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## Page One News...!

The Knights of State of Georgia recently presented 21 wheelchairs to the VA Hospital in Augusta on 3/14. Kim Hoge represented the VA Hospital. Dan Baker, Georgia State Deputy, presented the chairs that were purchased with funds raised from K of C Councils around the State of Ga. An additional 100+ wheelchairs will be purchased for distribution to the 3 VA Hospitals in the State of GA. (Pictured below - top row - on left - from l-r are: Jim St. John, SS - Franklin Cummings, PSD South Carolina - Stewart Key, ST - Dan Baker, SD - and Greg Howe, State Wheelchair Chairman)

Our State Council also presented a Sonoace Pico Ultrasound Machine manufactured by Medison Corporation to the Women's Enrichment Center in Dalton, Georgia on March 25, 2009, the Solemnity of the Annunciation and Knights of Columbus International Day of the Unborn Child. As a pro-life fraternal organization, the Georgia Knights of Columbus take their responsibilities for building a Culture of Life seriously. This is a positive step to ensure that pregnant women are aware of the life they carry and can make informed decisions supporting that life. The Knights of Columbus ultrasound project seeks to provide medically certified pro-life pregnancy centers with the modern technology to monitor the health of babies in utero, and to allow mothers to visually experience that development. Some studies have shown that as many as 70% of pregnant women who are considering an abortion will instead have their child after having an ultrasound procedure.

Representing the Georgia State Council and making the presentation of the ultrasound to the Center was State Deputy Dan Baker accompanied by State Secretary Jim St. John, along with the Georgia State Council Pro-Life Director, David Canale, District Deputies, Dale Hall and Ken Lucier, and PGK Paul Zock of St. Joseph Council 7662. Receiving the ultrasound machine on behalf of the Women's Enrichment Center was the Director, Renee Rector (See photo below - right)

Also participating in the presentation were Monsignor Bill Hoffman, Administrator for St. Joseph Church in Dalton, who led the group in prayer and blessed the machine and all those who would use it and benefit from its use, Sir Knights John Ordway and Joseph Parady, and Brother Bill Steve of St Joseph Council

This is the first installment in the Georgia State Council's answer to the Supreme Knight's challenge to place an ultrasound machine in every crisis pregnancy center in the jurisdiction. Three more centers have already been identified to receive machines, and fundraising continues to purchase those. Anyone interested in donating to this cause can send their tax-deductible donations to Columbian Charities of Georgia, c/o Mark Corrigan, 6201 Garrard Av, Savannah, GA 31405.



# From The State Deputy

By Daniel Baker - State Deputy



As I prepare this letter, we are just a few weeks away from the 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Convention of the Georgia State Council. It is a fitting time to look at our accomplishments this year.

As of this writing, two weeks after Easter, 966 men have joined our ranks as Brother Knights. Membership is a wonderful gift to share! We are now 13,887 members strong in Georgia, and I would expect to be over 14,000 before the end of this fraternal year! What an achievement in this hotbed of Catholicism we call our home state!

We need as many Knights as we can enlist into the service of our Church and our Order. Our principles of Charity and Unity are made possible by our Fraternity. The more of us there are working together, the more we can accomplish. And what have you accomplished this year?

You have raised money to provide wheelchairs to our deserving veterans at the VA hospitals in Georgia. On March 14<sup>th</sup> we made the first delivery of wheelchairs to the VA hospital in Augusta. The joy that those chairs brought was something to behold! We have another 110 chairs en route to Georgia, and we are about half-way to having enough money to buy another shipment of chairs. The need is great, and so is your Charity!

Speaking of our veterans, we instituted our first military council this year. Council 14713 in Fort Benning has formed and serves that growing military community.

You also joined together and reached out to our Catholic brethren forming the first Hispanic council in Georgia. Virgin of Guadalupe Council 14735 in Cleveland established precedence for outreach and participation of our Hispanic brethren. They've already formed a First Degree team which is functioning to continue that work. The possibilities for growth and good works are boundless!

You have shown yourselves to be leaders in the Culture of Life. Knight participation in the annual Rally and March for Life in Atlanta on the anniversary of Roe v Wade was at an all-time high. And you have provided the first ultrasound machine to a crisis pregnancy center in Georgia, with more to come. The Women's Enrichment Center in Dalton will use the machine to help women decide to bear the life within them.

