbers, think new men to help you with programs, with helping the widow, helping the orphan.

District Deputy 11 New Council Development Director Anthony Annarelli helped establish the Our Lady of Lurdes council in Pooler and we will be providing them with a check to establish their checking account.

We have only just begun to grow, the fastest growing jurisdiction in the order is Ukraine. They are in the middle of a physical war and need each other more than ever. I urge you to realize that we are in the middle of a Spiritual war, we are fighting against those that think our beliefs are archaic, we are fighting against people who would corrupt our children and grandchildren. Fight back educate your children and grandchildren, recruit them, encourage them to be Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators. Encourage the young men of your parish to embrace COR, Catholic values, and ask them to utilize the Knights in their pursuit of Truth, Justice, and Heaven.



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I have 10 more councils to visit, to those that I have visited thank you, thank you thank you, keep up the good work, and thank you for allowing me to be State Deputy.

In conclusion Georgia is in a strong position. Every important performance indicator is positive, membership performance is outstanding. I will reiterate my thanks to all of my brothers for allowing me to be a Knight of Columbus in Georgia. Worthy Bishop please forgive my sin of pride, but I am proud to be a member of the Knights of Columbus of Georgia.

I hope when these years are looked upon in the future that people may say that I did a good job.

Vivat Jesus

T.J. M^c Caustland FDD, PGK, PFN

State Deputy Georgia Knights of Columbus

Thank you so much. I truly do appreciate each and every one of you. Being the state deputy, it's a wonderful blessing to make so many new friends. But the curse of being state deputy is you do not have the time to properly visit with each and every one of you. And for that, I'll spend the rest of my life trying to catch up.

20. Supreme Representative's Remarks, Robert Ennis

Thank you, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Officers, Past State Deputies, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Brothers, all. Thank you for the opportunity to be here with you this weekend. I was really excited when I got the assignment to be the Supreme Rep for the Georgia State Convention. For a bunch of reasons. Number one: this location. Starting your day having your morning coffee looking out at the sun rising over the Atlantic is not so bad. So that was one reason. The opportunity to get to renew friendships with state deputies with whom I've worked closely and of whom I am quite fond: TJ McCausland, Jim Clifford, Mark Corrigan, and my former boss Mark McMullen. Mark, I echo the words of TJ: thank you for your friendship, for your mentorship and your guidance.

That's the personal stuff of why I was happy to get this assignment and why I am happy to be



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here. But it's Knights of Columbus stuff too. As our worthy state deputy said, there is really, really exciting things happening in Georgia. He went through all the metrics: Cor, coats for kids, Special Olympics, Star Councils—you are succeeding in virtually every aspect, and that's to your credit. There's a really exciting vibe here in the state of Georgia. It's critical that that's the case because you know, with the money we gave to very worthy organizations last night, the money we will give to very worthy organizations tonight, they're going to continue to need that support into the future. So it's critical that we have a well-run Knights of Columbus organization in Georgia to ensure that we're around in twenty years, thirty years, forty years to make sure that we can support them in the way that they will need going forward. And I can tell you from the time that I've spent over the last day or so with your state leadership team, this is a very professionally run organization. The Knights of Columbus in Georgia—you have men who are committed to fulfill the duties of their office very faithfully and very thoroughly. I sat in the state executive meeting last night. Everybody was prepared, everybody was on point, everybody's on top of what they need to be doing. Not only to make this weekend successful, but to make this fraternal year and the coming fraternal years successful here in the state of Georgia. I see a great leadership pipeline.

Three very capable candidates, very qualified candidates for state warden. I know you'll consider all of their qualifications carefully and make the right decision. I've gotten to meet and spend a little time with all three of those men. They're all very quality men who will be great additions to the state officer team here in Georgia. I've talked to a bunch of district deputies who are committed to their role, doing great things. We succeed as we said when our councils succeed. And in my view, district deputy is the most key role in the entire organization. TJ said earlier that he can't succeed without you. We're very cognizant of that fact in New Haven that we only succeed as an order when our councils succeed and the district deputy is the key man to help make sure that his council succeeds.

Such a quality, enthusiastic group of district deputies. It gives me really, really great hope that this organization will continue into the future. I was visiting with the wife of one district deputy at the cocktail reception last night, and I said to her, "Does your husband like being a district deputy?" And her face lit up and she said, "He loves it. It's his favorite thing that he's ever done." And then that makes me really happy. I hope that you all have that. I hope you all love what you are doing, because you are doing great things, and you should love it and you should be proud. TJ apologized for having the sin of pride, but you should be proud. You should be proud of the great things that are happening in Georgia.

What I say to the guys on my team, my job in New Haven, I manage the team of growth directors in the field. I know you all know Dave Tebo. Dave is one of the territory leads on my team. What I say to them regularly regarding the great membership numbers that we're putting up is, "I want you to be proud of the work that you're doing, but I don't ever want you to be satisfied with the work." I would say the same thing to you here this morning. Absolutely be proud of the great things that are happening here, but don't ever be satisfied. And don't be satisfied because there's so much more to do. There's so many more men that need to join this organization. They may not know yet that they need to at this point. It's quite possible that they don't want to, but they need to.



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And we need to figure out a way to make them realize that they need what we have to offer. Very clearly, we need them. We need them to make this great thing that we have going in the Georgia Knights of Columbus sustainable into the future. We're a membership organization; we need to continue to grow. We absolutely need them, but they need us. They need the opportunity to grow in their faith. Things like Cor, we'll provide for them. They need the opportunity to understand and contextualize how to put that faith into action to make life better in our parishes and in our communities and for the less fortunate here in Georgia. They need the financial security and financial protection that Ross and the group of professionals he's putting together here in Georgia can provide.

Give them the opportunity to avail themselves of. He put together a great team of agents in Pittsburgh. I know he's in the early phases of doing the same thing here in Georgia, but he's going to do it. This is going to be a great group of agents of whom you can be proud and with whom you can partner to grow this organization. They will be professional, they will be fraternal, and their partnership will be invaluable to you. As you build and continue to grow this great organization here in Georgia, I would encourage you as Ross builds his team to be in contact with him, to be in contact with the agents to help them to see how being fraternal can help them not only to grow the order here, but to advance in their career. But I would also encourage you to contextualize appropriately in your own mind what it means to be fraternal.

For an agent, now we want them to come to meetings. Sure, we want them to be visible in the council and programs. But I would also suggest to you that when an agent is with a member in his home with his wife, showing him all of the ways that he can protect his future, his present, and what will happen to his family after he passes away. That in and of itself is a fraternal act. And I can tell you from my personal experience, and I am going to bet that it's most of your personal experience too. You are not going to get that kind of personal attention from an agent with any other insurer than you will from the Knights of Columbus. So always appreciate that just because your agent is not at your meeting tonight, doesn't mean that he's not being fraternal tonight. If he's in a member's home with his wife helping them protect their family's future, he's being fraternal. So just a word of thanks to the agents for all you do and all you'll continue to do here in Georgia.

So I talked a minute ago about don't be satisfied, and the reason don't be satisfied is because the need is so great, but also don't be satisfied because the potential is so great. One of the great things that's happened in New Haven over the last couple of years is we've started to work much more closely with our marketing team. We've got a much more professional marketing group, and that's among the many things that Mark McMullen's fingerprints are all over. He made sure before he left that we were on the road to building a solid marketing team, and another one of Mark's proteges, Matt St John, heads up that marketing group. We've got a great partnership with them.

Great insight, great tactics, and great strategies for how to do what we do to help us grow the order. One of the things that they've given us is a market penetration analysis, and I won't go into any great detail. We know and we've got well-sourced and well-documented information on



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how many Catholic men eighteen or older there are in the United States in every individual state and in every individual county within those states. Many of you may know Dave Tebo is retiring at the end of this fraternal year, so he won't be your growth director anymore. But I can tell you, you are not going to lose any steam with the guy who'll have Georgia come July. One J C Reiher is a past state deputy of North Carolina. He was a two-time Pinnacle Award winner when he was state deputy of North Carolina. He's going to be the new R G D for Georgia.

One of the tools that JC is going to have in his holster or in his toolbox is the ability to work with your state leadership and your state membership team to really pinpoint, based on this marketing data that we've got, where the opportunities are and what we need to do to take advantage of those opportunities. And I can tell you that in Georgia, you have 19,500 or so members; you've brought in 868, I believe, this year, which is what our state deputy said is really good. But there are almost four million Catholic men aged eighteen or older in the state of Georgia. One of the things that I think we need to do is kind of shift the way we think a little bit. Now I don't want you to become any less focused on meeting goals because meeting goals is critical to continue to grow the orders. So for councils, focus on being a star council. For districts, focus on being a star district or even an all-star district. It's hard, but it's not impossible. For a jurisdiction, focus on hitting your circle of honor metrics. Absolutely don't take your eye off that ball, but don't let that be your floor; don't let that be your ceiling. When you hit those numbers, we can take our foot off the gas a little bit. There will still be millions of men in Georgia who need us. They all still need us. As we continue to be goal focused, let's also start to be more opportunity focused. Let's make sure that we, in a realistic way, in a comprehensive way, introduce those men to the Knights of Columbus.

When that man in church, when that man at the fish fry, when that neighbor, when that coworker invites him to join, he's in a place where he can say yes. He's in a place where he wants to learn more about this great organization. Now are all four million of those guys want to join? Absolutely not. There is no organization that's for everybody, and you know, in four, three, four, five ten years, this organization is not going to grow from twenty thousand to four million. We have to understand that. But growing by five hundred or so a year, while great, is only scratching the surface of the potential we've got. So as we think about growth, and this is the way we're thinking about it in New Haven, when we have our state deputies with us in just a couple of weeks now, the membership breakout session is going to be entitled "Dynamic Growth."

And I think we all, from the supreme to the state to the district to the local level, need to think about how we can grow dynamically. How can we start to fulfill that potential of four million rather than that reality of five hundred, eight hundred, eleven hundred—whatever the number is. And I think the way we do that is by thinking differently. By being open to engaging with people who come from different parts of the world than us, speak a different language than us, have different ethnic customs than us. Some of those four million men fall into those categories, and we've got to be open to inviting them into this wonderful organization of the Knights of Columbus. Does that mean that this order that we love so much is going to change a little bit? It probably does. But think about organizations that were prevalent when we were younger, that aren't anymore: Sears Roebuck, Eastman Kodak, Blockbuster Video. The first generation of these things was called the Blackberry. Who's got a Blackberry?



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These organizations have gone by the wayside because they didn't adapt. I believe to my bones that the Knights of Columbus is going to be around in twenty years and fifty years and a hundred years fulfilling the needs of the Church and society as you are today. But it's not going to happen because I think it. It's not even going to happen because you want it, no matter how fervently you may want it. It's going to happen because you do the things today that will make it happen tomorrow. I know you are the group that can do it. I've seen it over the last day. I heard from Mark McMullen for six years, how great the state of Georgia is, and having been here a day, I can say that if anything, he undersold it but, you know, I think it's important to note that the leadership group can really take Georgia to the next level. The potentials here: the potential in the number of men who haven't joined yet, the potential of leadership in this room, the potential of leadership who you'll go back home and recruit tomorrow, next week, next month, next year.

I'd like to have a little bit of a Q and A with you. One of the things that the guys on my team do pretty effectively in their travels is they conduct what they call town hall meetings. They typically have thirty forty guys in the room when they have a town hall meeting, not a group this size, so it could potentially become a bit unwieldy. And where these state deputies head on to throw the schedule off or throw us behind schedule by making this go too long, but I think there's real value in me hearing from you.

What's working? What are you struggling with? And mostly, what can we do from New Haven to make your life easier? I keep talking about Mark, But one of the things that Mark helped us to do in New Haven was to get out of your way. For a long time, and I think some heads will nod when I say this, we were kind of a speed bump between you and the success that you wanted to have. I hope you now view us in a different way than that. I hope you view us as a group who wants to partner with you and facilitate your success. So help me do that. Tell me what's working, tell me what's not, tell me how my team and I can serve you better, and I promise we will do our best to do it. So I see we've got a microphone. So anybody who has anything to question, say, share, criticize—I'm here.

Sure, A quick question for you is: We're trying to get these young men into the Knights of Columbus. Can you share with us some of the best practices that you've seen in councils throughout the United States? What's some messaging that works that can help us bring these men in?

I would say, young people want to roll up their sleeves and get to work. And, they want to be in an organization where they really believe that they can make a difference. We see things like you know what marches for life. The crowd is largely young people. Even at these political rallies that Senator Sanders and Representative Ocasio-Cortez are having, you see young people at these things. Young people at all ends of the political spectrum are passionate. Give them an opportunity to express that passion through the Knights of Columbus to get involved. Ask them what they want to do. Don't say this is what we do and ask them to fit into what we do. Find out what they want. And to the extent you can make your council the place that they can make a difference in a way that they want to make a difference. And if you can do that, I think they'll run through walls for you.



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One of the things we see, and I am looking at our deputy grand knight from the University of Georgia Council here. We've got young men who are able and ready to step into leadership positions, but they get the sit in the back for a while, wait your turn. Not that there is any value there is value in gaining experience, but young people want to make a difference today. And if we don't give them the opportunity in this organization to make a difference today.

They're going to have to make a decision. So I think that's what they're going to do. They're going to go find another organization that will. Be open to letting them kind of change things a little bit. That's kind of a common thing. Don't be afraid to let things change. These young people are going to change things, but they'll change it for the better. If you give them the guidance and the context that they need. So I hope that helps.

TJ doesn't want to say because it's his son, but in Covington, young gentleman over here is hiding behind the screen over there. That is TJ McCaustland II. Past great night. Past faithful navigator. Just turned twenty five. So we're not excluding it here in Georgia, but continue doing the Lord's work. And I can tell you the group of young people that we've got in Fraternal in New Haven is orders of magnitude better than I've ever seen it. And I say this without any shred of false humility. If I showed up in HR today looking for a job, the head of HR would laugh me out of his office. Comparing me to the quality of young people that we're bringing in the front door these days, the future is very bright because we're giving them the opportunity to shine. So I would say your future will be even more bright if you give the young people like Thaddeus here an opportunity to shine.

Can, you give us some idea how to bring Hispanic men into the Knights when we find within our parishes, a reluctance by them to join?

See, I'll cite the studies. I would say two things. What, we learn from Hispanic men who have joined is most of them prefer to be communicated with in English. To the extent that we're thinking we have to understand speak Spanish, that's in most cases not true. I think what we need to do to attract them is to be culturally relevant for them, not linguistically relevant for them. So look at what your council's doing. Do you have programs? Do you have activities? Do, you have a culture that would be culturally, friendly and attracting to Hispanic men? And looking around the room and seeing the number of Anglos both out there and up here, some of us will probably struggle to figure out what that is. So talk to leaders in the Hispanic community, including pastors. One of the things I understand that I don't claim to have a full understanding of the Hispanic community, I do not. But, one of the things I know is that they're very parish focused and where the pastor goes, the Hispanic Catholic goes. I would suggest that your best initial entree into that community will be through the pastors.

Just quickly, I spent forty-two years in sales, so there has always been a discussion between sales and marketing. You indicated that you have a great marketing team; we do. Unfortunately, we're the sales team over here. Can you give us a. Preview on a quarterly basis, it says, "this what marketing is planning on doing," or "this what we are going to do. "So, we can be prepared because we're the guys who have to do the implementation. And that gets very difficult if you



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become an aging population, as our council does; they grow older and it's hard to find new guys. We do everything we can, But anything that they're going to be doing if we know either at the time or before it'll help us.

So clearly communicating our message from the supreme council to down through the levels to the council is something that we're, I would say, a work in progress for us. We've gotten better, but we've got a long ways to go. I would encourage you all if you are not regular readers of Fraternal Leader Advisory become regular readers of it. That's the way we communicate. The leadership at the district and council level is through the FLA. We send weekly emails to our state deputies with updates from fraternal, from insurance, and marketing on what's happening. We conduct webinars. We absolutely need to be better, and we need to figure out how we can most effectively get the word from the supreme council to the local council. But I would encourage you also engage in what we're currently doing : attend the webinars, read FLA.

Engage with your regional growth director. That's where the most current information is going to be, and those are our current tools for getting it from us to you. There is certainly many other things we can do. We've got a lot of irons in the fire. We're coming to the end of the process of putting together a customer relationship management system, which will allow us to communicate with councils and members in a much more individualized, data driven way. It's been a challenge to get from the beginning to the end of that process. We're getting close to the end, so things are going to get better from our end. But until they do, I would encourage you to be more comprehensive about taking advantage of the resources that we've already got.

Worthy supreme representative. I've listened to all of the webinars and paid attention to these things. I myself have spent forty years in sales and marketing communications from an industrial level. But the principles of marketing are all the same. One thing my council has had a good growth spurt. I gave a recruiting seminar and it was very successful. One thing I taught my council was never use the word 'Join.' Because that means people today are involved in so many different things. Their heart may be with it, but they've got they only have so much time. This is something that I've done, and we have been successful, not using the word 'join.' You ask, what could you do better? I think you should eliminate that.

I think that would help and learn how to close. Learn how to close. That's also very important in recruiting. Thank you very much. Just a couple of comments and follow up to that. We're evolving the terminology that we use. You'll notice that in my presentation and my remarks today, I did not once use the word recruit. We're evolving from recruit to invite. It's a much more inclusive way to describe what we do. And closing is critical. I would suggest that any conversation that's going to involve inviting someone to join should not start with "Would you like to be part of the Knights of Columbus?" It should start with a more engaging, more open-ended discussion. You don't start with a yes or no question, because then if the answer is no, where do you go from there? You start to have a dialogue, and as far as closing, I'll go back to my suggestions earlier about partnering with Ross and his team. His agents are and will be professionally trained on how to sell, how to close, when to know when it's time to stop selling and start closing. The more that you are in lockstep with them, the more that they can help you



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and your men who are going to be extending these invitations to develop those same skills, not to the extent that they'll have them, but to be perfectly comfortable, capable, and confident in their ability to invite men to join. Thank you for that. Point very well taken.

My name is Gabriel Abol from 6352. I just want to contribute about how to recruit the Spanish community. In my parish, St Philip Benezzi, we have a good number of Spanish members. The thing we do is that we recruited a member, a Spanish member that speaks English very well. He's today our deputy grand knight. He's doing a tremendous job in getting the Spanish community. We do a lot of programs like Cinco de Mayo that has to do with the Spanish community and bring them closer to us.

Thank you!

Ramon Almaraz Grand Knight Council 4410 in Rome, Georgia. I'm going to start with a question. To become knights, number one, we have to be Catholics. Number two is we need to be legal. We need to be legal.

So there's no citizenship requirement for the Knights of Columbus: nowhere in our invitation materials do we ask, do we advise to ask about immigration status or anything like that. Catholic man, eighteen years or older.

Second part of the question: We got a knight, a member knight in my community this year. He was denied for the life insurance. He is disabled. He's disabled, also his wife. We've been trying to help that family for several years. So this year he was denied through the Knights, being able to get life insurance because they don't have social security number.

One of the things I should have said at the outset, if I get a question that I don't know the answer to, I will tell you honestly that I don't know the answer and I do not know the answer to that question. But I promise you that I'll find out and get the answer for you.

Council 10533, St. Benedict, John's Creek, Georgia. I have the privilege to attend the Southeast Territory online meeting for the De Soto Province. It's my personal observation that, in terms of growth, besides Georgia, Florida has been outstanding in terms of performance and meeting, membership goals. I was wondering if you had any particular insight. Is it something simply geographic, demographic, cultural? Is there something inside that data set that we can use? Do they have a secret sauce right now?

I don't know that it's a secret sauce, but I would say that there are a few common features among jurisdictions that succeed, and one of them is a committed, energetic, dedicated leader who's got a plan. You have one in your worthy state deputy here. Florida has one as well. That state deputy decided when he was elected that his main focus as state deputy was going to be councils that were in trouble. He was going to visit them. He was going to make sure that they had the support and the resources they needed to get back on their feet so that they could be healthy, functioning, sustaining councils. While he did that, he appointed a membership director who would be perfectly capable and confident in carrying the membership banner while he dedicated his energy



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to fixing these councils that needed fixing. I am preaching to the choir here in Georgia because your worthy state deputy appointed about the best membership director I can think of. But the state deputy of Florida appointed a good one, too, and then gave him the authority to implement the membership program so he could do what he felt he needed to do. I do think that leadership plays a big part in it. And for sustainability, that comes from healthy councils. I think State Deputy Hughes in Florida was on to something with that strategy.

Guys, I am going to be around the rest of the day. I'll be around tonight. I'll be around tomorrow. I wish we had more time, but as we said at the outset, there is just too many of us and time is too short. Find me, I'd love to chat with each and every one of you.

Worthy state deputy. Thank you for the opportunity. And my brothers, thank you for sharing your insights and your guidance and your suggestions. I promise I'll bring them back to New Haven with me. And I promise we'll continue to work to help you succeed because that's the only way we succeed. Thank you.



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21. Report on Credentials, Bill Gorny

Saturday - Delegate Count

Council	Registered Delegates	GK	PKG
631	2	Mark Corrigan	William Cope
677	2	David Waters	Justin Henderson
925	2	Samuel Williams	David Cousino
1019	2	Rodney Russell	Ross Pixler
1939	2	Gregory Marr	Donald Heinecke
3607	2	Richard Hendley	Joseph Hill
4358	2	Patrick Holmes	Jude Holmes
4371	2	Joseph DiDiego	Patrick Pepper
4410	2	Ramon Almaraz	Gregory Armstrong
4599	2	Richard Walsh	Thomas Holzman
4913	2	Charles White	Kevin Berkel
5484	2	Glenn Gaines	Karl Stevens
6352	2	Kermit Frazier	Francisco Galvan
6514	2	Alfred Fargione	Mark Mahaffey
6517	2	John Williams	Michael Maley
6532	2	Warren Wiltz	Thomas Murphy
6622	2	Edward Rainwater	Jonathan Mabe
6918	2	Jerome Germann	Tom Schulte
6920	2	George Farley	Donald Albrecht
7113	1	Ronald Akerman	
7416	1	Kieron Gleeson	
7601	2	Shawn Doucette	Hersel Gunn
7662	2	Miguel Trivino	Ricardo Miramontes
7923	2	Brian Jeffers	John Rago
8081	2	Michael Odom	Dennis Payton
8376	2	Peter Dapremont	Grant Grimes
8495	2	Dean Hollmann	Jonathan Deeter
8731	2	George Kichinko	Jerome Mock
8972	2	William Familo	Marshall Heard
9458	2	Gilberto Davila	Michael Koenig
9515	1	Rickey Basko	
9792	2	Edward Udell	David Bartnicki
9923	2	Tim Nord	John Cianfaglione
9975	2	Richard Staley	Robert Womack



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10004	2	Robert Aiken	Charles Doyle
10274	2	Marvin Manning	Thomas Dickerson
10362	1	Michael Meehan	
10541	2	Eric Windmoller	Pius Ogolowa
10579	1	Patrick McMahon	
10632	1	James Piper	
10633	2	Joseph Stein	Mark Fazio
10687	2	Trevor Hess	Ryan Ricks
10821	2	Francis Chukwudolue	Michael Sorrells
10866	2	Jamey Hermanns	Christopher Gannon
11058	2	Gregory Glaz	Brian Sartain
11340	2	Warren Inge	Thaddeus Mc Caustland
11402	2	Esnar Couvillion	Joseph Mitchell
11458	2	Alan Paluska	Reg Dudomaine
11461	2	Carl Micu	Robert Hauss
11637	2	Marshall Mimbs	Richard Breedlove
11746	2	Glenn Harahan	Charles Kittredge
11768	2	Bernard Palcisko	Patrick Haddock
12000	2	Donald Sequeira	Rowen Andrade
12287	2	Fabian Apodaca	Ryan Trafton
12386	1	Terry Duthu	
12580	2	David Chamberlain	Warren Bernard
12826	2	Kevin Leger	Bruce Buzzell
12862	2	David Keller	Maurice Maguire
12883	2	David Gagic	Renzo Gentile
12905	2	Michael Rutledge	Brendan Gorny
12942	2	Jeffrey Popowitz	Curt Misko
12948	1	Jerry Henry	
12984	0		
13052	2	Ken Brown	Anthony Annarelli
13161	2	John Pirello	Charles Margiotta
13217	1	Kirk Manzo	
13229	1	Ted Xydias	
13437	1	Thomas Mills	
13440	2	Todd Morrow	William Childress
13457	1	Daniel West	



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13491	2	Anthony Maturo	Gerald Miller
13808	2	Michael Dutton	Richard Bartolotta
14122	1	Keith Schwaner	
14275	2	Patrick White	Vincent Borkowski
14348	2	Joseph Yorio	Edwin Collins
14425	2	Carlos Moreira	Jerry Baker
14439	2	Paul Tanguay	Aaron Gilstrap
14488	2	Raymond Ruda	Frank Bulin
14773	2	Timothy McCarthy	Rogelio Colon
14944	2	Tremaine Ross	Franz Haller
15161	1	William Snell	
15238	2	Larry Suarez	Ivan Pankhurst
15716	1	Andrew Smith	
15848	1	Russell Ford	
15996	2	Peter Kruszka	William O'Halleran
16356	1	Douglas Corteville	
16534	0		
17969	2	Vincent Toner	Arnold Terrell
18218	1	Juan Pelaez	
18427	2	Tony Rosa	Stephen Sarnoski
18717	2	Thomas Cline	Joseph Thibeau
State Deputy	1	T.J. Mc Caustland	
State Secretary	1	Kevin York	
State Treasurer	1	Paul Zock	
State Advocate	1	Michael Basak	
State Warden	1	Ladd Rosipal	
IPSD	1	James Clifford	
State Chaplain	1	Very Rev. J. Kevin Boland	

Council Delegates	160	of	160
State Officers	7		
Total Delegates	167		



22. Announcements

SS York: Those wishing to make a nomination for a state officer position or for delegates to the Supreme convention, please see me during the lunch break.

SD McCaustland: This year candidates for Warden are providing lunch, it will be outside in and around the beach pavilions.

Faith Director Windmüller led grace.

SD McCaustland: I have 11:21, be back here at 12:21.

23. Report of the General Agent, Ross Conklin

Reverend Fathers, state officers, and brothers all. First and foremost, I've been involved in three different states' conventions and to hear the reports I heard today, thus far I'm very impressed with the state of Georgia.

It is a thriving State and I'm very enthusiastic. So thank you for all the hard work that you're doing. If we can ask the field agents and agency staff that are here to stand up in the back over here. That would be helpful.

I should probably start by thanking the Znoj family for all their help at this state convention. And by that, I mean Colleen because. without her. I would have maybe had iced beer in a bathtub and some crackers for that hospitality suite. So, I'm really thankful to her for helping me out in my transition.

In the back, over here on the on the side, we have Stephen Znoj, who doesn't really need an introduction, and I thank him for being here. And we have Antares Viens, Tom Evans, Steven Zahradka, and oldest friend, but not the oldest friend I have is Vernon Hatcher and he's been a wealth of experience and knowledge. I would be in big trouble without Vernon. Vernon is staying on board as the agency administrator. One of his duties, one of his many, many duties, is answering the phone for the agency.

That is our new office number. (404) 620-0010. Please share it widely and this is our agency e-mail address. It's conklinagency@mail@kofc.org. That is by far the best way to get in in touch with me.

Old office numbers were trying to phase those out because right now we're getting calls from multiple directions.

A little bit about myself. I'm a fourth generation Knight. My great grandfather, my grandfather, both honorary life. My dad, a convert, married into the Faith, a Knight. And now me and my four other brothers, all Knights.

One a general agent for the Knights of Columbus, and I still have little Brother syndrome. Can't beat my brother, in the eyes of my parents and he's a Catholic Priest.



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It has been an incredible process, getting to Georgia.

Starting in Texas as a field agent ten years ago, then on to Pittsburgh at the general agent for the last six years. So, I'm new to you, but not new to agency. The ability to make the Georgia was really not in my purview in any way, but family happens to your plans. It's been pretty much a whirlwind my kids are finishing school. My wife Stephanie's there in Pittsburgh.

I hope you take advantage of the ability to read my Knightlife article. I made it short and in big print so everybody might actually try to read it.

Thinking on the mission of Father McGivney, how engaged the Order is, the agency, and my personal life, really, I think that now is the time more than ever before, that in the church, but in the Knights of Columbus, we are called to be pioneers, men that are forward thinking, just like Father McGivney outside of the box thinkers. And I hope that my time in Georgia proves to be just that; innovative thinking, with collaboration with the state and all of you gentleman. So I can accomplish that, we'll do very good things together. I think there is a couple points...

For those don't have a Social Security number, it is still possible to have insurance with the Knights of Columbus. If you have any other questions about that, see me in the break. I'm happy to go over that with you also.

Fraternal benefit nights coming towards the end of the year here, June 3rd, there is a benefit event. There are also a few more, and I have told the State Deputy, I'll have it to him to have it to pass it out.

We had a retirement from the presenters, and so the date changed. And so you know we talked a little bit about marketing. It's on both sides of the house here, gentleman. I'm hoping that can get some help.

I also have a short video. Supreme asked us to play this 2 ½ minute video at all State Conventions. And that will conclude my report.

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To learn more about what sets us apart, you can visit kofc.org/liveyourfaith, or contact your agent, today.]

24. District Deputy Reports

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of each District Deputy report and that the written submissions be included in the proceedings. Motion passed.

24.1. Report of District Deputy 01 Walt Harper

(Introduction read aloud by Walt)

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Chaplains, Brother District Deputies, Members of the Georgia State Council, and Brother Knights all.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as District Deputy for the Georgia State Council during the Fraternal Year 2024-2025. Having served my fifth term I am amazed that God has provided me with the opportunity to learn and grow within my Catholicism and renew my Holy Spirit. The State Officers and Mentors were always there if I needed anything.

With my diagnosis of cancer, this year has proved to be both challenging and rewarding. Many of you do not know that I died the day after Thanksgiving. I went to the hospital and as I checked in at the ER, I collapsed. I could hear Terrie crying, a cry that I never want to hear again. Her cry was getting softer and softer, almost like she was getting further and further away. After that I could not hear her anymore, the next thing I saw was my dad. My father passed away when I was 13 years old, and on either side of him were two gentlemen. I could not tell who they were because their faces were whited out, my guess is that they were his brothers. I started walking toward him to give him a hug. My father never spoke but put his hand up in a stopping position and then pointed in the opposite direction. I started walking that way and was hearing voices and noises. The closer I got, the louder the voices got. The next thing I was on bed and getting injected and sensors on my body. Terrie and I talked a couple of days later and told her the story and that I think I died. Terrie said she did not want to tell me but she said Yes, I died. Since that time my life has changed; as my outlook has as well. God is not finished with me yet and has a purpose for me. I wish to thank all the State Officers and Brother Knights who have been praying for me. I may have slowed down a bit, but my outlook has not faltered.



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The Mother Council of Georgia has been putting all their energy this fraternal year into service and is making a positive impact in the community. The council participated in a Stewardship Fair, Prayer Breakfast and Catholic Woman's Retreat and helping out the under privileged during Christmas. Their Blood Drives have been very successful along with a Coats for Kids Drive that provided 400 coats to under privilege and homeless children of Social Apostille. They held a very successful Clergy and Religious Appreciation Night and a dinner for the football team at the boys only, Benedictine Cadets. They even took time out of their normal activities to have a Membership Appreciation Night. The council's meetings garner an average of 50 members in a business meeting. The Council has also achieved 107% of their membership quota.

10210

With the Re-election of the Grand Knight, the Council is getting back to in the swing of things. Holding regular Business Meetings and participating in Church activities makes this Council a force to be reckoned with. Paperwork has been one of their issues. There are still a few hiccups that need to be fixed on the paperwork side.

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The council participates in all Church activities. The council has brought in one new member so far this year. The council participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas, by emphasizing the true meaning of Christmas, they contribute to fostering a sense of faith and community during the holiday season. They have also participated in the Black Youth Conference. Raising funds to send children from the church to the Black Youth Conference is a wonderful initiative. It ensures that young members have access to enriching experiences and educational opportunities.

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The council is back to normal and going above and beyond normal. Their Grand Knight has energized the Council. The council participated in the Diocesan Diaper Drive for the Savannah Care Center. During Lent the council held a Fish Fry and put on Lenten Ceremonies at the Church. At present, the Council is at 240% of their membership quota. The Knights of this Council are motivated and are on their way to making Double Star Council.

District 1

District Deputy Walt Harper

24.2. Report of District Deputy 02 Mark McMullen

Overall Assessment

Strong, successful year for all 4 Councils

4 Councils – 925 Macon, 9458 Milledgeville, 13808 Greensboro, 14425 Monroe

Leadership

All 4 Councils have strong GKs and Council Leadership



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- 925 - Sam Williams - finishing 1st year
 - Had heart issues and surgery in February. Doing fine of late and will continue on as GK for 2025-26
- 13808 Mike Dutton - finishing 2nd year. Excellent leader! Strong leadership skills.
 - New incoming GK is DGK Rich Bartolotta - will be strong GK
- 9458 - Ross Martinez - finishing 2nd year – did a very good job!
 - GGK Gil Davila will be new GK
- 14425 - Carlos Moreira - finishing 1st year
 - will be GK again next year. Did excellent job

Membership

- All 4 Councils did extremely well in recruiting new members.
- District 2 is the only District in GA where all Councils made their Membership goals – we are 220% of goal as a District!

Star Councils

- Council 13808 will achieve Double Star Councils. They recruited over 200% of their membership goal!
- Councils 925, 9458 and 14425 will achieve Star Council

Cor

- Councils 9458 and 14425 have strong, regular monthly Cor meetings – and receive strong pastoral support.
- Councils 925 and 13808 are not conducting Cor meetings yet, but will continue to talk with their respective Pastors about implementing Cor or tying Cor into an existing spiritual program.

Council Meetings

- All Council meetings are very well run - and get strong attendance each month. Councils 9458 and 14425 have rosaries and meals before the meetings. Councils 925 and 13808 hold rosary prayer sessions before each meeting.
- GKs at 13808 and 14425 use PPTs in their presentations – which are very well received and keep the meeting on track and on schedule.

Program Highlights

- All Councils conduct great programs and conduct programs in all 4 program categories. All Councils conducted multiple Lenten Fish Fry Friday programs and worked these events as recruiting opportunities
- Council 9458 - support 3 seminarians; conducted Coats for Kids drive; raised \$ for Ultrasound Support; hosted District Free Throw contest; regularly presents Knight and Family of the Month Awards



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- Council 13808 – held very successful and well attended Men’s Spiritual Retreat conducted by Deacon Greg Olick; support Greene County Food Pantry with regular through the year food delivery; held successful Charity Brunch Event – raised over \$10K given to multiple Charitable organizations; conducted several Trivia Nights; regularly presents Family and Knight of Month Awards; raised \$ to support crisis pregnancy centers and the Pass the Hat initiative
- Council 14425 - Year 2 of their 5K Race – received strong participation and was a real income generator; regularly presents Knight and Family of the Month Awards
- Council 925 – regularly presents Knight and Family of the Month Awards

Summary

- Have no concerns about any of the 4 Councils. All had very successful years and I expect all of them to have another strong year in 2025-26.
- 2 Councils will have new GKs - 13808 and 9458. 925 and 14425 GKs will return for 2nd year.
- All 4 Councils have strong support from their Pastors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark J. McMullen
District 2
District Deputy

24.3. Report of District Deputy 03 Dennis Foster

District 3 Report to the 123rd Annual Meeting of the Georgia State Council for the Fraternal Year 2024/2025

Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, and Brothers All:

It has been my Honor and a Blessing to serve as District Deputy of District 3 for the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year. My wife, Ginger, and I look forward to continuing our service to our Order and our State in the coming years. We would like to extend our thanks to the State Council and Councils 1939, 9942, 11058, 16356, and 18427 Officers for making us feel welcome at every event.

District 3, at the very Southeast Corner of the state of Georgia. All of District 3’s councils have been faced with dwindling attendance at council meetings. Although it appears that no council in District 3 will attain the goal of Star Council, each council is working hard. Our councils continue to strengthen local parishes and communities with support and programs.



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Henry T. Ross Council 1939

Henry T. Ross Council 1939 continues to perform well. The partnership with St. Francis Xavier Parish and School in Brunswick is strong and supportive. In conjunction with the parish all programs are Faith in Action based and promote the virtues of our Order. Pastor Mark Van Alstine and his associates are members of the Council and take an active role in all council functions. They are highly involved in local community support activities, Manna House, blood drives, and school support fund raisers. The council leadership team is providing a foundation for the Council to grow and prosper.

Father Hillman Council 9942

Father Hillman Council 9942 has had another very good year. Under the leadership of Worthy Grand Knight Dave Cahill, they have prospered in all areas. They continue to support the St. Josephs Parish in Waycross under the direction of Father Vernon Knight. They are greatly involved in the local community with projects such as Coats for Kids, annual food drives, and blood drives.

St. Mary's Council 11058

Under the leadership of Grand Knight Greg Glaz, the council continues its strong support of the parish and community. The Council fully supports our Order and Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in St. Mary's. Throughout the year members are involved in building maintenance, Lenten fish fries, ushering, lecturing, religious education, Honor Guards for special occasions and all aspects of Parish life. New to our activities, the council has recently sponsored a 5K race with the proceeds going to the K9 Unit of the local police department. Community support involves March for Life, roadside clean-up, canned food drives, coats for kids, RSVP Program, Lenten Fish Fries, and numerous other activities throughout the year. I am looking forward to another great year from St Mary's Council 11058.

