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From The State Deputy



The order in Georgia continues to grow! I'm happy to report to you that as of the end of March, we are **THIRD** in the membership growth! **CONGRATULATIONS!** You are doing a great job!

But, we are not done. We are going for **NUMBER ONE** in the Order and this is the year!!! I'm confident that together, we can make it happen.

In the fourth quarter, we need to re-intensify our efforts to recruit new members and reduce our suspensions. This is the time of year that suspensions rise dramatically. We can reduce that problem if you will make sure that your retention committee contacts all members that are possible suspensions. Find out why their dues are in arrears. You may get a surprise and have the opportunity to help a brother stay with us. Remember, every member saved is like a member gained!

On the recruitment side, we have finished the "Spring Blitz". Now we need to get the prospects through the first degree. Our Supreme Knight has just announced a great incentive. Grand Knights can win an all expense paid trip to the Supreme Convention in Nashville this coming August. To qualify, you need to have a net membership gain of 5 (five) members in this fourth quarter. All Grand Knights should have received a letter from the Supreme Knight with the details. If you have any questions, contact your District Deputy.

In our last State Newsletter, you saw the results of our First State Soccer Challenge. I'm happy to report that **two of the ten International winners were our Georgia youth. CONGRATULATIONS** to:

- 10 Year Old Girls Champion - Kaila Green from Tyrone Council #8972 and
- 11 Year Old Boys Champion - Nolan Keppin from Evans council #8495.

This is a great finish to our first state challenge!

The 105th Georgia State Council Annual Meeting and Convention is right around the corner. I hope that you will join us at Jekyll Island for this informative and fun weekend. Will see you there!

John Brenner - State Deputy



The Official Gavel will be handed to the new State Deputy, who will take office beginning on July 1st. We need to support whoever that may be with our efforts and enthusiasm.



Our Lady of Guadeloupe,
Pray for us

Father McGivney Placed The Knights of Columbus on Firm Footings of Faith and Fraternity



In his First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul speaks of building up the Church. “Everyone,” he says, “must be careful how he builds. No one can lay a foundation other than the one that has been laid, namely, Christ Jesus. If different ones build on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, the work of each will be made clear. The Day will disclose it” (1 Cor 3:10-13).

In this anniversary year, we celebrate how the Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney built the Knights on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ. Of course, we don’t usually think of Father McGivney as a “brick-and-mortar” man. At the end of his all-too-short life, he had not built a sprawling corporate headquarters or even a church or chapel. Instead, he left behind something much more precious and enduring.

In viewing the astonishing growth and financial success of the Knights over the past 125 years, we may be tempted to conclude that the Order’s strength is due to the fact that Father McGivney was a businessman at heart. No doubt he was astute and energetic. In 1881, he brought together a few dozen men in the basement of St. Mary’s to discuss founding a fraternal society that would pay insurance benefits to members’ families. In doing so, he demonstrated natural leadership ability. Without being cynical or self-serving, he quickly mastered the most difficult aspect of leadership — the art of dealing with other people charitably, justly and effectively. A man of hope and inner strength, he knew how to overcome opposition from outside the Church and also from within.

Father McGivney also knew when to be assertive and when to step back, when to act and when to wait. He also did his homework. In their masterful biography, *Parish Priest*, Douglas Brinkley and Julie M. Fenster write that Father McGivney became New Haven’s resident expert on fraternal societies and the insurance industry. These biographers reveal that the life insurance formula he set in place has stood the test of time. And with more than \$61 billion of Knights of Columbus Insurance currently in force, we could easily conclude that this is his most enduring legacy.

I would argue, however, that this is not the case. Pope John Paul II once said that “Father McGivney’s vision remains as relevant as ever in the changing circumstances of today’s Church and society.” The source of his vision was not his leadership skills, business acumen or energy. It was his holiness — his deep relationship of love with Jesus Christ. He was a truly holy parish priest who loved the Lord so much that he dedicated his every waking hour to prayer and to helping his parishioners grow in the likeness of Christ. Like a good husband and father, he loved his parishioners and made them a true family of faith. Like a good shepherd, he knew the people to whom he was sent. He knew their joys and sorrows, their hopes and dreams, their doubts and dilemmas. Out of those experiences, he realized the need for a benevolent fraternal association rooted solidly in Christ and in the Church.

