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The 106th State Convention, held in Augusta in May, was a great success and a good time was had by state families who attended this convention. The awards given at this convention were as follows:

Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Drive:

Total Dollar Amount:

- Large Councils: Council 4913 (Valdosta) \$10,000.00
- Small Councils: Council 13808 (Greensboro) \$6,800.00

Amount Raised per Member:

- Large Councils: Council 10821 (Douglasville) \$51.75 / Member
- Small Councils: Council 13808 (Greensboro) \$123.64 / Member

Charity Raffle:

- 1st Prize (\$5000.00) Tony Daniels (Sold by Don Maassen Council 1939, Brunswick)
- 2nd Prize (\$2500.00) Michael van Airsdale (Council 8081, Peachtree City, Sold to himself)
- 3rd Prize (\$1000.00) Anita Prather (Sold by Don Maassen Council 1939, Brunswick)

Service Program Awards:

- **Community Activities Award:** Winner: Council 12126 (Blue Ridge) "Apples for Teachers Project"
- Others in Top Three: Council 6352 (Jonesboro), Council 8731 (Carrollton)
- **Family Activities Award:** Winner: Council 12942 (Cumming) "Breakfast with St. Nicholas"
- Others in Top Three: Council 9458 (Milledgeville), Council 13217 (Roswell)
- **Youth Activities Award:** Winner: Council 4358 (Decatur) "KCIC Poster Contest"
- Others in Top Three: Council 3607 (Albany), Council 8495 (Evans)
- **Church Activities Award:** Winner: Council 7923 (Lilburn) "Financial Planning Seminar for Priests"
- Others in Top Three: Council 6514 (Athens), Council 14181 (Ellijay)
- **Council Activities Award:** Winner: Council 8081 (Peachtree City) "25th Anniversary Celebration"
- Others in Top Three: Council 10004 (Conyers) Council 12942 (Cumming)

Recruiter of the Year

- **George Wilson**, Council 13217, (Roswell), 17 New Members

Ladies Auxiliary of the Year

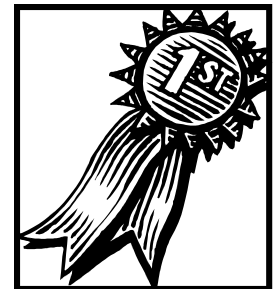
- **Council 6352 Ladies Auxiliary** (Jonesboro)

Family of the Year

- **Jim and Genny Hoene**, Council 9792 (Marietta)

Knight of the Year

- **Walter Cowan**, Council 3607 (Albany)



From The State Deputy

By Daniel Baker - State Deputy



Happy New Year!

Happy New Fraternal Year, that is!

It is great day to be a Knight in Georgia. We've just competed another record year in membership and charitable activities. We continue to set the standard for other states to pursue.

Congratulations to all the awardees from this past year. This newsletter lists those special awards presented at the Convention in Augusta. Hopefully, you and your council will be listed next year!

We have some interesting goals and projects for the new year. The Order is announcing a new Pro-Life initiative, and we all want to be part of it! Watch for more news about this endeavor by which Supreme Council is to partner financially with state councils to equip crisis pregnancy centers with ultrasound technology as a means of saving lives. **We are a People of Life for Life.**

We brought in over 1000 new members in Georgia last year. Regrettably, we lost over 250 members to suspension or withdrawal. Let's redouble our efforts this year to retain our Brother Knights. We all joined for a reason; let's keep each other in the Brotherhood! Together, we are much stronger than we are separately.

I'm looking forward to another exciting year of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, and am excited about visiting as many councils and Brother Knights as I can. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you and the Order as your State Deputy, and please continue to pray for those men and women in harms way defending us and our way of life!

St Michael the Archangel, Pray for Those Who Serve!



Liability Insurance

By Rick Sisko - State Advocate



We now have an Insurance Program for the State of Georgia. The program insurer is One Beacon Insurance Company (A.M. Best Rating : AXV) and the insurance agent is: RC Knox & Company, Inc. This insurance program is supported by the Supreme Advocate as well as our State Council. If your council does not have Liability Insurance coverage or are looking for a more reasonable premium, please consider this program. The cost is \$1.25 per member (excluding Honorary Life and Disabled) and provides one year of coverage i.e.

- \$2,000,000 General Aggregate
- \$2,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury (any one person or organization)
- \$100,000 Fire Legal Liability (any one fire)
- \$10,000 Medical Expense (any one person)
- \$1,000,000 Aggregate (per location)

Most of our events/activities are covered: Local Council Meetings; Special Luncheons, Dinners; Bingo; Tootsie Roll & Candy Sale; Local Council Promotional Activities; etc. However, council homes and the sale or donation for alcoholic beverages are not covered.