Throughout the state, every day, you make a statement about your Catholicism, your Charity, your defense of a Culture of Life. You tell the Knights of Columbus story and make the world a better place.

Regrettably, nearly 400 Brothers have withdrawn or been suspended. The loss of even one Brother should cause us to take action to erase the circumstances which would cause him to separate from us. I hope you will reach out to more Catholic men and invite them to join our worthy endeavor, and that you will reach out to your Brother Knights, and in Unity help them to tell the Knights of Columbus story. Help them contribute to the Order and our Church. The more of us there are, the more we can accomplish.

Please remember those young men and women on the front lines of Freedom, and pray for them every day. They deserve it!

With great thanks and our prayers, Donna and I wish all of you fantastic success and God's Blessings!



## Making Helping Fun. . .

The Knights of Columbus from St. Marguerite d'Youville Council 12905, Lawrenceville, GA display the results of their recent non-perishable food and personal items drive to benefit the St. Marguerite d'Youville Conference of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul.

This food drive took place as part of a promotion during the Council's April 3rd Fish Fry. In the weeks preceding that date, parishioners and fish fry dinner patrons were asked to bring a minimum of 5 non perishable items to the April 3rd dinner in exchange for a voucher good for a \$4 discount off of the price of any fish dinner. The people of the parish and the surrounding community responded with results that were outstanding and exceeded

expectations. In all, 1,069 items including canned goods, diapers, personal care products and boxed food items were collected on that day. The members of the St. Vincent de Paul who assisted in the collection stated that through this initiative their food pantry would be able to serve and continue to carry out the global and local mission of taking care of the least of our brothers and sisters for months to come.



## Appeals for Political Support:

The end of this fraternal year draws near and election of new officers for the new fraternal year will begin. The Charter Constitution Laws for the Knights of Columbus Section 162 #23 states "Issuing appeals for, or soliciting by virtue of his membership in the Knights of Columbus, aid, or assistance or support by or in behalf of or announcing candidates for public office, or candidates for office (including delegates to State and Supreme councils) in another society or body or in the Order; fine, suspension or expulsion. Any member who knowingly permits or acquiesces in such appeals, solicitation, etc., shall, if elected, be ineligible to hold office."

# The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Challenge

By Mike Gozdick - State Free Throw Chairman

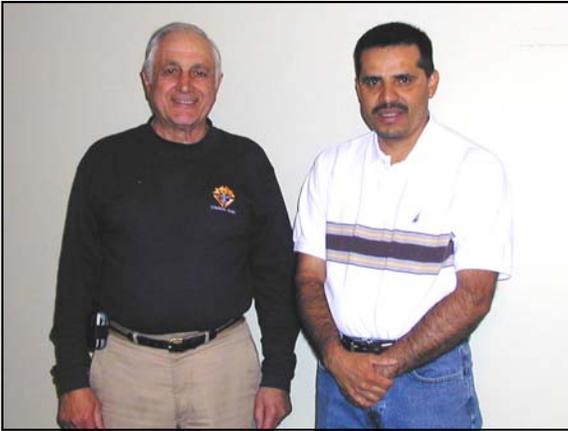
It takes place annually with winners progressing through local, district, and state level competition. At the local contest each child was given a flyer that was good for one free ticket to the Atlanta Hawks and Orlando Magic game. The State Free Throw Championship was held at Phillips Arena in Atlanta Georgia. This year over 100 contestants took part in the Championship. Contestants came from all areas of the state of Georgia. Eighteen out of our twenty two districts participated in the contest. After the Free Throw Championship we had over 200 parents and children say to watch the game between the Atlanta Hawks and Orlando Magic. The District with the most people attending the game was able to have each child and parent of that District go court side before the game and meet and greet the Atlanta Hawks and Orlando Magic. One District Deputy and one Grand Knight represented the Knight's of Columbus and went on the court to be co-captains of the game.