Without a doubt, Father McGivney was ahead of his time. Long before the Second Vatican Council focused on the laity’s involvement in evangelizing culture and in strengthening the life of the Church, Father McGivney enabled his beloved Knights and their families to participate wholeheartedly in building up the Body of Christ. Long before the contemporary assault on the family and unborn children, Father McGivney supported family life and the protection of the vulnerable. And long before today’s focus on men’s spirituality, Father McGivney provided a means for husbands and fathers to grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord and of the faith. He helped equip them to fulfill their role in the family, in the workplace and in society at large.

As we enter this anniversary year, we have much for which to be grateful. May we celebrate our 125th anniversary by redoubling our prayers for the beatification and canonization of the Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney, the architect and builder of our Order!

Excerpted from *Columbia Magazine* - Father William E. Lori - Supreme Chaplain

From The State Master & Ceremonials Director



Brothers, we are well under way to getting our First Degree Teams certified in the new degree. Spring and summer are rapidly approaching, so don't let your Council lag behind. Keep up the good work and let's get all our Teams certified.

As we approach the Exemplification in April, you need to start planning for the one in October. It will be held on October 13, 2007 at the Airport Marriott Hotel. All the other details will be sent out in early summer.

Congratulations to our newest Assembly, The Alpine Assembly #3023 in Clarkesville.

ALSO NOTE:

This is the definitive word from the Supreme Master and **Supreme Knight**: "There will **no longer be any movement** by the Honor Guard during the Consecration at Mass. Do not ask the Bishop or the Priest celebrating the Mass if they want you to do it. The new Drill Manual will not even reference this practice in the future when it is published. This practice needs to end now."

I hope this will clear up any doubts about this practice. We need to do what Supreme asks of us.

Herb Broughton - State Master

April 2007



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **1st** - Palm Sunday
- **6th** - Good Friday
- **8th** - Easter Sunday
- **21st** - 4th Degree Exemplification in Atlanta.
- **25th** - Nominations for State Program Service Awards are due no later than today
- **28th** - 2/3 Degree Exemplification in Carrollton - 10AM
- **29th** - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Palm Sunday	2	3	4	5	6 Good Friday	7
8 Easter Sunday	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 4th Degree Exemplification
22	23	24	25 Nominations for State Programs	26	27	28 2/3 Degree in Carrollton
29 World Day of Prayer for Vocations	30					



Late breaking news reports that India may soon be paying its citizens to have girl children. The use of abortion for sex selection and infanticide of female children has caused a serious shortage of women in the country. In China, likewise, officials admit that there will be a serious shortage of women for similar reasons. In the next 15 years in China there will be 30 million men unable to find mates.

In Georgia there are several bills in the legislature which may have some effect on saving some lives. House Bill 1 would make abortion illegal in Georgia by declaring that an unborn child is a legal "person" under the definition of the law. The theory is based on the decision of Roe v Wade itself and uses language from that decision to support this definition. Another bill (HB 147) would require that a woman requesting an abortion be shown an ultrasound of her baby. Still another bill (SB 148) deals with setting up a cord blood commission for stem cell research and cures.

Two bills which are not supported are: HB 185 which makes it easier to get a jury to approve a death penalty, and SB 155 which mandates a vaccine for all female children to protect them against HPV, a sexually transmitted disease.

We are not in easy times. Our task is to spread the truth by whatever means we have. We have the power of the Rosary and the Sacraments. Use them! We have our wealth. We must support the cause of life where we think it will help the most. We do not need to support every cause that comes asking. Support the ones you know best.

Here are some I recommend:

- Human Life International;
- Priests for Life;
- Georgia Right to Life;
- Virtue Media; and
- Most importantly - your local crisis pregnancy center.

Peter Badolato - State Pro-Life Chairman

May 2007



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **6th** - 2/3 Degree Exemplification in Augusta
- **13th** - Mother's Day
- **17th** - Ascension Thursday
- **18th - 20th** - State Convention at Jekyll Island
- **25 - 27th** - Special Olympics at Emory University in Atlanta
- **27th** - Memorial Mass at the National Cemetery in Cherokee County
- **28th** - Memorial Mass at National Cemeteries in Marietta and Andersonville

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6 2/3 Degree in Augusta	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17 Feast of Ascension	18 State Convention	19
20 Con-vention Con-cludes	21	22	23	24	25 Special Olympics	26
27 Memorial Day Masses	28	29	30	31		



Character & Self Confidence



All eyes in the basketball world may have been on the Georgia Dome for the Final Four, but there was March Madness in Macon for the Knights of Columbus Georgia State Free Throw Championship on March 24th.