St Francis of Assisi Council 16356

St Francis of Assisi Council 16356 is the smallest of all my councils. The council is a Military Council located aboard the Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA. As such, the restrictions that go along with being on a military base have been hard to operate under. The council fully supports its base parish and I am positive that it will again operate as one of the district's hardest working councils.

St William Council 18427

St William Council 18427, under the direction of Grand Knight Tony Rosa, is continuing to grow. The District's newest council, they are involved in numerous parish and community activities. They should make Star Council next Fraternal Year.

It has been a sincere pleasure to serve as the District Deputy for Georgia District 03. I look forward to continue to serve our Order, State, and councils.

I submit this report respectfully to the 123rd Annual Meeting of the Georgia State Council.

Dennis P. Foster Sr.
District Deputy
Georgia District 03



24.4. Report of District Deputy 04 Kevin Berkel

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Chaplains, Brother District Deputies, Members of the Georgia State Council, and Brother Knights all.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as District Deputy for the Georgia State Council during the Fraternal Year 2024-2025. Returning to serve my eighth (non-consecutive) term I am amazed that I am always learning something new.

This year has proved to be both challenging and rewarding. I continued in a district that needed, and still needs strong leadership. Disastrous weather events in the form of the two (2) hurricanes (Debby and Helene) and heavy winds, though catastrophic at the time showed what the Knights are all about Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Collections of food, water, clothing and person needs came from both the Supreme and State Councils, as well as the local councils.

District 4 in Southwest Georgia consists of five (5) very geographically separate councils in a mostly rural part of the Peach State (Savannah Diocese. They are: (1) Council 3607 – Albany, (2) Council 4913 – Valdosta, (3) Council 7366 – Thomasville, (4) Council 10541 – Tifton, and (5) Council 15716 – Douglas.

(1) Msgr. Daniel J. Bourke Council 3607 – Albany (Est'd.1951): This council has an exceptional relationship with its pastor (and Council Chaplain) – Fr. Ray Levreault. Though an older council in member's average age, it remains very vibrant. It continues to be led by a strong GK, this council makes great efforts in completing FIA programs, FBE, supporting St. Teresa's Parish and parochial school and embracing new initiatives (i.e. – COR). Membership goals for 2024-25 have been met – several parish wide events resulted in adding new and transferred member to their ranks. They continue to hold the longest running annual seminarian dinner in the state, about 24 years and still going. Unfortunately, St. Teresa's Parochial School will be closing at the of the school year in 2025.

Chaplain: Fr. Raymond Levreault

(2) Fr. John J. Kennedy Council 4913 – Valdosta (Est'd. 1960): This council too, is an older council. They have a better than average relationship with the current parochial vicar (and Council Chaplain) – Fr. Robert Phillips This council is led by a 3rd year GK, that has little interest promoting membership initiatives and programs to the council membership. While he has been offered opportunities, through seasoned council members (including a PSD and FDD's) to improve both himself and the council, he has not done so. The council has reinstated a Lenten Fish Fry; once in 2024, and twice this past Lenten season – with great success The council continues to support diocesan seminarians with an annual seminarian dinner. The council, through the DGK have taken on larger roles with both the disaster response (at the council and district level).

Chaplain: Fr. Robert Phillips (Parochial Vicar)

(3) Pope John Paul I Council 7366 – Thomasville (Est'd. 1978): Much of the membership and council leaders are older (65 y.o. +) and have multiple health issues. Despite communications



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with the pastor through the GK, the council has limited opportunities for fundraising and trying to implement programs. Their monthly 'business' meetings rarely have a quorum. They do have an on-going food and coats distribution in the local area and surrounding counties. There is little to no interest in the Knights from parishioners as the council has little to no visibility to them.
Chaplain: Fr. Godfred Boachie-Yiadom

(4) Fr. Frederick G. Kirchner Council 10541 – Tifton (Est'd. 1991): The membership of this council and their leadership in general range from 18 – 70+ y.o. Despite communications with the pastor through the GK, the council has limited opportunities for fundraising and trying to start or implement programs. Their monthly 'business' meetings rarely have a quorum. They do have an on-going council "Pig Pickin'" meal. The GK has established a working relationship with a local county commissioner starting with the coat's distribution in the local area and expanding to to a local sock drive. The programs have been picked up by the local TV media. There seems to be little to no interest in the Knights from parishioners as the council, as the local population is stable.
Chaplain: Fr. Peter Oyenugba, MSP

(5) St. Paul Council 15716 – Douglas (Est'd. 2013): The membership of this council and their leadership in general range from 18 – 70+ y.o. The parish (and mission church) are ethnically mixed. This council is led by a 2nd year GK, that has little interest promoting membership initiatives and programs to the council membership. The pastor is supportive of the council and their programs though he is not a knight at this current time. The parish and surrounding communities and counties were ravaged by the windstorms (Debbie and Helene) of 2024. They were instrumental in getting relief supplies out to their communities.
Chaplain: Fr. Saimel Perdomo – Arrived in June 2024

Lack of an assigned 'local' field agent is discouraging to many of these men and their families. As with all the assigned councils, a pastor approved **in-person** FBE (or 2) event could do wonders for these councils.

Fraternally,
DD-4 Kevin P. Berkel, Valdosta, GA

24.5. Report of District Deputy 05 Luis Rivera

Worthy State Deputy, Your Excellency, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Chaplain and Fellow Clergy, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Delegates, and Brothers All:

I want to thank the State Deputy and my brother Knights for the honor and privilege of serving as your District Deputy 05 for this year. You entrusted me with four councils 1019 Columbus, 7113 Americus, 9515 LaGrange and 17214 Pine Mountain
(suspended)



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Bishop Gross Council 1019-Columbus

Council 1019 with the leadership of Grand Knight Doug Linden and various brothers, it supports 4 Parishes and the Community in the manner expected by Supreme and State. We completed and exceed programs this year including Coats for Kids (2), Global Wheelchair, Helping Hands, Catholic Education/Scholarships, RSVP, Holy Hour, Rosary, Domestic Church Kiosk, Family Fully Alive, Food for Families, Keep Christ in Christmas, Faith Other – 1st Saturday Knights' & Seminarian Monthly Rosary/Mass, Family of Quarter, Pregnancy Center Support/ASAP, 2 Novenas for Life, Special Olympics, Disaster Preparedness, and Christian Refugee Relief. Our council is a steadfast supporter of the Seneca Pregnancy Center, raised over \$1,600 ASAP donation, and spent hundreds of hours praying the rosary outside of a nearby abortion center accompanied by our Priests, Seminarians, and families. Our Pastor (and Chaplain) recently provided a Knights of Columbus Enclave in the Church hallway for a Blessed Fr McGivney portrait and Council 1019 materials. 1019 also implemented Cor this year using the Men of the Word Bible Study. This council is up for Star Council again this year.

Americus Council 7113-Americus

With the leadership of Grand Knight Ron Akerman, I have been amazed how this small Council does such an exceptional job of demonstrating our Core values of fraternity, unity, and charity to their Parish and community. There is true brotherhood among this Council. Though only 33 members, they host a monthly bake sale, and seasonal Bar-B-Q , Fish Frys, ring bells for the local Salvation Army from Thanksgiving till Christmas. Their annual golf tournament and Diocesan Seminarian Dinner raise funds for Special Olympics, RSVP, Pregnancy Support, Essay contest and their Parish.. They also support the annual Veteran's Day Mass/Picnic at Andersonville. Ron Akerman and his Council are very welcoming and gracious. Improved reporting should get them the awards they deserve. Their challenge is membership due to the very small parish and not many new parishioners

St, Peter Council 9515-LaGrange

Grand Knight Rickey Basco is well respected in his Council and Parish – a dedicated leader. Council 9515 has 82 Members. They actively support St Peter's Church Parish and its many events and ministries. Their members are engaged in multiple roles that at times conflict with Council Sunday Meetings - because Knights step in to help. They remain engaged in supporting Council operations. With the arrival of an increasing Hispanic population to the Parish, there may be increasing opportunities in the future. Their Fish Fry's was very delicious and successful, also the sandwich bags and BBQ. This year there has been work into organizing a Spanish Round table and plans to support a Seminarian Dinner. This Council is capable of many good things with its current leadership and its brothers.

Worthies, this is my second year as District Deputy for these three Councils. We continue to improve as a District. With the great help of my Worthy District Warden Jim Brinson, we are able to share lessons learned from all three Councils with each other.

Each has amazed me in their accomplishments and their hows to, their love for each other



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and eager to grow. Each Council's situation is different and unique - from 216 Members in Columbus to 34 Members in Americus. Each holds the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity that we've experienced in visiting our fellow District 5 Knights. All are dedicated to Father McGivney's vision of service. I see much future success and more awards in the future for District 5.

24.6. Report of District Deputy 06 Ed Armijo

Worthy State Secretary,

I present to you District 6 Report on the Councils

Vivat Jesus

Edward Armijo

Georgia State Family Director

District Deputy 06

Council 4371 2024/2025 Report

Faith

1. RSVP – Committed to providing financial & Spiritual support to future priests thru formation
2. Rosary Program – We promote devotion to the rosary in our families & parish by having 2 events yearly
3. Building Domestic Church Kiosk – We strengthen our faith by providing exceptional religious materials at no cost to our parish
4. Spiritual Reflection – Created an annual occasion for prayer, reflection & discussion as a fraternity for our council and parish

Family

1. Food for Families – Our goal is to ensure that no one goes to bed hungry, raising funds and donating over \$1,400.00 to support our Christian Service Center
2. Family of the Month/Year – Trying to stimulate and support development of strong and vibrant families by monthly selections. We also pick one previous winner showing Christian values
3. Keep Christ in Christmas – Program dedicated to bring back the true Christmas spirit
4. Consecration to the Holy Family – Revitalized our parish's faith by urging families to devote themselves to the Holy Family

Community Programs

1. Habitat for Humanity – Our council worked closely with Habitat to build homes for those in need, providing meals to workers, donated \$500.00 and worked over 2,000 hours
2. Helping Hands – As hurricane Helene destroyed parts of Georgia, we responded by collecting \$777.00, bought 2.5 pallets of water/supplies and delivered to Vidalia, GA
3. Soccer Challenge – Engaged our community by sponsoring a youth athletic event with a penalty kick competition to show their skills and awarded trophies
4. Free Throw Competition – We engaged 82 parish students with an athletic event competition, awarding trophies



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Life Programs

1. Pregnancy Center Support/ASAP – Supported ASAP with 3 drives of baby items (equipment, diapers, wipes & clothes) totaling \$4,200 plus \$700 in grants
2. Special Olympics – Celebrated the intrinsic worth and dignity of every single human being by receiving Tootsie Roll donations of \$1,700
3. Christian Refugee Relief – donated \$500 to Christian Refugee Relief providing humanitarian assistance, primarily in the Middle East
4. Silver Rose – Sponsored the Silver Rose, a rosary centered celebration for Knights and parishioners to pray for respect of life; 38 pledge cards sent

Council 8568 2024-2025 Report

i. Faith

1. Holy Hour/Adoration – Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 pm – Weekly attended by at least 4 Knights each week. When Pastor not available, Deacon (Knight) led with assistance from Grand Knight to lead singing/chanting.
2. Refund Support Vocations program (RSVP) – Support seminarians – Ben Aler Mount St Mary's Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd, Emmitsburg, MD 21727 – sent \$1,000 to Ben
3. Lent – Ash Wednesday, Stations of the Cross, Fasting & Alms giving, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday/Adoration, Good Friday/Stations of the Cross, Easter Vigil ... and Fish Frys
4. Spiritual Reflection – COR – conducted monthly on the Second Saturday of each month, usually four to eight men showed up. Have completed the first Bible Workbook and have transitioned to Knights book focusing on St. Joseph.

ii. Family

1. Food for Families – 2,500 lbs Hurricane Helene received from fellow councils and local agencies, coordinated the distribution to parishioners and community.
2. 2. Keep Christ in Christmas – Javier – Poster Contest conducted, which is an annual activity with awards given to both Sacred Heart and St. Andrews parishes.
3. a. Magnets – sold both English and Spanish as fund raiser activity during Advent.
4. iii. Community
5. 1. Helping Hands – Helping those less fortunate in our community.
6. a. Hurricane Helene – Tree clearing – with assistance from other councils conducted four different work days clearing fallen trees and brush on the parish grounds and at a number of parishioner's homes.
7. 2. Fourth Degree – Encouraged all members to consider joining 4th Degree – one newer member attended exemplification in Grovetown and quickly participated in activities
8. coordinated by Assembly 173 – Celtic Mass, St. Patrick's Day Parade, and Bishop Borland's 90th Birthday Mass as member of the Honor Guard.
9. iiiii. Life
10. 1. Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) – \$400 check from Supreme delivered to Rachal's House – for \$4,500 worth of Baby Supplies distributed during Hurricane Helene relief efforts.
11. 2. March for Life / Prayer Chain – October Complete – Knights stood with fellow parishioners / community members praying for the end of abortion along HWY 280 across



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from the entrance to local shopping center.

12. 3. Mass for People with Special Needs – December First Friday Healing Mass – annual mass that the Knights sponsor and serve at to offer up for the healing of all those in the community suffering from mental or physical disabilities.
13. 4. Silver Rose – Completed July 2024 – conducted Silver Rose prayer service as St. Andrews in Reidsville and at Sacred Heart in Vidalia.

Council 11637 24/25 Report

i. Faith

1. Church activities: 1500 hrs

ii. Family activities: 40 hrs

iii. Community activities

1. Hurricane recovery: 200 hrs

2. Church picnic: 18 hrs. \$350.00

3. Bottom butts: 110 hrs

4. Corned beef and cabbage: 90 hrs

Life activities: donations \$2000.00

Meetings: 96 hrs

Social: 50 hrs

Special committee: 28

24.7. Report of District Deputy 07 Ken Athaide

Worthy State Deputy, Your Excellency, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Associate State Chaplain and Fellow Clergy, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Delegates, and Brothers All: I wish to thank the State Deputy and my brother Knights for the honor and privilege of serving as your District Deputy 07 for this year. This year has been an excellent year for three Councils in District 7: 6517, 11402 and 15161. Each of these councils have lived the Knights of Columbus mission of Unity, Charity and Fraternity through the work they have done for their parishes and communities, the leadership of their officers and the growth in fellowship and membership. The fourth Council, Georgia Tech, is currently in an indeterminate state per the direction of the local Pastor. I have provided details on council below: All Saints Council #11402 Council #11402 continues to be a role model for other Councils. Under the leadership of GK EJ Couvillon, a team of a very experienced officers and large Corps of brothers, many of whom were former officers, this Council had a stupendous year. Their Lenten Fish Fry program was the most successful ever, serving thousands of people and bringing in reCord funds. Their regular bingo nights, pumpkin and vidalia onion sales and other programs generated funds which they joyfully donate to local charities and to help All Saints Parish. This year, the Council donated funds and labor to renovate the parish's Adoration Chapel, which had been closed for many years. This Council also held 4 Exemplification ceremonies that inducted members for their Council. The hosted the State Free Throw shooting contest and also complied with the Safe Environment certification. Fr. Michael Silloway, the pastor regularly attended



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Council meetings. This Council continues to be on a very positive trajectory for the future. Msgr. John D. Stapleton Council - Council #6517 This Council has performed well this year under the leadership of GK John Williams. The Council is slightly behind on recruitment but has a solid plan to reach its goal. The Council has a very strong relationship with the Pastor, Fr. Luke Ballman and has filled the key Director positions and the required directors completed the Safe Environment training. The Council generated strong revenue from fund-raising activities including Lenten Fish Fry dinners, Pancake Breakfasts and Monastery gift sales which will be donated to charities in the coming weeks. They also held an in-person exemplification in the fall (for the second time in some years) and hopes to hold an additional event in the coming months. Michael Maley, the current Deputy Grand Knight, will take the Grand Knight role, supported by a Corps of returning officers. We anticipate a successful year, including a more active engagement with State programs. Deacon Mike J. O'Brien: Council - #15161 Under the leadership of new GK Alan Young and Deputy GK Bill Burroway, Council 15161 made important contributions to their parish and community and made significant organizational progress. The Council continued their devoted support of the Interfaith Outreach Home through the Coats for Kids program and direct donations of food and funds at Thanksgiving. Through concerted efforts by the officers, the Council is now compliant with the Save Environment program, has submitted many of the required forms and will have an officer attending the Georgia State Convention in May. The Council has benefited from the leadership of Fr. Jim Duffy, SM, who is retiring and will thrive under the leadership of the new pastor, Fr. Dan Ketter. Georgia Tech Council #14496 This Council was not active this year. Fr. Hipp has not replied to communications from me and several State Officers. He allowed and publicly thanked the Honor Guard who participated in the Catholic Center anniversary celebration but has not demonstrated interest in engaging with us. Summary It has been a sincere pleasure to serve as the District Deputy for Georgia District 07 and to build relationships with the Officers and brother Knights in Councils #6517, #15161, and #11402. Looking ahead to 2025/26, I expect all these Councils to become more engaged with the operations and activities of the State Council and believe this will result in some of them winning awards. I look forward to serving our Order, State, and councils with these fine Catholic Gentlemen. I submit this report respectfully to the 123rd Annual Meeting of the Georgia State Council.

Submitted this 14th Day of May, 2025 Vivat Jesus!
Kenneth V. Athaide
District Deputy Georgia District 07

24.8. Report of District Deputy 08 Emory Montgomery

District Deputy Emory Montgomery
Councils 9915, 9975, 13457, and 15212



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Worthy State Deputy, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Representatives, Members of the Georgia State Council, and Brother Knights of Columbus, I would like to thank our State Deputy for allowing me the opportunity to learn and serve another year with the Knights of Columbus in the state of Georgia.

District 08 has had a very productive year in some areas and in others not so much. Every council is very active working with the churches and communities, growing faith and supporting pregnancy centers and post birth needs. Our fraternal event participation has increased from prior years with interest on the mutual funds and council accounts. The main area of concern is membership. We need to have more participation from the Hispanic and Vietnamese parish members. There is a cultural impediment for their participation and the Pastors are reluctant to strongly support the Knights recruiting. My chief target now is to work to get the Priest on board with these new groups.

Hartwell Council 9915

This council at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Hartwell also serves St Mary's in Elberton and is in a working and retirement area near Lake Hartwell. The stable, older population limits recruiting and insurance, but these Brother Knights capture the essence of faith filled service. They serve a clothes closet, food bank, special olympics, several other activities and still have a social meeting at the church every Friday evening. The new Grand Knight Bobby Alix is the former membership director and recruiting has decreased during the year. Currently they have no new members for the year and have had four Brother Knights pass this year. Simple math shows the current recruiting rate minus the death rate will put Council 9915 out of business in a few years.

Joseph M Malik Council 9975

Located in Toccoa Georgia and serving St Mary's Catholic Church this small council serves the church well. Fr. Henry Pham is very involved with the council and attends every meeting when he has no priestly duties that evening. The Grand Knight, Mike Staley, is very experienced and provides excellent leadership. They received Star Council for 2023-2024, the first one in a few years and are rightly proud of the accomplishment. They were the first council in the state to receive funds from the ASAP and enthusiastically promote the state raffle to help their pregnancy center. They have consistently been in the top three councils in raffle ticket sales. A high percentage of families at the church are already in the Knights and recruiting is difficult but they keep getting near their membership goal. Over 10% of the council is Vietnamese and contribute greatly to the council. A roundtable should also be considered to help recruit Hispanic brothers. Their participation in the fraternal benefit nights has increased and they should get the Founders Award. As mentioned, with Fr. Henry's support, the council is the go-to men's group and should have enough activities to earn the Columbian Award. The council is sending two delegates to the convention this year. This council has shown great advancement under GK Mike Staley and should be very proud. They have elected a very good Knight as Grand Knight next year. Brother Leon



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Womack has shown strong leadership in the Knights and other organizations and I am looking forward to working with him next year. Let's get two more members and nail down another Star.

Prince of Peace Council 13457

This council, located in Flowery Branch is the largest church and council in the district. They are almost qualified for Star Council this year. They have outstanding leadership from the Grand Knight Dan West. He is retired Air Force, well organized, tech savvy, and well-liked and respected by the membership. The Deputy Grand Knight, David Gagne is the model of efficiency for a DGK. His attention to detail is very useful to the council. The other officers and directors are also performing at a high level. The Warden keeps a chart of brother's attendance at meetings and makes a call to check on them when they miss meetings. This avoids the annual "why haven't you paid your dues" conversations. While Prince of Peace has both a Men's Club and the KofC council that are the go-to men in the church, a lot of the Men's Club members are Knights. The church is in a growing area and should be able to reach membership goals. A Hispanic roundtable should be set up to hold more activities for the Hispanic community and help recruit. The size and age of council should make any internet related activity achievable, such as safe environment and online benefit webinars. David Gagne the DGK has set up a system to gather the service hours of all the members and makes an impressive report at each meeting. With this being the second year for the GK, I believe the council has shown excellent progress and hope they keep up the good work. The GK for next year, Jack Knight, is a very good man and I am looking forward to working with him

Fr. William Calhoun Council 15212

Any person saying they do not have time for the Knights should take a lesson from Ross Harvin Council 15212 Grand Knight, finishing his second year. After active duty in the Marines, now in the Reserves, he is a husband, father of 4 children, ball coach, and ran for State Representative for his district in Georgia, among other things. Did I mention he owns a Survey Company which necessitates travel over Georgia and other southern states. His council received Star Council last year but he has no time to rest on his laurels. He is supported by a solid group of Knights which are the go to group at the church. Fr. Paul is a Knight and supports the Knights from the pulpit. While the men are very active and hard working there is a reluctance to step up for leadership. The area is growing so church attendance should increase and help their membership and perhaps future leadership. At present they need three new members and three more brothers on the Fraternal Benefit Nights for Star. The GK has had a way of getting things done to meet a deadline so perhaps that will occur this year.

24.9. Report of District Deputy 09 David Hall

Worthy State Deputy, Your Excellency, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Associate State Chaplain and Fellow Clergy, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies,



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Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Delegates, and Brothers All:

I wish to thank the State Deputy and my brother Knights for the honor and privilege of serving as District Deputy 09 for this my 2nd year; you entrusted me with four councils, 660 Atlanta, 4358 Decatur, 4420 Hapeville, 15848 Atlanta.

Cathedral of Christ the King Council 660-Atlanta

This council has a new Grand Knight and a new Financial Secretary and is doing very well. In fact, they have grown their membership by 175% of quota and may achieve Star Council again. They achieved Double Star last year and I, along with State Secretary Kevin York, presented them with that prestigious award. This council is strong in its programs (“That Man Is You”, pancake breakfasts, etc.) with the Core group of men supporting the priest and the parish. With continued diligence, this council will continue to fulfill the true mission of the Knights of Columbus.

Fr. Thomas O’Reilly Council 4358-Decatur

This small parish council has struggled this year to get recruits, but they have enough to make their quota in the Prospect list and will be adding them officially to the council soon. This council also had 4 winners in Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest, and I was able to give the certificates and checks to the grand knight, Matt Hegarty. This council may still attain Star Council this year.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 4420-Hapeville

This council is struggling to get new members because their demographics are changing to a more Hispanic community, and they lost their Hispanic priest. We will need to work very closely with council leaders to get some renewed energy and action to get back on track. I asked their Grand Knight, Solomon Asemota, if he wanted help with their Hispanic community by meeting with Pedro Villacorta, but he has not responded so I will keep trying. The Core of this council is functional, and with appropriate effort will return to thriving status. They have recruited one new member, and we will strive by the end of this fraternal year to bring in at least one other new member to the ranks. They are also not Safe Environment Compliant as their Program Director is non-compliant, and they need both a Family and Community Director, although the Grand Knight could take on one of those roles.

Basilica of the Sacred Heart Council 15848-Atlanta

They have a new Grand Knight, Russell Ford, and he has managed to keep this council moving forward with their programs. This council is close to being Safe Environment compliant. They have achieved 100% of their required membership quota, so they are close to Star Council. Their Grand Knight, Russell Ford has agreed to be my District Warden.

It has been a pleasure to support and interact with these councils this fraternal year. I wish that I could have spent more time with all these councils, but I feel I am still learning the duties and responsibilities of being a district deputy and since I am still trying to find full time employment, I am not always able to concentrate on these duties. I hope to do better as we finish this fraternal year and make District 9 thrive.



24.10. Report of District Deputy 10 Robert Barnard

SK Robert J. Barnard, PGK
District Deputy 10
District 10 Report

The councils of district 10 are safe environment compliant.

Council 6514 has been hard at work this fraternal year. We've helped fundraise walking with moms in need. We've cooked food for our Feast 4 Families ministry. We had the most successful fish fry we've had in council history. We are hosting our golf tournament on May 31, 2025.

We provided over \$38,000 in financial support to various charities and entities. These range from pregnancy centers and food banks to disaster support through the Knights of Columbus. We are most proud of our new suitcase initiative for foster children. Named luggage with love, we've collected over 80 suitcases for children in foster care.

Council 6514 is also on track to get the Star Council Award again this year. They will reach their membership quota of 12, they have attended 2 FBE with a total of over 14 members.

Council 13440 has been hard at work this fraternal year. The council continued to support the building the domestic church kiosk. Our coats for kids was very successful providing coats for St. Vincent de Paul and the Parishes shelter ministry in addition to providing coats for the hurricane victims in GA and NC. We had one of our best years in Monastery product sales to date. The council hosted quarterly blood drives supporting the Red Cross. Council 13440 hosted quarterly breakfast for the parish to provide a meal and fellowship among parishioners. We had our most successful St. Patrick's Day dinner yet, selling out of all 200 tickets. We provided wheelchairs to parishioners or anyone needing one through the Global Wheelchair initiative. The council has already collected over \$1900 in donations for disabilities this fraternal year. St. Oliver Plunkett is on track to possibly earn star council award this year having already met requirements for McGivney award and the Founder's award.

Council 17969 has been very busy this year. We have run our monthly doughnut ministry to raise money for the Knight's wheelchair fund. We ran a very successful fish fry for our parish this past Lenten season. We participated in Coats for Kids and donated many of our collected coats to families who were affected by the hurricane in Augusta. We participated in this year's Walking With Moms in Need in tandem with Council 6514--we hosted the march at the Catholic Center. We held a Novena for Life open to the whole community and had great success in our attendance. We are preparing, most likely next fraternal year, once our student members return to Athens, to build a new fence, raised flower beds, and picnic tables for the new Marian Garden/Grotto that Father Brian has been heavily promoting at the Catholic Center. We are very proud of the work that we, as a student council, have been able to accomplish this fraternal year. The council is on track to earn the Star award this year.



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Council 18154

- Raised \$578.59 for an Ordinariate Seminarian at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Fundraiser in August
- Raised \$500 for Athens Pregnancy Center at the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Fundraiser
- Hosted 6 successful fish fries every Friday during Lent open to all, and raised over \$2800
- Hosted men's Lent group "Joshua 63" which focused on personal asceticism and studied the book of Joshua
- Held a Rosary one Tuesday a month
- Received Star Council Award for having a successful previous year
- Cleaned up the Corner of 441 and High Shoals Rd for the city of Bishop

Council 18154 is pushing to receive the Star Council Award again this year. The council is young and is growing.

24.11. Report of District Deputy 11 Anthony Annarelli

Worthy State Deputy, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Representatives, Members of the Georgia State Council, and Brother Knights of Columbus,

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as the District Deputy for Georgia District 11 for this fraternal year. The district performed well and met many of the district's goals.

District 11 is comprised of five councils:

- 8376 – Our Lady of LaSalette, Catholic Church of St Ann, Marietta, GA
- 9792 – Holy Family, Holy Family Catholic Church, Marietta, GA
- 10362 – Transfiguration, Transfiguration Catholic Church, Marietta, GA
- 10632 – St. Andrew, Saint Andrew Catholic Church, Roswell, GA
- 13052 – St. Lawrence, St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Lawrenceville, GA

As of May 1, three of the 5 councils in this district have met all requirements for Star Council awards – one confirmed as a Double Star Council. A fourth council need only recruit one new member and file their SP7; it is likely they will meet these goals and become a Star council. These four 4 councils were Star Councils last year. For the second year in a row it is not likely the 5th council will meet their growth target.

Above all else, both the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus should be a safe place for all, from the youngest child to the oldest senior. I am proud to again report that District 11 was the first district in the state to become 100% Safe Environment Program (SEP) compliant. We track this monthly and intend to maintain 100% compliance going forward and will focus on any compliance gaps we identify following the upcoming council officer elections.

The following is a quick overview of the status of each council:



8376 – Our Lady of LaSalette, Catholic Church of St Ann, Marietta, GA

McGivney Award for Growth – Double Star Requirement Met (Triple Within Reach)

- Target Assigned 15
- Actual Count 38

Founder's Award for Insurance

- Supreme confirms requirement has been met

Columbian Award for Programs

- SP-7 Filed 2025-03-11

9792 – Holy Family, Holy Family Catholic Church, Marietta, GA

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McGivney Award for Growth – Star Requirement Met

- Target Assigned 12
- Actual Count 12

Founder's Award for Insurance

- Supreme confirms requirement has been met

Columbian Award for Programs

- SP-7 Filed 2025-04-01

10362 – Transfiguration, Transfiguration Catholic Church, Marietta, GA

McGivney Award for Growth

- Target Assigned 11
- Actual Count 1

Founder's Award for Insurance

- Supreme confirms requirement has been met

Columbian Award for Programs

- SP-7 Filed 2025-03-21

10632 – St. Andrew, Saint Andrew Catholic Church, Roswell, GA

McGivney Award for Growth – Star Requirement Within Reach

- Target Assigned 6
- Actual Count 5

Founder's Award for Insurance

- Supreme confirms requirement has been met



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Columbian Award for Programs

- SP-7 Filed Not filed as of 2025-05-10

13052 – St. Lawrence, St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Lawrenceville, GA
McGivney Award for Growth – Star Requirement Met (Double Within Reach)

- Target Assigned 7
- Actual Count 12

Founder's Award for Insurance

- Supreme confirms requirement has been met

Columbian Award for Programs

- SP-7 Filed 2025-04-17

24.12. Report of District Deputy 12 Chris McHugh

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Chaplains, Worthy State Officers, Brother District Deputies, Members of the Georgia State Council and Brother Knights, I am proud to provide this update on the Councils of District 12.

Council 4599, St. Joseph, GK Richard Walsh

Under the leadership of GK Richard Walsh, the Council continued its tradition of excelling in their full array of service programs. The Council wished to highlight the Thanksgiving and Christmas programs conducted this fraternal year. The Council distributed over 8 1/2 tons of food in 225 Thanksgiving food boxes complete with turkeys and hams plus over 50+ pounds of food to local Cobb County families in need. Through generous contributions from the church parishioners, the Knights were able to collect over 17,000 pounds of food and meat which was enough for a complete dinner for 225 families with plenty of leftovers.

The Council collected and distributed over 1500 gifts to 750+ needy Cobb County children during the Annual Children's Christmas Party.

Families visited Santa Claus and Santa's elves at the Knights of Columbus Council 4599 home.

The Knights provided each child with hotdogs, chips, cookies and drinks and of course a bag full of gifts from Santa. Gifts were also delivered to Children's Health Care of Atlanta at Scottish Rite Hospital and Calvary Children's Home for a total of over 800 children.

The Council continued to support the Monastery in Conyers with the Pennies For Heaven program in addition to the Christmas Fudge sales. Other programs included the hosting the Silver Rose on Palm Sunday, Free Throw Competition, Essay Contest, the Super Raffle and the Corresponding Super Raffle Party.

12386, St. Thomas, GK Rodney Orange

Coming off of the Council's 25th Anniversary last year, the Council continues to excel and is once again on track to earn another Star. GK Rodney Orange leads the Council in their service programs, which includes a "Special Population Bingo" program, First Care Women's Clinic Walk, Carry the Cross – Seminarian Fundraiser, Habitat Build, and Fudge sales for the Monastery.



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The Council has continued with the successful Cor Program, with Father John Patrick as the facilitator. Also of note is the Council's "Penance Service Meal", in which the Knights prepare a dinner for priests that are visiting the parish for evening Penance services during Lent and Advent.

12580, St. John Vianney, GK David Chamberlain

The Council once again has met all requirements of Star Council status, hitting their new member goal before Christmas, 2024. The excellent work of the "Build A Bed" program was off to a fantastic start, ensuring that no child in the area has to sleep on the floor. Other programs to highlight include;

- Building Wheelchair Access Ramps
- Backpack Program
- Essay Contest (state 2nd place winner)
- KCIC Poster Contest
- COR Program
- Coats For Kids
- Feed the Homeless
- Feast of St. John Vianney Event

14625, Lumen Christi, GK Bryan Marks

This Council is striving for completing all of the requirements for Star Council. Highlighted events this past fraternal year included;

- Lifesavers Drive
- Various repairs around the Church
- Leading parish Rosary services
- Lenten Food Drive
- Fudge Sales - Monastery
- Carry the Cross - Seminarian Fundraiser
- Habitat Build
- Pancake Breakfast
- Consecration and Novena to St. Joseph

16513, St. Jude, GK Cary Franklin

Under the leadership of GK Cary Franklin, the Council is on its way to earning the Star Council Award this year, after Exemplifying six (6) new Knights in March. The Council continued its full array of service programs and events, highlighted with -

- St. Patrick's Day Parish Breakfast
- Monthly Rosary Program
- KCIC Poster Contest
- Free Throw Competition
- Blood Drives
- Annual Council Cookout & Picnic

I respectfully submit this "State of the District" report to the 123rd Annual Meeting of the Georgia State Council.

Chris McHugh
District Deputy
Georgia District 12



24.13. Report of District Deputy 13 Pedro Villacorta

Worthy State Deputy,

It is a pleasure and an honor to serve as your representative, and that of the Supreme Knight, among a group of highly dedicated, practicing catholic man. As you know, my district contains five councils, and they all have proven why we are called the right arm of Church, as you have been able to see on at least a couple of times. The contributions from each council to their parish has been exemplary, and it shows on both, the results achieved by each council, and the fact that their Pastor calls on them for many special projects, this is also highlighted by the fact that four Councils have already qualify for Star and one is within reach and fighting to get there.

Council 10633 consistently performs multiple works of charity, particularly in their support to veterans and Special Olympics, this fraternal year they collected and distributed over \$35,000 to multiple veteran organizations in the Jones Creek area, as well as collecting about \$20,000 for the Special Olympics of Georgia, and now being tapped by the pastor to lead the expansion of the columbarium for the parish.

Councils 12883 continues to shine within their parish and the surrounding area, last year they were awarded a Double Star and they are at that level again and growing, one notable activity was their dinner for families with non-verbal autistic children, this allowed the families to share experiences and for the children to share some time together, it has been so well received that another dinner is being planned and we are looking for ways to share the initiative with other councils.

Council 13204 has struggled due to changes in leadership each year, since they lost a prior Grand Knight, but this year they are only 6 members away from Star and are working hard to get those new members, a special program that they have developed is a monthly dinner for widows, where they host a social event in the parish hall and is very well attended.

Council 14944 continues their assistance to a local school, to assisting those in need in that school, which includes coats for kids, access to the parish pantry and many other efforts.

I challenged Council 18218 to start something for Lent, and to my surprise, they started what they considered probably not an activity to be successful with the Hispanic community, so they started a Fish Fry one week late and within an hour and a half, they had no fish to sell, it became a huge success with the parish, they continue to be involved in assisting the pastor, this past weekend a group of knights donated, labor and parts, around \$5,000 to electrify an area on the back of the parish, the pastor had been wanting to do this for a long time.

As stated before, all these efforts and dedication have resulted in four councils reaching the Star Award, and one more fighting hard to get it.

It is a privilege to start each day and have the honor and pleasure to assist so many outstanding practicing Catholic men, whose only desire is to server Our Lord through Mother Church.

v/r,

Pedro E. R. Villacorta G. ThM, MBA, PMP
District Deputy 13



24.14. Report of District Deputy 14 Stacy Chadwick

District 14 has done great on recruitment. All councils but Clarkesville are 100 % or better on their goal. (excluding 17245).

13491 is only one member short of their goal.

All councils still lack the minimum requirement on their FBE. But I've put the word out for the next event which is June 3rd.

You're welcome for the short and to the point report!

DD 14 Stacy

24.15. Report of District Deputy 15 Robert Bergeron

I am the DD for District 15 Robert (Bob) Bergeron. I have 5 council's. Three of which earned Star Council with 2 almost getting double stars.

Council 9923 in Kennesaw

GK Chris Keller, under his guidance this council stayed active and vibrant. Star council (almost Double)

Council 11461 in Cartersville

GK Quentin Holden, This is my home council. We also had a successful year. also getting Star council for the second consecutive year.

Council 11768 in Woodstock

GK Bernie Palcisko, This large council offered a great council experience. The chamber is full with members. A very formal setting. They also presented an ultrasound machine to the Hope center in Woodstock. They also are getting a star council. (almost Double)

Council 12826 in Canton

GK Kevin Leger, his council is in a rough situation with a parish move in the future to approximately 20 miles west of the current church. They do membership drives but the move is difficult to get members. they came up short on membership for a star council. They do a flag program which is a great income.

Council 15996 in Acworth

GK Peter Kruszka, this council had a great year. coming up short by 1 member for a star. This council is always active and they do a lot of good programs.

In closing I would like to add that every council that I attended with my DW was cordial. all of the councils offered a rosary.



24.16. Report of District Deputy 16 Chris Bell

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Chaplains, Brother District Deputies, Members of the Georgia State Council, and Brother Knights all. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as District Deputy for the Georgia State Council during the Fraternal Year 2024-2025. Having served my fourth term, I am amazed that I am always learning something new. The State Officers were available to address all my questions and concerns. Officers and Brother Knights who have supported me in running for 2025-2026 State Warden, I wanted to thank them for not only their support but also their guidance.