You can get more information by going to the state web site, gakofc.org, under the resources tap or you can contact me at 770-992-3476.

BY LAWS MADE EASY

By Rick Sisko - State Advocate

Has your council experienced a long delay in getting your by laws changed? If you are part of a new council, it has taken up to 18 months to get approval and copies of your by laws. Starting in the month of July, the Grand Knight of a council can go to the internet address: www.kofc.org and under by laws On Line (next to Reports on Line) complete the template for either new by laws or changes to existing Council by laws. If the new by laws or amended by laws are completed within the standard format i.e. amount of dues, meeting date and time etc. immediate approval is made by the Supreme Web site. At that time you can also order copies to be printed (100 copies for \$25.00; 200 copies for \$30.00).

Keep in mind that only the current Grand Knight can access the by laws web site. The Financial Secretary nor any other council office is authorized to do so. Therefore it is very important that the Financial Secretary promptly submits to Supreme the Report of Officers for their council.



Knights of Columbus - Georgia State Calendar of Events - 2008-2009



Yearly Planner

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July April

- 20 3rd Degree Exemplification in Albany
- 26 Installation of Officers
- 18 3rd Degree Exemplification in Roswell
- 25 Fourth Degree Exemplification (Tentative)

August May

- 10 Newsletter Input Date
- 2 3rd Degree Exemplification in Augusta

September

- 6 3rd Degree Exemplification in Dunwoody
- 14 107th Georgia State Annual Meeting and Convention

October June

- 13 3rd Degree Exemplification in Macon (Tentative)
- 6 3rd Degree Exemplification in Cumming

- 4 3rd Degree Exemplification in Marietta
- 10 Newsletter Input Date

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- 18 Fourth Degree Exemplification in Atlanta

- 26 3rd Degree Exemplification in Savannah
- 31 K of C Silent Retreat Through November 2

November

- 1 3rd Degree Exemplification in Caryers
- 9 State Soccer Challenge

December

- 5 DD Mid-Year Meeting Through December 7
- 10 Newsletter Input Date
- Newsletter Input Date

- 13 Grand Knight Meeting (Tentative)

January

- 31 3rd Degree Exemplification in Duluth

February

- 7 3rd Degree Exemplification in Kathleen
- 21 3rd Degree Exemplification in Woodstock

March

- 7 3rd Degree Exemplification in Roswell
- 29 3rd Degree Exemplification in Valdosta

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September 2008



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **NOTE: There are no events scheduled for August in our calendar except for the fact that articles for the next state newsletter are due by August 10th.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6 3rd Degree Exemplification
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- 6th - 3rd Degree Exemplification in Dunwoody
- 13th - 3rd Degree Exemplification in Macon (Tentative)



RSVP Responsibilities We All Share

By Frank Morgan - RSVP Chairman

When we first joined the Knights of Columbus we pledged our support to the Church. Support of, and participation in, the RSVP (REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS PROGRAM) is an important part of that pledge. Seminarians everywhere (THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH) have answered God's call and taken the first steps of their mission to the priesthood. We do not know what personal indecisions and difficulties they face. Without ever knowing it, *we through our participation in the RSVP program just might be that small element that determines whether or not they accomplish that mission.* Does that not then become a part of the pledge to support The Church?

If your council is a part of the program, everyone everywhere involved with the program thanks you. If you are not now participating, please give it your prayerful consideration. You will discover it to be a most rewarding experience.

Pro-Life Activities

By David Canale - Pro-Life Chairman

I am looking forward to the upcoming fraternal year and our opportunity to continue supporting Pro Life causes around the state of Georgia. We must continue our efforts to spread the Pro Life message to our fellow Catholics and other voters. As Knights, we must take the lead in educating ourselves and others on the candidates and their positions on abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, and support of traditional marriage and family life. These issues are central to our faith. As Knights, we must do all that we can to insure that Pro Life candidates are supported, and that candidates who ignore these issues or who take positions contrary to our faith will not garner our support.

We need to be more visible this year in our support of the Pro Life cause. Toward that end, mark your calendars now for two events that will merit our support. First, Life Chain will be held this year on Sunday, October 5, 2008. Additional information is available at www.lifechain.net. Contact your parish's Pro Life Ministry and coordinate your participation with them. They will welcome your support.

Also, Thursday, January 22, 2009 will mark the 35th anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision, legalizing abortion in the United States. We will need Knights to attend the Pro Life rally at the state capitol. Please plan on attending this important event, and consider bringing your families with you for the Mass and march in downtown Atlanta. Your parish Pro Life Ministry leader will welcome your council's support.