69 boys and girls age 10 to 14 took part in this year's State Championships, having already won their Council and District Championships. 18 of Georgia's 21 Districts were represented.

Although all of the boys and girls who took part are winners, first place trophies were presented to:

- 10-year-old girls: Jennifer Jacobs of Cumming (Council 13161, 14 of 25)
- 10-year-old boys: Roland Bradley of Stockbridge (Council 7601, 24 of 25)
- 11-year-old girls: Eleanor Stublely of Thomasville (Council 7366, 17 of 25)
- 11-year-old boys: Bobby Perez of Roswell (25 of 25)

- 12-year-old girls: Mary M. Thomas of Decatur (Council 4358, 15 of 25)
- 12-year-old boys: Beau Bayer of Roswell (Council 13217, 23 of 25)
- 13-year-old girls: Danielle Bonet of Suwanee (Council 12942, 14 of 25)
- 13-year-old boys: Jeff Pickens of Powder Springs (Council 4599, 19 of 25)
- 14-year-old girls: Kristin Mabeus of Woodstock (Council 12826, 20 of 25)
- 14-year-old boys: Nick Orango of Dacula (Council 13457, 21 of 25)

11-year-old Bobby Perez of Roswell was the day's best shooter, making a perfect 25 of 25 shots.

With all of the athleticism and a free lunch after the contest, it was an exciting and fun event. If your Council doesn't take part in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships, you should plan on it for next year. It's a great activity for the kids and a good way to live up to our Order's dedication to families and youth. If you need any help, feel free to contact me any time!

Thom Mead - State Free Throw Chairman

June 2007



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **2nd** - 2/3 Degree Exemplification at Holy Family in Marietta
- **9th** - Eucharistic Congress in Atlanta
- **14th** - Flag Day
- **15th** - Seminarian Dinner at St. John's Parish Center in Valdosta
- **16th** - Articles for the 3rd Quarter State Newsletter are due to Jim Gust (cssgust@mindspring.com)
- **17th** - Father's Day
- **30th** - Last Day of Fraternal Year

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Eucharistic Congress
10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15 Seminarian Dinner	16 Newsletter Articles Due
17 Father's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Last Day of Fraternal Year



Is Your Council's "Check Engine" Light On?



We have started the final lap for this year's fraternal year. Is it time to check our engines??? Our membership is the engine that drives our councils i.e.. membership, programs, etc. Do we know that all our members are working toward a common goal? Do we know what members have not paid their dues and why they have not. Are we providing the necessary coaching and support to retain our membership.

If we learn that a member should be suspended from our council are we following the proper procedures? Each council should have a working membership committee to contact (this means via phone or better yet in person) those brother knights who have not been active in the council and/or who have not paid their dues. Each district deputy should review the Form 1845 Notice of Intent to Suspend that he receives to insure that each council has attempted to learn the reasons for a member leaving our order. As State Retention Chairman, it is my duty to spot check all Form 1845's and believe it or not I have found a large percentage of suspensions were not handled in the proper manner.

Remember the procedures set up for the proper handling of suspensions are not there to prevent councils from dropping members from their roles rather the procedures are there to prevent the loss of a member who would like to remain in the knights but may not be as active as he could be

Now is a great time to check your council's engine.

Rick Sisko - State Warden

Nominations for State Service Program Awards are Due

Our goal for this fraternal year is for every council in Georgia to submit at least one nomination form for their best program for the State Service Program Awards. In 2005-06, only 25% of our councils participated in the State Service Program Awards. That's 63 councils not submitting at least one nomination for a state award. You can't win if you don't enter! State winners go on to be judged for international competition. International award winners receive an all expenses paid trip to the national convention in Nashville, TN. Finally, the deadline to submit nominations for State Service Program Awards is April 18, 2007. **All nominations received after April 25, 2007, will be rejected.**

John Southwood - State Program Chairman

Support for Vocations

A reminder that seminarian dinners will be hosted by four Georgia councils this coming summer. I challenge every council in Georgia to be represented at one or another of these events. Perhaps your council could reimburse your representative for the cost of the meal for him and his spouse or date. Based on the info I have to date, the cost for two should not be more than \$40 but if every council provided that amount, it would mean significant support for those men who have answered the call of Christ to serve us who are His Church.