6532

Council 6532 has been hit with many challenges in its community and has never really gotten back on track after COVID. The Grand Knight has been working hard to be successful but lacks the experience to motivate his council to make the needed changes. He has done a great job, and I expect to see great results from this council shortly. Despite the challenges, they have some wonderful success stories. This Council helped form the Columbiettes in January 2025. They are very proud to be setting weekly highs on their fish fries. Their Italian night was a hit and raised over \$3,000 for Whiteville Mission, which rebuilds damaged homes. Finally, one of their biggest fundraisers was their Golf Tournament where they raised over \$17,000! They had some key rock stars show up, Archbishop Gregory Hartmayer and State Deputy TJ McCaustland, to help make this as big of a success as it was. The money raised went to KCCG. This council has struggled with recruitment and has only recruited 2 of its 11-member quota.

12942

Council 12942 has been very active. Their Grand Knight in his first year of his two-year term, he has quickly learned how things get done. There are multiple success stories to be proud of. They brought back Keep Christ in Christmas, which was headed up by a Knight who hasn't done that before. They also donated money to a Local Boy Scout who wanted to help the church with his Eagle project. The annual Pumpkin patch is a huge success for not only the Knights, but also for the church and community. They raised over \$5,000 from this event. Their fish fries are legendary in taste, but raising over \$17,000 helps them donate \$5,000 to the church. The council donated \$1,000.00 to Habitat for Humanity and had a fellow brother match the donation. Finally, we are proud to have our first brother from our council to make a run at getting elected as the next State Warden, and we wish him luck. This council has struggled with recruitment and has only recruited 9 of its 15-member quota. I do expect them to pull the rabbit out of the hat and hit star.

13161

Council 13161 really focuses on the Special Olympics. They have donated \$2,000 which has been raised by their gold tournament and fish fries. They also work very closely with the church on repairs, fixing their thermostat, and things in the kitchen. They have donated \$2,500 towards a new refrigerator for the church. They also donated money for Baldrige Lodge, which is a program to help troubled youth. They not only created a scholarship for Baldrige Lodge, but



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also for high school seniors in the amount of \$1,000 each. This council has hit their member quota, and they are currently at 110%.

13217

Council 13217 will be losing its FS John Friedline, who has held this position for the past 13 years. One of their biggest changes was changing the name of Breakfast with Santa to Breakfast with St. Nick. One thing they did that was neat was they invited a local model train club in, and they set up a display where the kids were given the opportunity to control the model trains. They did the 5k run walk, which raised money for the Special Olympics. They are hosting a scotch tasting event that is to be held on May 7th, which DD Christopher Bell & State Advocate Mike Basak plan on attending. They also work the church fish fries, with over 85% of the volunteers being Knights. This raises 60% for the church and 20% for the Knights. This council has struggled with recruitment and has only recruited 7 of its 15-member quota.

15238

Council 15238 is my flagship of Councils. The leadership their Grand Knight has shown has been inspirational in motivating their brothers. They have taken a different approach than most. They don't get the numbers from their fish fries or their grab and go taco's; it is used as a community give back as they don't bring in the dollars like other councils. How they do bring in funds is from their golf tournament and raffle. They plan to have Archbishop Gregory Hartmayer, DD, Christopher Bell, & State Advocate Mike Basak present. The Gun raffle raised over \$10,000. They also do two flower sales, and this brings in over \$5,000. Another positive step they take having one Knight who is assigned to RCIA and works on recruitment. They also target college-age men; they had a steak cookout and invited 10 young men, four showed an interest in joining the Knights, and three joined. They target younger men, and they get them. This council is at 225% and I expect them to hit 300% for their 2nd year in a row.

Submitted Fraternaly,

Christopher Bell

24.17. Report of District Deputy 17 Ben Cabeen

Fr. James H. Grady, Council 4410, Rome, GA.

This Council is a strong council, little slow on recruitment this year, has a recruitment day during our convention. They are poised to start the Cor program. They will need to get their faith program caught up. They are Safe Environment compliant.

St. Gerard Majella, Council 7416, Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

This Council looks to be my strongest council. They have met everything except they need one more insurance benefit night to be Star eligible. They are Safe Environment compliant.

St. Joseph, Council 7662, Dalton, GA.



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This Council need some members to be recruited to possibly get it to it's 3rd Star in a row. It's biggest downfall, not a lot show up to meetings. I believe they can reach Star again. They are Safe Environment compliant.

St. Clements, Council 9339, Calhoun, GA.

This Council is under suspension, do to not paying, it's per capitas, state or supreme. It doesn't have a Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight or Treasure. Waiting on the priest of this parish to respond with what he would like to do to get them back on their feet.

District Deputy 17,
Benjamin Cabeen

24.18. Report of District Deputy 18 Thomas Fagbamiye

Worthy State Deputy, Your Excellency, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Associate State Chaplain and Fellow Clergy, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Delegates, and Brothers All:

It has been an Honor and a Blessing to serve as District Deputy of District 18 for the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year.

My wife Katrenna, and I look forward to us continuing to serve the Order and State in the coming years. My sincere thanks and appreciation to all the Grand Knights and Officers and Brother Knights of all the Councils in District 18 for their hard work in furthering the good works of our Order. We have a strong district, and the councils work well together in keeping their members informed through face-to-face, online meetings, and emails.

Below is my report to the Georgia State Council, and the delegates to the 123rd Annual Meeting and Convention on the Status of District 18. The district is composed of Councils 10821 in Douglasville, 8731 in Carrollton, 12287 in Dallas, and 16534 in Cedartown.

Council 16534 – St Bernadette Cedartown

- Run For Nuns - Annual 5K fundraiser for the Sisters of the Poor. 4th year, 89 participants, \$3,000 presented to the sisters.
- Coats For Kids - 8th annual execution of this event. We presented over 144 coats to children of St Bernadette.
- Food For Families - Collected and delivered more than 2 tons of food to the sisters of the Poor and also to the United Fund in Cedartown. Donated several \$50 gift certificates to needy families.
- Fish Fry - Conducted 8th annual Lent Fish Fry. Raised approximately \$500.
- Biscuit Sale - Continued success selling biscuits after Mass. Netted more than \$700



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from 3 events.

- Yard Sale - Several brothers helped (provided muscle) with the Women's Group and Sisters' annual yard sale
 - Crucifixes for Baptisms - Numerous crucifixes have been presented to baptized parishioners throughout the year.
 - Rosary before Mass - The Holy Rosary has been led by Knights almost every Sunday throughout the year.
 - March for Life - Several brothers participated in the annual March for Life in Cedartown.
- Two brothers served as flag bearers for the US and K of C flags.
- Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest - we had over 50 participants in the annual Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest including 2 state-wide winners.
 - Special Olympics - Attended the local games and made a monetary donation.
 - Nativity Scene installed and maintained for the umpteenth year.
 - Spaghetti Dinner – raised over \$390
 - Wheelchair Presented – Brother Dan
 - Pedal for St Patrick – Inaugural bike ride fundraiser, raised over \$500.
 - Coats for Kids Raffle – Raised over \$860 Pursuant to Article VII-Reports of Grand Knight and District Deputies, I submit the

Council 8731- Msgr Reagan Carrollton

- 4 new council members with 3 more candidates toward achieving fraternal year quota/goal
- Continuing food donation drive for local St. Vincent de Paul conference (1,200+ lbs. collected)
- Successful golf tournament (annual event for charity)
- Coats for Kids (100 coats donated to 2 area schools)
- Second Sunday breakfast program
- Aluminum can recycle program to benefit parish youth programs
- Veterans Day flag placing in parish cemetery
- Veterans Day nursing home visitations
- Council Christmas Party
- Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance Party (hosted along with Columbiettes council)
- All Soul's Day Memorial Mass for deceased members
- Holy Spirit Monastery Monk's goods annual sale
- Monthly First Saturday Rosary & Sacred Heart Litany program
- Keep Christ in Christmas bulletin insert program during Advent
- Consecration to the Holy Family special dedication on Feast
- Council representation/participation at the Georgia March for Life
- Hosting of Lenten soup supper and Stations of the Cross
- Partnering with Fourth Degree Assembly to host a weekend fundraiser for the Frontline Faith program (over \$3,000 raised)
- Council members assisted with the construction of the new parish playground



St John Paul II Council 10821 - Douglasville GA

Faith

- Supported a Seminarian during the Fraternal year with a \$600 donation
- Supported the Church with a donation of \$40k towards restoring AC to the Church
- Hosted a brunch with over 120 attendees for the deacons in formation at St Paul of the Cross Catholic Church

Family

- The council donated \$500 to St Vincent the Paul to support their Parish outreach
- The council also donated 100lbs of canned food to support the St Vincent de Paul food drive

Community

- The council handed out over 120 Coats to kids in need during the fall
- The council also handed out 6 scholarships of \$1000 each to deserving graduating students going into college
- The council hosted quarterly Redcross blood drives to help save lives
- Council held several fundraising events to support our outreach activities including BBQ Butts, Smoked and Deep-fried Turkey, Monastery sales etc.
- The council also held Fish fry events every Friday of lent to help support the Parish community push

Life Activities

- The council through BBQ events and outreach to the Parishioners raised funds to donate over \$2700 to the Douglasville Pregnancy resource center
- The council also supported the Parish in organizing a Parish life walk focused on getting the younger kids involved in the life activities in the Parish.

Fr Vincent Mulvin Council 12287-Dallas GA

- a. Special Olympics participation through Donations and Golf Outing
- b. Food for Families 9862 pounds collected and donated to date. Expect an excess of 10,000 pounds to be attained by the end of the Fraternal Year.
- c. Wheelchair Fund: Over \$400 raised this Fraternal Year (check mailed to KCCG)
- d. ASAP Program: Pac & Play donation Drive raised \$3,577.78 this Fraternal Year
- e. Elementary School Backpack Program Donations from Council, \$1,000, for Fraternal Year 2024-2025
- f. Coats for Kids \$5,045 dollars raised from Parsh – Over 20 cases distributed.
- g. Membership: 10 of 11 Member Goal Obtained an Exemplification for the remaining 1, possibly 3, will be held before end of May
- h. We are Safe Environment Compliant
- i. COR Program well underway in the Council and Plans are being put in place for



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Parish participation for next Fraternal Year

j. Fraternal Benefits Requirement will be met for this Fraternal Year before the end of June 2025.

It has been a sincere pleasure to serve as the District Deputy for Georgia District 18 and to build relationships with the Officers and Brother Knights Districtwide, and Statewide. Looking ahead to 2025/26, I expect all these Councils to become more engaged with the operations and activities of the Order.

I submit this report respectfully to the 123rd Annual Meeting of the Georgia State Council.

Submitted this 13th Day of May, 2025

Vivat Jesus!

Thomas A. Fagbamiye, PFN, PGK

DD18

“I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.”-

Mother Teresa

24.19. Report of District Deputy 19 Tom Lanyi

This is the annual report regarding the Knights of Columbus Councils assigned to District 19 for the 2024-25 Fraternal Year. The district consists of five councils they are St. George Council 6622 located in Newnan, Georgia, Holy Trinity Council 8081 located in Peachtree City, Georgia, Mother Teresa Council 8972 located in Tyrone, Georgia at St. Matthew Catholic Church, Archbishop James P, Lyke Council 11458 located in Fayetteville, Georgia at St. Gabriel Catholic Church and Sharpsburg Council 12862 located in Sharpsburg, Georgia at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

An overall assessment of this past fraternal year shows for District 19 is very positive. The Councils of District 19 to date have added 45 new Knights with the goal set of 43 new Knights joining the Order. District 19 now has 817 members. Four of the five Councils have achieved or surpassed the requirements for the McGivney Award. The fifth council should be able to attain their goal prior to the end of the fraternal year on June 30th. All five councils are Safe Environment Compliant as they have been all year. All Councils assigned to District 19 are in Good Standing at the time this report is being generated. Three of the Councils have already met the requirements for the Founders Award. The other two should meet the requirements provided they attend at least one more benefit event. All Five councils are preparing the SP-7 Form due by June 30th and are on track to earn the Columbian Award. All five councils have submitted required paperwork throughout the year to date,

For the first time in my memory, all five Councils in District 19 led by Council 8081 have joined forces to purchase an ultrasound machine for a mobile pregnancy agency which has recently been approved by the Atlanta Archdiocese. Plans are in the works to bring an under used



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ultrasound machine from Atlanta to the District. This is being spearheaded by Council 11458 and the parish at St. Matthew in Tyrone. All five Councils will also be involved in this project, if approved.

The following contains yearly synopsis and activities by each council in District 19:

St. George Council 6622 in Newnan have added eleven new members this so far year. This gives them a total of 100 members. The Council goal was set at five new members. The Council so far is at 220 % of its goal and has met the requirements for the McGivney Award. The council has also obtained the requirements for the Founders Award. The Council should be able to obtain the Columbian Award due to its continued community, parish and family involvements.

The main goals set for the Council this year included the following:

1. Involve families including the children, in council events such as the monthly family dinners. Family members also participated in our Spaghetti Dinners, Special Olympic events, and pancake breakfasts.
2. Recruit younger gentlemen raising families. Six of our new Brothers and several transfers met the criteria.
3. Bringing our parishioners together with social activities. This included Lenten Fish Frys, participating in the Trunk or Treat during Halloween. We Also had Breakfast with Santa at our December Pancake Breakfast. These events were provided free of charge or for cost for food and supplies by the council. Provide for the parish needs. This included requests made from our priest, request for aid from various parish ministries.
4. Provide our time and talent to our community for their needs both financially and through volunteerism.
 1. July, 2024
 - A. The Council and Assembly 3199 participated both physically and financially in the annual Patriotic Rosary held by St. George Catholic Church on the Courthouse Square in Downtown Newnan.
 - B. The Council donated a U.S. Flag to the St. George Parish to fly on the flag pole outside the church.
 - C. Holy Hour was held for the 1st quarter of the fraternal year.
 2. August, 2024
 - A. Exemplification Ceremony to welcome in new brothers.
 3. September, 2024
 - A. First monthly Pancake Breakfast- Charity chosen was the One Roof Outreach
 4. October, 2024
 - A. Monthly Pancake Breakfast. Charity chosen was Coats for Kids.
 - B. Participated by providing Safe Environment Personnel for the Trunk or Treat Halloween event.
 - C. The council purchased and helped distribute with the Joy Project, brand new winter coats, 6 cases totaling 144 coats, for “Coats For Kids” in Coweta County.
 - D. Holy Hour was held for the 2nd quarter of the fraternal year.
 5. November, 2024
 - A. Monthly Pancake Breakfast. Charity chosen was Coats for Kids for a second time.
 - B. Coweta County Special Olympics Bowling Tournament. Council coordinated with



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Coweta Special Olympics to provide volunteers to assist the Olympians in the 1st bowling tournament of the year. We were able to provide coverage for 17 lanes.

C. First of our Monthly Family Dinners for Knights, their families, friends and prospective Knights. The Council families provided their favorite Pasta Dish to share and the Council provided Salad, Drinks and Desserts.

6. December, 2024

A. Pancake Breakfast with Santa. Santa and an provided for St. George children. Charity chosen was ASAP Program.

B. Coweta Special Olympics Bowling Tournament. Once again coordinated with the local committee to assist the Olympians in the second tournament of the year. We were able to provide enough volunteers to cover 15 lanes.

C. Prepared ham and served food for the annual Parish Christmas Dinner.

D. Held the final Holy Hour of 2024

7. January, 2025

A. Council provided Prayer Cards for the January 1st Mass and were distributed to parishioners by Council members after each Mass.

B. Monthly Pancake Breakfast. Charity chosen was local charities.

C. Monthly Family Dinner. Every Family brings their favorite pasta, spaghetti, or lasagna dish to share. The Council provides, salad, bread, drinks and desserts.

D. Holy Hour for the 3rd fraternal quarter.

8. February, 2025

A. Monthly Pancake Breakfast, Charity chosen was One Roof of Coweta County.

B. Monthly Family Spaghetti Dinner

9. March, 2025

A. Monthly Pancake Breakfast. Charity Chosen Coweta Special Olympics.

B. Monthly Family Spaghetti Dinner

C. Started the Friday Lenten Fish Fry's.

D. Coweta Special Olympics 3rd bowling tournament.

10. April, 2025

A. Last Monthly Pancake Breakfast of the fraternal year. Charity chosen was a combined fundraiser with other Councils of District 19 to purchase a Mobile Ultrasound Machine for the Fayette Pregnancy Center.

B. Coweta Special Olympics Field games at Newnan High School. Our Council will once again cook the hot dogs and hamburgers for all participants, volunteers and observers.

C. Council provided YouCats as gifts to all young adults receiving Confirmation at St. George

D. Holy Hour for 4th quarter

11. May-June, 2025 (In progress)

A. Council providing and handing out flowers for all mothers and grandmothers for Mother's Day.

B. St John Boscoe Scholarship Award \$500.00, given annually to a male graduating Senior by the Council. This year's winner is to be announced.

C. Monthly Family Spaghetti Dinner for May and June



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Holy Trinity Council 8081 in Peachtree City is the largest Council in the district with 317 members. The Council has met its goal for the McGivney Award. The council held a Fraternal benefits night in March which drew over 30 participants toward the Founders Award. The Council should be able to reach all their goals for the year as well and achieve Star council once again with one additional benefit night before the end of the year. Below are the major events conducted by Council 8081 over the past year.

Scholarships for Children of the Parish – Each Year the Council budgets \$6,000 to provide a scholarship for children attending Catholic High School or any University/College or Trade School

Annual Golf Tournament – Every year the Council hosts a Golf Tournament where many of the District Councils, Members of Holy Trinity and local businesses participate. .

Parkway Pick-up – Every month the Council picks up trash and debris along a certain section of the Peachtree Parkway to do our part to keep the community clean.

Blood Drives - A past Grand Knight from Council 8081 coordinates, organizes, and conducts the most successful blood drive campaign on the south side of Atlanta.

Church Picnic Support - In a parish of over 1,900 families, a parish picnic is a major undertaking. Council 8081 provides integral support to this wonderful community event. Knights run the grills to cook hundreds of hamburgers and hot dogs for the crowds.

Fall Fling - Council 8081 provides set-up and clean-up of the main hall, as well as supervision of teen volunteers who run games and pass out treats for younger children dressed in Halloween costumes.

Atlanta Air Show Support - Hosting the USAF Thunderbirds, our local airshow organizers knew they would need extra assistance with parking control and asked Council 8081 for that help.

Coat Drive - Originally intended as a supporting coat drive for a state-run relief effort after Hurricane Helene, Council 8081 completed the drive independently, collecting clothing over a three-week period, sorting those items by size, transporting the donations and finally delivering 2,190 items – coats, scarves, gloves and mittens, hats, shoes and boots, and other articles of clothing (some with store tags still connected) – to a police organization in central North Carolina, for further distribution.

Rosary Rally - Each October, Holy Trinity Catholic Church conducts a procession on church grounds to venerate the Blessed Virgin and pray the rosary. Our council provides traffic control support at the various entrances to church parking lots, as well as honor guards for the carrying of the statue of the Blessed Virgin.

Fallen Knight Ceremony - In a faithful and solemn tribute to brother Knights who have passed away in recent years, Council 8081 held our Fallen Knight ceremony the first weekend in November, or November 2, 2024. Supported by the local Assembly Honor Guard, the ceremony honors fallen Knights

Fudge Sales - Fudge Sales during the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is a fundraiser for the monastery.

Breakfast with Santa - Council 8081 once again hosted Breakfast with Santa on December 15, 2024.

Tamale, Empanada and Cheesecake Sales - Hispanic parishioners and council members cooked to prepare hundreds of tamales, empanadas, and cheesecakes, which were offered to the



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entire parish after each of the weekend masses.

Clothes Less Traveled Volunteer Recognition Dinner Support - This enterprise is a very popular resale store in Peachtree City, with parishioners as part of the original organizational staff, employees, as well as patrons. Each year, store management hosts a Thank You dinner for the staff and volunteers, and our council provides parking lot and shuttle service for that dinner. This past fall, six Knights directed parking and drove shuttles during the evening of the dinner.

Shepherds of the Meek Gala Support - A former associate pastor started a program in the Holy Trinity parish called Shepherds of the Meek, which serves organizations in developing nations whose focus is on the basic needs of the children in their care. Two of our Knights are on the Board of Directors for this organization.

Tootsie Roll Drive - On Super Bowl weekend, February 8, 2025, members of Council 8081 conducted our annual Tootsie Roll drive to solicit donations for programs supporting individuals with disabilities.

Lenten Dinners - Each year during Lent the Knights of Columbus provides a Friday Fish Fry for the parishioners, the local community and the local police and firemen.

Mother Teresa **Council 8972 in Tyrone** has made great strides this year so far. The council met its quota for new members early in the fraternal year to earn the McGivney Award. The council has also met the requirements for the Founders Award. The Council remains one of the most active councils in the district as well. Council 8972 should be one of District 19 Star Council Award winners. The following is an example of the Council's activities this year.

July 2024

- 2nd Start cleaning and painting the room in the Family Life Center
- 27th Cooked for the back-to-school bash
- 30th Clean up and take aluminum cans to the recycling center

September 2024

- 8th Blood drive: 25 people donated

November 2024

- 23rd Delivered Thanksgiving baskets for the needy for Saint Vincent De Paul

January 2025

- 19th Pancake Breakfast (Family Life Center cafeteria) 7 am to 12

February 2025

- 1st Council free throw contest (Family Life Center Gym) 9-12
- 8th-9th Council recruiting event, Narthex
- 15th District free throw contest (Family Life Center Gym) 9-12
- 23rd Knights cooked for one of our deacons' 25th anniversary as a deacon

March 2025

- 7th Fish Fry (Family Life Center Cafeteria) Serve dinner at 6 PM
- 9th Blood drive
- 21st Fish Fry

April 2025



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- 4th Fish Fry (Family Life Center Cafeteria) Serve dinner at 6 PM

Archbishop James P. Lyke Council 11458 in Fayetteville should be able to obtain Star Council status once again this year. The Council is within reach of meeting its membership quota for the year. They are also within striking distance of obtaining the Founders Award with a couple of Fraternal Benefit events. They remain strong with their charitable and fraternal events and will definitely win the Columbian Award.

The 2024-2025 fraternal year was marked by significant dedication, enthusiasm, and spiritual growth for Knights of Columbus Council 11458. Our brothers undertook a variety of service, fundraising, and faith-enriching initiatives, demonstrating the Core principles of the Order: charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Over the course of the year, we contributed approximately 1,843 volunteer hours through projects that directly benefited our parish, community, and worthy charitable causes.

Our council's major fundraising initiatives included the Lenten Fish Fry series, which not only raised \$9,870 to support parish needs but also provided a vital space for fellowship among parishioners during the Lenten season. Our Oktoberfest event and Silent Auction created a vibrant community gathering and raised \$3,500 for parish and council activities. While our Yard Sale did not generate revenue, the event showcased our council's commitment to stewardship and service, providing invaluable manpower for the parish effort.

Charitable giving and direct service were at the forefront of our mission. We partnered with the Red Cross to host two parish blood drives, supporting the critical need for blood donations. Our commitment to Special Olympics included volunteer hours supporting both Bowling and Softball events, emphasizing our dedication to serving individuals with special needs. Council members proudly participated in the Atlanta March for Life, visibly standing in solidarity for the protection of life from conception to natural death.

Sharpsburg Council 12862 has already reached or surpassed the requirements to be awarded the Founders Award and McGivney Awards. They remain a very active participant in community activities through council involvement within the parish and local community and with the family.

St. Mary Magdalene celebrated its 25th Anniversary in 2024.

1/13: Bridging the Gap food bank loadout.

1/15: Sourced and installed Anniversary banners

1/20-21: 3rd Sunday greeters, 19 Knights across 3 Masses

1/24: Hosted the Archdiocese Installation Mass – 8 Knights/family hosted a reception for the inductees after Mass. Attended by Bishop Ned. 200+ in attendance

1/26-27: 25 hours of Eucharistic Adoration Honor Guard.

1/27: One Roof food pantry – can sorting from their annual school system can-a-thon, 14 Knights/family

2/4: Pancake Breakfast

2/10: Habitat Restore



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2/17: Exemplification of three new Knights and one moving to 3rd degree
2/17-18: 3rd Sunday greeters
2/21: Midwest Food Bank – 20 Knights/family – prepared bulk food for distribution
2/22: March for Life in Atlanta attended by Knight/Family
3/9 Bridging the Gap loadout, 14 Knights/family members
3/9: Habitat Restore – service 9 Knights/family
3/16-17: 3rd Sunday greeters, 18 Knights across 3 Masses
3/21: St. Patrick's Day Feast preceding a Council meeting (50+ Knights/family)
3/22: Special Olympics Bowling Tournament Support – 11 Knights/family
3/22: Lenten Fish Fry for the Parish followed by Stations of the Cross (no charge). Knights conducted the Stations of the Cross
3/28: Knights supported Holy Thursday with an Honor Guard to the Altar of Repose and a Guard through midnight.
3/31: Easter parking support
4/6: Habitat for Humanity Build Day
4/10: Midwest Food Bank – prepared bulk food for distribution
Start of our Cor Program
4/19-20: 3rd Sunday greeters
4/20: Abby's Angel Rainbow Run fundraiser
4/24: Special Olympics Field Day Support
5/27: Memorial Day - Knights placed 56 flags at the entry to the Church to represent the 50 States, one District and five major Territories
5/4: Bridging the Gap food bank loadout
5/11-12: Mother's Day, teams of 4 x 3 Knights supported Mass with Virgin Mary bier procession, also handed out 25th Anniversary prayer cards to Moms
5/18-19: 3rd Sunday greeters
6/5: Midwest Food Bank
6/14: Flag Day - Knights placed 56 flags at the entry to the Church to represent the 50 States, one District and five major Territories
6/15-16: 3rd Sunday greeters
6/15-16: Father's Day – we provided 25th Anniversary prayer cards to dads
6/21: St. Mary Magdalene served as the first stop in Georgia. 333 in attendance, 11 Knights as Honor Guard including the State Deputy and his son
6/30: Hosted a 5th Sunday Rosary using a Patriotic Theme
7/4: Independence Day - Knights placed 56 flags at the entry to the Church to represent the 50 States, one District and five major Territories
7/13: Bridging the Gap food bank loadout
7/20-21: 3rd Sunday greeters
7/28-29: Support for Abby's Angels closet collection (school supplies)
8/10: Habitat Restore
8/14: Midwest Food Bank
8/17-18: 3rd Sunday greeters.
8/17-18: Recruiting drive, pulpit talks by Knights/Spouses
8/17: Habitat for Humanity Build day



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8: Development of Widow's Watch program in coordination with Soul Sisters, widows support group
8: Touch up of paint on Rectory by Knights
9/7: Habitat Build day (landscaping)
9/21: Exemplification of 4 new Knights
9/21-22: 3rd Sunday greeters
9/27-28: 25 hours of Eucharistic Adoration Guard
9/27: Tent Setup – 14 Knights/Parishioners, Picnic Support
9/29: 25th Anniversary Celebration Mass with current and former Pastors, Archbishop Hartmayer,
9/29: Parish Picnic with over 400 in attendance, providing cooking/setup/cleanup
10/7: Restart of Cor program after summer break; Men of the Word series
10/11: 18 Annual Charity Golf Tournament
10/12: Bridging the Gap loadout
10/12: Habitat Restore
10/19-20: 3rd Sunday greeters.
10/22: Texas Roadhouse fundraiser
10/25: Special Olympics Bowling Tournament support
11/2: Carry the Cross Challenge at Kennesaw Mountain – 1 cross, 3 Knights, 1 youth, 1 Catholic German Exchange Student. 1 spouse (co-chair of 25th Anniversary Committee) and 1 Siberian
11/11: Veterans Day- Knights placed 56 flags at the entry to the Church to represent the 50 States, one District and five major Territories
11/16-17: 3rd Sunday greeters.
11/23: Exemplification of 4 new Knights
12/6: Special Olympics Bowling Tournament
12/14: Bridging the Gap loadout
12/14: Habitat Restore
12/20: Knights Christmas Social
12/21-22: 3rd Sunday Greeters
12/29: 5th Sunday Rosary

Report respectfully submitted by
Thomas R. Lanyi
District Deputy 19

24.20. Report of District Deputy 20 Bob Aiken

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Chaplains, Brother District Deputies, Members of the Georgia State Council, and Brother Knights all.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as District Deputy for the Georgia State Council during the Fraternal Year 2024-2025. I appreciate all the help from the State Officers and



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Program Directors.

Tara Council 6352

Chartered in 1972, this council has always been strong. They have a great set of officers in place. They have very good turnout at their monthly meeting. They have given over \$11,000 to various charities this year and sponsored numerous events at St. Phillip Benizi including Pennies for Heaven, Special Olympics, Tunnel to Towers, Saint Vencent De Paul, Clayton Co EMS and Jonesboro Pregnancy Center. They also host Lenten Fish Frys and support the parish in many ways. They have a Bingo Facility they rent out and park cars at Atlanta Motor Speedway to raise money. They are struggling with membership this year.

Holy Trinity Council 7601

Charter

ed in 1979, this council is also a strong council with good meeting attendance. They have always been Safe environment compliant. They participate in Coats for Kids, Family Rosary, Bridge Wellness South Pregnancy Center and blood drives. They sponsor a golf tournament as well as a Veterans Appreciation dinner. They sponsor Fish Frys during Lent as well as park cars at the state fair to raise money for the council.

Father Charles J. Kerscher Council 10004

Chartered in 1989, this council has achieved Star Council twice in the last five years and is on the way to achieving it again this year. They have recruited six of the seven required new members needed along with all the other participation requirements. They are Safe Environment compliant. This fraternal year they have hosted a St. Valintine's Day dance\dinner as well as several trivia nights benefiting church ministries such as St. Vincent de Paul, American Cancer Society, MLK Outreach, Ultrea/ Cursillo and faith formation. They sponsor A Day of Reflection annually and host COR Men's Prayer group monthly for all Catholic males. The council participates in programs such as: Coats for Kids, Meals on Wheels, Knights Wheelchairs, Pennies for Heaven and State Raffle benefiting The Monastery of the Holy spirit.

Danny McMichael Council 12984

Chartered in 2001, this council is small but they are very active at St. Mary Mother of God Parish. They are well on the way to achieving Star Council this year with already recruiting four of the five new members. They participate in numerous State and Supreme programs like Coats for Kids, Family Rosery, State Raffle, Parish Breakfast, pregnancy center, and fish Frys during Lent. A lot of the members serve as Altar Servers as well as Ushers. They sell pine straw as a fundraiser. And just last week their Assembly was restarted. Overall, a great council with loads of enthusiasm to carry them for years to come.

Submitted Fraternally,
District Deputy Bob Aiken



24.21. Report of District Deputy 21 Bill Gorny

7923 - held 5th Sunday rosaries
several breakfasts for different ministries in the church
Held Exemplification to bring in several new members
Hosted the winter grand knight meeting
Awarded Family and Knights of the month
Held successful fish fry

10355 - held 5th Sunday rosaries
Had a BBQ in October for mentally challenged individuals with trick or treat
Makes sandwiches for St Martin de Porres society at church
Awarded family and knights of the month
Held a successful fish fry

12000 - held 5th Sunday rosaries
Monthly Knights Mass
Awarded family and Knights of the Month
Had breakfasts for the church
Raised money for a church in India for dedication to Blessed Michael McGivney

12905 - held 5th Sunday rosaries
Held Exemplification for new members
Had a successful fish fry
Road cleanup on the road in front of the church

14122 - hosted a men retreat at monastery of the holy spirit
Hosted This Man is You for the church
Successful fish fry
5th Sunday Rosary
Held Exemplification for new members

Bill Gorny,
PGK District
Deputy #21

24.22. Report of District Deputy 22 Richard Graff

Worthy Vice President, Worthy State Deputy, Your Excellency, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Associate State Chaplain and Fellow Clergy, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Delegates, and Brothers All: I wish to thank State Deputy T. J. McCaustland and my Brother



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Knights for the honor and privilege of serving as District Deputy 22 for this year. I have been entrusted to be Friend, Mentor and Guide to Council 11746 St Francis of Assisi – Blairsville, Council 12126 Blue Ridge – Blue Ridge, Council 14181 Good Samaritan – Ellijay, and Council 14348 Our Lady of the Mountains – Jasper. Coming off a great year and Star District Status for 2024-25, I set the bar high and challenged the district to be an All-Star District – not an easy task.

St. Francis of Assisi Council 11746 Glenn Harahan – Grand Knight 100 Members July 1, 2024
Star Council last year, St Francis of Assisi has already completed all requirements to obtain Star Council again this year with 150% of membership quota; Star Council 4 years in a row – 9 Star Council Awards since being Chartered in 1996; or 32% of the time. St Francis of Assisi supports the Parish, Community, Life and Family of their area. This is done with a strong showing of Brother Knights at all of their multitude of programs in each category. I see St Francis of Assisi continuing to grow, prosper and being recognized throughout their community as a true example of the charity and generosity of the Knight of Columbus.

Blue Ridge Council 12126 Gerry Reny – Grand Knight 78 Members July 1, 2024

Comprised of two small rural parishes, Blue Ridge Council faces the typical struggles with membership recruitment at the required level to achieve the Founders and McGivney Award and therefore Star Council. This year is an example of partially overcoming this difficulty, meeting 60% of their goal of 5 new members, with one more to be exemplified, which will bring them to 80% of goal. Blue Ridge Council has achieved Star Council 10 times since being Chartered in 1997; or 37% of the time. Blue Ridge Council is exceptionally strong in its programs with Brother Knights supporting the priest and the parish and the community at large. One program of note is their “Teddy Bear” program. The Council assemble care packages consisting of Teddy Bears and other child friendly items. These packages are distributed to 1st Responders (Police, Fire, EMTs) who in turn gift them to children whom they encounter when responding to a call out. This council is strong. They have been successful with online recruiting, and it was one their best years for support of Parish, Community, Life and Family. I am confident that this Council will continue to fulfill the true mission of the Knights of Columbus. Many of their event dates are often determined months in advance of State event dates and consequently results in Annual Meeting Proceedings May 17-18, 2025

poor attendance at State’s Council Officer twice a year events. Their primary focus is on Faith in Action events, and supporting the region their Council represents. Making Star Council is achieved via fortuitous events rather than a directed effort. Their Rabies Clinic is a major event for the two county area they serve.

Good Samaritan Council 14181 Gene Fober – Grand Knight
83 Members July 1, 2024

Star Council last year, Good Samaritan has already completed all requirements to obtain Star Council again this year 120% of membership quota; Star Council 7 years in a row – 10 Star Council Awards since being Chartered in 2006; or 56% of the time. Achieving Star Council Status is not the primary focus of Good Samaritan, but more akin to a serendipitous benefit of all the activities the council performs in support of Parish, Community, Life and Family. Recruitment by example; every event is a recruitment opportunity; Good Samaritan Council not only embraces these ideals but lives them and puts them into action by supporting a local hospice center and free mobile clinic.



Our Lady of the Mountains Council 14348 Joseph Yorio – Grand Knight

76 Members July 1, 2024

Star Council last year, Our Lady of the Mountains has already completed nearly all requirements (needs to complete FBN requirement – might be short one or two Knights) to obtain Star Council again this year 200% of membership quota; Star Council 3 years in a row – 7 Star Council Awards since being Chartered in 2007; or 44% of the time. Our Lady of the Mountains is a strong council with Brother Knights always at the ready to fulfill an array of programs in support of the Parish, Community, Life and Family. Our Lady of the Mountains supports a local hospice center and free mobile clinic, regularly prays the rosary before mass on Wednesday evenings.

24.23. Report of District Deputy 23 Ken Boone

11340

The Council currently has one new member and three members waiting to Exemplified. The membership goal for FY '24-'25 is five new members.

According to the latest Star Tracker we are compliant with safety requirements and not with Fraternal benefits programs.

I am confident we can come up with a fifth new member by 6/30/25. I am currently making arrangements for a FBE in the last week in May.

The Grand Knight is Warren Inge. He is expected to stay onboard for the next FY. I expect this Council to make Star this year.

13229

The Council currently has two new members and will be exemplifying three more on the 19th of May.

The membership goal for FY '24-'25 is five new members.

They are compliant with Safety requirements and not with Fraternal benefits programs. I am making plans for them to attend a district wide event.

This Council undertook a rebuilding of a member's house that was destroyed in a fire. One new member is the result of helping rebuild the house.

The Council will make Star Council for the first time in at least 5 years.

The current Grand Knight is Ted Heiderscheit. I don't expect him to continue for a third year.

10497

The Council has six new members and is working on two more. The membership goal for FY '24-'25 is five members. They have paperwork in to be compliant with the safety requirements. They are not complete with the FBE and we are working on a visit from and insurance agent during the June meeting.

The Council brought in 12 new members last year but failed to complete paperwork requirements.

The new Grand Knight is Steven Warren. He replaced Luis Galicia who resigned mid-year due to personal problems.

Brother Steven has done a fine job and we should be able to snag Star Council this year.



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16870

This Council has no new members this year. We are currently working on two.

The membership goal for FY'24-'25 is five.

The Council has held open meetings, used the events in Church as membership (Delta drives), the

Pastor even mentions them from the Pulpit on every project they do for the Church.

They are compliant on safety requirements, but not on FBEs. I am working with them to attend a district wide FBE event.

The Grand Knight is Paul Courchaine. I expect him to complete a two-year term this upcoming year.

14350

This Council has not met this year. I have tried to touch base with the Grand Knight on several occasions. I have received no response.

They are currently suspended due to non-payment of State per capita. I would like to meet with both you and WSD TJ to see if we can come up with a better plan of restarting the Council in FY '25-'26.