The time has come to increase both our visibility and our support of the Pro Life movement. As Knights of Columbus, we have a strong history of supporting this cause. Let's build a strong Pro Life Knights of Columbus in Georgia.

A Civilization of Love . . .

Excerpted - From *Columbia Magazine* (June, 2008) - By Carl Anderson - Supreme Knight



I would like to express my appreciation to all the Knights of Columbus families who have shown such encouraging support for the publication of *A Civilization of Love: What Every Catholic Can Do to Transform the World* (HarperOne). I am especially pleased by the way in which council chaplains, parish priests, seminarians and college Knights have responded to this book.

In discussing *A Civilization of Love* with a variety of people, it is clear to me that many are eagerly seeking ways to allow God to become a larger part of their daily lives. They want to find greater spiritual fulfillment by sharing their time and talent with others, especially those in need.

All of this has greatly reinforced the importance of the mission of the Knights of Columbus. As an organization, we are as relevant today as when we were founded 126 years ago; perhaps even more so. Our Order offers Catholic men a variety of ways to invite God to share in a greater part of their lives, and there is no organization more committed to sharing time and talent with those in need.

We are hearing a great deal these days about the need for change in society. I believe that Christianity is the religion of change — change in the lives of individuals and in societies. The Knights of Columbus has always been committed to ongoing change in society by proclaiming the saving truths of the Gospel through the personal witness of its members.

Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI have used the phrase “a civilization of love” to emphasize the type of society Catholics should work to build. In writing *A Civilization of Love*, I could not help but think that the Venerable Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney had a similar vision for society. Perhaps most importantly, he found a very practical means to sustain the mission of the action-oriented fraternal association he established by founding it upon the principles of charity and unity — principles that form the twin pillars of a civilization of love.

How blessed we were to hear Pope Benedict at St. Patrick’s Cathedral single out Father McGivney for his vision and zeal and as an example of the unity of purpose and vision among the Catholic faithful that resulted in the impressive growth of the Church in the United States.

Some may think that this is simply a kind of pious idealism which has no chance to change anything in the real world. But this sort of “realism” shortchanges the great dignity and calling of each person.

We all know the Lord’s answer when asked to sum up the “law and the prophets” (see Mt 5:17). He said that love of God and love of neighbor are the true vocation of every person. If this is true, then only one form of society is ultimately worthy of the dignity of every person. That society is a civilization of love. This is perhaps idealism to some, but for Christians it is the source and summit of reality.

And for us Knights of Columbus? In many ways, our Order is the preeminent lay Catholic organization. As such, we must play a leading role in the pope’s efforts to build a civilization of love in the very places we know best: our families, councils, parishes, schools and communities. We have much work to do.

Supreme to Begin Membership Recruitment Campaign

By Frank Moran - State Membership Director



Knights of Columbus Supreme Council will, beginning June 15, place membership recruitment ads in diocesan newspapers and Catholic magazines, and on Catholic websites. People who see the ad and think they might be interested in joining the Order will be asked to visit a website (www.kofc.org/join) or call an 800 number. That information will then be relayed to the State Deputy or the State Membership Director who will then forward the data to the jurisdictional District Deputy and/or the Grand Knight for action. In all cases, we want the lead to get from the Supreme Council to the person who will make the telephone call as quickly as possible, hopefully within 72 hours.

Follow-up on each lead will be critical, and I know we can count on you to help us make certain that each person who responds to the ads is contacted. We certainly do not expect that 100% of the people who respond to the ads will ultimately join the Knights of Columbus. What we do expect is that 100% of the people who respond to the ad will be contacted by a brother Knight in their area, and given the opportunity to join. If we can do that, I think we will be successful in convincing many - if not most - that membership in the Order will be, for them, the **Experience of a Lifetime**.

Thank you for all that I know you will do to make this initiative a success. Please don't hesitate to call (770 656-9515) or e-mail me (fmoran@bellsouth.net) with any questions.

District Happenings - “Didjano That. . .”

DISTRICT 10 - (DD - Ken Lucier)

... That **St Marguerite D’Youville’s Knights of Columbus** will be sponsoring its **Second Annual BBQ Competition** on **September 13th**, starting at noon. Competition categories are BBQ Beef Brisket, Chicken, Pork Ribs and Pork. **Total prize money of \$2,400. Proceeds to benefit the Wheelchair Foundation.** See our website for more information - www.kofc12905.com - email - mark1moore@comcast.net.

