


Fourth Degree Report




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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 

PATRIOTIC ORDER OF THE FOURTH DEGREE

GEORGIA DISTRICT - DeSOTO PROVINCE



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Master of Georgia

Faithful Friar - S.K. Fr. Christopher Hassel
 District Marshal of the Archdiocese of Atlanta - S.K. Edward O'Connor
 District Marshal of the Diocese of Savannah - S.K. Patrick McMahon

VIVAT JESUS!

“ONE NATION UNDER GOD”



**Supreme Master
Sir Michael McCusker**



**DeSoto Province
Vice Supreme Master
Sir Daniel Barton**

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Let's take a look back

Supreme's changes in recruiting

- Bring 1 out of every 5 eMembers into the Fourth Degree.



Why the recruiting change?



- Simply because nation wide and more importantly, Order wide, the Patriotic Degree has not been keeping up with the Membership Degree Brother Knights.
- The eMembership program has been successful in revitalizing our Councils after the covid pandemic.
- This formula keeps districts at 20% of State intake growth

Simply Said



We aren't keeping up with our deaths

- In Georgia, some Assemblies have lost more members than they brought in or were close.

Hard Truth



- Unlike Georgia, some Districts nationwide are simply not recruiting even close to 20% of their State intake.
- Some Assemblies have recruited zero new members last year.
- Closer to home, even in Georgia, we had 3 Assemblies recruit zero new members last year.

The Genius Behind the Change



You can't become a Sir Knight until you first become a Brother Knight

- The new change forced Assemblies to work with their Councils.
- This created Fraternal Brotherhood united toward growing State membership.
- It introduced the Patriotic Degree quicker to our newest brothers.

New 2026/27 FY Goal



- I am asking for the Faithful Navigator, Captain, Commander, and Admiral be invited to every Council Exemplification
- Maintain your own Council level dress code. Its your Exemplification ceremony
- But give the Assembly an opportunity to speak with the eMembers about the Patriotic Degree.
- Allow the Assembly leaders to begin this networking with our newest Brother Knights

District Deputies-The Fourth Degree Needs Your Help

How should the Assembly

respond? Regional Marshals will enforce compliance



- If the District Deputy or Grand Knight contacts the Assembly, they will be expected to send at least one of the four leaders. All four would be preferred.
- They are to come in Fourth Degree dress, i.e name badge, Fourth Degree uniform, or tux/suit with social baldric. The intention is for the Visual Arm of the Order to truly be visual.
- ****Assembly leaders should never wear the council ceremonial baldric over the Fourth Degree uniform.
- Just come as honored guests, with a welcoming roll for our newest Brother Knights.

Benefits of this change

Improved Visibility and Camaraderie



- It gives recruiting Catholic males into our Order a unified front
- It forces the non-recruiting Assemblies to become actively involved with our new Brother Knights.
- It should allow 100% recruiting by all Georgia District Assemblies.

2025/26 Fraternal Year Success



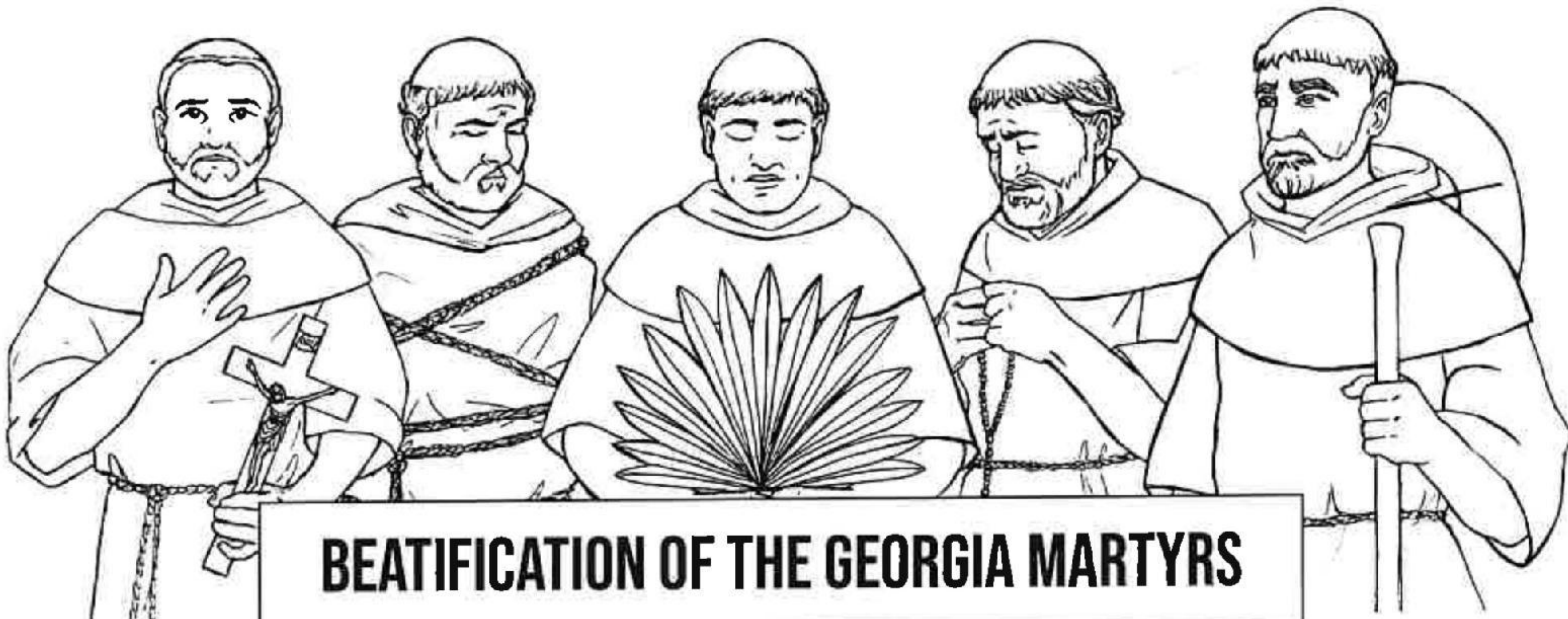
- 19 Georgia Assemblies earned the Star Award
- 22 Assemblies are Civic Award recipients
- Georgia District led the DeSoto Province with over 95% membership growth

2026/27 Fraternal Year Success



Getting Better

- 26 Georgia Assemblies are Star eligible
- 26 Assemblies are Civic Award eligible
- Georgia District exceeded 102% membership growth, joining South Carolina and Puerto Rico in the DeSoto Province exceeding full membership growth



BEATIFICATION OF THE GEORGIA MARTYRS

Beatification of the Georgia Martyrs



Mark your calendar, October 31st in Savannah

- Goal of 100-150 Sir Knights in Honor Guard service
- Goal of every Assembly Color Corps represented at the Beatification.
- Anticipate Supreme leaders
- Anticipate Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops and many clergy.
- Anticipate media personnel
- It's time for Georgia to shine!

Color Corps Honor Guard Training

**August 22nd at
Sacred Heart Catholic
Church, 1707 Bull St
Savannah.**

**Fourth Degree
Exemplification of
Patriotism**



Mission for this Fraternal Year

Engagement and Training

- We will focus on continuing to grow the Color Corp
- We will focus on guardsmen training
- We will focus on service to Church and Community
- We will focus on membership growth.



What Is Star?

Star is your navigational compass

- Star requirements leads your Assembly in the direction of growth, viability, and service to Church and Country.
- Star allows leaders to lead the Assembly toward a brighter future.
- Star keeps your members informed and engaged in Patriotic/Civic Programs





Vivat Jesus!