The current Grand Knight is Joseph Michael. There are no other officers that I am aware of at this time.

Conclusion

I expect to make Star District this year. The two Councils, maybe three that are expected to make Star : 11340, 13229. and 10497.

I have a problem with FBE because I have never had an insurance agent in my District. Nevertheless, we will do our best to achieve Star.

Regards, Ken Boone

DD#23

24.24. Report of District Deputy 24 Brian Musha

Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Officers, District Deputies and Brothers All:

It has been my distinct honor and privilege to serve as the District Deputy of District 24 for this fraternal year. As I finish my second year as District Deputy, I want to especially thank State Deputy T.J. McCaustland. With great support from my councils, I was able to earn the All-Star District Award with all my councils earning Star. We are on track to complete a similar accomplishment this Fraternal Year. I am honored and proud to serve this year in this most rewarding position. I also want to thank the Grand Knights and officers of Councils 6918, 8495, and 14773 for all the support provided to me during my first year as DD24.

I also want to thank the Grand Knights, Officers, and Members of the Councils of District 24 for their hard work in furthering the good works of our Order. All councils within the district



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conducted face-to-face meetings with several still offering a teleconferencing option for those members who cannot attend in person. They continue to represent our order in all the good work they do.

District 24 congratulates the following:

--Former District Deputy and current Financial Secretary for Council 8495 William Kulovitz was selected as the Georgia State Council Knight of the Year for FY 2024-2025.

--Maddie Desantos from Queen of Angels won the State level KCIC Poster contest for grades 5 and 6. Guadalupe Cervantes from St. Teresa of Avila won 2nd place in the state for the Essay Contest for 9th grade.

--Council 14773 and their Community over 176 boxes to underprivileged children through the Cross Catholic Outreach Box of Joy program

The District would like to highlight the following council activities as examples of their service this fraternal year.

Report of Councils:

Father Larry Endrizzi Council 6918, Thomson, GA – Grand Knight Jerry Germann

- Knights led the rosary every Sunday before the 11 AM mass.
- Organized and ensured all slots were filled for the monthly First Friday adoration period of 12 hours.
- Led a Stations of the Cross service and served a soup supper during lent.
- Supported a seminarian with quarterly financial assistance of \$150 as part of the RSVP program.
- Conducted two food drives for our SVDP group and gave financial support of \$125 quarterly.
- Organize, set up facilities and cook hamburger/hot dogs for the annual church picnic.
- Provided snacks after the 11 AM mass approximately once a month.
- Assisted the parish CCW with their annual yard sale.
- The council designed and paid for an ad in the convention magazine.
- Council, with the CCW, organized and held three receptions for: Mr. Louis Graziano 102nd birthday; for the installation of Father Mark White as our Pastor; and for the retirement party of the parish organist and soloist for fifty years, Sharon Finnerty.
- Distributed Keep Christ in Christmas wrist bands at Queen of Angels and St. Joe's churches.
- Organized and held a blood drive with Shepard Blood Center at Queen of Angels.
- Council sent two delegates to the State Convention and participated in the raffle ticket sales with the council's share going to the pregnancy center in Athens GA.
- Purchased and distributed over 100 coats at both parishes under the Coats for Kids



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Program.

- Prepared and served the Annual Mother's Day Brunch
- Assisted with many hours of service for church and grounds maintenance.
- Knights mowed the large lawn on one of our elderly parishioners.
- Successfully conducted two egg roll sales for funding purpose. Approximately 2500 egg rolls were prepared, cooked, and sold.
- A raffle was held for a family who in need at the request of Fr. Mark.
- Two cook out events were held for financial presentations by our State or National KofC financial group.
- Two recruitment events were held after mass which resulted in the council meeting its quota of five new members.
- With CCW, the council catered an event for a local financial advisor which raised \$2300 in funds and provided our council and the KofC favorable visibility in the local community.
- Participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. State Winner of Grade 5/6 was presented \$100 check after mass.
- Participated in the KofC free-throw contest for local children.

Terence Cardinal Cooke Council 8495 – Grand Knight Dean Hollmann

- Sponsored a Back-to-School supply drive for our parish needy families. We collected items that were donated and distributed to our Hispanic, Vietnamese, and Anglo families who could not afford supplies.
- Sponsored parish and district Soccer challenge in September
- Sponsored parish and district Free Throw challenge in January.
- Sponsored Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for our parish youth. Guadalupe Cervantes was selected as 2nd place 9th grade state winner.
- Our 'Lost in the Fifties' car show had over 100 participants in this day-long event.
- Our Tootsie Roll drive to raise money for Columbia County Special Olympics.
- Sponsored a parish Winter Coat Drive for Catholic Social Services for Thanksgiving. This included Coats, hats, gloves, and sweaters for men, women, and children.
- Conducted a Memorial Mass in November to honor our deceased Knights, Sir Knights, and wives who passed away during the previous year.
- Knights from our council regularly man the sanctuary during exposition of the Eucharist during Adoration times in the Parish.
- Our Keep-Christ-In-Christmas sales sold KCIC cards after Masses in November and December.
- Our annual Christmas party had Knights and wives.
- We have recognized 12 Families of the Month and 12 Knights of the Month.
- Continue to support the RSVP program for our Seminarians.
- Sponsored Last Sunday Rosary each month for current pertinent intentions. Brother Knight Deacon Joseph Soparas coordinated these for the parish.
- When a major traffic flow rearrangement was rolled out at the church, Knights stepped up and provided traffic control and crossing guard services for faith formation after the 0900 mass on Sundays.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday night (Spiritual Reflection).



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- Maintained our Domestic Church Kiosk.
- Sponsored Columbia County Cares Spaghetti Dinner and served meals and helped to raise money (not a council event but strongly supported).
- Sponsored our Parish's annual Breakfast with St. Nick. Served a breakfast of Pancakes, Hash Browns, and Sausage while the parish had advent activities for the youth.
- Held Bird House sales in March 2025 with donations going to our parish Ribbons of Hope Cancer Ministry.
- 40 Cans for Lent collected over 2000 pounds of food donations for Columbia Cares Food Pantry.
- Conducted State Raffle Ticket sales – all local proceeds go to Evans Pregnant Choices Center.
- Coordinated and served six Lenten Fish Fries in Parish Life center. Dine in and takeout options were available.
- The Council supported all Parish Life Center events with setup and take down of tables and chairs.
- We held Delta Drives at each of our six Lenten Fish Fries.
- Knights of our council usher, serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Ushers at many masses.
- Provided our Priests with Christmas Gifts from the council.
- Knights are active as faith formation leaders.
- Knights lead weekly Liturgical studies that last year long.
- Knights Lead the weekly Men's Bible Study.
- Knights lead the "Many Hands make light work" Ministry workdays, scheduling, planning and coordinating the work of other Knights, students and parishioners to clean and maintain the parish facilities and grounds.
- Held the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday.
- Monthly before both business and membership meetings, a ½ hour social time is held in the council room.

St. Michael the Archangel Council 14773, Fort Eisenhower, GA - Grand Knight Tim McCarthy

- Saint Michael the Archangel Council is located on Fort Eisenhower in Augusta GA. Our members are primarily retired with some active duty from nearly every branch of the military service. Although a small council, our members are actively involved in many programs that support our priest, church, its members, and the local community.
- Saturday Morning Prayer Breakfast (COR) – Led by Deacon Kelley Culver, meets the second Saturday of each month, to share breakfast, a scriptural message and prayer with our fellow men to foster faith, fraternity and fellowship in and with each other.
- Our Food for Families program led by PGK Bill Holt has aided Catholic Social Services with 1451 pounds of food and \$2,500 in checks to purchase additional food items for the needy.
- Our members contributed funds for the Coats for Kids program, purchasing four cases matched by Supreme for a total of eight. Two cases were presented to the Freedom



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Park Elementary and Middle school and the other six to Catholic social services. The CCW also presented knitted hats, scarves, and mittens to Catholic Social Services.

- Knights continued to support our two seminarians, now Transitional Deacons, with \$500 each through the Archdiocese of Military Services. They are scheduled to be ordained in June then serve in their diocese and later become military chaplains.
- Knights, Confirmandi and chapel members placed 1209 American flags on the graves of veterans at the Mount Olive cemetery on Dean's Bridge Road. Prior to placing the flags, a Cemetery Cleanup was organized to clean grass and dirt from many of the veteran's grave markers, some of which were totally covered with dirt, so they were not recognizable. Our Knights, Sir Knights, family members and youth who participated expressed their honor to Veterans by placing a flag on their grave marker!
- Our knights continue to support our Catholic Military Community soldiers and 315 families of Saint Michael the Archangel, with a knight, or his absence a knight's spouse leading the rosary every Sunday. On the Fifth Sunday's, the rosary is led by five to seven knights as well. Other knights serve as Deacons, ushers, altar servers, music ministry leader, Lectors and on occasion Eucharistic Ministers, Pastoral Council Leaders and members, as well as teachers in the religious education program.
- Our Helping Hands contributions from our State Raffle went to the Augusta Training Shop. They were delighted to show us what they are doing and the difference we make.
- The Knight of The Month and Family of the month are an important part of our activities to recognize those who dedicate so much of their time and effort to make our Catholic Community as vibrant as it is. As a result, we have submitted an excellent candidate for Family of the Year the Sir Knight Herman and Hilda Gonzalez family.
- The Soccer and Basketball contests, this year had applicants. Nathaniel Musha won the Council and District Soccer Contest and the Council Boys Basketball Free Throw Contest. Ms. Olivia Yelverton won the Girls Basketball Contest.
- The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest had an excellent applicant, Ms. Olivia Yelverton winning our Council Award which was forwarded for district competition.
- During this year the council raised and donated \$1000 to Pregnant Choices. The check was presented to Director Mrs. Gretchen Daly by the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Past Grand Knights and Financial Secretary. Our Knights reimbursement check of \$100 was also presented by our FS Sir Lucky Simpson.
- From October through January our council continued its Boxes of Joy program led by DGK Vince Krajcir to provide less fortunate children with a shoebox worth of school supplies and small gifts, donated by members of the community. We were able to provide 176 Boxes of Joy to underprivileged children this year.
- Our council will once again send our Grand Knight and our Deputy Grand Knight with their spouses to the State Convention.
- We had 3 very successful Fraternal Benefits events and a Watch Party attended by our District Deputy/Chancellor, Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial secretary, Recorder, a total of 9 knights, and our Field Agent Antares Viens, with food and beverages provided by the knights.
- We continue to hold monthly in person and Zoom meetings at our newly renovated Good Shepherd Chapel Fellowship Hall on Barnes Avenue.



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- DGK Vince Krajcir serves at daily mass, brothers Bo Cruz and Herman Gonzalez run the choir, Sir Tom Dean runs the Monday Bible Studies, Fran Simpson and Lucky are always volunteering with church details, Ushers, Christmas (Three Kings), with so many others doing odds and ends for the church each week enriching our faith experience. Tom Dean also leads a themed quarterly Novena with up to 9 knights and or spouses.
- Our combined Christmas Social with the CCW was a tremendous success with over 130 soldiers, family members and knights attending. Santa (Sir Herman Gonzales) handed out gifts to children and door prizes to those lucky winners.
- We will host the Silver Rose Rosary service in conjunction with Holy Hour on the 24th of April supported by our knights and CHAP (CPT) Thomas Kelly.
- We will also host the Sacred Heart Icon on the 5th of June during Holy Hour. What a wonderful opportunity to visit Jesus's presence in the ICON.
- Boxes of Joy Program led by PGK Vince Krajcir – We filled 176 Shoe Boxes with school supplies, clothes and toys which were sent to Cross Catholic Outreach who distributed them to the less fortunate in third world nations.
- We are on track to make Star Council and possibly two Star with just more members to complete our requirements. We only need to submit our SP-7, which will be completed soon.

24.25. Report of District Deputy 25 Paul Tanguay II

Dear Worthy State Deputy,

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your District 25 Deputy this year, you entrusted me with five councils: Holy Family Council 5588 Savannah, GA – Island's Council 10579 Savannah, GA – St Annes Council 10866 Richmond Hill, GA – St Matthew Council 14275 Statesboro, Ga – St Boniface Council 14439 Springfield, Ga. I had little or no familiarity with three of the four Councils prior to the assignment. This opportunity allowed me to get to know all four of my councils and I am grateful for this experience. Each Council had different levels of leadership experience with 4 with returning Grand Knights.

Holy Family Council - 5588 struggled this year we had a couple of online members join but unfortunately, there were severe repairs done to the church at St James where they were holding meetings. They did secure another location but not many attended and now the FS is stepping down so hopefully the new one will fall right in line.

Island Council - 10579 Recruitment has been strong with this council in membership and looks to be a star council by end of June.

Some highlights of the council activities are as follows:

This year with the hurricanes that hit our area hard, many fund raisers were held to support both the parish and local patrons that need assistance. They held two fish fries during lent and supported the clergy with a Low-country-boil. The fish Fry was a large success. The council was also able to return to trivia nights with the council supporting 3 different charities. The Council supports the local parish in many ways. Financial Support by providing funding for various ministries where needed as well as Volunteer support of the parish when conducting in-person masses and the challenges that created.



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St Annes Council - 10866 Recruitment has been strong with this council in membership and looks to be a star council by end of June.

Some highlights of council activities are as follows:

This year with the hurricanes that hit our area hard, many fund raisers were held to support both the parish and local patrons that need assistance. They were able to also host two fish fries and they both had the largest turn out ever even with the parish hall shut down due to structural issues. They made due with tents outside.

The Council supports the local parish in many ways. Financial Support by providing funding for various ministries where needed ad well as Volunteer support of the parish when conducting masses.

St Matthew Council - 14275 again this year this council had an awesome recruitment year and is on their way to becoming a double star council.

Some highlights of council activities are as follows:

This year with the hurricanes that hit our area hard, many fund raisers were held to support both the parish and local patrons that need assistance. They too held a meal for the local clergy and gave to Coats for Kids.

St Boniface Council - 14439 bounded back by recruiting new members this year, finally.

Some highlights of the council activity are as follows:

This year with the hurricanes that hit our area hard, many fund raisers were held to support both the parish and local patrons that need assistance. When the CCW came calling they were able to help with setup and tear down for the annual garage sale. Participated in “Coats for Kids” and the local Pregnancy Care Center of Rincon. Hosted a couple of breakfasts at the church. Raised \$500 for RSVP. Held a fish fry at the pastor’s request.

Fraternally,
Paul A. Tanguay II
District Deputy 25

24.26. Report of District Deputy 26 Keith Wagner

Reverend Fathers, Worth State Deputy, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Officers, District Deputies and Brothers All:

It has truly been and honor and privilege to serve as the District Deputy of District 26 this past fraternal year. I want to thank the Grand Knights and Officers of the Councils of District 26 for their hard work in furthering the good works of our Order.

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Patrick Walsh Council 677, Augusta, GA – Grand Knight David Waters

- With the help of Brother Knight, Brian Rhodes, we were able to continue to sponsor over \$5000 in scholarships for upcoming freshmen attending Aquinas High School, Augusta, GA. Due to Hurricane Helene we were unable to have our annual golf tournament. With this donation, we have raised over \$80,000 for future Catholic students.
- Sponsored the local Catholic Social Services Annual Appreciation lunch, cooking over 500



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hot dogs and hamburgers.

- Sponsored the annual Field Day at St. Mary on the Hill School lunch cooking hot dogs and hamburgers.
- Throughout the fraternal year, our council has sponsored and supported Coats for Kids, Wreaths Across America, Special Olympics and the local St. Paul's Radio.
- Monthly pancake breakfasts raised over \$4000 to support the RSVP program.
- Supported Assembly 174 in the annual clean up and place over 1,000 flags at Mt. Olive Cemetery for both Memorial Day and Veterans Day
- Financially supported Assembly 174 in the sponsorship of the hospitality cart for the veterans and patients each month at Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center

John F. Kennedy Council 5484, Augusta, GA – Grand Knight Glenn Gaines

- Obtained the 4 Star Council Award from our Worthy State Deputy.
- Another successful year of recruiting new brothers into the order.
- Successful Boston Butts Fundraiser in support of Pregnant Choices
- In support of St. Ignatius – attended the Blessing of Cars with Fr Alexei Woltornist.
- Sponsored the Annual Council Lenten Fish Fry
- Sponsored the Parish Mission Procession
- With the help of Fr. Jake Almeter, brothers helped fellow parishioners cut and remove tree debris from Hurricane Helene.
- Supported Assembly 180 fundraiser through Double Good to benefit Guitars for Vets.

St. Joseph the Worker Council 13437 – Grand Knight David Mills

- Council members help serve the monthly Religious Education participants.
- Continued to make several repairs of property on the church grounds.
- Also hosted District 26's Free Throw Challenge
- Actively participated in the KCIC poster contest.
- Council members participated in building beds with Restart Augusta for those in need. The organization has built over 3,000 beds.
- Our Seminarian Pancake Breakfasts, which support our assigned seminarian.
- Donated over three gallons of blood/platelets to the Shepard Community Blood Center.
- Provided the Augusta Catholic Social Services several days of volunteer hours and over \$500 for food for families.
- The Council's Men's Holy Hour has been a monthly fixture at our Church.
- Tithing of 10% was given to the Church from all of our fund raisers.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith A Wagner



25. Report on Programs, Rich Parcels

Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplains, Worthy State Officers, and brothers all. I am here today to update the Knights of Columbus from the state of Georgia that as your state program director, I have fulfilled the duties of this role as laid out by the expectations from our state deputy TJ. Here is a short list of the top goals from this past fraternal year. TJ has changed the training goals at our Grand Knights meetings in July and January. We have done breakout sessions where our state program directors show up, meet with you one on one and individually in groups. This has been an unbelievable valuable experience, allowing councils to meet and discuss with the directors their specific concerns that their councils have. Overall, the feedback has been fantastic.

Promotion and execution of the Coats for Kids program. TJ laid out a goal of ten thousand coats. That goal was almost one hundred and twenty percent over the prior year. Not only did we meet the ten thousand coats, but our increase was almost one hundred and thirty percent. This was a massive success, and it could not have been done without your council's help. This was a supreme program that started in 2009. In 2024, it hit one million coats nationwide. By this time this year, almost a year later, it has already exceeded one point five million coats nationwide in the US. What a fantastic program that we have done and I thank all of you for that participation.

Total hours of charity TJ put out a big goal one million hours. This was a huge increase over the prior year actual. Even though we did not achieve this goal, we still had a considerable increase over the prior year. This is due to the amount of information that the state has put out during our training sessions on how to account for the hours of charity that you are to turn in. I believe we will hit one million hours in the very near future. We're already there. The councils have produced so much charitable good. And based on the records turned in, we know not all the hours have been recorded properly. Every council has seen increases in hours volunteered, money donated, programs put on, and work in their parishes accomplished, with greater participation of their membership. Worthy State Deputy, I am humbled to have participated this year in the state of Georgia. With the accomplishments of every one of these councils, I am honored to have served in this past year as the state program director. And it is with my sincerity that I thank you for this opportunity.

Vivat Jesus!



26. Report on Membership, Mark McMullen

Worthy State Deputy, Your Excellency, Reverend Fathers, Supreme Representative Bob, State Officers, District Deputies, Past State Deputies and delegates and brothers all. Thank you for the opportunity, Worthy State Deputy, to present this report on the state of membership in the Georgia jurisdiction. Brothers, as you have heard from our state deputy and from our esteemed VP of Membership Growth at Supreme, we're doing pretty darn well in Georgia, thanks to all of your efforts. And I am here to give you an update today on how we're doing. Thanks to all of you, it's been a really good membership year. And if I might say, a membership two years under TJ's leadership. So the state of membership in Georgia, brothers, is very strong. We are closing in on achieving twenty thousand members. We won't hit it this year; hopefully next year we'll get there. We're currently at 19,685 n members overall. We have grown net membership, as you have heard from both T J and Bob, by over six hundred members as of the last report that I received from Supreme. And membership growth is one of the key six strategic priorities of our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, as part of his Knights 150 strategic planning program. Brothers, Georgia has always done a great job in membership growth. And has been among the leaders in the southeast and in the order, in year-over-year membership growth. Again, thanks to all of your efforts. And that's really what it's all about. So brothers, I'd like all of us up here on the stage to give all of you a round of applause. Thank you.

Before I go into a quick summary of metrics and a top line summary of the highlights of this year, and recognize councils that have done an outstanding job in membership growth, I'd like you to recognize my Georgia State Membership Team and ask you to join me in recognizing them and thanking them with a round of applause after they all stand up for the wonderful work that they have done. And as I call your name, brothers, please stand up. Arnie Terrell, our District Master. Arnie also obviously continued on as the Atlanta Archdiocese membership team lead. Ken Boone, who's also been on the team. Ken has been our online membership lead and has done a great job. Danny Seguira, He's also been a very valuable team member in the Atlanta Diocese membership, and Pat McMahon. Pat's been our Savannah team membership lead, Pedro Villacorta, our Hispanic team lead, right in front district deputy, and Anthony Annarelli, our new council development lead. That's been our team, guys. And without their efforts working with you, we wouldn't have achieved what we did.

Brothers, now I'd like to take a few minutes to share a quick top line membership recap for Georgia. As a lot of you know, we achieved Circle of Honor in Georgia last year, and we're on track to do it again this year. As of the latest membership reporting day, we are at 868 members, thirty-one members shy of Circle of Honor. We have six weeks to get there, but I know brothers that with all your efforts, we can get there, hopefully by the end of this month. Can I count on all of you to try when you



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go back? Hopefully, energized by this convention to recruit at least one member at your councils before the end of June, is that doable? Can you do that? Thank you, brothers. Thank you.

Now I'd like to take time to recognize some of the top performing councils this year in membership growth. You know I always believe conventions are a time of celebration and recognition. And now's the time to really recognize all of your efforts, brothers. So let me start out with this. There were twenty three councils that hit one hundred percent of their membership goal by the end of December, first six months. And I'd like to read the list of councils quickly: Council 18218 Duluth, Council 10687 Savannah, Council 15238 Dawsonville, Council 18427 St Simon's Island. Council 8495 Grovetown, Council 6622 Newnan, Council 14348 Jasper, Council 13052 Lawrenceville, Council 10497 Stone Mountain, Council 13440 Snellville, Council 13808 Greensboro, Council 14275 Statesboro, Council 14425 Monroe. Council 11746 Blairsville, Council 8376 Marietta, Council 12883 Duluth, Council 925 Macon, Council 15848 Atlanta, Council 12580 Lithia Springs. Council 14181 Ellijay, Council 5484 Augusta. Council 8972 Tyrone. And lastly, Council 13376 Clayton.

Brothers, this next list is going to take a little longer. Don't fall asleep on me. This is a list of forty-two councils as of the most recent membership report that have achieved one hundred percent or more of their membership goal year to date. I am going to try to go through this pretty quick. Council 18218 Duluth, 15238, Dawsonville, 8376 Marietta, 10687 Savannah, 8495 Grovetown, 12883 Duluth, 6622 Newnan, 13808 Greensboro, 14425 Monroe, 14773 Fort Eisenhower, 18427 Saint Simons Island, 660 Atlanta, 13052 Lawrenceville, 11768 Woodstock, 14275 Statesboro, 13376 Clayton, 14348 Jasper, 13440 Snellville, 11746 Blairsville, 14944 Norcross. 12942 Cumming, 1019 Columbus, 10497 Stone Mountain, 14181 Ellijay, 9515 La Grange, 11676 Cleveland, 9458 Milledgeville. 10633 Duluth, 925 Macon, 13161 Cumming, 12580 Lithia Springs, 631 Savannah. 15848 Atlanta, 5484 Augusta, 12862 Sharpsburg, 8972 Tyrone, 17969 Athens, 12386 Smyrna. My old council by the way. 3607 Albany 10821 Douglasville 8081 Peachtree City. And 9792 Marietta, please join me in congratulating these forty two councils for achieving a membership goal. And brothers, I'd like to have an additional congratulations and a shout out to the following nine councils that have achieved at least two hundred percent of their membership goal this fraternal year. So I am going to read them off here. And I want you to congratulate them, Council 18218 Duluth. Council, let me give you the number 320% of their membership goal. Round of applause for them. That's huge. 18218, very good, Council 15238 Dawsonville, 262% of membership goal. Round of applause. Council 8376 Marietta, 253% of their membership goal. Council 10687, 240% of their membership goal Savannah. Council 8495 in Grovetown achieved 247% of their membership goal. Council 12883 in Duluth achieved 237% of their membership goal. Council 6622 achieved 220% of their membership goal in Newnan. Council 13808 in Greensboro achieved 200% of their membership goal. Council 14425 in Monroe achieved 200% of their membership goal.



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And brothers, the following fourteen district deputies have achieved at least a hundred percent of their district membership goal. As of the latest report we got from Supreme. And I'd like them to stand and have you recognize them as a group. And this is in rank order, top to bottom, with the highest percentage. Brian Musha, myself, Pedro Villacorta, Anthony Annarelli, Richard Graff, Thomas Lanyi, Walt Harper, Chris Bell, Robert Bergeron, Luis Rivera, Stacey Chadwick, Robert Bernard, David Hall and Thomas Fagbamiye. Let's give them a round of applause. As you heard earlier, we had a new council reactivation this year, Our Lady of Lourdes Council 15305 in Pooler in Savannah. I would like to thank Arnie Terrell, Anthony Anarelli, and the leadership team that made that happen. Congratulations, men.

Brothers, I'd like to conclude with a few remarks about why membership growth is so important. As you know, we still have an older membership base, and we lose 140 members a day—about 120 a day to deaths overall. That's worldwide; that's not just Georgia. We need every council to recruit to sustain council long-term viability. And as Carl Anderson, our past Supreme Knight, always would say, "We owe it to every Catholic man to offer him the benefit of membership in the Knights of Columbus." And you guys know why men don't join? No one's ever asked me. I am too busy, or maybe I don't know what the Knights of Columbus stand for. So again, I ask you to ask your members to invite prospective members to join. And as Supreme Knight Kelly has said, create in your council a culture of invitation by inviting men to join, building relationships with them, finding out what they want to get out of membership and giving them every opportunity to do that. That's really key. Talk up our mission that you heard, articulated by several up here before. The Knights of Columbus empowers Catholic men to grow in their faith, to live their faith, and to serve the needs of their family, their parish, their community and their country. That's our mission statement. So again, that should be a great recruiting one-liner. And let me conclude also by sharing a couple of best practices of why councils have had such great success in membership growth. Think about if your councils are doing some of these things. And if you are not, maybe you could be doing a little more of them. Number one, make every council event a recruiting opportunity. How many of you do that? Try to recruit at every event. Not a lot of hands went up. That's a big opportunity. When you have an event, assign a roving ambassador somebody to go around to meet people, to greet people, to take names, to follow up with these people. Print out cards that you could have QR codes on there, do a council brochure with all the activities a council does, and make that available to prospects, it's a great way to get names. Use online membership as the path to entry. Put a priority focus, as we've talked before, on recruiting younger men and Hispanics. We heard that in the Q and A about how important it is to recruit Hispanic members. That is one of the strategic priorities as a supreme council that the supreme knight put out there that Bob addressed in some of his remarks. Target RCIA new Catholics that just became Catholics. How many of you have recruited any new Catholics since Easter? Great, keep doing it, guys! Because you got to ask them. That's key. Another key way to grow the membership is to literally ask your pastor to give you a membership list of new parishioners in the parish. Believe it or not, that's how I joined my council. That's



how I joined the Knights of Columbus. I was on a new parishioner list: the council had asked the pastor to get the list, and I got a call from the membership director. It was Les Hubbell, and he called me. He was a membership director of our council at the time and asked me if I wanted to join the Knights. That's how I joined. So again, it's a great source of potential new members, but you have to ask overall. Brothers you know as TJ said as Bob said You are all the ones making it happen here, and we're extremely grateful for everything you do. You are helping grow the order and keeping Blessed McGivney's vision alive here in Georgia. You are his hands and feet, lifting people up in need every day, and our collective efforts really make a difference. My challenges are two: I can count on you all right to try to recruit at least one guy before the end of June, right? Your councils yes. Who can do it? He's listening.

Looking all right, and if you haven't conducted a spring membership drive yet, do that before the end of the year. A membership drive is a great way to get new members in. Get the pastor on board; have him support us; have him talk us up. Particularly if he loves the Knights and try to make that happen. Know that you've got the support of me. You've got the support of the membership team who all stood up for anything you need to do to help. Hispanic help, Pedro right here. Raise your hand, Pedro. Call him; he will travel. He will talk to anybody. He will help you with any Hispanic membership needs that you have. You just have to ask. Brothers, thank you for your leadership. For your continued commitment to grow the order for a great year that we've collectively had in Georgia this year. Finish strong and Vivat Jesus!

27. Report of the Evangelization and Faith Formation Director, Brian Musha

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplains, Reverend Fathers, Deacons, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Master, Worthy Past State Deputies, my brother District Deputies and State Directors. Worthy delegates and brothers all. I want to thank the state, deputy and the executive board for the honor and privilege of serving another year as the Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation in Georgia. I extend my sincere gratitude to all of you for affording me this honor. I also offer my thanks to the Supreme EFF team and the others for the training, guidance, and mentorship provided across this fraternal year. In his address to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in November of 2024, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly offered the Order's assistance in the bishops' evangelization efforts and asked for their support of the Cor Initiative.

He stated that amid the modern crisis of isolation that comes from ruptured relationships, Catholics need places to grow in friendship with God and one another. Places where they can commit together to answer our Lord's call to evangelize. This is the insight that led us to create the Cor Initiative. The Knights launched Cor in 2023 first as a pilot program in sixteen jurisdictions, and later that year across the order. Georgia joined last year in the second wave. Cor groups have now formed in more than three thousand parishes to provide men, including



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men who are not knights, with opportunities for prayer, faith formation and fraternity. The supreme knight told the U. S. Bishops, “Men of all ages are hungry for spiritual community.” As we know, many priests want to set up small groups to meet that need.

But they can’t quite do it on their own. Cor is the solution. It enables priests to draw on the structure and resources of the Knights of Columbus, getting small groups off the ground quickly and sustaining them over time. The Supreme Knight asked the bishops, and I am asking all the Knights here present for their help, spreading the word about Cor in the dioceses and archdiocese of Atlanta among their priests. With this effort, the Knights will continue to carry out Blessed Michael McGivney’s mission in support of the Church and the family. Too often, we see the problem that Catholics are great when it comes to practicing our faith. We all attend Mass, we participate in the sacraments. However, we are generally lacking when it comes to understanding some of the deep tenets of our faith and many struggle to share that faith and the good news of the Gospel.

This initiative is getting to the absolute heart of that problem. As we finish this second year of COR within our state, and I have this consolidated audience of leaders across the state, I would like to highlight the positives of the initiative and clear up some confusion based on information that’s been submitted via reports. The biggest advantage of COR that I would like to emphasize is its flexible design. This initiative has been designed so that it’s Christocentric and parish centric. Each parish should find its own mix of the Cor pillars and develop activities that will speak to the men of their parish. Unlike many of the Knights’ traditional programs, which are very much replicated the same regardless of where you are, in what council or in what parish, this initiative has been driven at the parish level by the hearts of those who are on the front lines. Parish leaders should be listening to the needs of their pastors.

And then taking actionable steps to help the priests with their pastoral mission. This can and probably will differ from parish to parish. It may be the church needs a boost in fraternal activities to build brotherhood. Maybe they need to focus on helping men create better prayer habits in their day-to-day routines, or possibly again, to share in a little more catechesis and an understanding of what we truly believe as Catholics. It is not one size fits all. We need to figure out how we provide what is needed to strengthen the Catholic man, the Catholic family, and our communities across the state. But Cor isn’t about personal enrichment only. These events and activities are helping to build and create programs and pathways of discipleship that will help men gain that confidence necessary for them to go out and be witnesses of the faith and share it with others.

While inviting them into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, Cor does not require that we start something new. Many parishes are already conducting men’s ministries that emphasize the pillars of prayer, formation, and fraternity. For those parishes already running programs such as ‘That Man Is You,’ men’s Bible studies, or any other option that is helping our priests develop the men of their parish, Knights should be looking for ways to incorporate into those existing ministries and offer the support and infrastructure that the Knights of



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Columbus offers through its one hundred and forty plus years of history and success. The overall outlook of Cor in our state is positive, but there are a few areas of improvement that I want to highlight. Every brother knight I encounter agrees that evangelization and faith formation is key to strengthening Catholic men.

Which in turn strengthened families and parishes. In our first year, Supreme set the goal for ten councils across the state. Based on the district deputy reports for last fraternal year twenty three to twenty four, we had forty one councils implement COR. At the beginning of this fraternal year, district deputy reports also added an additional twenty four that expressed interest in beginning this year.

One of the things that we are trying to work on is the reporting. We get this from the district deputies, but I need to hear from the councils. Supreme would like to hear from the councils. Right now, only twenty-one councils have appointed an EFF director that has been submitted to Supreme. This is important because Supreme helps offer resources that can help the council and the parish to run Cor.

Every council should have an EFF director, even if you don't think you are going to start running Cor. Cor is the tip of the spear of the evangelization and faith formation initiative among the knights. As part of his Knights One Hundred and Fifty strategic plan, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly set a goal, which I believe is a priority. It is number one of the six that our worthy membership director talked about for the knights to be first in faith. As in charity, knights should be leaders in evangelization and faith formation, giving men the best resources to grow as husbands, fathers, and leaders in their community. Currently, supreme asks for quarterly updates for parish teams. Based on the last quarter, we had less than five councils out of the possible sixty-five that the district deputies have said are running Cor, submit their reports to supreme.

These are vital, as this is a new initiative, and Supreme is trying to gather feedback to help improve resources and support the councils and parishes. These resources include those that are produced by the Knights of Columbus, and some of them I have out on a table outside with the other programs. I don't know how many saw them during lunch. I was out doing another lunch event. And they've also partnered this year with the Augustine Institute. And E F directors at the council level are given access to the formed platform, and the supreme council is working with the institute to develop. The Knights of Columbus have their own tab on formed for programs that can be highlighted. It's possible our numbers are higher than sixty five. My challenge to you is to set up your council for success next year. I remain steadfast in my belief that this initiative.

We'll transform our order and our church for the better, one man, one parish at a time. As the state's EFF director, my role is to help implement COR. I am here to answer questions and advise concerning the implementation. Any district deputy, grand knight, Council director, pastor, priest, because there are, I've learned, there are a few parishes that have more than one priest, you are truly blessed. You can reach out to me at any time, and I will help any way I can. I can answer questions and clear up confusion. As we move forward and more councils



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and parishes implement COR, I will need to build a team so that they can help me manage the initiative across our large state. Again, I'd like to thank our State Deputy T J McCausland for continuing his support of this effort. And I look forward to supporting our next.

State Deputy, I don't take this trust and confidence lightly, and I am determined to fulfill this mission to the best of my ability. I look forward to the future as we attempt to open the doors of our councils to the men of our parishes, strengthen their hearts and ours, so that we may more resemble the Sacred Heart of our Savior. Vivat Jesus!

28. Report on the 4th Degree, Arnie Terrell

Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Brother Knights, and Faithful Sirs. I am pleased to announce that the health of the Fourth Degree of the District of Georgia, the DeSoto Province, is strong. We are guided in the District by our Supreme Master Sir Michael McCusker. Our Vice Supreme Master of the DeSoto Province Sir Daniel Barton. Our District Friar, Father Chris. I have two District Marshals, Sir Ed O'Connor for the Atlanta Archdiocese and Sir Pat McMahan for the Savannah Diocese. And I have eight Marshals. We have forty-six assemblies, making up 4,560 Sir Knights this year.

We formed a new Assembly in Statesboro. It's called Father Robert Gerardo Assembly 4034. It was recently approved by Supreme, and the Supreme Board of Directors will meet in June to ratify it. I can tell you, having been the past new council development director, that forming a new Assembly is a lot harder. And I want to give a lot of credit to Sir Patrick White, who is in the color guard this morning. He worked really, really hard to get that Assembly formed, and so he deserves a lot of credit. So if you can give him a round of applause.

This year, by instructions of our Supreme Master, we reactivated Our Lady of Guadalupe Assembly 3714 in Winder. They now serve Winder and Jefferson, and we reactivated Larry Deraney Assembly 3064 in Jackson.

This year, we started a program our mutual aid calls. It brings surrounding Assemblies together to help serve in Mass honor guards funeral call outs, and even parades, and this has helped grow assembly's color corps. I recently attended a funeral, and at that funeral, we had five different Assembly Sir Knights serving in an honor guard, and that was really amazing. We also have per our Supreme Master our Assembly uniform assistance program, and for the Assemblies that have that, it has helped their color corps grow. I can tell you that across the District, the color corps are growing rapidly. I encourage all Faithful Sirs to go back to their Assembly. If your color corps hasn't started growing, get it engaged. Get a mutual aid or get a uniform assistance program started and try to help get your color corps larger.

This is the district directory, you'll see it in the Knightlife magazine. I want to take a moment to thank former Master Brad Burnett. This time last year, he had to finish out the fraternal year, and he did an excellent job in establishing a smooth transition for me and completing his fraternal year. I am privileged that he has continued to serve as our district's program director. And recently, he was at the Warriors to Lourdes in Atlanta.



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The Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree is the highest degree of the order. Your State Officers, all of them, are Faithful Sirs. Your supreme officers are faithful serfs. Every one of these district deputies is a Faithful Sir My goal this year is to make every council officer a Sir Knight.