DISTRICT 12 (DD - John Zarzycki)

... **Holy Family Council 9792** in Marietta crossed a milestone in their annual **Carpenter Open Golf Tournament**. Their net proceeds for this year’s tournament (held at Indian Hills Country Club on June 2nd) was \$15,000, which goes to charitable initiatives in the Marietta area, such as SVdP, Must Ministries, Scouts, Scholarships and other causes. This year marks the first year in which the tournament has gone over the **\$100,000** threshold in net charitable monies since it started in 1997.

DISTRICT 13 (DD - (Guy Stryker)

... On May 25, 2008 **Father Kevin Peek**, the Chaplain of Blessed Trinity Catholic High School located in Roswell, Georgia, was sworn in the **United States Army Chaplain Corps**. The whole program, including the Mass, the reception following the Mass, and dinner. The swearing in occurred at a farewell mass for Father Peek held at St. Brigid Catholic Church in Alpharetta, with an Honor Guard of 17 led by the State Master Herb Broughton. Father Peek’s brother, Father Joe Peek, officiated at the swearing in. A brief reception was held at St. Brigid’s following the Mass.

The family of Father Kevin Peek and a group of friends and well wishers gathered at Blessed Trinity High School for a Slide show of Father Peek’s life, a short Roast of Father Peek by a close friend, and a BBQ dinner. At the show, a framed certificate naming Father Peek as the Honoree of a Second Degree held at All Saints Catholic Church on May 3, 2008 was presented to him by District Deputy Guy Stryker.

DISTRICT 14 (DD - Lou Bonadies)

... A presentation titled “**Catholic-Jewish Relations in America**” was given at the **St Helena Council (13376 , Clayton)** meeting by Brother Tom Buckridge based upon his twelve (12) years working with Catholic leadership and senior Jewish leaders in interfaith studies. The presentation covered the current status of our Church relative to the Jewish community, issues confronting us and key players in America who are leaders in this area by building bridges of understanding and trust between our faiths.

... And that Council 13376 will be taking a leadership role for this **Annual Parish Mass Scheduled at the Civic Center in Clayton on August 17**. As in past years, the Knights have participated in bringing men together in the parish to assemble the Civic Center tables, chairs, altar, candles, etc. This is a big physical job and last year went well with so many men assisting. It is the one occasion where they bring together their parish communities to celebrate as the Body of Christ.

... **Elijay Council #14181** sponsored a **Cookout for the CCD students and their families**. The cookout was at the ETC pavilion and it turned out to be a wonderful event. The children and their family members really enjoyed themselves. And that On Sunday May 25th the 4th Degree Knights assisted our seminarian, Gaurav Shroff in implementing a special procession for the Feast of Corpus Christi. The event was held following the 9:00 AM Mass. The faithful that attended the Mass were also invited to follow behind Father Randy carrying the monstrance, and furthermore, the procession was covered by the Georgia Bulletin.

DISTRICT 17 (DD - Duane Harings)

... Brothers Herb Blanchard and Tommy Carver did a fantastic job recruiting twenty vendors for our first annual **Arts and Crafts** show for **St John Vianney Council #12580**. That generated over \$1000.00. To support them, Paul Bleess, along with Mike Hentz, Ray Bell, Larry Connors, Joe Schival and Steve Lineberry grilled the burgers and dogs for all willing customers. Congratulations.

... For the Annual **Used Book Sale**, St John Vianney Council has set a new record for revenues: \$1,600+. A lot of hard work was put into this effort by the Teens of our parish (Lauren and Caitlin Suilman, Jenna Cadore, Kathleen Martinez, Tatiana Durand, Kate Kasmier, Christin Johnson, Silvia Razo) and their teen coordinator - Karl Kulchen. Moving the books and setting up the tables in the church parking lot was done Friday morning early birds were waiting for, with the full blown sale on Saturday and after the Sunday Masses. The revenues were split 50/50 to support the teens and the capital campaign for the new education building.

DISTRICT 18 (DD - Gene Brannon)

... **Fr. Grady Council 4410** sponsored their annual **Servant of the Community Award** night at a local restaurant in Rome. About 50 members of the council and their families use this event as a way to say thank you and to honor the charity and selfless acts of service to others by immediate responders in the community. Each year they choose one EMT, one Floyd County sheriff (next year Rome Police, alternates), one firefighter, and one Boy Scout (next year Girl Scout, alternates) for recognition. Each receives a certificate from the Knights and a \$50.00 gift certificate to Outback Steakhouse.