The first event will be Friday, June 15 at St. John's Parish Center in Valdosta. Lowell A. Young is the Grand Knight.

Next, Council #631 in Savannah will host a dinner honoring Priests and Seminarians of the Diocese on Thursday, June 21 – two days before priestly ordinations and free to all attendees. Mark Corrigan is the Grand Knight.

Monday, July 16, Transfiguration Council #10362 in Marietta will host a dinner at Bishop Hall. Details to be worked out. Paul Statdmuller will chair.

Last but not least is the granddaddy of them all – Council #3607 in Albany will host a dinner at their council home on Friday, July 27. Dick Hayden is the Grand Knight.

On February 10, 2007, His Holiness, Benedict XVI, proclaimed the 44th annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Each Grand Knight should have received a packet of materials (including an order form for handouts.) from Supreme. The date, as usual, is the fourth Sunday of Easter which falls on April 29 this year. I urge each GK to get with his pastor to decide how we can best participate and enhance this observance in your parish.

Wafford Sautel, State Vocations Director

What I Have Seen and Heard

Last Friday our Cathedral hosted the traditional St. Patrick's Day Mass, which filled the pews with a dominant green hue and bright smiles that assured us that the sons and daughters of Eire were in fine form for the imminent feast day. The reception brought soda bread, green doughnuts, and the laughter and dancing of Irish children as the capstone of a splendid celebration. Later that same evening I was privileged to host nearly a hundred of our priests at my home where they enjoyed each other's company, told more than a few tall tales and filled that residence with a spirit of joy that might have seemed out of place during the season of Lent except for the exemption that Patrick gladly offered to those assembled! Annually, Lent pauses in order for the Church to give thanks for the gift that Patrick is for all people—and in a special way for the Church in Georgia that owes so much to Ireland and to her children and to their Faith.

Saturday continued the festivities on the proper day for the saint with the AACCW (Atlanta Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women) hosting its annual recognition day Mass and reception at St. Joseph's in Marietta, honoring many women and young people whose service enriches our parishes and gives reasons aplenty for us to praise God for them and for their dedication to this local Church. Again, seasonal purple bowed in deference to green as we recognized all of the treasures that we currently enjoy in the Archdiocese of Atlanta that are either directly or indirectly the results of so many Irish priests and Religious who helped to establish and continue to serve our parishes and institutions of today. Yesterday and today both came together and pointed to a very hopeful future for all of us.

I left those festivities in Marietta earlier than I would have preferred in order to catch a flight to Chicago where I was privileged to have been invited to celebrate the 5 p.m. Saturday evening Mass as part of the centenary anniversary observance of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Glenview, Ill., my first parish assignment as a priest. The past came together with the present once again as I visited with so many people that I first met 34 years ago as a newly ordained priest.

Two of our college seminarians who are studying at St. Joseph's College Seminary in the Archdiocese of Chicago made a surprise visit at that Mass and provided the perfect link between Glenview and Atlanta in my life. The Irish dancers in the parish performed at the conclusion of the evening's reception reminding me once again of the rich heritage of the Emerald Isle that has touched my heart from the very beginning of my Priesthood. I quietly wept a bit as I prayed during that Mass for the repose of the soul of my first pastor—Myles Patrick McDonnell, who was mentor, father, exemplar and friend to me.

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SOUTHERN CATHOLIC

Georgia Knights Start Endowment of Knights of Columbus Scholarship at Southern Catholic College

The Georgia State Council has set up The Georgia Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund at Southern Catholic College in Dawsonville, Georgia. Southern Catholic College is Georgia's first and only Catholic college campus in Georgia.

Fundraisers have already begun to endow this scholarship, which will need in excess of \$25,000 to provide two \$2,000 scholarships per year to students of the college.

St. Andrew Council 10632 in Roswell has already kicked off the fundraising by holding a benefit dinner on January 19 at the parish Family Center at St. Andrew Church. Due to the great efforts of St. Andrew Council and the parish the event itself raised over \$7,000!