And I need your help. This is a great year because this is our one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of the Fourth Degree. On February 22nd we had an exemplification at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. We had over 652 candidates taking their Fourth Degree, and we had many more observers, vice supreme masters, district masters and Marshals, the place was packed, and it was really nice. Cardinal Dolan and Archbishop Lori were presiding over it. It was the start of our new Fourth Degree exemplification, which they call the Exemplification of Patriotism. We will be hosting that on June 7th here in Georgia.

We do have shirts. Pat McMahon, if he could stand up. He has a shirt. If you wish to order one, to give recognition for the 125th anniversary of the Fourth Degree, get with him and you can order one. And if you ordered one, it's back there in a box if you wanted it delivered to the convention. So we are the patriotic degree. We have patriotic programs from our military chaplains fund, Wreaths Across America, Frontline Faith. But we're also the citizenship program. And this year, one of my main goals is to get Assemblies more involved in the citizenship part of the fourth degree. And they've done that quite well. One of the big program or awards forms that they have to submit is To Be a Patriot Award. Right now we have twenty assemblies that submitted, but out of that twenty, thirteen different civic and patriotic program topics were submitted. I was really shocked at that. I thought I'd see probably thirteen Wreaths Across America, right? But they did everything from Wreaths Across America, get out the vote, frontline faith, the medal of honor character development, which an assembly did. That's a picture of them there with school kids to honor our military chaplains who died in the line of service flag, retirements, flag replacements community marching parades. They cleaned up cemeteries. They gave out guitars to veterans for emotional support. We gave wheelchairs to veterans. We supported our military Chaplains' fund. And we even had a program called Bunkers and Baghdad, which provided golf equipment to our soldiers. These are the type of activities that our assemblies are doing across the district of Georgia, and you all should be very proud of that. We had eight assemblies last year that earned this civic award. They're all listed right there. Last year we had only one earned star assembly, and that was John F Kennedy Assembly 180 out of Augusta. This year, we have actually more than sixteen. We have twenty assemblies that are currently eligible.

Our next exemplification is coming up on June 7th at St. John Newman in Lilburn. This will be the second exemplification in the Atlanta area for this Fraternal year. We will start off the next Fraternal year just like we did last year, having our exemplification in Savannah, and that'll be on August 23rd, and that'll also be our last chance to have the 125 incentive which our Supreme Master wants us to have. So to give honor to the 125th anniversary of the Fourth Degree, he would like us to have 125 candidates. And so Savannah is going to come through for us on November 15th. We're going to have an exemplification at Christ the King in Atlanta. That's going to be really special.



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We are the face of the Order. We are the strong right arm of the church. We are called to serve our priests. We are called to serve our parish. We, Sir Knights, march in our community. We post our colors. We march for the Eucharist and we honor our brothers in death.

The Knights of Columbus mission statement empowers Catholic men to live their faith and serve their family, parish, community, and country. That is a Faithful Sir. So I ask you all to be a leader of the Order's highest degree. Join the Patriotic Fourth Degree; we're open to all Third Degree brother knights. With that, Vivat Jesus!

29. Report on Communications, Christopher Bell

State Communication Directors report: by, Christopher Bell
Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Chaplains,
Brother District Deputies, Members of the Georgia State Council, and Brother Knights
all.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as District Deputy for the Georgia State Council during the Fraternal Year 2024-2025. Having served my fourth term, I am amazed that I am always learning something new. The State Officers were available to address all questions and concerns I had. I want to thank the Officers and Brother Knights who have supported me in running for 2025-2026 State Warden for their support and also their guidance.

I would like to thank our State Deputy for believing in me for asking me to fill the position of State Communication Director. I truly didn't know how I would promote the Facebook site or get the word out about it. I started thinking of my career and quickly realized that I would need to show each council how Facebook can be used as a tool to help them. I first started attending as many council meetings as I possibly could. As of this report I have personally been to 58 council meetings, in addition to many Assembly meetings to spread the news of our Facebook page. I have outlined the following reasons to follow the State of Georgia Knights of Columbus Facebook page.

- Share your great work with not only your council but others across the state.
- Get ideas of something your council may want to try.
- When we have a natural disaster it's a way to communicate need and support and not bottle neck the Grand Knight.
- Prayer. The power of prayer is truly amazing and with us closing in on 20,000 Knights from our state, why not ask for prayers when needed.
- Great place to come to get pictures from your events if you ever need them.
- See many of the State Officers and what they do! Many Knights don't know unless they are officers in their council.

Some of our numbers that Facebook provides:

*Net New Followers = 1789

*Post reach per 28 days = 5,713

*Post Engagement = 5,382



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* New page likes within the last 28 days = 29

85.7% of followers are men

35% are 65 or older

21% are aged 55-64

15% are aged 45-54

9% are aged 35-44

Top Three locations In Georgia that view our page:

1) Savannah

2) Cumming

3) Atlanta

In closing, I'm excited to have been asked to continue with this position by Kevin York and we will be starting phase two which will be adding Instagram as another way to share our message. Thank you to all the brothers that are sending pictures and events for us to promote. Without the fellow Knights sending in this information the growth we have seen wouldn't have been possible.

Thanks again,

Christopher Bell

State Communication Director

30. Report on Wheelchairs, Thomas Fagbamiye

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Chaplain, Worthy Associate Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy District Master, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Delegates, and all my brothers.

Worthy State Deputy, I appreciate the opportunity to serve in this role, and I am truly grateful to everyone, especially my fellow knights who helped us with the pickup and delivery of chairs to those in need. We couldn't have done it without your support.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to every member of the Georgia Knights of Columbus, both Councils and Assemblies, for your generous donations and steadfast support of our Wheelchair Program. Your dedication to helping individuals with mobility challenges makes a real difference in their lives.

Thanks to your efforts, we can provide vital wheelchairs to those in our communities who need them most. Your compassionate contributions embody the spirit of charity and service that the Knights of Columbus stand for. We couldn't make this impact without your councils and individual donations.

Together, we are not only changing lives but also giving hope. We genuinely appreciate your commitment to this cause and look forward to continuing this journey together.



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A young boy, whose family recently lost their home and wheelchair in a fire, told me while shaking my hand:

"I want to thank you and remember your face so that when I meet you in heaven, I will be able to recognize you and thank you once again."

This Fraternal Year, we donated more than 250 wheelchairs. Thank you for being at the heart of our mission!

With gratitude,

Vivat Jesus

Thomas A. Fagbamiye PGK, PFN.
DD 18.
All-Star District (2021-2024)
Wheelchair Director

31. Nomination of State Deputy for 2025/2026 Fraternal Year

Past State Deputy Don Martin has attended too many state conventions to count; unfortunately, he is unable to attend this year. He has written the following nomination that it is my privilege to announce to you today. [Brian Sartain 11058]

Nomination to State Deputy 2025-2026

Worthy State Deputy, Supreme Representative, State Chaplain, Associate State Chaplains, State Officers, District Deputies and My Brother Knights.

I rise to nominate a brother Knight to the office of State Deputy for the Georgia State Council.

He has been a member of the order since 1986 and served in Florida, Indiana, South Carolina and Georgia. He has been married for 30 years and has four (4) children.

He has served as the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Trustee and Financial Secretary for his council. As Grand Knight the council received Star Council two (2) years and he received Council Knight and Family of the Year.



He was selected to serve as a District Deputy for four (4) years and achieved Star Council and Star District Awards.

He has served the present and Past State Deputies of the Georgia State Council in the positions as State Charity Raffle Chairman, Convention Committee, Webmaster, Family Director and State Program Director. Has served as State Warden, State Treasurer and as your present State Secretary.

Truly, one of our hardest working and dedicated brother Knights and most deserving of my nomination and it gives me great pleasure to submit the name of Brother Kevin J. York to the office of Georgia State Deputy.

Don Martin, PSD, (229) 244-8749

32. Nomination of State Secretary for 2025/2026 Fraternal Year

Miguel Trivino – GK 7662, Dalton
Nominated **Paul Zock**

33. Nomination of State Treasurer for 2025/2026 Fraternal Year

Larry Suarez – GK 1528 Dawsonville
Nominated **Mike Basak**

34. Nomination of State Advocate for 2025/2026 Fraternal Year

Bob Aiken – GK 10004
Nominated **Ladd Rosipal**

35. Nominations of State Warden for 2025/2026 Fraternal Year

Mark Corrigan – 631, PSD
Nominated **Brian Musha**

Deacon Eric Windmöller – 10571
Nominated **Thomas Fagbamiye**

Mark McMullen – Council 13808
Nominated **Chris Bell**



36. Nomination of Delegates & Alternates to the 143rd Supreme Convention

Nominee	Nominated By
Don DeClue	Father Chris Hassell - 13437
Brian Sartain	Stacy Chadwick-6920
Brian Musha	Tim McCarthy-14773
Tim Bair	Jonathan Deeter – 8495
Ladd Rosipal	Bob Aiken-10004
Brad Burnett	Brian Jeffers – 7923
Arnie Terrell	Pat McMahon – 10579
Jim Clifford	Kevin Berkel – 4913
Chris Bell	Larry Suarez – 15238
Paul Zock	Daniel Miramontes - 7662
Mike Basak	Keith Schwaner – 14122
Mark McMullen	Mark Corrigan – 631
Ed O'Connor	David Keller-12862
Thomas Fagbamiye	Francis Chukwudolue – 10821
Thaddeus McCaustland II	Emory Montgomery - 13457
Bob Aiken	Dr. Warren Inge-11340
Paul Tanguay	Trevor Hess- 10167

37. Nomination of KCCG Board Member

Worthy KCCG President, Tim Nord, GK of 9923, I would like to nominate John Cianfaglione

38. Announcements

Mass tonight is at 5:00 – come to mass dressed for dinner – there will not be time to change between mass and dinner. Room H.

Honor Guard practice, Ushers and Greeters, will be at 4:30 at the doors of the mass room.

Meeting tomorrow is in this room at 9:00am sharp.

Hour of Prayer is at 7:00am. Meeting Room 4.

Registration for the meeting starts at 8:00am.

Assistant Wardens need to stay in the room at the conclusion of this meeting.



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39. Closing Prayer, Father Chris Hassel

I have a long speech. Ladd doesn't have the timer set so I can go forever.

No, I want you to go ahead and to have some time to relax.

The ladies' luncheon was beautiful and wonderful. It was a lovely time, spending time with your wives, so hopefully you can, if you haven't shared in that experience with them yet, you will hear a little bit, and relax before we have prayer, have Mass at 5 a lovely evening, the rest of the evening as well.

So, let us pray.

In the name the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Heavenly Father, we just continue to give you thanks and we continue to receive the blessings you give us. We ask you to be with us the rest of afternoon and evening and tomorrow's meetings and to continue to be with us, as we return to our councils, to continue, to go out and do the good work the Knights of Columbus are known for, and that we continue to do, that the Lord continue to bless, continue to guide you through the name of the father and the Holy Spirit.

40. Recess

Session recessed at 3:06pm until 9am Sunday.



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41. Call to Order

State Deputy T.J. McCaustland called the meeting to order promptly at 9:00AM

42. Report on Membership Cards

State Warden Ladd Rosipal reported that all present were in possession of the current membership card.

43. Opening Prayer, Father Chris Hassel

Good morning, gentlemen. Let us pray.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Heavenly father, we give you thanks for this day. We give you thanks for this opportunity to come together as Knights to continue in this convention.

Continue to bless us and guide us in all that we do so that we may live as we are called to live, as men, as we are called to live as Knights of Columbus.

May you continue to bless this gathering and to lead it so that all we may do will give you greater glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

44. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by State Warden Ladd Rosipal.



45. Rollcall of State Officers & District Deputies

123rd Annual Meeting Knights of Columbus Roll Call of Officers
Sunday May 18th 2025

State Officer	Name	Present	Excused
State Deputy	T.J. Mc Caustland	X	
State Secretary	Kevin York	X	
State Treasurer	Paul Zock	X	
State Advocate	Mike Basak	X	
State Warden	Ladd Rosipal	X	
Immediate Past State Deputy	Jim Clifford	X	
Executive Secretary	Tim Bair	X	
State Chaplain	Bishop J Kevin Boland		X
Associate State Chaplain	Father Sunny Punnakuziyil		X
Associate State Chaplain	Father Christopher R. Hassel	X	
District Deputy 01	Walt Harper	X	
District Deputy 02	Mark McMullen	X	
District Deputy 03	Dennis Foster	X	
District Deputy 04	Kevin Berkel	X	
District Deputy 05	Luis Rivera	X	
District Deputy 06	Ed Armijo	X	
District Deputy 07	Ken Athaide	X	
District Deputy 08	Emory Montgomery	X	
District Deputy 09	David Hall	X	
District Deputy 10	Robert Barnard		X
District Deputy 11	Anthony Artinelli	X	
District Deputy 12	Chris McHugh	X	
District Deputy 13	Pedro Villacorta	X	
District Deputy 14	Stacy Chadwick	X	
District Deputy 15	Robert Bergeron	X	
District Deputy 16	Chris Bell	X	
District Deputy 17	Ben Cabeen	X	
District Deputy 18	Thomas Fagbamiye	X	
District Deputy 19	Tom Lanyi	X	
District Deputy 20	Robert Aiken	X	
District Deputy 21	Bill Gourny	X	
District Deputy 22	Richard Graff	X	
District Deputy 23	Ken Boone	X	
District Deputy 24	Brian Musha	X	
District Deputy 25	Paul Tanguay II	X	
District Deputy 26	Keith Wagner	X	



46. Spiritual Message, Father Chris Hassel

Well, good morning again, gentlemen.

I hope you slept well, had a restful night as well, and are ready to go for this final day of meetings. And then safe travels. Home, of course as well. Back to your families. Back to your councils.

As we are in this just a short message, but just as we are in this year of this new year, this new Year of hope, this Jubilee year of hope we are of course reminded of the hope that comes through the Lord's resurrection and the hope that we have.

In that. In the hope that hopefully experience in the out, especially in difficult moments of life, that hope that we cling to, knowing the Lord's goodness for us, knowing of what there is there for us, even in darkness and toughness, moments of our lives. And particularly, I wanted to speak about hope as well because of the hope that the Knights bring to others. We heard of much of this. Some of this the past two days with awards for those different programs, different people in their what they have done in their councils in the lives of others to truly bring hope.

There was a letter that. State Secretary read. The woman from Grovetown who experienced that hope just in the support of her husband, has passed, but also that support years later from the Knights of Columbus to support her during the hurricane.

The hope that it was brought through your generosity through your charity, through your care, and that hope comes in. We often hear. Especially these days of those great big things that have been done, which are wonderful and good, and to be celebrated and to be inspiring for us to continue on if we bring as well just little actions that we do each day of our lives, especially just in our parishes. You're there on Sundays. Present. Maybe you have your name tag on. Maybe you don't. But those little things that you do in the parish bring about. The hope that is Jesus Christ in the lives of others. It doesn't matter if it's a big program that your Council does, although it's a good thing and something to strive for. But the first and foremost is starting there. At that core, the parish, which is made up of families.

To bring hope to a family who's going through difficult times does not take much to do. Just a little act of charity. A little act of kindness brings them that hope amidst all of their experiencing, to lift them up, to raise them up, to always show them Christ.

So in this year of hope, that you will continue to go forth to head out here later today to go back to our councils and we continue to bring that hope to our presence as Knights in our parishes to families, to those in need, those in the Community.

You know, we always continue to live as men of God, the Sons of God. as Knights of Columbus in each and every moment of our lives. To bring that hope to those who are in need, to those who have things that need to be taken care of to provide for them, as well as Blessed Michael McGivney set forth to do, and we continue to do each and every day and will continue to do the years, decades, and centuries to come as Knights of Columbus.

Thank you to everyone.



47. Report of Fraternal Greetings Committee, Ed Armijo

Fraternal Greetings Committee, DD6 Ed Armijo, Chairman; GK 12883 David Gagric, GK Todd Morrow 13440, GK Timothy McCarthy 14773, Advisor Kevin York SS, recommend the following Fraternal Greetings be sent out this year:

- Governor Brian Kemp
- Most Reverend Gregory John Hartmayer, Archbishop of Atlanta
- Most Rev Joel M Konzen, Auxiliary Bishop of Atlanta
- Most Rev Bernard E Shlesinger III, Auxiliary Bishop of Atlanta
- Most Rev John Nhan Tran, Auxiliary Bishop of Atlanta
- Most Rev Stephen D Parkes, Bishop of Savannah
- Most Rev J Kevin Boland, Bishop Emeritus of Savannah
- Glynn County Board of Commissioners
- Jekyll Island Authority Board of Directors
- Jekyll Island Convention Center Director

48. Report of Resolutions Committee, Richard Graff Chairman

GA 25	01	Pope	Approved			Delegation Approved
GA 25	01A	Substitute Pope	Approved			Delegation approved
GA 25	02	Supreme Knight	Approved			Delegation Approved
GA 25	03	Armed Forces	Approved			Delegation Approved
GA 25	04	State Convention Chairman	Approved	Read		Delegation Approved
GA 25	05	TJ Supreme Director	Approved	Read	TJ JR to read	Delegation Approved
GA 25	06	Deceased Knights - council 8376	Approved			Delegation Approved
GA 25	07	FR Thomas Carroll - 8376	Approved	Read	Knightlife	Delegation Approved
GA 25	08	Olympic Committee	No-Action SK Kelly Addressed this already			Amended to "stand united with the Supreme Knight" then Approved.



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GA 25	09	Cor	Approved	Read	Knightlife	Delegation Approved
GA 25	10	Warden Chris Bell	No-Action			No action
GA 25	11	Warden Chris Bell	No-Action			No Action
GA 25	12	Warden Chris Bell	No-Action			No Action
GA 25	13	Warden Chris Bell	No-Action			No Action
GA 25	14	Warden Thomas Fagbamiye	No-Action			No Action
GA 25	15	Warden Brian Musha	No-Action			No Action
GA 25	16	Warden Thomas Fagbamiye	No-Action			No Action
GA 25	17	Motorcycle Activities	Refer to Exec. Comm			Referred to Executive Comm
GA 25	18	Warden Chris Bell	No-Action			No Action
GA 25	19	Father Ron Beauchemin	Approved			Delegation Approved
GA 25	20	Father Robert Butler	Approved			Delegation Approved
GA 25	21	Father Peter Stangricki	Approved			Delegation Approved
GA 25	22	Father Cyriac Mattathlanickal	Approved			Delegation Approved
GA 25	23	Warden Brian Musha	No-Action			No Action
GA 25	24	Warden Chris Bell	No-Action			No Action
GA 25	25	Cause to Reward Councils	Refer to Exec. Comm			Referred to Executive Comm
GA 25	26	Warden Chris Bell	No-Action			No Action
GA 25	27	Affiliate Member Initiative	Approved to send back to Exec Committee			Referred to Executive Comm
GA 24	12	Motorcycle Base Program	No Recommendation			No recommendation
GA 24	14	Reward Council	Referred to Exec Comm	Supreme is looking into		Referred to Executive Comm



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48.1. Resolution 25-1

Resolution 25-1



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WHEREAS: Jorge Mario Bergoglio, born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on December 17, 1936, ordained as a priest in December 1969, began serving as Jesuit provincial of Argentina in 1973, and

WHEREAS: In June 1992, Bergoglio was named titular Bishop of Auca and auxiliary of Buenos Aires, and

WHEREAS: In February 1998, he became Archbishop of Buenos Aires, and

WHEREAS: In February 2001, he was elevated to Cardinal by Pope John Paul II, named the Cardinal Priest of Saint Robert Bellarmine, and

WHEREAS: In 2005, Cardinal Bergoglio was named president of the Bishops' Conference of Argentina, serving in that position until 2011, and

WHEREAS: On March 13, 2013, at the age of 76, Jorge Cardinal Bergoglio was named the 266th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, becoming the first non-European pope in 1,300 years, and

WHEREAS: Adopting the name Francis, after St. Francis of Assisi, a Catholic preacher who lived in the 12th and 13th centuries.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Georgia State Council Knights of Columbus expresses our deepest appreciation of our Holy Father, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that we extend our love and support to him in furthering his efforts in support of Holy Mother Church.

This resolution was approved by unanimous vote of the Georgia State Council Executive Committee at its meeting on March 22nd, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

T.J. M^o Caustland
State Deputy

Attested:

Mike Basak
State Advocate



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Resolution 25-1A



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WHEREAS: Adopting the name Francis, after St. Francis of Assisi, a Catholic preacher who lived in the 12th and 13th centuries, and

WHEREAS: At the age of 88, our beloved Holy Father passed away and entered into eternal life on April 21, 2025, Easter Monday, just hours after delivering his final Easter *Urbi et Orbi* blessing "to the city and to the world,"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Georgia State Council Knights of Columbus expresses our ever-abiding gratitude for our Holy Father's, humility, compassion, guidance in our Faith, and unwavering support, and

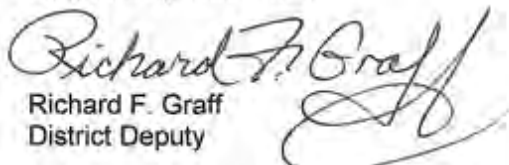
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we extend our love and deepest sorrow at his passing, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we fervently offer our prayers for the repose of his soul, and that our Heavenly Father, in His infinite mercy, open the gates of heaven to Pope Francis.


"Spes non confundit!" Hope does not disappoint! ~Romans 5:5.

This resolution was approved by unanimous vote of the Georgia State Council Executive Committee at its meeting on May 16, 2025, and approved by the State Resolutions Committee after the death of the Pope, at its meeting on April 27, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,


Richard F. Graff
District Deputy

Attested:


Mike Basak
State Advocate



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48.2. Resolution 25-2

Resolution 25-2



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WHEREAS: On February 5, 2021, the Supreme Board of Directors elected Patrick E. Kelly as the fourteenth Supreme Knight, and

WHEREAS: Patrick E. Kelly has been a Knight of Columbus since 1983, and is a Past State Deputy, former Executive Director of the St. John Paul II National Shrine, former Vice-President of Public Policy, member of the Board of Directors, and Deputy Supreme Knight, and

WHEREAS: Patrick E. Kelly served his country for 24 years culminating at the rank of Captain in the United States Navy Reserve Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps, and

WHEREAS: Patrick E. Kelly served the nation as the Legislative Counsel to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in the U.S. House of Representatives, the Department of Justice, and

WHEREAS: Patrick E. Kelly has been the Chairman of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund, among many other positions and responsibilities, and

WHEREAS: Patrick E. Kelly has successfully completed four years as Supreme Knight, taking swift and decisive action through the pandemic, support of the people of Ukraine, and started our new EFF Initiative.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That all Georgia Knights of Columbus do hereby express their sincere appreciation to Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly for his vision and leadership and pledge our continued support and offer our fervent prayers for the furthering of the mission of Blessed Father Michael McGivney and the founders of the Knights of Columbus.

This resolution was approved by unanimous vote of the Georgia State Council Executive Committee at its meeting on March 22nd, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

T.J. McCaustland
State Deputy

Attested:

Mike Basak
State Advocate



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48.3. Resolution 25-3

Resolution 25-3



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WHEREAS: The Armed Forces of the U.S. regularly put their lives on the line to protect our freedom and human rights, and

WHEREAS: Men and women in The U.S. Armed Forces spend a considerable amount of time away from their families and in harm's way, and

WHEREAS: Many men and women currently serving in the Armed Forces are Knights or family and friends of Knights, and

WHEREAS: Many current Knights are also veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces having served our country proudly, and

WHEREAS: Supporting our Military is a major focus of the Knights of Columbus globally and of the Fourth Degree of our Order, and

WHEREAS: The Knights of Columbus has established the Military Chaplain's Fund to help fund the education of Catholic chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces, and

WHEREAS: The Knights of Columbus in Georgia currently implements programs such as Frontline Faith, Warriors to Lourdes and Wreaths Across America, that directly support our military.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: by the Georgia State Council of the Knights of Columbus, that we express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to our military personnel - domestic and overseas - and pledge our unwavering support to them and offer continuous prayers for their safety, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: We also encourage all Knights throughout the Order to participate in programs such as Frontline Faith, Military Chaplain's Scholarship Program Warriors to Lourdes and Wreath Across America that directly supports our military personnel.

This resolution was approved by unanimous vote of the Georgia State Council Executive Committee at its meeting on March 22nd, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

T.J. Mc Caustland
State Deputy

Attested:

Mike Basak
State Advocate



48.4. Resolution 25-4

Resolution 25-4



WHEREAS: The Supreme Convention is the largest most complicated meeting of the year and is attended by multiple priests and bishops from Georgia, and

WHEREAS: the Georgia State Council hosts a Bishop's Reception room open to all attendees and guests from Georgia with refreshments and a place for fraternity and unity for all, and

WHEREAS: the Supreme Convention rotates locations through the Northern Hemisphere of the Americas, and

WHEREAS: the Supreme Convention has not been hosted in Georgia since the 1980s and this presents a logistical challenge for preparing and hosting a Bishop's Reception Room, and

WHEREAS: the State Warden has historically had the responsibility of ensuring that all supplies were present at the Bishop's Reception room at the expense of very limited free and sleep time.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: the Georgia State By-Laws be amended to create Article VI Section 11 Subsection a) with the following:

"The State Convention Chairman shall be responsible for hosting of the Bishops Reception room at the Supreme Convention and be responsible for obtaining all refreshments and accessories required. Additionally, the State Convention Chairman will be responsible for ensuring that all clergy have local transportation and accommodations. The State Convention Chairman shall ensure that the Bishop's Reception room is accessible from Noon Sunday through Noon Friday of all Supreme Conventions. Deviations to this schedule are permissible at the discretion of the State Deputy. The State Convention Chairman will be reimbursed for expenses incurred and be provided with the same per diem and mileage as provided to Supreme Delegates. If the State Convention Chairman is unable to attend, or is elected a Supreme Delegate the State Deputy will appoint his replacement."

This resolution was approved by vote of the Georgia State Council Executive Committee at its meeting on April 3rd, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

T.J. M^c Caustland
State Deputy

Attested:

Mike Basak
State Advocate



48.5. Resolution 25-5

Resolution 25-5



WHEREAS: T.J. M^c Caustland has been a successful regulatory compliance executive for many years, most recently serving as Permit Compliance Manager for Stericycle/Clean Earth since 2018, and

WHEREAS: T.J. M^c Caustland also served as Internal Controls Manager for Stericycle/Clean Earth from 2016-2018 responsible for managing environmental, safety and health audits for numerous Stericycle locations, and

WHEREAS: T.J. M^c Caustland also served as Regional Manager of Environmental, Safety and Health for Stericycle from 2010-2016 providing hands-on technical guidance and training support for all assigned field locations and monitoring plant operations, and

WHEREAS: T.J. M^c Caustland further served Stericycle from 2005-2010 as RX Supervisor /Healthcare Compliance Specialist and Waste Management Supervisor creating and implementing policies for sustainability and creating and developing training programs for all aspects of Hazardous Waste Management for all Stericycle locations, and

WHEREAS: T.J. M^c Caustland prior to working for Stericycle, worked for the State of Tennessee as Household Hazardous Waste Chemist 2004-2005 - and prior to that worked as Senior Process Improvement, Quality, Assurance, and Quality Control Representative for Universal Solutions International, Inc. from 1997-2000, and

WHEREAS: T.J. M^c Caustland graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering in 1984, and

WHEREAS: T.J. M^c Caustland faithfully served the Knights of Columbus in numerous leadership roles over the years, including serving as Grand Knight of Council 11340 in Covington GA for 3 years from 2006-2010, and serving as Financial Secretary for Council 11340 from 2021-present, and

WHEREAS: T.J. M^c Caustland served as Georgia District Deputy in 2012-2014 achieving All-Star District Deputy status during those years, and

WHEREAS: T.J. M^c Caustland has been very active in the 4th Degree serving as Faithful Navigator for Assembly 3085 from 2011-2013, also serving as District Marshal of the DeSoto Province 2012-present, and

WHEREAS: T.J. M^c Caustland was elected Georgia State Warden in 2015 and served in that position from 2015-2017, and

WHEREAS: T.J. M^c Caustland served the Georgia State Council in the roles of State Advocate 2017-2019, State Treasurer 2019-2021, State Secretary 2021-2023, and

WHEREAS: T.J. M^c Caustland served as Georgia State Deputy from 2023-present obtaining Circle of Honor in his first year as State Deputy and is on track to achieve Circle of Honor during his second year, and

WHEREAS: T.J. M^c Caustland while serving as State Deputy during his first year had 53 councils achieve Star Council status and increased Program participation by more than 20%, and



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Resolution 25-5



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WHEREAS: T.J. Mc Causland has been a strong role model leader for the Knights in Georgia and for his family resulting in his son, Thaddeus joining the Knights and serving as Grand Knight for Council 11340.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Knights of Columbus Georgia State Council supports T.J. Mc Causland and requests that strong consideration be given to him as a candidate for Supreme Director.

This resolution was approved by unanimous vote of the Georgia State Council Executive Committee at its meeting on March 22nd, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin J. York
State Secretary

Attested:

Mark McMullen
State Membership Director

Attested:

Mike Basak
State Advocate



48.6. Resolution 25-6



Our Lady of La Salette
Council 8376

Catholic Church of St. Ann
Marietta, Georgia

Resolution 25-6

Resolution in Support of Deceased Knights

Council 8376

Recognizing Their Contributions and Dedication

Introduction

The Catholic Church of St. Ann's Council 8376 in Marietta, GA has been a cornerstone of our religious community, playing a vital role in supporting our pastor and the parish at large in shaping policies, providing leadership, promoting participation in parish activities and ministries and supporting other Catholic initiatives in our community. This resolution aims to acknowledge and honor the invaluable contributions of its past members whose dedication and service have significantly impacted our council and community.

The Legacy of Commitment

Service Above Self

The past members of Council 8376 exemplified the true spirit of public service. Their relentless efforts in addressing community issues, advocating for the needs of the residents, and implementing beneficial policies have left an indelible mark. Their commitment to service above self has been a guiding principle for future council members.

Driving Change and Progress

Over the years, the council has seen numerous challenges and opportunities. The past members have been at the forefront, driving change and progress. From infrastructural developments to social programs, their vision and leadership have paved the way for a more prosperous and inclusive community.

Acknowledging Key Contributions

Policy Reforms



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One of the significant achievements of Council 8376 under the leadership of its past members has been the introduction and implementation of key policy reforms. These reforms have aimed at improving the quality of life for member Knights and their community, ensuring sustainable development, and fostering a culture of transparency and accountability within the council.

Community Engagement

The past members understood the importance of community engagement. They initiated various programs and platforms that encouraged parishioners to participate in the decision-making process. This inclusive approach not only strengthened community bonds but also ensured that the policies reflected the genuine needs and aspirations of the parish.

A Tribute to Individual Contributions

Leadership and Vision

Each past member brought unique strengths and perspectives to the council. Their leadership and vision have been instrumental in guiding the council through various phases of growth and transformation. This resolution acknowledges their individual contributions and the collective impact they have made.

Mentorship and Guidance

The past members have also played a crucial role in mentoring and guiding the new council members. Their wealth of experience and knowledge has been invaluable in ensuring continuity and maintaining the council's high standards of excellence.

Resolution

WHEREAS, the deceased members of Council 8376 demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment to serving the parish; [see attachment #1]

WHEREAS, their contributions have significantly impacted on the development and well-being of the parish;

WHEREAS, their leadership and vision have been instrumental in the council's success;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the current Council 8376 formally recognizes and honors the past members for their outstanding service and contributions and acknowledges their legacy of service, leadership and community spirit. Their contributions have laid a strong foundation for future growth and progress.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be recorded in the council's official records as a testament to the gratitude and appreciation of the community, this 12th day of March 2025.

Peter Dapremont

SK Peter J Dapremont
Grand Knight

Steve Bivone

Steven Bivone
Recorder



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Attachment #1

Deceased members of Council 8376

(Through March 7, 2025)

Robert Ryan III	Aldo Fabbri	David Sobek
John McKinley	Bob Haffamier	Leonard Nagel
Leo Nieter	George Tesko Jr	Kenneth Carlson
Clarence Douglas	Robert Locey	Gabriel Rescigno
Joseph Collins	William Meyers Jr	Thomas Dotson
Martin Kinzler	David Stenglein	Don Emig
Patrick Cunningham	David Froman	Wilbert Sweet
Ray Vecellia	James Tuite	Donald O'Brien Jr
Daniel Layne	Michael Millar	George Bolduc
Lawrence Bronstad	Silvio Garcia	Victor Chaupetta
Phillibert O'Hara	Norman Mitchell	Gerard Miller
Louis Sedivy III	Jeffrey Sherman	Edmund Grabowy
David Gatti	Robert Reardon	Thomas Reilly
Lawrence Melear	Robert Drees	John Ciak
Alvin Schnur	Eugene Barrette	Albert Keskonis
Anthony Zadro	Paul Verpillot	John Inama III
Frederick Funk	Ronald Pomykala	Thomas Morin
Frank Esterheld	Robert Kovarik	Thomas Leonard
Joseph Valentl	Vincent Mancuso	David Vandenberg
Donald Phipps	Marty Golden	Robert Gotsch
Vincent Rieger	Louis Pollard Jr	Christopher Kelco
Thomas Kilker	Donald Kayler	Glen Stewart
Paul Kusina	August Tramonte	Joseph De Santis
Warren Brechtel	John Fitzgerald	Edward Eckert
Paul Schulz	John Wagner	Maynard Anderson
Joseph Gassert	Walter Borden	Leo Nieter Jr
Joseph Spagnoli	Charlie Croc	David Palthorpe
Richard Jakuc	Donald Nelson	James Farrel
Thomas Scruggs	John Sanders	Edward Rousselot
Donald Skriba	Donald Leonard	William Hotz
Michael Schmidt	Victor Rose	Lawrence Goodrich Jr
Thomas Carroll	James Gleason	James Ward Jr
Joseph McNamara	Richard Dibble	John J Marotto
Rudolph Daniele	James Maloy Jr	



48.7. Resolution 25-7

Our Lady of La Salette
Council 8376



Catholic Church of St. Ann
Marietta, Georgia

Resolution 25-7

Resolution to Honor Fr Thomas J. Carroll, M.S.

Acknowledging the Contributions and Legacy

Whereas

- Fr. Carroll was born on October 31, 1926, in Waterbury, CT.
- He entered the La Salette seminary in Hartford, CT in September 1941,
- He was ordained a priest on May 1, 1954,
- From 1964 to 1973, he was director of the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in Ipswich, MA.
- In 1978 he was asked by then Archbishop Thomas Donnellan to begin a new parish in Cobb County Georgia, now known as the Catholic Church of St. Ann, where he remained until 1991,
- He founded the Knights of Columbus Council 8376, Our Lady of LaSalette, in 1978 and demonstrated unwavering dedication and service to the community, providing significant spiritual, social, and charitable support to its members and the broader parish community.
- From 1991 to 2001, he served as Pastor of St. Oliver Plunkett Parish in Snellville, GA, and the mission of St. Matthew in Winder, GA,
- He returned to the La Salette House in Hartford, CT in the fall of 2002,
- Fr Thomas's visionary leadership has inspired countless individuals to contribute to the council's mission and activities.

Whereas

- The founder's efforts have led to numerous successful initiatives and programs that have positively impacted the lives of many in the parish community.
- The legacy of the Fr Thomas's work will continue to influence and benefit future generations of members and the parish community.

Therefore, Be It Resolved



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- That the legacy of the founder's dedication and leadership will be celebrated and remembered within the council and the parish community.
- That this resolution be documented and preserved as a testament to the founder's lasting impact on Council 8376, Our Lady of LaSalette and the parish community.
- That the current members of Council 8376 formally recognizes and honors Fr Thomas J. Carroll for his outstanding service and contributions and acknowledges his legacy of service, leadership and community spirit. His contributions have laid a strong foundation for future growth and progress.
- That the council will continue to uphold and promote the values and vision established by our founder, Fr. Thomas J. Carroll.
- That the spirit of service, dedication, and community fostered by our Council's founder will remain a guiding principle for all future activities and initiatives of Council 8376.

Be It Further Resolved

- That this resolution be recorded in the council's official records as a testament to the gratitude and appreciation of the community, this 12th day of March 2025.

Peter Dapremont

SK Peter J Dapremont
Grand Knight

Steve Bivone

Steven Bivone
Recorder



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48.8. Resolution 25-8



**Knights of
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St. Matthew Council No. 14275
221 John Paul Avenue
Statesboro, Georgia 30458

Resolution 25-8

THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE ALLOWED

**THE MOCKERY OF THE LAST SUPPER DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY
OF THE PARIS 2024 OLYMPICS**

Whereas: The world was shocked, saddened and alarmed at the opening ceremony of the Paris Olympics, while others saw it as an expression of a sexual parody in an effort to mock and belittle the Catholic faith.

Whereas: The painting of The Last Supper by the Italian High-Renaissance artist Leonardo da Vinci represents the final hour of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with his disciples before he is betrayed and crucified.

Whereas: We are alarmed at the parody which included LGBTQ drag queens acting as the Disciples of Christ and with Jesus at the center of the table. This holy and sacred scene was mocked on the world stage for all to see.

Whereas: In June of 2023 the LGBTQ marchers in New York City's Gay pride parade chant included we're coming for your children. Now, it is obvious that they are coming for our Catholic faith!

Whereas: We are inspired by this statement released by the Vatican and reported in the Catholic News Agency August 3, 2024. "In a prestigious event where the whole world comes together around common values there should not be allusions ridiculing convictions of many people".

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, The Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, was quoted in the CatholicVote.org calling the Paris Olympics opening ceremony "vile and international denigration of our faith". The Last Supper is sacred and central to our Catholic faith. Silence in the face of evil is acceptance, as written in the book of Ezekiel, chapter 3 verses 17 to 21. We stand with the Supreme Knight!