... **Msgr. Regan Council 8731** recently held their annual **golf tournament** to raise funds for specific council chosen charities. This year’s event netted approximately \$3,100.00 and will be donated to the local women’s shelter, Tanner Hospice, St. Vincent de Paul Society at Our

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Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, and Save-a-Life, the local pregnancy resource center.

... Council members and their families of **Sweetwater Council 10821** traveled to Rome, GA to see a game of the **Rome Braves**. This event has become an annual activity as it provides a great way to see a good baseball game at an affordable price. Club level seat tickets are purchased for the group, families try to carpool, and sometimes there is nothing better than a hot dog at a ball park with your family.



Pope Benedict XVI's U.S. Apostolic Journey

Excerpted from Columbia Magazine - By Carl A. Anderson - Supreme Knight

By all accounts, Pope Benedict XVI's U.S. apostolic journey last April was a great success.

A recent poll conducted for the Knights of Columbus found that among practicing Catholics 88 percent said his visit met or exceeded their expectations.

A majority of all Catholics said his visit helped them to be more in touch with their spiritual values, and 64 percent said they better understood the Catholic Church's position on important issues.

Half of all Catholics said they were more likely to make family a larger part of their lives, and nearly 40 percent said they would become more active in their community or parish.

These attitudes indicate that the pope's visit has presented our Order with a tremendous opportunity.

Catholics have responded positively to the pope's message of faith, hope and love. The question now for us is: What will we do to build on this positive trend in our Church and country?

The answer is obvious: Recruit!

I can think of no better organization than the Knights of Columbus to seize upon this upsurge of interest in the faith, in family life and in service. Our programs are the Holy Father's programs, and the greater solidarity we have with him the stronger our Order can become.


Pope Benedict himself, when celebrating Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, praised the "vision and zeal" of our founder, the Venerable Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney.

That same vision and zeal are alive in us today, and we must share our founder's vision for family life and fraternal service with every Catholic man and his family.

The Holy Father's visit has given us a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to grow the Order. Let's not pass it up.

Important Insurance Updates

By Charles Anthony - Field Agent



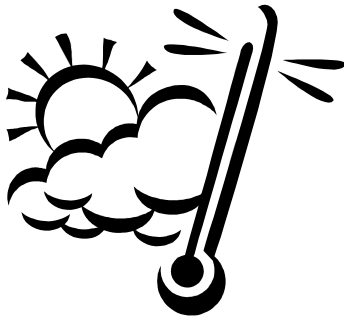
Effective 1/1/09, the insurance industry in this county will undergo a complete make over. All insurance companies will begin using a new actuarial table that will expand our life expectancy from age 100 to age 120. This will affect both premiums and cash values of new policies issued after the first of the year. This WILL NOT affect any policies that were issued prior to 1/1/09. Beginning in August, Supreme will be training our field force at select locations nationwide so that we'll better understand these new policies and how to sell them to our brothers. The whole life insurance policy that has been a staple in our portfolio since day one, will no longer exist but will be replaced by a life paid up at 100 (LPU@100). Also, the New Member Plan (\$50/yr) will no longer be available after 12/31/08 and is being replaced by a New Member Annuity. This annuity will only be offered to associate members and requires a one-time deposit of \$100. We believe that this new annuity will allow every member to become an insurance member regardless of age or health. The issue ages are 18-83. **This is just a brief overview. It is important to make an appointment with your council Field Agent to have the above information explained in detail.**

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The Wheelchair Program

By Greg Howe - Wheelchair Foundation Chairman



It amazes me that we are already at the beginning of a new Fraternal Year. What an exciting time! It seems that only yesterday we were celebrating our accomplishments at the State Convention. But alas the time for celebration is over and the time is here to put our minds on the task that lay before us.

I am pleased to announce that last year together we raised approx. \$24,000 for the Wheelchair program. That money will purchase about 150 wheelchairs, which we intend to distribute to Veterans here in Georgia. Our plan is to set and publish a distribution date so all who want to participate in the distribution can do so.

But as I stated earlier, this is a new year with new mountains to climb. It is important to remember that this is not a one time but rather an ongoing project. There are still many people in the world who need wheelchairs but either cannot afford or do not have access to one. In the name of Charity, the first principle of our Order, it is our duty and privilege to help these people.

As we are setting our calendars, I ask you to pray and carefully consider adding an event to your calendar to benefit the Wheelchair program. Our goal for this year is to raise \$46,000. To accomplish this goal will require everyone's help. Historically only 30-40% of councils participate in programs. If we can provide help to 150 people with less that 50% participation just think what we can accomplish with 100% participation. The methods for raising funds is limited only to our imaginations.

I am confident that together, with the help of God, we cannot only meet our goal but surpass all expectations.