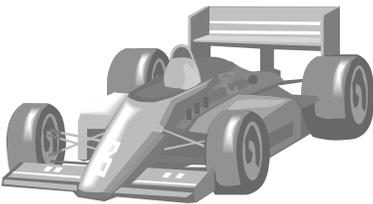
Today we have over \$7,500 towards the endowment of the scholarship fund. We salute Brothers Brian Peabody and Ed Schroeder for organizing this initial fundraiser.

Now its time for us to follow the lead of St. Andrew Council and look in our own areas for support of this needed educational assistance program for our children and Catholic education here in Georgia. We need your Council's support by hosting dinners or other events to raise the money needed to endow our Scholarship Fund. All of the State Officers and Rick Weber, our State Scholarship Chairman, are ready to assist you and your Councils plan your event. Dr. Ashcroft, President of Southern Catholic College and his staff, will gladly attend your function to help acquaint your members and guests to the mission and purpose of Southern Catholic College and bring presentations and hand out materials. Let us not forget Msgr. Hugh Marren who loves to share his passion for the success of Southern Catholic.

Have all donation checks made payable to Columbian Charities of Georgia (The Georgia State Council's 401 (C) 3, tax exempt charity fund).

Rick Weber - State Scholarship Chairman - 678-467-9098

Gentlemen, Start Your Engines !



When Georgia started its engines and the checkered flag was brought down to signal the start of Fraternal Year 2006-2007, we were in 19th place in this year's recruitment campaign. At the Mid-Year point, December 31, we attained 75% of our goal and moved into **4th** place in a field of 70 Jurisdictions - Mexico South 189% -Texas 111% -Mexico Central 104% - **Georgia 100%** - Visayas 98% - California 98% - Virginia 72%.

GRAND KNIGHTS, you have been asked to identify 20 members of your council and encourage each to recruit **two** new members. **YOU** were asked to hand out **two** Forms 100 to each of your recruiters – especially during the Grand Knights Report of your council meeting (for maximum effect)

and discuss recruitment ideas, e.g.:

- Identify and approach potential members before and after Mass.
- Choose other council members as partners.
- Ask wives to assist with your recruitment campaign.
- Prepare information for recruiters on Supreme, State and Council activities.

Chris King - Membership Director

IMPORTANT: When Forms 100 are given to recruiters, have them sign and enter their membership numbers at that time (for maximum effect). . .

...AND FOLLOW UP !

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“The Common Cold”

The common cold is a viral condition that affects persons of all ages, it makes the person run to the pharmacy and start the use of over-the-counter and prescription medications as well as alternative remedies. The treatment is focus on relieving symptoms as cough, running nose and nasal congestion. The use of dextromethorphan may be beneficial in adults with cough; however, its use in children and adolescents has not been proven to be effective. Codeine another of the drugs used, has not shown to help cough caused by the common cold. Although hydrocodone is widely used and has been shown to be effective in cough produce by other conditions, this drug has not been studied in patients with colds. Topical (intranasal) and nasal oral decongestants has been shown to release nasal symptoms and can be used in adolescents and adults up to three days. Antihistamines as well as the combination of antihistamines/decongestant therapies can improve symptoms in adults; however, the benefit must be weighed against potential side effects. Antibiotics have not been shown to improve symptoms or shorten the illness duration. Alternative therapies as: Echinacea, Vitamin C and Zinc are not recommended to treat common cold symptoms; however, humidified air and fluid intake may be useful without side effects. A note about Vitamin C prophylaxis may modestly reduce the duration and severity of the common cold in the general population and may reduce the incidence of the illness in persons exposed to physical and environmental stress. (American Academy of Family Physician)

Note from Dr. Lazzarini: Cold does not cause serious health problems for most people. However, it can cause problems for people that smoke- people whose bodies can't fight infection, and people who have lung problems.

Dr. Joseph A. Lazzarini, PGK,PDD and Health Services Consultant



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Yesterday and today came together several times in my life this past weekend, and both converged in such a sincere prayer of gratitude. Atlanta, Chicago and Ireland all assembled together in memories, happiness and hope. I suspect the festivity that took place in all three locations provided similar experiences for many of you. St. Patrick, pray for us!

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