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St. Matthew Council No. 14275
221 John Paul Avenue
Statesboro, Georgia 30458

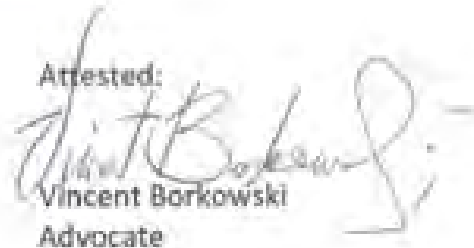
This resolution was recommended by unanimous vote of St. Matthew Council 14275, at its meeting on January 20, 2025.

Respectfully submitted:



Patrick M. White
Grand Knight

Attested:



Vincent Borkowski
Advocate



48.9. Resolution 25-9



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BISHOP GROSS
COUNCIL 1019
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA 31507

Resolution 25-9

WHEREAS: the Knights of Columbus, founded by Blessed Michael J. McGivney in 1882, has a longstanding mission to support the spiritual and temporal welfare of Catholic men and their families, and

WHEREAS: in alignment with this mission, the Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly introduced the *Cor* initiative in 2022 to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to prayer, formation, and fraternity, and

WHEREAS: "*Cor*," derived from the Latin word for "heart," aims to draw men into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ by fostering regular small group meetings that emphasize spiritual growth and communal support, and

WHEREAS: the *Cor* initiative has been successfully piloted in various jurisdictions and introduced in Georgia in 2023, demonstrating its effectiveness in enhancing the spiritual lives of participants and strengthening parish communities, and

WHEREAS: the Knights of Columbus provides comprehensive resources, including startup guides and training videos, to assist councils in implementing the *Cor* initiative effectively, and

WHEREAS: Bishop Gross Council 1019 implemented *Cor* in 2024 utilizing "Men of the Word" Bible Study created by the Knights of Columbus as a *Cor* resource. This study has been instrumental in transforming the lives of participants, grounding men in their faith, and enabling them to become better husbands, fathers, and Catholics, therefore let it be

RESOLVED: that we acknowledge and commend the development and positive impact of the *Cor* initiative within the Knights of Columbus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that all Knights of Columbus councils are strongly encouraged to consider implementing the *Cor* initiative in their respective parishes, in collaboration with their pastors, to foster spiritual growth, fraternity, and active discipleship among Catholic men and that councils undertaking the *Cor* initiative utilize the available resources provided by the Supreme Council to ensure its successful adoption and sustainability, thereby enriching the spiritual fabric of our parishes and communities.

By embracing the *Cor* initiative, we continue to honor our foundational mission of charity, unity, and fraternity, guiding men to live as courageous witnesses of the Gospel in today's world.



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This resolution was passed by unanimous vote of the Bishop Gross Council 1019 at the meeting on February 18, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted:

Douglas Linden
Douglas C Linden
Grand Knight

James Brinson
James E. Brinson
EFF Director



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48.10. Resolution 25-10



DD16 - Christopher Bell

Resolution 25-10

RESOLUTION

- Whereas: Brother Christopher Bell joined the Order in December 2013 and has faithfully served the Order in Georgia since 2013, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell exemplifies, by his word and deed, our Order's principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, and in doing so sets a high and honorable standard for all to emulate, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell has been Blessed by 22 years with his lovely wife Elizabeth and his son and daughter, Lucas & MacKenzie, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell serves our Church and his parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell served St. Brendan the Navigator Council 12942 as Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, Trustee 1, Trustee 2, Trustee 3, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell is a Member of Fr. Mychal Judge Assembly 3086, served as Faithful Pilot, Faithful Captain, Faithful Navigator, Faithful Admiral and Faithful Trustee, District Marshall and
- Whereas: Brother Bell served as District Deputy for 4 years serving and encouraging 5 councils and guiding multiple councils to earn double and triple star awards under his tenure; earning the Star District Award back-to-back years for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell has served the Georgia State Council as the State Communications Director with, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell has served the Boy Scouts of America as a leader for over 10 years, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell faithfully served as a police officer before becoming a Director of Sales and Marketing for the past 24 years, and
- Resolved: The officers and members of St. Thomas Aquinas Council 6532 strongly endorse and urge the election of Sir Knight Christopher D. Bell to the office of Warden of the Georgia State Council at the 123rd Annual Convention of the Georgia State Council in Jekyll Island, GA, May 16-18, 2025

This Resolution was passed by unanimous vote of St. Thomas Aquinas Council 6532 at the regular business meeting on August 20th, 2024

Respectfully Submitted

Attested

Warren G Wiltz
Grand Knight

Tom Murphy Financial Secretary



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48.11. Resolution 25-11



DD16 – Christopher Bell
Resolution 25-11

RESOLUTION

- Whereas: Brother Christopher Bell joined the Order in December 2013 and has faithfully served the Order in, Georgia since 2013, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell exemplifies, by his word and deed, our Order's principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, and in doing so sets a high and honorable standard for all to emulate, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell has been Blessed by 22 years with his lovely wife Elizabeth and his son and daughter, Lucas & MacKenzie, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell serves our Church and his parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell served St. Brendan the Navigator Council 12942 as Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, Trustee 1, Trustee 2, Trustee 3, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell is a Member of Fr. Mychal Judge Assembly 3086, served as Faithful Pilot, Faithful Captain, Faithful Navigator, Faithful Admiral and Faithful Trustee, District Marshall and
- Whereas: Brother Bell served as District Deputy for 4 years serving and encouraging 5 councils and guiding multiple councils to earn double and triple star awards under his tenure; earning the Star District Award back-to-back years for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell has served the Georgia State Council as the State Communications Director with, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell has served the Boy Scouts of America as a leader for over 10 years, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell faithfully served as a police officer before becoming a Director of Sales and Marketing for the past 24 years, and
- Resolved: The officers and members of Fr. Mychal Judge Assembly 3086 strongly endorse and urge the election of Sir Knight Christopher D. Bell to the office of Warden of the Georgia State Council at the 123rd Annual Convention of the Georgia State Council in Jekyll Island, GA, May 16-18, 2025
- This Resolution was passed by unanimous vote of Fr. Mychal Judge Assembly 3086 at the regular business meeting on August 14th, 2024

Respectfully Submitted

Attested

Thomas Meister
Faithful Navigator

David DeLucia Faithful Comptroller



48.12. Resolution 25-12



DD16 – Christopher Bell

Resolution 25-12

RESOLUTION

- Whereas: Brother Christopher Bell joined the Order in December 2013 and has faithfully served the Order in, Georgia since 2013, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell exemplifies, by his word and deed, our Order's principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, and in doing so sets a high and honorable standard for all to emulate, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell has been Blessed by 22 years with his lovely wife Elizabeth and his son and daughter, Lucas & MacKenzie, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell serves our Church and his parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell served St. Brendan the Navigator Council 12942 as Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, Trustee 1, Trustee 2, Trustee 3, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell is a Member of Fr. Mychal Judge Assembly 3086, served as Faithful Pilot, Faithful Captain, Faithful Navigator, Faithful Admiral and Faithful Trustee, District Marshall and
- Whereas: Brother Bell served as District Deputy for 4 years serving and encouraging 5 councils and guiding multiple councils to earn double and triple star awards under his tenure; earning the Star District Award back-to-back years for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell has served the Georgia State Council as the State Communications Director with, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell has served the Boy Scouts of America as a leader for over 10 years, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell faithfully served as a police officer before becoming a Director of Sales and Marketing for the past 24 years, and
- Resolved: The officers and members of St. Brendan the Navigator Council 12942 strongly endorse and urge the election of Sir Knight Christopher D. Bell to the office of Warden of the Georgia State Council at the 123rd Annual Convention of the Georgia State Council in Jekyll Island, GA, May 16-18, 2025

This Resolution was passed by unanimous vote of St. Brendan the Navigator Council 12942 at the regular business meeting on August 6th, 2024

Respectfully Submitted

Jeffrey Popowitz, Grand Knight

Attested

Gregory B. Santini, Financial Secretary



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48.13. Resolution 25-13



DD16 – Christopher Bell

Resolution 25-13

RESOLUTION

- Whereas: Brother Christopher Bell joined the Order in December 2013 and has faithfully served the Order in, Georgia since 2013, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell exemplifies, by his word and deed, our Order's principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, and in doing so sets a high and honorable standard for all to emulate, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell has been Blessed by 22 years with his lovely wife Elizabeth and his son and daughter, Lucas & MacKenzie, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell serves our Church and his parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell served St. Brendan the Navigator Council 12942 as Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, Trustee 1, Trustee 2, Trustee 3, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell is a Member of Fr. Mychal Judge Assembly 3086, served as Faithful Pilot, Faithful Captain, Faithful Navigator, Faithful Admiral and Faithful Trustee, District Marshall and
- Whereas: Brother Bell served as District Deputy for 4 years serving and encouraging 5 councils and guiding multiple councils to earn double and triple star awards under his tenure; earning the Star District Award back-to-back years for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell has served the Georgia State Council as the State Communications Director with, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell has served the Boy Scouts of America as a leader for over 10 years, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell faithfully served as a police officer before becoming a Director of Sales and Marketing for the past 24 years, and
- Resolved: The officers and members of Blessed Mother Mary Council 15238 strongly endorse and urge the election of Sir Knight Christopher D. Bell to the office of Warden of the Georgia State Council at the 123rd Annual Convention of the Georgia State Council in Jekyll Island, GA, May 16-18, 2025

This Resolution was passed by unanimous vote of Blessed Mother Mary Council 15238 at the regular business meeting on August 8th, 2024

Respectfully Submitted

Ike Pankhurst, Deputy Grand Knight

Attested

George Sexton, Financial Secretary



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48.14. Resolution 25-14



Knights of Columbus

St. John Paul II Council, No. 10821
Douglasville, Georgia 30154

Resolution 25-14

A Resolution

WHEREAS: Brother Thomas A. Fagbamiye joined the Knights of Columbus in 2007 as a member of Sweetwater Council 10821, later renamed St. John Paul II Council, in Douglasville, Georgia, and,

WHEREAS: Brother Thomas and his wife Katrina have been blessed with 30 years of marriage and two beautiful daughters Antonia and Marie and all have been involved as volunteers in the local Parish, Archdiocesan level, and Hosea Feed the Hungry, just to name a few, and,

WHEREAS: Brother Thomas has held several positions in the Council, member of the council degree team, Church, Advocate, Chancellor, Culture of Life Director, Membership Director, Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, and Trustee for 3 years, and under his leadership, as Grand Knight the council won two Star Council Awards, was named as one of the state's top recruiters by the Supreme Council and was able to increase the council's membership intake during his tenure. He was named the council's 2018-2019 Knight of the Year, and,

WHEREAS: Brother Thomas is an active member of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish in Douglasville, Ga, serving as Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Usher, Assistant Catechist, and Vice President of the Discipleship Council, founding member of the parish Knights Choir, founding member and coordinator of St. Josephine Bakhita ministry. Brother Thomas is a member of the Martin Luther King Day planning committee in the Atlanta Archdiocese, also, a founding member of (PACQA) the Pan African Catholic Organization of Atlanta, Brother Thomas has served the chancery office in various voluntary capacities with utmost dedication and commitment, especially as one of the spokespersons for 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Brother Thomas and his wife were the only lay delegates from the Atlanta Archdiocese sponsored to the 2017 USCCB Convocation of Catholic Leaders in Orlando, Florida. He was recently appointed to the Archdiocese of Atlanta intercultural commission, an advisory board to Archbishop Gregory Hartmeyer. He was recently named and interviewed as one of the Archdiocese of Atlanta Ambassadors of the 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, and

WHEREAS: Brother Thomas has served the Mother Teresa Assembly 2562 as a Faithful Pilot, Captain, Admiral, Faithful Navigator for two terms, and Commander of the Honor Guard. During his tenure as the Faithful Navigator, the assembly increased its overall membership intake, won the Supreme Civic Award, and was named the Assembly 5th Knight of the Year, and,

WHEREAS: Brother Thomas has served as District Deputy for District 18 for the past 6 years serving and encouraging 4 councils that earned Star Council awards multiple times under his guidance. During his tenure, District 18 was named Star District 2021, All-Star District for 3 straight years 2022, 23, 24, the only district to achieve this in the State of Georgia, and

WHEREAS: Brother Thomas has served as the Wheelchair Fund Chairman for the State of Georgia, since 2017 and has raised over \$100k for the purchase of Wheelchairs during this period that has been given to Churches, Veterans Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Honor Flight members, Veterans, and individuals both young and old, and

WHEREAS: Brother Thomas seeks to continue and expand his service to the Order and the Georgia State Council, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: St. John Paul Council 10821 hereby strongly endorses and urges the election of Sir Knight Thomas A. Fagbamiye to the office of Warden of the Georgia State Council at the 123rd Annual Meeting of the Georgia State Council in Jekyll Island, GA, May 15-18, 2025

This resolution was recommended by a unanimous vote of St. John Paul II Council 10821 at its meeting on January 9th, 2025.

Respectably submitted:

Attested:

Grand Knight *Francis Chikobane*

Recorder *Ty A. Hester*



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48.15. Resolution 25-15



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FR. LARRY ENDRIZZI
COUNCIL 6918
THOMSON, GA 30824

Resolution 25-15

WHEREAS: Brother Brian Musha joined the Knights of Columbus in May, 2003 and has served the Knights of Columbus in GA since 2011, and

WHEREAS: Brother Musha exemplifies, by his word and deed, our Order's principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, and

WHEREAS: Brother Musha has been blessed to be married to his wife, Joy, for over 22 years and with 3 boys, Jayson, Michael, and Nathaniel, and

WHEREAS: Brother Musha serves our Church and multiple Military Catholic Communities as an Altar Server, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Usher, Youth Confirmation and OCIA Catechist, and as the Parish Life Coordinator while stationed in Kuwait, and

WHEREAS: Brother Musha served St. Michael the Archangel Council 14773 as Recorder, Chancellor, and Grand Knight for multiple terms, and

WHEREAS: Brother Musha in his first year as Grand Knight earned the Star Council Award with his council bringing in 300% of its membership quota. The Council earned the Founder's Award and Columbian Award in each of his 3 years, and

WHEREAS: Brother Musha served as a Chancellor for the Council Admission Degree, District Deputy for the Formation Degree, and has filled multiple roles in the current Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Ceremony, and

WHEREAS: Brother Musha advanced to the Fourth Degree in 2012 and became a member of Patrick Walsh Assembly 174, served as a Faithful Sentinel and multiple terms as Faithful Captain, proudly served in the Honor Guard and Color Corps, and was selected to serve as District Marshal by two District Masters, and

WHEREAS: Brother Musha served as District Deputy for 2 years and earned All Star District his first year with all 3 of his councils earning the Star Council Award, and

WHEREAS: Brother Musha volunteered to serve the Georgia State Council as the first ever director of Evangelization and Faith Formation bringing the new *Cor* Initiative to Georgia in 2023 exceeding all success expectations and standards from State and Supreme, therefore let it be

RESOLVED: the Officers and Members of Fr. Larry Endrizzi Council 6918 hereby strongly endorse and urge the election of Sir Knight Brian Musha to the office of Warden of the Georgia State Council at the 123rd Annual Convention of the Georgia State Council at Jekyll Island, May 16-18, 2025.



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This resolution was passed by unanimous vote of the Fr. Larry Endrizzi Council 6918 at the regular membership meeting on February 16, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted:


Jerry Germann
Grand Knight



Martin Geimer
Recorder



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48.16. Resolution 25-16



Knights of Columbus
MSGR. MICHAEL J. REGAN COUNCIL, No. 8731
210 Old Center Point Road
Carrollton, Georgia 30117
Resolution 25-16
A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Brother Thomas A. Fagbamiye joined the Knights of Columbus in 2007 as a member of Sweetwater Council 10821, later renamed St. John Paul II Council, in Douglasville Georgia, and,

WHEREAS: Brother Thomas and his wife Katrina have been blessed with 30 years of marriage and two beautiful daughters Antonia and Marie, and all have been involved as volunteers in the local Parish, the Archdiocese and Homes Feed the Hungry, just to name a few, and,

WHEREAS: Brother Thomas has held several positions in Council 10821, member of the council degree team, Church Advocate, Chancellor, Culture of Life Director, Membership Director, Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, and Trustee for 3 years, and under his leadership, as Grand Knight the council won two Star Council Awards, was named as one of the state's top recruiters by the Supreme Council and was able to increase the council's membership intake during his tenure. He was named the council 2018-2019 Knight of the Year, and,

WHEREAS: Brother Thomas is an active member of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish in Douglasville, GA, serving as Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Usher, Assistant Catechist, and Vice President of the Discipleship Council, founding member of the parish Knights Choir, founding member and coordinator of St. Josephine Bakhita ministry. Brother Thomas is a member of the Martin Luther King Day planning committee in the Atlanta Archdiocese, also, a founding member of (PACOA) the Pan African Catholic Organization of Atlanta, Brother Thomas has served the chancery office in various, voluntary capacities with utmost dedication and commitment, especially as one of the spokespersons for the 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Brother Thomas and his wife were the only lay delegates from the Atlanta Archdiocese sponsored to the 2017 USCCB Convocation of Catholic Leaders in Orlando, Florida. He was recently appointed to the Archdiocese of Atlanta intercultural commission, an advisory board to Archbishop Gregory Hartmayer. He was recently named and interviewed as one of the Archdiocese of Atlanta Ambassadors of the 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, and

WHEREAS: Brother Thomas has served the Mother Teresa Assembly 2562 as a Faithful Pilot, Captain, Admiral, Faithful Navigator for two terms, and Commander of the Honor Guard. During his tenure as the Faithful Navigator, the assembly increased its overall membership intake, won the Supreme Civic Award, and was named the Assembly Sir Knight of the Year, and,

WHEREAS: Brother Thomas has served as District Deputy for District 18 for the past 6 years serving and encouraging 4 councils that earned Star Council awards multiple times under his guidance. During his tenure, District 18 was named Star District 2021, All-Star District for 3 straight years 2022, 23, 24, the only district to achieve this in the State of Georgia, and

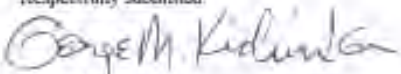
WHEREAS: Brother Thomas has served as the Wheelchair Fund Chairman for the State of Georgia, since 2017 and has raised over \$100k for the purchase of Wheelchairs during this period that has been given to Churches, Veterans Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Honor Flight members, Veterans, and Individuals both young and old, and

WHEREAS: Brother Thomas seeks to continue and expand his service to the Order and the Georgia State Council, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: Msgr. Michael J. Regan Council 8731 hereby strongly endorses and urges the election of Sir Knight Thomas A. Fagbamiye to the office of Warden of the Georgia State Council at the 123rd Annual Meeting of the Georgia State Council in Jekyll Island, GA, May 16-18, 2025.

This resolution was recommended by a unanimous vote of Msgr. Michael J. Regan Council 8731 at its meeting on March 19th, 2025.

Respectfully submitted, Attested,


Grand Knight 
Recorder



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48.17. Resolution 25-17



All Saints Catholic Church Council #11402

2143 Mount Vernon Road

Dunwoody, GA 30338

Resolution 25-17

**RESOLUTION FOR THE RECOGNITION OF MOTORCYCLE-BASED ACTIVITIES IN
SUPPORT OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Whereas, Knights of Columbus members who ride motorcycles have, throughout North America and increasingly abroad, gathered together to organize motorcycle-based activities in the charitable and fraternal spirit of the Knights of Columbus and in support of Knights of Columbus programs; and

Whereas, motorcycle-riding members use motorcycle-based activities to further membership growth, retention, and development in the Knights of Columbus; and

Whereas, the activities undertaken by motorcycle-riding Knights of Columbus members include support of the Silver Rose program as well as other programs under the direction of the participating State Councils; and

Whereas, the purpose of these activities is to enjoy camaraderie among other Knights of Columbus who are motorcycle riders; to assist the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Church, the Bishops of each Diocese, charitable organizations, individuals in need, and the community; to promote the principles of the Knights of Columbus; and to encourage faith, fellowship, and service;

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Georgia State Council identify opportunities for members who ride motorcycles to participate formally in certain state council activities, with details to be worked out by the state deputy in accord with the guidelines provided by the Supreme Council.

Submitted by All Saints Catholic Church Council #11402,

Emar J. Couvillion
SK Emar J. Couvillion
Grand Knight - Council 11402

Shane Patilla
Shane Patilla
Financial Secretary - Council 11402

March 10, 2025
Date

All Saints Catholic Church K of C Council #11402
Mailing Address

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Dunwoody, GA 30338



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48.18. Resolution 25-18



**DD16 – Christopher Bell
Resolution 25-18**

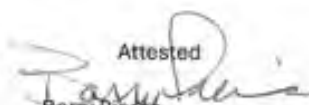
RESOLUTION

- Whereas: Brother Christopher Bell joined the Order in December 2013 and has faithfully served the Order in, Georgia since 2013, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell exemplifies, by his word and deed, our Order's principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, and in doing so sets a high and honorable standard for all to emulate, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell has been Blessed by 22 years with his lovely wife Elizabeth and his son and daughter, Lucas & MacKenzie, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell serves our Church and his parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell served St. Brendan the Navigator Council 12942 as Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, Trustee 1, Trustee 2, Trustee 3, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell is a Member of Fr. Mychal Judge Assembly 3086, served as Faithful Pilot, Faithful Captain, Faithful Navigator, Faithful Admiral and Faithful Trustee, District Marshall and
- Whereas: Brother Bell served as District Deputy for 4 years serving and encouraging 5 councils and guiding multiple councils to earn double and triple star awards under his tenure; earning the Star District Award back-to-back years for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell has served the Georgia State Council as the State Communications Director with, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell has served the Boy Scouts of America as a leader for over 10 years, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell faithfully served as a police officer before becoming a Director of Sales and Marketing for the past 24 years, and
- Resolved: The officers and members of St. Marguerite D' Youville, Council 12905 strongly endorse and urge the election of Sir Knight Christopher D. Bell to the office of Warden of the Georgia State Council at the 123rd Annual Convention of the Georgia State Council in Jekyll Island, GA, May 16-18, 2025

This Resolution was passed by unanimous vote of St. Marguerite D' Youville Council 12905 at the regular business meeting on March 3rd, 2025

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Rutledge
Grand Knight

Attested

Barry Pierce
Financial Secretary



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48.19. Resolution 25-19



**Knights of Columbus
St. Oliver Plunkett**

Council 13440

Resolution

Resolution 25-19



WHEREAS: Father Ron Beauchemin (Bow-ch-min) was born in Central Falls, RI on June 7, 1940, and ordained a La Salette Priest on December 21, 1968.

WHEREAS: Father Ron attended Major Seminary in Attleboro, MA and Ottawa, Canada from 1955 until his ordination.

WHEREAS: Father Ron served as a La Salette missionary in the Philippine Islands from 1969-1974 & 1978-1988.

WHEREAS: Father Ron served in Seminary Formation and as Shrine Superior for the missionaries of La Salette.

WHEREAS: Father Ron served as Parochial Vicar of St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church from July 2023 until January 2024

WHEREAS: Father Ron served Senior Priest in Residence at St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church from January 2024 to present.

WHEREAS: Father Ron has supported the Parish of St. Oliver Plunkett and Knights of Columbus council 13440 with his unwavering love and guidance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Council 13440 of the Knights of Columbus expresses its total appreciation, support, dedication, and love for Father Ron for his leadership, guidance and shepherding of faith in building the Catholic Doctrine of the Holy Mother Church.

This resolution was recommended by unanimous vote of Council 13440, Snellville, Georgia at its meeting on March 17, 2025.

Respectfully submitted:

Todd Morrow
Grand Knight

Attested:

Carey Scruggs
Deputy Grand Knight



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48.20. Resolution 25-20



**Knights of Columbus
St. Oliver Plunkett
Council 13440**



Resolution

Resolution 25-20

WHEREAS: Robert Butler hence forth known as Father Bob was born in Fitchburg, MA on August 16, 1941, and was ordained a La Salette Priest on May 24, 1969.

WHEREAS: Father Bob's first four years of priestly ministry were spent serving solely in our Seminary High School in Cheshire, Connecticut, as Prefect of Discipline to seventy active boys.

WHEREAS: Father Bob served for 45 enjoyable years of ministry in Argentina at seven different places.

WHEREAS: Father Bob arrived back in the United States in 2019 at age 78 and served as the Assistant Director of the House of Studies in Brighton, MA.

WHEREAS: Father Bob served as parochial vicar at St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church in July 2019

WHEREAS: Father Bob became Senior Priest in Residence in September 2021.

WHEREAS: Father Bob has supported the Parish of St. Oliver Plunkett and Knights of Columbus council 13440 with his unwavering love and guidance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Council 13440 of the Knights of Columbus expresses its total appreciation, support, dedication, and love for Father Bob for his leadership, guidance and shepherding of faith in building the Catholic Doctrine of the Holy Mother Church.

This resolution was recommended by unanimous vote of Council 13440, Snellville, Georgia at its meeting on March 17, 2025.

Respectfully submitted:

Todd Morrow
Grand Knight

Attested:

Carey Scriggs
Deputy Grand Knight



48.21. Resolution 25-21



**Knights of Columbus
St. Oliver Plunkett
Council 13440**



Resolution

Resolution 25-21

WHEREAS: Father Piotr (Peter) Stangricki was born in Olszlyn, Poland on February 10, 1979, and was ordained a La Salette Priest on June 4, 2005.

WHEREAS: Father Piotr attended the La Salette Major Seminary in Krakow, Poland

WHEREAS: Father Piotr served in four different parishes in Poland for 11 years.

WHEREAS: Father Piotr, during the final four years of his tenure in Poland assumed the role of a representative within the administrative body overseeing and leading the sole Catholic School in Trzeianka, Poland and serving as principal. Additionally, to support financial needs of that school, he took the initiative to establish the Imagination of Mercy Foundation, assuming the role of its inaugural president.

WHEREAS: Father Piotr Transitioning to Great Britain in 2016, he undertook the position of parochial vicar of St Peter & All Souls parish and chaplain at a Catholic school in Peterborough, where he resided for a period of two years.

WHEREAS: Father Piotr in January 2019, commenced his service in the United States, ministering to the Polish and American communities at the La Salette Shrine in Twin Lakes, Wisconsin, assuming the role of deputy director.

WHEREAS: Father Piotr, over the course of five years, served across three dioceses: Milwaukee, Chicago, and Rockford.

WHEREAS: In a bid to familiarize himself with the American branches of our congregation, he dedicated a month to Mary Queen parish in Friendswood, followed by two months at St. Anne's Parish in Marietta. As of January 1st, of this year, he has been entrusted with the position of parochial vicar at St. Oliver Plunkett Parish in Snellville, GA where he is honored to serve.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Council 13440 of the Knights of Columbus expresses its total appreciation, support, dedication, and love for Father Piotr for his leadership, guidance and shepherding of faith in building the Catholic Doctrine of the Holy Mother Church.

This resolution was recommended by unanimous vote of Council 13440, Snellville, Georgia at its meeting on March 17, 2025.

Respectfully submitted:

Todd Morrow
Grand Knight

Attested:

Carey Scruggs
Deputy Grand Knight



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48.22. Resolution 22-22



**Knights of Columbus
St. Oliver Plunkett
Council 13440**



Resolution

Resolution 25-22

WHEREAS: Cyriac C. Mattathilanickal (Mat-a-thi-lan-ick-al) hence forth to be known as: Reverend Cyriac was born in South India in Mattathipara, in the state of Karala on September 10, 1967, ordained a La Salette Priest on February 5, 1999.

WHEREAS: Reverend Cyriac serving with the La Salette missionaries, joined the Knights of Columbus in December 1994.

WHEREAS: Reverend Cyriac served as assistant director of the La Salette retreat center for 11 years in Attleboro, MA.

WHEREAS: Reverend Cyriac became the Pastor of Saint Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church on May 30, 2017.

WHEREAS: Reverend Cyriac became a fourth degree Knight of Columbus on November 20, 2021

WHEREAS: Reverend Cyriac has served as the Council#13440 chaplain since 2017.

WHEREAS: Reverend Cyriac has with his vision led the parish to financial solvency.

WHEREAS: Reverend Cyriac has supported the Parish of St. Oliver Plunkett and Knights of Columbus council 13440 with his unwavering love and guidance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Council 13440 of the Knights of Columbus expresses its total appreciation, support, dedication, and love for Father Cyriac for his leadership, guidance and shepherding of faith in building the Catholic Doctrine of the Holy Mother Church.

This resolution was recommended by unanimous vote of Council 13440, Snellville, Georgia at its meeting on March 17, 2025.

Respectfully submitted:


Todd Morrow
Grand Knight

Attested:

Carey Scruggs
Deputy Grand Knight



48.23. Resolution 25-23



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
COUNCIL 14773, PO BOX 7521
FORT EISENHOWER, GEORGIA 30905-5735

Resolution 25-23

WHEREAS: Brother Brian Musha joined the Knights of Columbus in May 2003 and has served the Knights of Columbus in GA since 2011. He exemplifies, by his word and deed, our Order's principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, and

WHEREAS: Brother Musha has been blessed to be married to his wife, Joy, for over 22 years and with 3 boys, Jayson, Michael, and Nathaniel, and

WHEREAS: Brother Musha serves our Church and multiple Military Catholic Communities as an Altar Server, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Usher, Youth Confirmation and OCIA Catechist, and as the Parish Life Coordinator while stationed in Kuwait, and

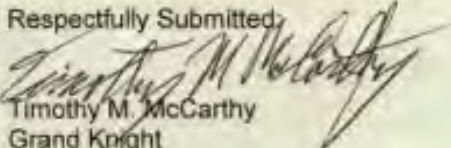
WHEREAS: Brother Musha served St. Michael the Archangel Council 14773 as Recorder, Chancellor, and Grand Knight for multiple terms, and in his first year as Grand Knight earned the Star Council Award with his council bringing in 300% of its membership quota. The Council earned the Founder's Award and Columbian Award in each of his 3 years and has served as Chancellor for the Council Admission Degree, District Deputy for the Formation Degree, and has filled multiple roles in the current Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Ceremonial. He served as District Deputy for 2 years and earned All Star District his first year with all 3 of his councils earning the Star Council Award, and

WHEREAS: Brother Musha advanced to the Fourth Degree in 2012 and became a member of Patrick Walsh Assembly 174, served as a Faithful Sentinel and multiple terms as Faithful Captain, proudly served in the Honor Guard and Color Corps, and was selected to serve as District Marshal by two District Masters. Brother Musha volunteered to serve the Georgia State Council as the first ever director of Evangelization and Faith Formation bringing the new *Cor* Initiative to Georgia in 2023 exceeding all success expectations and standards from State and Supreme, therefore let it be

RESOLVED: the Officers and Members of St. Michael the Archangel Council 14773 hereby strongly endorse and urge the election of Sir Knight Brian T. Musha to the office of Warden of the Georgia State Council at the 123rd Annual Convention of the Georgia State Council at Jekyll Island, May 16-18, 2025.

This resolution was passed by unanimous vote of the St. Michael the Archangel Council 14773 at the regular membership meeting on February 11, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted:


Timothy M. McCarthy
Grand Knight


Nathaniel Mattson
Recorder



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48.24. Resolution 25-24



DD16 – Christopher Bell
Resolution 25-24

RESOLUTION

- Whereas: Brother Christopher Bell joined the Order in December 2013 and has faithfully served the Order in, Georgia since 2013, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell exemplifies, by his word and deed, our Order's principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, and in doing so sets a high and honorable standard for all to emulate,
and
- Whereas: Brother Bell has been Blessed by 22 years with his lovely wife Elizabeth and his son and daughter,
Lucas & MacKenzie, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell serves our Church and his parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion,
and
- Whereas: Brother Bell served St. Brendan the Navigator Council 12942 as Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, Trustee 1, Trustee 2, Trustee 3, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell is a Member of Fr. Mychal Judge Assembly 3086, served as Faithful Pilot, Faithful Captain, Faithful Navigator, Faithful Admiral and Faithful Trustee, District Marshall and
- Whereas: Brother Bell served as District Deputy for 4 years serving and encouraging 5 councils and guiding multiple councils to earn double and triple star awards under his tenure; earning the Star District Award back-to-back years for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell has served the Georgia State Council as the State Communications Director with,
and
- Whereas: Brother Bell has served the Boy Scouts of America as a leader for over 10 years, and
- Whereas: Brother Bell faithfully served as a police officer before becoming a Director of Sales and Marketing for
the past 24 years, and
- Resolved: The officers and members of St. Monica, Council 12883 strongly endorse and urge the election of Sir Knight Christopher D. Bell to the office of Warden of the Georgia State Council at the 123rd Annual Convention of the Georgia State Council in Jekyll Island, GA, May 16-18, 2025
This Resolution was passed by unanimous vote of St. Monica, Council 12883 at the regular business meeting on March 10th, 2025

Respectfully Submitted

David Gagris
Grand Knight

Attest:

Henry Rodriguez
Financial Secretary
Council 12883




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48.25. Resolution 25-25



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GOOD SAMARITAN COUNCIL, No. 14181
55 Church Street
Ellijay, Georgia 30540

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

GOOD SAMARITAN COUNCIL 14181

Resolution 25-

Cause To Reward Council Sustained Top Performance

WHEREAS, Councils that meet the requirements for achieving the Founders Award, Columbian Award, and Father McGivney Award each Fraternal Year are awarded the Star Council Award for that Fraternal Year.

WHEREAS, while Councils are encouraged to earn Star Council Status each year, there is currently no recognition for Councils that earn the Award year after year after year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that each Georgia Council that earns Star Council Status for five consecutive years be awarded a new Georgia State Award – the Platinum Star Council Award.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that for each follow-on 5 year consecutive period of achieving Star Council Status, the Council will receive another Platinum Star Council Award but with the notation of whether the Award is for achieving a 2nd Consecutive Award (10 consecutive years), 3^d Consecutive Award (15 consecutive years), etc.

Respectfully Submitted:

Gene Fober
Grand Knight
Council 14181


Attested:



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48.26. Resolution 25-26



DD16 – Christopher Bell
Resolution 25-26

RESOLUTION

Whereas: Brother Christopher Bell joined the Order in December 2013 and has faithfully served the Order in, Georgia since 2013, and

Whereas: Brother Bell exemplifies, by his word and deed, our Order's principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, and in doing so sets a high and honorable standard for all to emulate,
and

Whereas: Brother Bell has been Blessed by 22 years with his lovely wife Elizabeth and his son and daughter,
Lucas & MacKenzie, and

Whereas: Brother Bell serves our Church and his parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion,
and

Whereas: Brother Bell served St. Brendan the Navigator Council 12942 as Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, Trustee 1, Trustee 2, Trustee 3, and

Whereas: Brother Bell is a Member of Fr. Mychal Judge Assembly 3086, served as Faithful Pilot, Faithful Captain, Faithful Navigator, Faithful Admiral and Faithful Trustee, District Marshall and

Whereas: Brother Bell served as District Deputy for 4 years serving and encouraging 5 councils and guiding multiple councils to earn double and triple star awards under his tenure; earning the Star District Award back-to-back years for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, and

Whereas: Brother Bell has served the Georgia State Council as the State Communications Director with,
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Whereas: Brother Bell has served the Boy Scouts of America as a leader for over 10 years, and

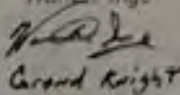
Whereas: Brother Bell faithfully served as a police officer before becoming a Director of Sales and Marketing for
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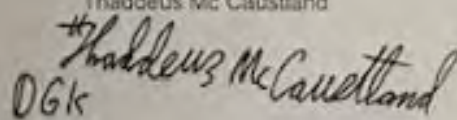
Resolved: The officers and members of Virgin Mary, Council 11340 strongly endorse and urge the election of Sir Knight Christopher D. Bell to the office of Warden of the Georgia State Council at
the
123rd Annual Convention of the Georgia State Council in Jekyll Island, GA, May 16-18, 2025

This Resolution was passed by unanimous vote of Virgin Mary Council 11340 at the regular business meeting on March 6th, 2025

Respectfully Submitted

Attested

Warren Inge

Grand Knight

Thaddeus Mc Caustland

DGK



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48.27. Resolution 25-27



**Knights of Columbus
St. Benedict Council 10633
Johns Creek, GA 30097**

Resolution 25-27

A Resolution

Whereas, the Supreme Council created the Affiliate Member Initiative over three years ago to deal with members who for a variety of reasons are unable to remain active in their local councils; and

Whereas, many if not most of the members placed in Affiliate Member status have repeatedly failed to respond to dues notices, emails, phone calls and texts and postal mail; and

Whereas, many Affiliate Members have been out of contact with any Knights of Columbus Council for multiple years and may not even know that they are in Affiliate Member status; and

Whereas, bringing Affiliate Members back into active participation in a Knights of Columbus Council may take even more work than having a past member who has previously resigned reapply; and

Whereas, bringing an Affiliate Member back into active participation in a Knights of Columbus Council is currently treated as a simple transfer with no credit towards the Council's membership goal for that year; therefore, be it

Resolved that bringing an Affiliate Member back into active participation in a Knights of Columbus Council shall count toward that Council's annual membership goal provided that: the Affiliate Member had not previously been a member of the Council he is now joining, and that the period he has been inactive exceeds three years.

Respectfully submitted:

Attested:

Grand Knight

Recorder





Resolutions from the floor:

48.28. Resolution 25-28

For the Marist Priests of Our Lady of the Assumption

Whereas The Marists, formally known as the Society of Mary arrived in Atlanta in 1897 to staff the Sacred Heart Basilica downtown, and in 1901 established Marist School in Atlanta, and in 1962 moved the school to Brookhaven, and, along with the relocation of Marist School, the Marists started servicing Our Lady of the Assumption church and school in 1962, and

Whereas the Marist Fathers faithfully served the Marist School and Our Lady of the Assumption church for the last 60 years, and

Whereas Our Lady of the Assumption currently serves 1,700 families and 600 students, the Marist had built over 70 ministries and a vibrant community of diverse culture of languages and people and a financially generous parish aiding others. and a thriving school, and

Whereas the Marist Fathers will be leaving Our Lady of the Assumption in June 2025 and new clergy will be assigned by the Archdiocese of Atlanta, and

Whereas Father Jim Duffy served as Pastor for the last 25 years recently stated he hopes people are proud of the parish and the laity and any collaboration with the Marists, over the years, a long-thriving parish.

Therefore, be it resolved that, The Georgia State Council of Knights of Columbus expresses its ever-abiding gratitude to the Society of Mary and the many Priests of the Order who served at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church these many years.

Be it further resolved that we recognize and applaud the work of the Marist Priests in modeling the virtues of our Blessed Mother, and serving the parish and school community with humility, simplicity, and modesty.



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Be it further resolved that we wish the Marists Fathers continued health and success
In the next phase of their lives in service to the church, and the Archdiocese of
Atlanta.

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Respectfully submitted,

Alan Young
Grand Knight
Council 15161

Ken Athaide
District Deputy #7

THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED BY THE DELEGATION



48.29. Resolution 25-01b

25-01b Resolution To Commend Pope Leo XIV

Whereas, Robert Francis Prevost became a Novice of the Order of Saint Augustine on September 1st 1977,

Whereas, Robert Francis Prevost took his first vows on September 2nd 1978,

Whereas, Robert Francis Prevost took his solemn vows on August 29th 1981,

Whereas, Robert Francis Prevost was ordained a transitional deacon on September 10th 1981,

Whereas, Deacon Robert Francis Prevost was ordained a priest on June 19th 1982,

Whereas, Father Robert Francis Prevost served as an Augustinian Missionary in Peru from 1985 to his appointment as the Bishop of Chiclayo, Peru, in 2015, supporting seminarians in Trujillo, supporting Theologian Gustavo Guterrez by appreciating his work, defending the human dignity of the most vulnerable of Peru by advocating against injustices dealt to them by the Peruvian Army, and fighting against political corruption in Peru by standing in solidarity with his brothers and sisters, going so far as to travel by horse or by foot to reach isolated communities,

Whereas, Father Robert Francis Prevost was appointed as the Bishop of Chiclayo, Peru on September 26th 2015,

Whereas, Bishop Robert Francis Prevost was appointed a Cardinal with the rank of Cardinal-Deacon of the Deaconry of Santa Monica degli Agostiniani on September 30th 2023, was assigned as leader of seven additional dicasteries, and served on the Pontifical commission for the Vatican City State,



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Whereas, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost was promoted to Cardinal-Bishop of the Suburbicarian Diocese of Albano on February 6th, 2025,

Whereas, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost was elected Pope by the College of Cardinals on May 8th, 2025 on the fourth ballot, taking the name of Leo XIV as his papal name, The name of a long line of reformers and great theologians, stemming from pope Leo I to himself, dealing with such major issues as the Robber Council of Ephesus, The Schism between the Eastern and Western Churches, and the Protestant Reformation,

Whereas, on May 9th Pope Leo XIV celebrated his first Mass as Pope,

Therefore be it resolved, that the Knights of Columbus Georgia State Council commend Pope Leo XIV on his election as Supreme Pontiff, and extend our thoughts, prayers, and actions to lend support for his work to strengthen and heal the Church as a whole in his continuity of the Line of St. Peter.

Respectfully submitted,
Thaddeus J. McCaustland II
Council 11340

THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION



49. Report of Audit & Finance Committee, Chris McHugh

[Paul Zock] As a State Treasurer, it was my privilege and honor to be the advisor to the audit and Finance Committee. At this time, I would like to introduce a very capable chairman of that committee, District Deputy 12 Chris McHugh, to give the report of the committee.

Worthy State Chaplains and fellow clergy who are here in spirit Worthy State Deputy. Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputy, my fellow Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Delegates, Worthy Brothers, all... I'd like to take this opportunity to present the findings and the recommendations of the Audit and Finance Committee of the Knights of Columbus, Georgia State Council.

I was tasked with leading the team that consisted of the following. If you're here, please stand for a round applause:

GK Shawn Doucette 7601
GK Peter Dapremont 8376
GK Dean Hollman 8495
GK E.J. Couvillion 11402
GK Michael Dutton 13808
GK Tremaine Ross 14944

Thank you, gentleman for your work on our committee.

I greatly appreciated the time that these gentlemen took to review all state's financials and review the proposed budget for the coming fraternal year. As state treasurer, Paul Zock mentioned in his update yesterday, our committee was fully engaged with the task before us. We met twice virtually on April 15th and again on May 3rd. Our final meeting was held yesterday in person to finalize our recommendations.

The team received copies of audit results, the proposed budget and mileage charts. All were reviewed and any questions and or issues were discussed in our earlier meetings.

Most of them were made to approve the audit as presented by the AGL CPA firm for the Fraternal Year ending 2024. The current mileage chart and reimbursement rate was unchanged and approved, which is \$0.50 per mile.

A budget was proposed that was included in the delegate's package.



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In our final two meeting, we discussed the cost of attending this Convention, the annual meeting, the current per diem for attending delegates is \$150.00 per day, which does not even cover the cost of a hotel room. The committee is of the belief that the Annual Convention attendance leads to healthy, enthusiastic councils and the state should make every concerted effort to make attendance as small of a financial burden as possible to the delegates.

So what you see on the screen here:

This first one represents the proposed budget as it appears in the delegate's package. Line item 1400 shows per capita at \$185,000.

Line item 3000, the annual meeting expenses is \$123,950.

The committee is recommending a per diem increase this year.

These are three points that I wanted to bring out about the expenses.

Hotel expenses have grown increased over the last two years. This was originally set off by COVID.

Expenses are expected to continue rising.

The committee is recommending a per diem increase from \$150.00 a day to \$200.00 a day. The per diem increase will need to be offset by an increase in per capita by \$1.50, from \$14.00 to \$15.50.

Of the state's 19,600 members, the number that are actually charged per diem is around 13,000.

The number of delegates to the convention is roughly 165 and Paul Zock, yesterday when we were talking about this, he said, "I anticipate about 165 delegates." and his prediction, as you heard from the credentials committee, he was dead on. A little later it got adjusted to 168, so, great guess.

OK, this slide.

Changes are highlighted again, line 1400 per capita is to \$201,500.

Line 3000, which is per diem to \$140,450.

So at the top of the slide there you can see where we did that calculation.

Per capita \$14.00 to \$15.50 with 13,000 brothers to pay that. Per diem, \$150 to \$200 for 165 Billings.

Bottom line net net.

So Worthy State Deputy and for careful review of deliberations, the audit and Finance Committee would like to present this proposed budget with 25 - 26 Fraternal Year

[State Deputy] Discussion?

Worthy Past State Deputy Mark Corrigan from the Council 631



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Thank you Worthy State Deputy. I am not up here to the one way or the other on the increase in per capita. I would only advise that some of our larger councils are going to take pretty much the brunt of this dollar fifty increase. As a member of an 800-member Council \$1.50 a member, it turns out to be a little chunk of change.

I won't be able to buy my new truck next year.

I don't know if there's a comment in there. This is discussion I would just request that everyone think about. \$1.50, a member, is not that big a deal for a 30 member or 35 member.

Council, even though it is that 35 members don't, don't generate a lot of funds. But for an 800 member council or 300 member Council, we're talking about a pretty good chunk of change, and we're also talking about two, when did we go up to \$14.00, Mark?

I know we were sitting at the State deputy's table wondering, what did they just approve years ago? Three or four years. Don't get me wrong. I as a past state Treasurer, I completely understand the issues that we face every year and I do understand that all costs are going up. I would tell you that when I was state deputy, we were lucky to get 145 people here now. Yesterday was 167 so we have empirical evidence that maybe the increase in per capita has gotten more of us here. I don't know, I have no evidence to support that other than you're sitting here in the in the meeting. So, I would ask the group to take that under discussion and take that under advisement. Thank you for your time.

[Mick McGuire Council 12862], in reviewing the original packing poster discussions today, I understood most of what was happening, but could you address the line item 7000 and why that almost doubled? (Supreme Council meeting expense).

[State Deputy] Mostly because it's in Washington, DC this year.

Is that correct, Paul? [Paul] Yes.

[Pat McMahon, Past Grand Knight Council 10579]

In addition to what Mark Corgan just said, I just would like to give some feedback and way of discussion that what I've seen in my travels through the Savannah area mostly is that there's some councils that are still not doing well with the last increase in. In the per capita, and I know of a specific Council that has over 100 Members who have not paid dues, and that's about a \$2000.00 bill to the Council. So this would be some added stress to that situation. Thank you Sir.



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[Larry Suarez, Grand Night Council 15238,] I would just say that given the last increase, I understand costs go up. I have a business. I get it. I always tend to push all my money as far as I can down the little guys as much as possible. Having said that, I honestly believe in my heart everything we accomplish today can be done in one day. That's the first thing I would submit. The second thing I would tell you is the travel costs are becoming unattainable or so significant that it's a chunk out of every constant budget, then try to do more of this virtually. OK. I mean love supreme. There's no one that loves Diana Ross more than me just as we had the video from our Bishop. I mean, it's wonderful. I love the guy who's great. He really is and I love to see him here. I'd rather see him. No offense. I'd rather see him than anyone from the supreme. 'Cause he doesn't want for me, for motivational and religious development standpoint and that's fine. But I understand you got the big guns and then we have the state. OK, how much of this could we forego? And just have one day, you know, so that we can all enjoy this time together and make it a great day, OK. That extra night of travel costs for the hotels is eating us. So all I'm saying is I would really hesitate to raise the per capita in in my Council. Everything we raise, I give away every dollar I give it away. I don't hold nothing back for the Council. We live on what we gain from dues. That's the only administrative money we get. If I would just ask you to consider that. Thank you.

[Joe Stein Council, 10633 in Johns Creek]

I'd associate myself with the comments of the previous speakers here, and I would add a comment that we had a lot of discussion in our Council when the state per capita went up to \$14.00 a head and as was just said, that takes away really from all. The good works we can do and it's already that our organization is founded on. I would suggest that each Council already has the ability to supplement payments to those who attend conventions like this themselves, without having to raise the per capita for everybody in the state. And so I would strongly recommend that we not raise per capita. We allow councils to do the most charity with their work. And as you look at many charitable organizations you consider giving to one of the things that's a determinant for us is those with the least over. And admin charges. This seems to raise the overhead of admin charges and take away from what can be given to others as charity.

[Jerry Mock Council 8731], just for clarification. Is the motion on the floor to raise per capita, or are we just presenting a budget?

The budget that is in the packet was recently presented.



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They're presenting an amended budget if the per capita per diem are increased and they're proposing increasing. That requires separate vote just to do the per capita increase.

The per capita and per diem are separate from the budget.

The state secretary has corrected me, the amended budget would include the per capita increase in the per diem increase.

If you approve the amended budget, you are approving the contract increase in the per diem.

Increase the per diem increase was presented, but that has to be paid for, which is where the per capita increase comes from.

So at this point I will ask, we're voting on the amended budget, which is on the screen, which includes a per capita and per diem increase.

We've had a lot of discussion on it, so I'm going to ask in favor of this amended budget.

Those in favor say aye. Those opposed say nay.

[State Secretary] Nays were louder. Hand vote.

[State Deputy] All in favor. Raise one hand.

All in favor of the amended budget, which includes a per capita and per diem increase. (35)

Nays far exceed 35.

OK, so that budget is no longer the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Alright, so based on your vote, what is?

OK, based on that vote, the budget as presented in your delegates package is what the committee is proposing for the 25 - 26 to come.

Name is Jonathan Mabe from Council 6622.

I have a question about line item 1100.

1100 under anything?

148,600 is that above what we can actually last year 55,000?

That seems quite the difference.

I don't know.

That's something that can actually be done, so I'd like to enter discussion.

[Paul Zock] That that's 55,000. You notice up at the top, that's the through April.

So a lot of convent income comes after that.

Much closer to that 148, so that that's why because we're missing a month and a half



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of income and most people like going to mass.

Set a minutes before that, just like that's what happens with the incomes of the Convention.

Does that throw up a little bit?

No. If we consider the year prior, it says six, 61,759.

So still 11 the same question.

How are we going from 088081 from year before?

So imagine it was 61,799.

Oh, I see.

I'm we were budgeted for how many delegates we were expecting to come.

And then notice the.

The expenses were actually 114.

The actual was 114 and we're budgeting for 123, so the income was lower.

Because the actual.

Does it make sense?

Ross Pixler Council, 1019

I think the to further add to the question that was brought up.

Between.

Fiscal year 20/23/2024 to 2024-2025 you had an 8% growth.

In the income.

For the proposed budget of next year, we're anticipating a 41.8% increase that is significant and larger than.

Both previous years and some of the deltas like what was brought up was in line item 1100.

That's a fairly large delta of what we're anticipating as far as income versus what's actually occurred in income.

And that's portrayed both in the 2023-2024 and the expectation is we're overestimating again.

[State Deputy] Well, let me answer that question. This budget was put together.

With the thought in mind that next year we're going to the Savannah Riverfront, Marriott, how many of you remember the Savannah Riverfront Marriott?

How many of you remember how expensive it was there last year as opposed to here this year, where it looks, everything is a lot cheaper.

That is where the increase is coming, but most of that is money in money out, so the income will be the expenditures. If the income is not met.

98% probability that it's expenditures won't be there as well. That's based on the number of delegates that come, which is the number of meals sold.

Unfortunately, the Marriott has increased their prices over last year, so that will increase but that budget income is essentially can be spent on a convention where



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income is going to be outcome. Did that answer your question, Sir? OK. Worthy State Deputy just one more question of understanding and I want to touch back on the last speaker's attempt. If I read this correctly and maybe my understanding, you know, when we were looking at convention income. We've got 61,000. That we made in convention incoming 2324. We budgeted last year 148,000 as convention incoming and for this year and so far we've only got 55,000 with basically a month left, which means we're pretty much on track to the last one. When I look at the bottom line, the budget we've got for 2425 were \$23,000 in the hole based on the fact that we. Assume such a great increase in the convention income that doesn't seem to be materializing. My question is again for the 148,000 that we're guessing for convention income for next year, are we really? Are we really hoping that we're going to get that much or is this way to make the numbers work but come up with a deficit? Again next year and what we've got, that's what I'm having a trouble understanding, Sir, and I'm going to ask him for more details on making my continued lack of understanding.

The last budget, it was a deficit.

Oh, you're talking about this year's deficit.

That's right.

This year's deficit we're we.

[State Deputy] This year's deficit is.

It's not the year's not done.

Most of the convention income is accrued. It basically means money and so that the income will increase drastically.

I truly hope that's the fact that, and I truly appreciate everything for the Convention. It's been a great time, but again, when I look back to the total convention income for 23-24 drastically and you know better, but I just raised that as a point of concern. And I made that for your worthy consideration.

[Kevin York] I'll try to explain it 1100.

We're budgeting.

An increase of 87 roughly. And if you compare that to the increase. We're increasing that by 65.

[P Z]] There are many line items between these condensed in mind or many line items between these condensed headers. So, we're not hedging this.

I think we're some of the money came from without pulling out the 52-page spreadsheet. And I'm not exaggerating. But if you'll notice, we did for a deficit last year. We knew that if you look through the proceedings, we explained why. Because. Of certain increases and so forth, but the budget.

Budgeted to the deficit, we thought we were going to have was 22,000 at this point



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through April, we're at 20,000, so we have less of a deficit than we planned on, and we don't even have this month in.

We also had cast on hand reserves to cover those time deficits and periodically, if you look back when you look back to 2016, I think it is in the spreadsheet there have been deficit years for various reasons.

Sometimes it has to do with travel expenses, sometimes it has to do with hotel expenses and so forth.

But we did better than we were planning.

[State Deputy] Forgot to explain to you there's a note in there.

There's a drastic increase in income and expense over the course of the year.

What has happened this last year is all of the district deputy meetings and Council.

Meetings are good installation.

State officers installation.

Historically, the district deputies would complete an expense report and send that to supreme. as previously we did because it was direct relationship to the district departments. So that is a big increase in both income and expense over changing accounting methods. So in 23-24, our budget was 89,000 and our income was 69,000. The budget for next year, anticipates a large increase in expenditure for meals and whereas we used to get more complimentary items. There are not as many complimentary items, unfortunately. That means that we're going to have to charge more, so that'll be money than any out. Are you making a suggestion and changing that amount? Because that was just an estimate based on there's a lot of variables and other people. You know when you calculate mileage you have to calculate, OK. How many are going to come and where are they coming from? So it is truly a large number of variables.

Michael Koenig, Council, 9458 advocate.

I'm a CPA. There's a lot of treasurers in the in the room that are confused by the numbers. What I would suggest is it's just it's not clear. What I would suggest is that you go back and you line item those differences and the differences. You explain the differences and then it'll be clear because what you're trying to explain not clear. So I would just go back between the years and explain that variance and it will be much clearer for everyone to approve the budget. Thank you.

[State Deputy] I'm gonna sidebar. The Finance Committee will come back with a budget that you can see on this year. [committee met in sidebar while other reports were given by others.]

[returned]

[Chris McHugh] All right. So first off, the question that was raised about the projected income. So we did make a mistake with that. So in the expense section, we were adjusting for meals and convention expense and we did not offset that on the



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income side, so we adjusted downward. The very top line, we adjusted that income figure, see more line with the actual registration. So then the main difference that we noted was the line where it's adjusted for meals the budget figure was off. It was not that high. That included other expenses besides food. So we made the correction on the meals.

That's now more correctly identified at a projected expense next year of 54,000. So the bottom line for the budget goes back to 0.

So for those of you that pointed out those errors, thank you. We should have caught it beforehand. We just over calculated that projected income.

[Mick McGuire from Council 12862] since you've changed, could you just give us the right item what the new number is?

[Chris McHugh] So convention registration that was in the income section line item 1110. So on your proposed budget, you know, we rolled all this up. So the 1100 line item 1100, the change was 135,600 and we changed that to the more reasonable 100,000 even.

[Michael Koenig, 9458 advocate.]

So I think the confusion is we're trying to reconcile with these numbers that were in our packet.

[individual changes were listed, live, and written into the packets]

Are you proposing the amended budget now?

We already voted down the other one, so now we're is this.

Is this what we're voting on?

Yes.

Are there any further questions?

And so now, are we voting to approve this, to vote on the original proposed budget which as amended? Does not include a per capita or per diem increase.

[Koenig] So I move to approve the budget as amended. Second.

Voice vote...PASSED.

Can I get an Amen?



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and
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For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023



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ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

To the Directors and Officers
Knights of Columbus Georgia State Council

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of the Knights of Columbus Georgia State Council ("the Organization") (a Nonprofit Organization), which comprise the Statement of Assets and Net Assets — cash basis as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the related statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets—cash basis, and the statements of Functional Expenses – cash basis for the years then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable financial reporting framework. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements, nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. We do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on these financial statements.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management has elected to omit substantially all the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Organization's assets, net assets, revenues, and expenses. Accordingly, the financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA STATE COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS –
CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<i>Without Donor Restrictions</i>	<i>With Donor Restrictions</i>	<i>Total</i>
Revenues:			
Per Capita Fees	\$ 174,888	\$ -	\$ 174,888
Convention Income	61,759	-	61,759
Fundraising	4,470	-	4,470
Other Income	17,048	-	17,048
Total Revenues	258,165	-	258,165
Expenses:			
Annual Meeting	110,228	-	110,228
State Convention	94,281	-	94,281
General and Administrative	65,024	-	65,024
Total Expenses	269,533	-	269,533
Change in Net Assets	(11,368)	-	(11,368)
Net Assets, beginning of year	231,850	-	231,850
Net Assets, end of year	\$ 220,482	\$ -	\$ 220,482

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA STATE COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS –
CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<i>Without Donor Restrictions</i>	<i>With Donor Restrictions</i>	<i>Total</i>
Revenues:			
Per Capita Fees	\$ 176,862	\$ -	\$ 176,862
Convention Income	62,542	-	62,542
Fundraising	5,722	-	5,722
Other Income	13,931	-	13,931
Total Revenues	259,057	-	259,057
Expenses:			
Annual Meeting	115,662	-	115,662
State Convention	70,579	-	70,579
General and Administrative	59,568	-	59,568
Total Expenses	245,809	-	245,809
Change in Net Assets	13,248	-	13,248
Net Assets, beginning of year	218,602	-	218,602
Net Assets, end of year	\$ 231,850	\$ -	\$ 231,850



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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA STATE COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES – CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Program Services		Management and General	Total
	Annual Meeting	State Convention		
Travel	\$ 98,748	\$ -	\$ 18,470	\$ 117,218
Meals	-	69,025	12,186	81,211
Conferences, Conventions, and Meetings	9,494	23,060	1,321	33,875
Accounting	-	-	4,000	4,000
Advertising	550	-	1,600	2,150
Website	-	-	1,538	1,538
Supplies	1,436	-	1,232	2,668
Keep Christ in Christmas	-	-	3,022	3,022
Insurance	-	-	1,585	1,585
Postage and Shipping	-	-	560	560
Entertainment	-	75	-	75
Bank Fees	-	-	976	976
Miscellaneous	-	2,121	18,534	20,655
Total Expenses	\$ 110,228	\$ 94,281	\$ 65,024	\$ 269,533

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA STATE COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES – CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Program Services		Management and General	Total
	Annual Meeting	State Convention		
Travel	\$ 101,869	\$ -	\$ 21,355	\$ 123,224
Meals	-	45,846	7,527	53,373
Conferences, Conventions, and Meetings	9,872	20,257	2,248	32,377
Accounting	-	-	2,500	2,500
Advertising	-	-	375	375
Website	-	-	1,921	1,921
Supplies	2,183	-	1,767	3,950
Keep Christ in Christmas	-	-	5,552	5,552
Insurance	-	-	1,558	1,558
Postage and Shipping	-	-	487	487
Entertainment	-	2,025	-	2,025
Bank Fees	-	-	651	651
Miscellaneous	1,738	2,451	13,627	17,816
Total Expenses	\$ 115,662	\$ 70,579	\$ 59,568	\$ 245,809



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July 13, 2024

To the Directors and Officers
Knights of Columbus Georgia State Council

We are pleased to confirm our acceptance and understanding of the services we are to provide for the Knights of Columbus Georgia State Council ("the Organization") for the year ended June 30, 2024.

You have requested that we prepare the financial statements of the Organization, which comprise the statement of assets and net assets — cash basis, the related statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets — cash basis and statement of functional expenses — cash basis for the year ended June 30, 2024 and perform a compilation engagement with respect to those financial statements. These financial statements will not include related notes to the financial statements as required for financial statements prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting.

Our Responsibilities

The objective of our engagement is to—

- 1) prepare financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting based on information provided by you, and
- 2) apply accounting and financial reporting expertise to assist you in the presentation of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with the cash basis of accounting.

We will conduct our compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services (SSARS) promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA and comply with applicable professional standards, including the AICPA's *Code of Professional Conduct* and its ethical principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence, and due care when preparing the financial statements, and performing the compilation engagement.

We are not required to, and will not, verify the accuracy or completeness of the information you will provide to us for the engagement or otherwise gather evidence for the purpose of expressing an opinion or a conclusion. Accordingly, we will not express an opinion, a conclusion, or provide any assurance on the financial statements.

Our engagement cannot be relied upon to identify or disclose any financial statement misstatements, including those caused by fraud or error, or to identify or disclose any wrongdoing within the Organization or noncompliance with laws and regulations.

We, in our sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities since performing those procedures or taking such action would impair our independence.

Your Responsibilities

The engagement to be performed is conducted on the basis that you acknowledge and understand that our role is to prepare financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting and assist you in the presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. You have the following overall responsibilities that are fundamental to our undertaking the engagement in accordance with SSARS:

- 1) The selection of the cash basis of accounting as the financial reporting framework to be applied in the preparation of the financial statements.
- 2) The preparation and fair presentation of financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting and the inclusion of a description of the cash basis of accounting.
- 3) The design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- 4) The prevention and detection of fraud.
- 5) To ensure that the Organization complies with the laws and regulations applicable to its activities.



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- 6) The accuracy and completeness of the records, documents, explanations, and other information, including significant judgments, you provide to us for the engagement.
- 7) To provide us with—
- access to all information of which you are aware is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters.
 - additional information that we may request from you for the purpose of the compilation engagement.
 - unrestricted access to persons within the Organization of whom we determine it necessary to make inquiries.

You are also responsible for all management decisions and responsibilities and for designating an individual with suitable skills, knowledge, and experience to oversee our preparation of your financial statements. You are responsible for evaluating the adequacy and results of the services performed and accepting responsibility for such services.

Our Report

As part of our engagement, we will issue a report that will state that we did not audit or review the financial statements and that, accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on them. There may be circumstances in which the report differs from the expected form and content. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the compilation of your financial statements, we will not issue a report on such statements as a result of this engagement.

Our report will disclose that the Organization's management has elected to omit substantially all the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. If the omitted disclosures were to be included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Organization's assets, net assets, revenues, and expenses. Accordingly, the financial statements will not be designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

Our report will disclose that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

You agree to include our accountant's compilation report in any document containing financial statements that indicates that we have performed a compilation engagement on such financial statements and, prior to inclusion of the report, to obtain our permission to do so.

Other Services

We will prepare the Organization's federal information return for the year ended June 30, 2024 based on information provided by you.

We will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards, including the Statements on Standards for Tax Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We, in our sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities. We will advise management with regard to tax positions taken in the preparation of the information return, but management must make all decisions with regard to those matters.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities for the tax services and any other nonattest services we provide; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for them.

Other Relevant Information

Daniel Cassandra, CPA is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report or authorizing another individual to sign it.

We estimate that our fees for these services will be \$2,500 for the financial statement preparation and compilation and \$1,500 for the preparation of the Form 990.

You will also be billed for out-of-pocket costs such as report production, word processing, postage, travel, etc. The fee estimate is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the work performed. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs. Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation.

You agree to hold us harmless and to release, indemnify, and defend us from any liability or costs, including attorney's fees, resulting from management's knowing misrepresentations to us.



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We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you acknowledge and agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Sincerely,

AGL CPA Group, LLC

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of Knights of Columbus Georgia State Council.

Management signature:

Kevin J. York

Title:

State Secretary

Date:

7/23/2024



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Knights of Columbus Georgia State Council FY 2024-2025

	July 2023 - June 2024		July 2024 - June 2025		July 2025 - June 2026	
	Actual Through April 2024	Budget	Actual Through April 2025	Budget	Proposed Budget	
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
1100 - Convention Income	61,750.00	85,500.00	55,767.49	148,800.00	148,800.00	
1400 - Per Capita	174,888.00	184,300.00	174,013.70	185,400.00	201,500.00	Increase from \$14 to \$15.50; *13,000 are assumed per capita (11,000 x 15.50)
1500 - Sales & Misc. Income	682.00	1,200.00	498.31	800.00	800.00	
1700 - Other Income	13,388.00	12,000.00	40,025.01	14,500.00	50,000.00**	
1800 - Major Fundraiser	4,469.60	2,000.00	1,498.50	2,000.00	2,000.00	
2000 - Charity Income	2,580.00					
Total Income	288,164.60	285,000.00	278,704.10	345,100.00	411,900.00	
Expenses						
3000 - Annual Meeting Expenses	110,228.00	152,800.00	114,000.00	123,850.00	146,450.00	Per Dem for delegates increases from \$150 to \$200 per day; *200 delegates
4000 - State Convention Expenses	84,281.42	96,000.00	86,715.50	95,000.00	124,700.00	
5000 - State Council Op. Expenses	53,638.85	68,650.00	73,701.63	66,037.50	118,850.00**	
6000 - Subord. Council Service Expense	3,205.02	10,350.00	10,011.00	11,500.00	13,325.00	
7000 - Supreme Council Am. Mgt. Expt.	0,258.74	0,750.00	5,147.38	7,750.00	12,750.00	
8000 - Charity Expense						
8000 - Charity Expense	3,180.00	1,350.00	15,065.55	1,310.00	1,325.00	
Total Expense	299,533.29	289,000.00	299,271.34	372,547.50	411,900.00	
Net Ordinary Income	-11,368.69	0.00	-20,567.24	-27,447.50	0.00	
NET INCOME	-11,368.69	0.00	-20,567.24	-27,447.50	0.00	

** Income account 1700 and expense account 5000 were adjusted for the '25-26 budget to align with Supreme accounting changes related to reimbursement of expense related to District/Deputy meetings.



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Submitted report from the committee chairman, Chris McHugh

Christopher McHugh, D.D. 12
Audit & Finance Committee Chairman
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Roll Call of Committee Members:

Christopher McHugh	District Deputy (12)	Chairman - Present
Shawn Doucette	Grand Knight	Council 7601 - Present
Peter Dapremont	Grand Knight	Council 8376 - Present
Dean Hollman	Grand Knight	Council 8495 - Present
E. J. Couvillion	Grand Knight	Council 11402 - Absent, but present for Annual Meeting
Michael Dutton	Grand Knight	Council 13808 - Present
Trey Ross	Advocate	Council 14944 - Absent, but present for Annual Meeting
Paul Zock – State Treasurer		Advisor - Present

There were two pre-convention meetings held via Teams/Zoom teleconferencing. One on April 15, 2025, and a second one on May 3, 2025, to clarify budget issues and questions for committee members. The final official, in person committee meeting was held at the convention on May 17, 2025.

Prior to our committee meetings, members received copies of:

- The AGL CPA Accountants’ Compilation Report for the Georgia State Council for Fraternal Year ending June 30, 2024
- The proposed Georgia State Council Budget for FY25/26
- The mileage chart referencing the distance between all Councils’ address and the convention center address

Members were asked to review these documents for accuracy prior to the convention.

There was a motion to accept the AGL CPA Accountants’ Compilation Report for 23/24 as prepared. That motion was seconded and approved by all committee members in attendance.

There was a motion to accept the updated mileage chart as presented and revised. That motion was also seconded and approved by all committee members in attendance.



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There were several budget questions submitted via email and discussed on the teleconferences by committee members about the proposed FY 25/26 State Council budget. Most of the questions were seeking clarifications concerning various budget line items and assumptions behind budget projections. Of concern were several items in which there were no significant dollar amount changes, but rather how these items were characterized within the budget. Line items 1700 and 5000 were adjusted for the '25-'26 budget to align with Supreme accounting changes related to reimbursement of expenses related to District Deputy meetings.

The State Treasurer was able to address all questions from the committee members, both through email communications before the virtual meeting and during the live committee meetings.

At the convention meeting, the committee discussed the possibility of changing our budget recommendation to increase the convention delegate's per diem amount from \$150 to \$200 per day, in an effort to further relieve the financial burden of attending the conference. To offset this increase, per capita fees charged to the Councils would need to increase by \$1.50, annually. New per capita would increase from the current \$14.00 to \$15.50. The committee Chair McHugh presented this to the delegation and there were several comments from the floor opposing the increases. A vote was conducted with the majority opposed to per diem and per capita increases. As a result of this opposition, the budget, as presented in the delegates packages, was recommended for approval.

Several questions were raised from the floor regarding significant variances on line items from the current year's expenses versus the 2025-2026 budget as presented. After review, an adjusted budget was presented to the delegation that contained the following two adjustments:

- Line item 1110, "Convention Registration" - lowered to \$100,000 from previous budget \$135,600. (Current year actual income, through April month-end, was only \$45,195)
- Line item 4100, "Meals" - lowered to \$54,400 from previous budget of \$125,000. (Current expenses only totalled \$69,025, which included charges other than just meals.)

The final recommendation, following presentation of the updated budget, was as follows:

It is the recommendation of the Audit and Finance Committee that the State Budget be adopted as presented and edited, and that there shall be no change to the State Per Capita (currently \$14.00) or Per Diem Reimbursement (currently \$150) or the Mileage Reimbursement rate (currently .50/mile) for the Fraternal Year 2025-2026.

The Audit and Finance Committee acknowledges and reiterates that the proposed budget is a plan and is subject to some uncontrollable external forces.



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The Audit and Finance Committee expresses its confidence in the Executive Committee to continue prudent expense control in the coming Fraternal Year.

The Audit and Finance Committee expresses that if this year's Fraternal Year budget results in a year end surplus, we recommend that the Executive Committee retain the surplus in the State budget for potential use to support new programs or initiatives.

The delegation voted to accept the updated budget.

Report Prepared and Submitted by: Christopher McHugh – Chairman

50. Report of the Necrology Committee, Emory Montgomery

Worthy State Deputy, Reverend Fathers, Supreme Representative, State Officers, District Master, District Deputies, Delegates and Brothers All.

Our Necrology Mass was held on Saturday the 17th of May 2025 at 7:30am. The Mass was well attended by Brother Knights and their spouses and family members.

State Chaplain Bishop Emeritus the Most Reverend J. Kevin Boland was the Celebrant and Homilist.

He was assisted by our Associate State Chaplains Fr. Sunny Punnakuziyil and Fr. Christopher Hassel as well as Dom Francis Michael Stiteler, Abbot Emeritus, Monastery of the Holy Spirit. Also, Deacon Thomas Ryan and Deacon Jim Gibson joined the celebration.

The music provided by Michael Anderson and Jay Stoffer was extraordinary.

We thank all the clergy, deacons, and others for making it a beautiful Mass for our Dearly Departed

We read the names of 236 brother knights, spouses, and family members passing to their eternal rest within the past year.



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I would like to thank the committee members for their participation in the Mass:

Kevin York-State Secretary-Advisor

Kevin Berkel- Council 4913 Valdosta

Mark Mahaffey- Council 6514 Athens

Tony Maturo- Council 13491 Clarksville

Joe Yorio- Council 14348 Jasper

Ed O'Connor President of Knights of Columbus Charities of Georgia

At this time, for our dearly departed we pray, eternal rest grant them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through your Mercy O Lord, be allowed peaceful rest and eternity with you in Heaven. AMEN

Respectfully Submitted

Emory Montgomery
2025 Necrology Committee Chairman



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**ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS
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SATURDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

This Holy Mass is being offered for the repose of the souls of those brother Knights and family members who have died in last year.

Celebrant

Most Reverend J. Kevin Boland
Bishop Emeritus of Savannah
Georgia State Chaplain

Concelebrants

Fr. Sunny Punnakuziyil
Associate Georgia State Chaplain

Fr. Christopher R. Hassel
Associate Georgia State Chaplain

Dom Francis Michael Stiteler, OCSO
Abbot Emeritus, Monastery of the Holy Spirit

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Thomas Ryan



Prelude1: REMEMBRANCE

1. Oh, how could it be, that my God would welcome me, into this mystery. Say take this bread, take this wine, now the simple made divine, for any to receive.
By Your mercy, we come to Your table
By Your grace, You are making us faithful
- Refrain: Lord, we remember You; And remembrance leads us to worship; And as we worship You; Our worship leads to communion; We respond to Your invitation, we remember You
2. See His body, His blood, know that He has overcome, every trial we will face. None too lost to be saved, None too broken or ashamed, all are welcome in this place.
By Your mercy, we come to Your table
By Your grace, You are making us faithful
- Refrain
- Bridge: Dying You destroyed our death; Rising You restored our life
Lord Jesus, come in glory, Lord Jesus, come in glory,
Lord Jesus, come in glory, Lord Jesus, come in glory
- Refrain
- Final: We respond to Your invitation, we remember You

Prelude2: PEACE MY FRIENDS

1. Peace, I leave with you, my friends. Shalom my peace, in all you do. Peace, I leave with you, my friends, I give to you, so you can give to others, too.
2. To share his love is why I came, To show his kindness to all life.
Go now my friends and do the same, Until I come again...
3. Take my hand and be at peace, The spirit of our love I send;
And with this love you will be free, Until I come again...
4. With this love all life will know, That loneliness is at an end,
Rejoice my people though I go, For I will come again...





Prelude3: HOW GREAT THOU ART

1. Oh Lord, my God, When I, in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds Thy hands have made. I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, how great Thou art, how great Thou art. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, how great Thou art, how great Thou art.

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees. When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

Refrain

3. And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in. That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, and then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

Refrain

Entrance: HERE I AM, LORD

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky. I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin. My hand will save
I, who made the stars of night. I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord. If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone. Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame. I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide. 'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Reading 1 – Acts 13:44-52

On the following sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said. Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."

The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. The Jews, however, incited the women of prominence who were worshipers and the leading men of the city, stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm – Ps 11:4, 5, 7

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.



Gospel – John 14:7-14

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to Jesus, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father. And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it."

Homily

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Clergy

Msgr Patrick James "Jim" Costigan

Msgr Henry C. Gracz

SK Fr James Harrison

Fr Daniel P. O'Connell

Fr Michael Joseph O'Keeffe

Fr Fernando Molina Restrepo

Past State Deputy

SK Mark Wallace Hofmann

Former District Deputy

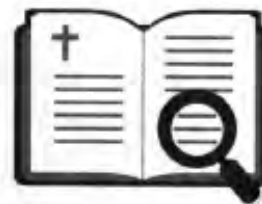
SK Timothy C. Dodderer

SK Kenneth Lucier

SK Frank Moran

SK James Toth Sr

SK Kevin Tracy





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Cornelius W. Benowitz
Richard J. Campbell
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Dennis M. Herb Sr
Walter J. Kenny Sr
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Lawrence P. Saunders
Ralph L. Woods

**** Council 660**

SK Edward Bauer

**** Council 677**

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Patrick Barney
James Donnelly
Gerald Hatch
Thomas C. Poteet Sr
Kenneth Redd
Richard Slaby
Tyler Snead

Faithful Scribe

Grand Knight
Advocate

**** Council 925**

Judy Bungee
Gail Furman
Kenneth Johnson
Tommy Union

Spouse
Spouse

**** Council 1019**

Melania Dailey
SK Glenn Kennedy
Luis Rivera Sr
Sara Silva

Spouse
Father of DD
Spouse

**** Council 3607**

Alan Ashley
SK Ed Ciesinsky
SK Joseph Cauley
SK Paul Laramore
SK Joseph Perry

Chancellor



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Emmerline Rudz	Spouse
SK Giuseppe Tatta	Deputy Grand Knight
Lawrence Valis	

**** Council 4371**

Ronald Falk	
Diana Kelsay	Spouse
SK William Kelsay	Grand Knight

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SK Scott Clark	Grand Knight
SK John Muysken	Warden
SK Ed Palmer	Inside Guard

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SK Dcn Thomas R. Shaver Jr	
SK Kenley J. Wilger	

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Jessie L. Clark	
Kenneth J. Hotcaveg	
K. Andrew Morrison Sr	
Fr Daniel P. O'Connell	Chaplain
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Vito J. Pellitteri Jr	

**** Council 5484**

Sandi Watkins	Spouse
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SK John E. Bucsek	Grand Knight
Alvin Clair	
Leventis Erhueh Sr	
SK Donald J. Gibbs Sr	
Kevin F. Macdonald	Grand Knight
SK Francis O. Onukwuli Sr	

**** Council 6514**

Thomas Charles Risher	
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**** Council 6517**

Robert Francis Oliver	
Nieves Avila	Spouse



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SK Edward Bauer	Warden
Jim Hynes	Warden
SK Ronald Mulvaney	
James O'Donnell	
SK Kevin Tracy	District Deputy

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SK Silvestro A. Messina	Life Director
Judith McCaffrey	Spouse
Cathy Rook	Spouse
SK James A. Weisbecker	

**** Council 6918**

SK Walter Young	Trustee
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**** Council 6920**

SK Claude Schneider	
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**** Council 7113**

Fr Michael Joseph O'Keeffe	Chaplain
Lt Col. Robert E. Usry	Inside Guard

**** Council 7416**

Emily Meyer	Spouse
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**** Council 7601**

Msgr Henry C. Gracz	Chaplain
Marianda Jordan	Spouse
Andres J. Ledo	
Barry C. Richardson	
Luvenia Sposaro	Spouse

**** Council 7662**

Margaret Mary "Margie" Bruner	Spouse
Robert James "Bob" Dinges	
Rafael Rangel	

**** Council 7923**

SK Ralph F. Oshinski	Financial Secretary
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Jacqueline Bates	Spouse of Past Grand Knight
Alyssa Coiro	Spouse
Kenneth Feldhaus	
SK Mamerto Velesco	
Edward Zuchinni	

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Lawrence F Goodrich Jr	
SK William "Bill" Hotz	Trustee
John J Marotto	
SK Edward Rousselot	
SK Mike Tushim	
SK James C. "Buck" Ward Jr	Lecturer

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Jo Anne Howe	Spouse
SK Robert J. Kaminski	
SK Robert J. Meismer	
SK Dr. Charles A. Meyer Jr	
William C. Miller	
Dr. Joseph R. Shaver	

**** Council 8731**

Janice Mock	Spouse
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**** Council 9339**

Arthene Bressler	Spouse of Former District Deputy
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**** Council 9792**

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Dcn Fred Jones	
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Ron Scepaniak	

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Carol Solana	Spouse
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Bernard D. Marino	
Margaret McCabe	Spouse
Robert Mohalley	
SK Brooks Patterson	
Shirley Pfafinger	Spouse
Jacque Shaffer	Spouse

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Teddy G. Henry	

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Robert Murphy	
Charles Oakes	
James Quinn	
Anthony Segura	
Gifford Shurmantine	



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** Council 12126	
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SK Jerry Jordan	
** Council 12287	
Michael E. Durkin	
** Council 12386	
Lazarus O. Akpuchukwu	
** Council 12580	
Dalton John Bourque	
SK Leroy "Chester" Brown	
SK Frank Moran	District Deputy
Joseph Angelo Schival	Grand Knight
Earl R. Thibodeau	Grand Knight
** Council 12862	
SK Roger E. Alley	
SK George Cabral	Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator
SK Horace Sweeting	
** Council 12905	
SK Fr James Harrison	Chaplain
Jeri Wagner	Spouse
SK Thomas H Wetzal	Treasurer
** Council 12942	
Eduardo Schonborn	
** Council 12984	
Kathy Abood	Spouse
Frank Fross	
SK Mark Wallace Hofmann	State Deputy
SK Benson Skinner Jr	
** Council 13052	
Armand Annarelli	Father of DD
Charles R. Stopczynski	
SK Dcn Edward Wilson	Trustee



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Richard Staebel

SK James Wilson

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Donna Crowley

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Father

Stanley Kierkla

Uncle

Royalann Leiker

Mother

Stewart Showalter

Father

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Paul Frevele

Grand Knight

**** Council 13440**

Robert Daley

SK Kenneth Lucier

District Deputy

Darlene Wenger

Spouse

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SK James E. Beckstine

Brett W. Braaten

SK Harold C. Friesen

SK Frank J. Liquori

Kim R. Tanis

**** Council 13491**

Thomas Garrett

Dr. Luther Elrod

**** Council 13808**

Brian Carlson

SK Jerry Robertson

Thomas Rutledge

**** Council 14181**

Thomas H. Petrosky

John E. Woolard

**** Council 14122**

Rose Alonzo

Spouse

SK Daniel O'Herron

Grand Knight



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Gregorio Lopez Jr	
** Council 14425	
Barbara McDonald	Spouse
Frank Palmisano	
** Council 14488	
SK Elmer Waterman	
** Council 14944	
SK Cary S. Kean	
** Council 15161	
Suzette Marie Snell	Spouse
** Council 15212	
Randolph "Randy" L. Collins	
Elowen Voyles	Daughter
** Council 15238	
Barbara Ann Dietzel	Spouse
Rich Jacobs	
Scot McEwen	
Dan Pezzotti	
Dcn Ray Richardson	
** Council 15716	
Lowell B Parkerson III	
** Council 15848	
Andrzej M. Zabinski	
** Council 15996	
SK Derick Wainwright	Trustee
** Council 16513	
J. David Piper	
** Council 16534	
John Burkart	Charter Member
Lisa Escutia	Spouse
Joan Gilmore	Spouse



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God our Father, Your power brings us to birth, Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command we return to dust. Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end. I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone. In company with Christ, Who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away. Unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever. Amen.

Blessed Michael McGivney

Pray for our departed brother Knights and family members

Preparation of Gifts: AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

Refrain: My chains are gone, I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me, and like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

3. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Refrain X 2

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine,
will be forever mine. You are forever mine.





Communion: PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

1. Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring Your love.
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.
2. Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.
3. O Master, grant that I may never seek.
So much to be consoled, as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.
4. Make me a channel of Your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
In giving to all men that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Meditation: I CAN ONLY IMAGINE

1. I can only imagine, what it will be like, when I walk by Your side. I
can only imagine, what my eyes would see, when Your face is
before me. I can only imagine Yeah
Refrain: Surrounded by your glory, what will my heart feel?
Will I dance for you Jesus, or in awe of You be still?
Will I stand in your presence, or to my knees, will I fall?
Will I sing hallelujah? will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine, I can only imagine
 2. I can only imagine, when that day comes; And I find myself,
standing in the son. I can only imagine, when all I will do is
forever, forever worship You. I can only imagine, yeah, I can only
imagine
Refrain
- Final: I can only imagine, yeah-yeah
I can only imagine, I can only imagine, I can only imagine
I can only imagine, when all I will do, is forever, forever worship
You. I can only imagine



Closing: GO IN PEACE

1. There will be no more darkness, there is no more night, no more night.
There will be no more sadness, only joy and light, joy and light.
Lift your eyes beyond the hills, and see the dawn.
There is beautiful mercy, in the arms of the holy one.

Refrain: Go in peace, God be with you, go in peace, be at rest.
With the saints and the angels, now you are free, go in peace.

2. See the Father is waiting, with a robe of white, purest white.
Go and feast at his table, with the bread of life, bread of life.
Lift your heart, rejoice and sing, for you are home.
Home at last and forever, in the arms of the holy one.

Refrain

Final: Go in peace, God be with you, go in peace, be at rest.
With the saints and the angels, now you are free, now you are free.
Go in peace, go in peace.





**Prayer for the Canonization of
Blessed Michael McGivney**

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor.

Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.





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Blessed Michael McGivney, Pray for Us!





51. Report of the Credentials Committee, Bill Gorny

Sunday - Delegate Count

Council	Registered Delegates	GK	PKG
631	2	Mark Corrigan	William Cope
677	2	David Waters	Justin Henderson
925	2	Samuel Williams	David Cousino
1019	2	Rodney Russell	Ross Pixler
1939	2	Gregory Marr	Donald Heinecke
3607	2	Richard Hendley	Joseph Hill
4358	2	Patrick Holmes	Jude Holmes
4371	2	Joseph DiDiego	Patrick Pepper
4410	2	Ramon Almaraz	Gregory Armstrong
4599	2	Richard Walsh	Thomas Holzman
4913	2	Charles White	Kevin Berkel
5484	2	Glenn Gaines	Karl Stevens
6352	2	Kermit Frazier	Francisco Galvan
6514	2	Alfred Fargione	Mark Mahaffey
6517	2	John Williams	Michael Maley
6532	2	Warren Wiltz	Thomas Murphy
6622	2	Edward Rainwater	Jonathan Mabe
6918	2	Jerome Germann	Tom Schulte
6920	2	George Farley	Donald Albrecht
7113	1	Ronald Akerman	
7416	1	Kieron Gleeson	
7601	2	Shawn Doucette	Hersel Gunn
7662	2	Miguel Trivino	Ricardo Miramontes
7923	2	Brian Jeffers	John Rago
8081	2	Michael Odom	Dennis Payton
8376	2	Peter Dapremont	Grant Grimes
8495	2	Dean Hollmann	Jonathan Deeter
8731	2	George Kichinko	Jerome Mock
8972	2	William Familo	Marshall Heard
9458	2	Gilberto Davila	Michael Koenig
9515	1		
9792	2	Edward Udell	David Bartnicki
9923	2	Tim Nord	John Cianfaglione
9975	2	Richard Staley	Robert Womack



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10004	2	Robert Aiken	Charles Doyle
10274	2	Marvin Manning	Thomas Dickerson
10362	1	Michael Meehan	
10541	2	Eric Windmoller	Pius Ogolowa
10579	1	Patrick McMahon	
10632	1	James Piper	
10633	2	Joseph Stein	Mark Fazio
10687	2	Trevor Hess	Ryan Ricks
10821	2	Francis Chukwudolue	Michael Sorrells
10866	2	Jamey Hermanns	Christopher Gannon
11058	2	Gregory Glaz	Brian Sartain
11340	2	Warren Inge	Thaddeus Mc Caustland
11402	2	Esnar Couvillion	Joseph Mitchell
11458	2	Alan Paluska	Reg Dudomaine
11461	2	Carl Micu	Robert Hauss
11637	2	Marshall Mimbs	Richard Breedlove
11746	2	Glenn Harahan	Charles Kittredge
11768	2	Bernard Palcisko	Patrick Haddock
12000	2	Donald Sequeira	Rowen Andrade
12287	2	Fabian Apodaca	Ryan Trafton
12386	1	Terry Duthu	
12580	2	David Chamberlain	Warren Bernard
12826	2	Kevin Leger	Bruce Buzzell
12862	2	David Keller	Maurice Maguire
12883	2	David Gagric	Renzo Gentile
12905	2	Michael Rutledge	Brendan Gomy
12942	2	Jeffrey Popowitz	Curt Misko
12948	1	Jerry Henry	
12984	0		
13052	2	Ken Brown	Anthony Annarelli
13161	2	John Pirrello	Charles Margiotta
13217	1	Kirk Manzo	
13229	1	Ted Xydias	
13437	1	Thomas Mills	
13440	2	Todd Morrow	William Childress
13457	1	Daniel West	



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13491	2	Anthony Maturo	Gerald Miller
13808	2	Michael Dutton	Richard Bartolotta
14122	1	Keith Schwaner	
14275	2	Patrick White	Vincent Borkowski
14348	2	Joseph Yorio	Edwin Collins
14425	2	Carlos Moreira	Jerry Baker
14439	2	Paul Tanguay	Aaron Gilstrap
14488	2	Raymond Ruda	Frank Bulin
14773	2	Timothy McCarthy	Rogelio Colon
14944	2	Tremaine Ross	Franz Haller
15161	1	William Snell	
15238	2	Larry Suarez	Ivan Pankhurst
15716	1	Andrew Smith	
15848	1	Russell Ford	
15996	2	Peter Kruszka	William O'Halleran
16356	1	Douglas Corteville	
16534	0		
17969	2	Vincent Toner	Arnold Terrell
18218	1	Juan Pelaez	
18427	2		
18717	2	Thomas Cline	Joseph Thibeau
State Deputy	1	T.J. Mc Caustland	
State Secretary	1	Kevin York	
State Treasurer	1	Paul Zock	
State Advocate	1	Michael Basak	
State Warden	1	Ladd Rosipal	
IPSD	1	James Clifford	
State Chaplain	1	Very Rev. J. Kevin Boland	

Council Delegates	157	of	160
State Officers	7		
Total Delegates	164		



52. Report of the Ceremonials Committee, Pedro Villacorta

Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Clergy, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, delegates and brothers all:

This fraternal year, we have continued the transition back to perform in-person exemplifications. Many of our councils have formed their own teams and are conducting live exemplifications.

As we all know, these exemplifications are open to family members and guests, allowing a new knight's family to better understand who we are, what we do, and what we believe in.

Unfortunately, some councils are having difficulty finding a time when several candidates can be at an exemplification at the same time. Exemplifications are more meaningful when there are more candidates, more guests and family members of candidates and existing brother knights. Some of the councils have been able to make the participation higher by performing it during the social meeting, where they start with the Rosary with knights, prospects and families, move to the exemplification and then have a dinner (as is now the standard procedure at Council 10633). Others have resorted to Saturday morning exemplifications, starting with either Holy Hour, Rosary and sometimes Mass, with the exemplification followed by a small get-together.

While some districts only conduct in-person exemplifications, the use of the online exemplification continues to serve us well, where the video is presented to the new Knight in the company of other Knights, or by the new member alone. This last one allows councils to bring new members when an in-person exemplification is not feasible due to scheduling complexities or other constraints. The format also allows councils to engage the new members more quickly in their activities,



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events and building fraternity.

Just a key point to remember, teams are permitted to read the script. Performances from memory are encouraged but not required and just remember first impressions are lasting impressions. Teams should view the online video and practice prior to conducting any exemplification, and the preferred attire for the presenters is suit and tie with ceremonial baldric. At the very minimum, shirt, blazer and slacks with ceremonial baldric.

It is important to remember is the wearing of the fourth-degree regalia should be reserved for 4th degree events. The ceremonial baldric is not part of the fourth-degree uniform, since the exemplification of charity, unity and fraternity brings new and advanced members to the third-degree status, the uniform would not be appropriate dress for the presenters of that degree.

Should Priests take the exemplification of charity, unity and fraternity by observation? It's the Priest's decision to participate, and the warden should talk to the Priest candidates before the ceremony.

One final reminder, the exemplification details, including the script and video for the online exemplification can be found on the Supreme website at kofc.org/ceremonials.

Thank you.

Vivat Jesus!

Pedro Villacorta, DD13, Ceremonials Committee Chairman



53. Report on Knights of Columbus Charities of Georgia, Ed O'Connor

KCCG 2024

The Knights of Columbus Charities of Georgia is a 501(c)3 Charity for the GA state council.

We had a good year 2024.

Due to tax laws we go by the calendar year.

We brought in over \$594,000.00 for the year 2024.

And donated over \$570,000.00 for the year.

This included Disaster relief, Ultrasounds, various charities requested by the state councils and membership.

We receive donations many ways. Direct deposit, online donations and mail in checks.

We had a good response on our yearly appeal letter, Approx. \$25,000.00 and received a over \$50,000.00 donations for the disaster relief funds. We were able to make many donations to south GA to aid brothers in need. Our state officers delivered food, water and other needs across south and east GA. We also received some donations from other state councils to assist our brothers.

We also made donations to California, Tennessee, and North Carolina

Some of your good works were seen both Friday and Saturday night.

Friday

10K to 10 individual Special Olympic chapters to be determined.

10K to the Benedictine Monastery in Savannah. (pennies for heaven)

10K to the Warriors to Lourdes

10K to Council 10633 for material to build a house in Guatemala (Porch de Salomon)

Saturday

20K to the State Special Olympics to support the games.

20K to Catholic Charities of South GA

20K to the Monastery of the Holy Spirit (pennies for Heaven)

For a total of \$100,000.00 just this weekend

This was all from the donations from brother Knights.

Myself and the board would like to thank you .

Give your selves and Brother Knights an applause.

State Charity raffle The state council or KCCG does not make any money from the raffle. All goes to the charities your council chooses from your ticket sales. The winners, and what is left is split among 3 charities chosen by the committee.

Total money raised

Total tickets sold

Total council participating



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The 3 charities that will be sharing in the profits.

Abby's Angles, Newnan GA Supports Closets at all schools in Coweta county with school supplies, and other needed items. Also Sponsors teen driving programs.

Siblings forever, Young Harris GA Offers camps and other year-round programs to bring foster children and siblings together.

Sisters of the Poor of Jesus Christ, Cedartown GA. Our Focus is Street, Prison, ministries, at risk youth and evangelization. They have 70 houses in 15 countries, 4 here in the US.

54. Report of Community Director, Tom Schuler

Reverend Father, Supreme Representative, Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, Delegates and Brothers All,

It has been an incredibly rewarding year, and I am honored to have served as Community Director.

Our Community Programs have made a significant impact not only within our parishes, cities, and towns but also across Georgia and beyond. From providing wheelchairs and warm winter coats to organizing youth sporting events and much more, councils have implemented numerous outstanding programs and events that have greatly benefited their communities. The entries for state program awards in the Community category were truly inspiring.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our District Deputies, Grand Knights, council officers, and brother knights for their unwavering dedication to supporting our communities. I must also acknowledge the exceptional Program Chairmen, whose leadership is crucial to the success of all our Community programs.

Lastly, I would like to express my appreciation to the State officers, State Programs Director, and my fellow Directors for their guidance, advice, and support.

I am excited about the future and look forward to achieving even greater success.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom Schuler
FDD, State Community Director



55. Report of Life Director, Dave Schofield

Updates provided in reports by State treasurer, Program Director, and KCCG President

56. Report of Holy Hour Chairman, Dennis Klein

Worthy State Deputy, District Deputies, Grand Knights:

I am attaching the final Holy Hour Report for the fiscal year 2024 - 2025.

I am asking each District Deputy and Grand Knight to please review the report for any errors and, if so, report them to me. I apologize in advance if you do find an error.

I am pleased to report that there was a nice increase in Councils that had opted for the Holy Hour or the Rosary, or the Adoration in their program. I realize that it's sometimes difficult to take on another program, but as you can see by the report, many Grand Knights have done so, and for that, I congratulate them for doing so.

As always, I am available to answer any questions you might have. Just email me and I promise to get back to you with an answer.

God Bless,
Dennis Klein
Holy Hour Chairman

Council Report
Holy Hour/Rosary /Adoration
2024 – 2025

District 2 – DD Mark McMullen

Council 8568 GK Kevin Schneider
Holy Hour/Holy Rosary

Council 9458 GK Ross Martinez
Holy Hour/Holy Rosary/Adoration

Council 13808 GK Mike Dutton
Holy Rosary/Adoration

Council 14425
Rosary

District 3 – DD Dennis Foster

Council 16356 GK Doug Corteville
Holy Rosary



District 4 – DD Kevin Berkel

Council 10541

Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration

District 5 – DD Luis Rivera

Council 1019 GK-Jim Brinson/Advocate Program Director

Holy Hour/Holy Rosary/ Adoration

District 6 – DD Ed Armijo

Council 14488 GK Raymond Ruda

Holy Rosary

District 7 – DD Ken Athaide

Council 6517 GK Parker Ransom

Adoration/Rosary

Council 11402 GK E. J. Couvillion

Holy Rosary/Adoration

District 8 – DD Emory Montgomery

Council 13457 GK Daniel West

Adoration Hour

Council 15212

Adoration

District 10 – DD Arnie Terrell

Council 6514 GK Al Fargione

Holy Rosary/Adoration

Council 18154 GK John Dunn

Holy Hour/Rosary

District 11 – DD Tony Annarelli

Council 8376 GK Joel Dean

Holy Rosary/Adoration

Council 9792 GK David Bartniki

Holy Rosary

Council 10362 GK Mike Meehan

Holy Rosary/Adoration



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Council 10632 GK Jimmy Piper
Holy Hour/Rosary

District 12 – DD Chris McHugh

Council 4599 GK Pat Nash
Rosary

Council 12386 GK Paul Bailey
Rosary/Adoration

Council 16425 GK Bryan Marks
Rosary

Council 16513 GK Mike Davis
Rosary

District 13 – DD Pedro Villacorta

Council 10633
Holy Hour/Rosary/Adoration

Council 12883
Holy Hour/Rosary/Adoration

Council 14944 GK Travis Matthews
Holy Hour/Rosary/Adoration

Council 18218
Holy Hour/Rosary/Adoration

District 14 – DD Stacey Chadwick

Council 6920 GK George Farley
Rosary

District 15 – DD Bob Bergeron

Council 9923 GK David Bobe
Rosary/Adoration

Council 11768 GK Rich Wierman
Holy Rosary/Adoration

Council 12826 GK Kevin Leger
Holy Hour

Council 15996 GK Jerome Day
Rosary



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District 16 – Chris Bell

Council 13217 GK Soulith Saysanavong
Holy Rosary

Council 12942 GK Tony Terbrueggen
Rosary

District 18 – DD Thomas Fagbamiye

Council 8731 GK Dan Jones
Rosary

Council 10821 GK Robert Austin Sewell
Holy Hour

Council 12287 GK Fabian Apodaca
Holy Rosary

Council 16534
Holy Hour

District 19 – DD Thomas Lanyi

Council 6622 GK Edward Rainwater
Holy Hour

Council 11458
Holy Hour/Rosary

Council 12862
Rosary

District 20 – DD Bob Aiken

Council 10004 GK Bob Hornback
Holy Hour/ Adoration

District 22 – DD Rick Graff

Council 14348 GK Joe Yorio
Holy Rosary/Adoration

District 23 – DD Ken Boone

Council 13229 GK Ted Heiderscheit
Rosary

Council 13440 GK Robert Barnard
Rosary



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District 24 – DD Brian Musha

Council 6918 GK Tom Schulte
Holy Rosary/Adoration

Council 8495 GK Ti. McCarthy
Holy Hour/Adoration/Rosary

Council 14773 GK Tim McCarthy
Rosary/Holy Hour

District 25 – DD Paul Tanguay

Council 10866 GK Chris Gannon
Holy Hour/Holy Rosary/Adoration

District 26 – DD Keith Wagner

Council 13437 GK David Mills
Holy Hour/Rosary

57. Report of Pennies for Heaven Chairman, Tom Schuler

Reverend Fathers, Supreme Representative, Worthy State Deputy, State Officers,
Delegates and Brothers All:

The ongoing efforts of the Pennies for Heaven program of providing support for the important Catholic institutions here in Georgia, The Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers and the Benedictine Priory, in Savannah as the program's beneficiaries.

During the period from April 1st 2024 and April 1st 2025 28 councils and 14 individuals donated \$17421.38. This amount averages out to \$0.89 per Georgia Knight. As you can see , we still have a long way to get 100% of the councils involved.

This year our annual awards format has been changed to a per-member average, giving small and large councils a more balanced opportunity to win a first, second or third place award

This years winning council averaged over \$10 per member. A truly outstanding effort.

The support of Councils, Assemblies and Individual Knights is paramount to the success of the PFH program. Knights of Columbus Charities of Georgia will be presenting the proceeds of this year's efforts this weekend. In the coming year we will attempt to raise awareness of the program to increase participation thus increasing donations to both the



Conyers and Savannah Monasteries.

Online giving has been encouraged as a way for members to do more. Individuals can make tax deductible donations online.

I strongly urge all council leaders to encourage the members of their respective councils to commit to participating by saving spare change, holding fundraising events, and earmarking funds from fish fries or other council events.

It has been, as always, both an honor and a privilege to serve the Georgia State Council and our religious brothers and sisters this year And I look forward to still greater success and continued growth in the future

Vivat Jesus

Submitted this 17th day of May 2025
Fraternally,
Tom Schuler FDD
Chairmen, Pennies for Heaven Program

58. Unfinished Business

None

59. New Business

Under the rules of the Order, election of state officers for the upcoming fraternal year shall be the first item of new business taken up by state councils. The following brother Knights were elected to the positions indicated:

59.1. Election of State Deputy for 2025/2026 Fraternal Year

One nomination – elected by unanimous ballot
State Deputy, Kevin York

59.2. Election of State Secretary for 2025/2026 Fraternal Year

One nomination – elected by unanimous ballot
State Secretary, Paul Zock

59.3. Election of State Treasurer for 2025/2026 Fraternal Year

One nomination – elected by unanimous ballot
State Treasurer, Mike Basak



59.4. Election of State Advocate for 2025/2026 Fraternal Year

One nomination – elected by unanimous ballot
State Advocate, Ladd Rosipal

59.5. Election of State Warden for 2025/2026 Fraternal Year

State Warden, Christopher Bell (90)
Two other candidates were running; Thomas Fagbamiye (43) and Brian Musha (27)

59.6. Election of Delegates & Alternates to the 143rd Supreme Convention

Georgia has 10 Delegates to the Supreme Convention, by rule the State Deputy and Immediate Past State Deputy are automatically delegates. Therefore eight (8) Delegates and alternates are elected. The 3 Insurance Delegates and five Associate Delegates are assigned in order of votes received followed by the alternates in order of votes received. Those in bold are the Elected Delegates to the 143rd Supreme Convention to be held in Washington DC, August 4-7, 2025.

59.7. Announcement of delegates to the 143rd Annual Supreme Convention

Nominee	Votes	
Ladd Rosipal	104	Delegate
Brian Musha	93	Delegate
Christopher Bell	92	Delegate
Mike Basak	91	Delegate
Paul Zock	86	Delegate
Arnie Terrell	81	Delegate
Tim Bair	75	Delegate
Thomas Fagbamiye	75	Delegate
Jim Clifford	64	1 st Alternate
Thaddeus M ^c Caustland II	57	2 nd Alternate
Ed O'Connor	56	3 rd Alternate
Mark McMullen	52	4 th Alternate
Brian Sartain	50	5 th Alternate
Brad Burnett	42	6 th Alternate
Don DeClue	31	7 th Alternate
Bob Aiken	27	8 th Alternate

59.8. Election of KCCG Board Member



One nomination – elected by unanimous ballot

John Cianfaglione FDD, PFN, Special Olympics and CPWID Chairman.

60. Summary of State Program Award Winners, Rich Parcels, State Program Director

Life

1. Council 12862, Sharpsburg, Grand Knight David Keller, Support for Special Olympics
2. Council 1019, Columbus, Grand Knight Douglas Linden, Pregnancy Support Center.
3. Council 6920, Gainesville, Grand Knight George Farley, Monument to the Unborn

Faith

1. Council 18218, Duluth, Grand Knight Juan Pelaez, Nativity Scene Contest
2. Council 11402, Dunwoody, Grand Knight E.J. Couvillion, Pumpkin Profits Provide Peaceful Place for Prayers
3. Council 13376, Clayton, Grand Knight Thomas Buckridge, Nativity Project for the Church

Community

1. Council 8972, Tyrone, Grand Knight Bill Familo, Knights at the Races
2. Council 10633, Johns Creek, Grand Knight Joseph Stein, Columbarium Project
3. Council 13440, Snellville, Grand Knight Todd Morrow, Back to School with the Knights

Family

1. Council 9792, Marietta, Grand Knight Edward Udell, The Fifth Station – I Will Carry Your Burden
2. Council 12580 Lithia Springs, Grand Knight David Chamberlain, Sleep in Heavenly Peace
3. Council 8495, Grovetown, Grand Knight Dean Hollmann, Catholic Social Services Food Bank Move

61. Knight of the Year



Former District Deputy, **Bill Kulovitz**, from Grovetown, Financial Secretary Council 8495.

62. Family of the Year

Urmil and Patricia Parekh and children Amisha, Ria, Eli, Chase, and King
St. Benedict Council 10633, Johns Creek, Georgia.

63. Chaplain of the Year – Blessed Michael McGivney Award

Father Scott Winchell, Bishop Gross Council 1019, Columbus, Georgia.
Pastor of St. Anne, Dean of Columbus Deanery, Vicar General for the Savannah Diocese.

64. Remarks of the Convention Committee Chairman, Paul Tanguay

Worthy State Deputy. (There's no more Chaplains.) Officers, brothers all again.

I am your convention committee chairman and 2029 and 2030 we are tentatively in Savannah in 2029 and 2030 will be Jekyll Island.

We are still negotiating with those two hotels as well. So, prices are not firm and we'll let you know when they are.

65. Report of Executive Secretary, Tim Bair

Worthy Supreme Representative and Brothers all. It's been a pleasure to serve as the State Executive Secretary again this year.

As you can see in front of you, the Worthy State Deputy is handing the district deputies your expense checks. So you can get those from your District Deputy.

You guys made it fairly easy this year with the delegate certification forms. Next year, Please please please someone, you read the instructions please. Don't think you know how to fill it out because we changed the form a little bit and we'll remind you again next year, right before the Convention.

It was a pretty good convention. I know that Phil Aitken did a great job out there. Too bad he's not in here to give him a round of applause, but go ahead and give him a round of applause.

I look forward to seeing everybody back here at convention next year. Now is the time to plan for next year's convention. Don't wait till the month before. All right, and thank you.



66. Remarks by the State Deputy-elect

Worthy State Deputy, Your Excellency, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy General Agent, Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Delegates, Brother Knights:

A few brief comments today.

Today I embark on a new chapter in my journey as a Knight of Columbus. It has been a fairly long and winding road, but it has been an immense blessing along the way. I have put a lot of effort into my Knights of Columbus membership, but as the Lord promised, I have always received a hundred-fold in return.

I am truly honored and humbled to step into the position of State Deputy. So many great men, not only here in Georgia, but indeed around the world have stood in these shoes. As I assume this new role, I am confident that Georgia will continue our legacy of making Blessed McGivney proud. I am excited for what we can accomplish, but there is a tinge of another emotion tugging at me. It is difficult to pick a single word to describe it. Basically, will I be the man that helps Georgia strengthen and broaden the vision of our blessed founder? I take great comfort as I recall the words our beloved Fr. Ray said to me many times. I am not here today as State Deputy elect because I want to be here, I am here in this position today because God has chosen it for me. It is His plan that has brought me here, and it is His grace and power that will guide me and the Georgia State Council into the future.

Warden-elect Chris, congratulations on your achievement today. I hope you are ready for what you wished for! I look forward to working with you in the coming years. To Thomas and Brian, I know that you are disappointed right now, but I need you to shake it off and continue to be the steadfast loyal Knights of Columbus I know you to be. You are not warden-elect today, but you are exactly where God wants you to be today. You must trust in His plan for you.

As the Georgia State Council goes forward, we must know and understand where we have been. Please join me now in thanking TJ for his leadership and service during his term as our State Deputy.

As TJ reported yesterday, the Georgia State Council is strong. We have



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expanded and increased many things over the last 2 years. I'm going to let you in on a little secret...it's not his fault! You leaders, and all the men in our local councils, are the ones who have made it such a success. TJ stated several times that in many cases, his job as state deputy was to stay out of your way and let you succeed. I am certain that I will find the same. All the great work of our Order is done by the local councils. Keep up the great work.

The Georgia State Council is on a very good path of late; we need to keep the momentum going. I do not have any magic formula to make this happen, but I do know that we have many tools at our disposal and we will all work together. We have a very strong team of District Deputies, the majority of which will be continuing to serve. Thank you, gentlemen. I have chosen my former pastor, Fr Juan Areiza to be my State Chaplain. He and I have a very close relationship, and I am looking forward to many fun and rewarding opportunities with Fr Juan. Fr Chris and Fr Sunny will continue to serve as our Associate State Chaplains.

My long-time great friend Mr. Brian Sartain is coming on board as our membership director. Rich Parcels will continue as our program director. I will be working diligently in the coming days to finalize our full slate of directors and chairmen. If you or any of your council members are interested in a position, please let me know.

As we move forward into the future, we will have quotas. We will have goals. Numbers and goals are a fact of life and a fact in the Knights of Columbus, but that is not what it's all about. It's about putting coats on kids, feeding families, strengthening families in their Holy Catholic faith, saving babies from the horror of abortion, helping those whose homes are damaged or destroyed and many many more. I do not want us to focus on numbers; I want us to focus on the good that we do.

Enemies from all around are trying to destroy our faith and destroy our families. We must fight back. We do not have to do it alone! We have an advocate. We have a guardian angel that we can call on. I have chosen St. Micheal the Archangel as our patron for the coming year. I was drawn nearly inexplicably to St. Michael earlier this year as I pondered who our patron would be. Maybe it was divine inspiration, since as we now know, our new Pope Leo XIV was elected on the anniversary of apparitions of Saint Michael the Archangel on Mount Gargano in Italy. His Leo predecessor, Pope Leo XIII wrote the St. Michael prayer that all of us should know and that we will hear many times in



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the year ahead at our Knights of Columbus meetings and gatherings. Please join me in that prayer now.

Under the protection of St. Michael the archangel, the Georgia State Council will be aided and defending in all that we do.

We lost a great Knight of Columbus, and I lost a very close friend a little over a week ago, PSD Mark Hofmann. I was so looking forward to sharing the joys and successes of my time as State Deputy with my friend. God had other plans. Rest in Peace my friend.

Gentlemen, I do not want to linger and keep you from your wives and travel home any longer. I eagerly look forward to working with you in the year ahead. As our supreme representative told us earlier, let us finish this year strong. This will poise us for a great start to the new fraternal year as well. Please mark your calendars and plan to have your council attend the officer meetings on July 12th and July 19th. We will gather to hear all the great plans from our team for the upcoming year.

TJ tells me that calendar planning can be very challenging as State Deputy. Please be sure to get your dates on my calendar as soon as possible.

Thank you once again gentlemen for affording me the opportunity to be your state deputy. Together, we will keep the Georgia State Council healthy and strong.

Vivat Jesus!



67. Good of the Order

5/18/25 Good of the ORDER

Sick of St. Mary's Courthouse	
JAN FARLEY ST MICHAEL'S 6920	
SICK OF ST MICHAEL PARISH	
Rick Fuscherman 6918	
Leo Suer and Suzanne 6918 Suer 6918	
Joe Almeter 6918	
Bill Horstkamp 6622	
ALANA MARXBE 6532	
JIM HYNES 6532	
JOHN DANIELS 6532	
KHYA TABOR 6532	
Michael May 6517	
John Williams 6517	
JOHN WESTMAN 6514	
BOB WATSON 7416	
Bob Hays 7416	
ALAN COXCOM 7601	
SHANN J. DANCEHE 7601	
Consuelo F. Gunn 7601	
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Claude, Dee Dee Gunn 7601	
ABRAHAM MICHAKOUB 7662	
HILTON FAMILY 7662	
Ralph Oshinski 7923	
Tracy Hill 7923	
ROD PLUES 8081	
FRANK DESIADIS 8081	
Phil Chandemi 8376	
Jim Matthews 8376	
Lee Wagner 8376	
JACK RAYOLME 8495	
Jeanie Wood	
Moises ZUNGA 9792	



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Chuck White 4913

Mike Harpenau 1599

Fr. Paul 4410

Fr. Miller 4410

Fr. Rags 4410

Elizabeth P. Acosta 4410

Martha Almaraz Sandoval 4410

Martha P. Almaraz 4410

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Blake Gruber

Eddie Clark

Jeanette Berkel

Bob Tolle

Hanna Everitt

JAMES A. RAY

Michelle Everitt

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Joan Berkel

Paul Cline + Family

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Jesse Blackwelder

Conrad Quezar

Richard Capozzoli

Franz Haller

Jackson Ross

Ashely Wilkins

Terris Ross

Jerris Raiford

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MANDI MONTGOMERY + BABY

John Westman

TOMY CAROCCO

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68. Closing Convention Remarks, State Deputy TJ M^c Caustland

I have no great words of wisdom to inspire you with.

You wanna be inspired? Look yourself in the mirror and say I have done a good job. I will continue to do a good job. I will do everything to the best of my abilities and that will probably be more than good enough.

Time prohibits me from coming and shaking all of your hands individually and saying thank you.

But I've had a really good time. I've enjoyed almost every minute of being State Deputy. I thank you all.

I thank you all.

I thank you all!

I cannot say just how proud I am to be a member of the Georgia State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

And that's because of all of you.

Vivat Jesus!

69. Spiritual Message and closing prayer

[Chaplains all had to return to their parishes. Closed with an Our Father]

70. Adjournment of the 123rd Annual Meeting of the Georgia State Council

1:30 PM, by the State Deputy.

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