Age	Winner	Council	City
10 Boys	Skyler Vance	8495	Appling
10 Girls	Alexandra Shugart	11768	Canton
11Boys	Benjamin Adams	13217	Roswell
11 Girls	Cassidy Williams	8081	Peachtree City
12 Boys	Stevie Powers	10579	Savannah
12 Girls	Annie Cusack	7923	Lilburn
13 Boys	KE' Marvin Pitts	3607	Albany
13 Girls	Eleanor Stublely	7366	Thomasville
14 Boys	Mike Krill	7923	Lawrenceville
14 Girls	Paige Orangio	13457	Dacula
14 Girls	Mari Evans	925	Macon

The Georgia Knight's of Columbus congratulate all the participants and each council that participated in the 2009 Free Throw Challenge.



# The First Hispanic Council in Georgia



Pictured above (l-r) Lou Bonadies, DD #14 and Santana Penaloza - temporary GK of the 1st all Hispanic Council in the state of Georgia.

As a result of a visit from the Hispanic Development Field Coordinator, Jose Jimenez, PSD at the District Deputy Meeting in June 2008, District Deputy 14, Lou Bonadies, was encouraged to not only recognize the Hispanic community in Catholic Churches in Georgia, but also the number Hispanic Catholic men available to join the Order.

District 14 councils were then encouraged to recruit Hispanic Catholic men to join their councils. Several councils recruited Spanish speaking members into their councils. The difficulty arose with the problem of communication with the new Hispanic members as to how the Order operates and at 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplifications and meetings. This understanding of the communication problem fostered the need to establish new Hispanic speaking councils with not only Spanish language literature, but also Spanish Council operating instructions. Thus, the need to develop a Hispanic Speaking council was directed to all Grand Knights in the District.

After six months of recruiting Hispanic Catholic men at the St Paul the Apostle Church in Cleveland by our former District Deputy and current Health Services, Dr Joseph A Lazzarini and District Deputy 14, Lou Bonadies, a New Hispanic Council was developed at the St Paul the Apostle Church in Cleveland. As new Hispanic men were recruited, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplifications were conducted in Spanish at St

Mark Church by the St Mark Council 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team interpreter, Pedro Gonzalez. Several other ceremonies were held in English. The new Hispanic members were temporarily assigned to St Paul the Apostle Council 11676, St Mark Council 13491 and St Helena Council 13376 and later each choose to transfer to the new developing Hispanic Council. The GA State Deputy, Daniel Baker and the Hispanic Development Field Coordinator, Jose Jimenez, monitored the entire process.

On March 1, 2009, the new developing Hispanic Council conducted its first unofficial meeting when the District Deputy appointed a temporary Grand Knight, Santana Penaloza and a Financial Secretary, Pedro Gonzalez. The main reason for the meeting was to begin to organize the operation of the council and assist in recruiting new members to ensure the council the sufficient number to start up the new council. Also the Name of the council was selected, Virgin of Guadalupe. Another 1st Degree Exemplification was held on March 14, but still not enough candidates to meet the minimum requirements for a new council.

On March 22, 2009, with the assistance of the Hispanic Field Coordinator, Jose Jimenez, a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification was held by the new Hispanic Council 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team which successfully netted the sufficient number of members to officially start the first new Hispanic Council in Georgia. As a result of the monitoring by the GA State Deputy, Daniel Baker, the District Deputy, Lou Bonadies, prepared and submitted all the necessary paperwork, Notice of Institution, to Supreme for a new council. Several days later Supreme acknowledged the new council as the Virgin of Guadalupe, council number 14735 at St Paul the Apostle Church in Cleveland, GA. Fr Guillermo Cordova will be the Council Chaplain.

There are two schools of thought. Do the Knights of Columbus integrate Hispanic members into existing councils and find it sometimes difficult to assimilate, or develop their own council with Hispanic culture?

In any case let us congratulate the new Hispanic council members in their effort to organize the first Hispanic council, Virgin of Guadalupe, 14735 in Cleveland, GA.

Additional 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplifications and visits by the assigned Spanish-speaking Field Agent are scheduled on April 19 and April 26, 2009. A briefing on the Knights of Columbus Insurance Benefits will be held for members, candidates, their spouses and family. A Pot Luck dinner will be held at the same time. Upon completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree ceremonies in April a Council Charter date will be issued in May to include all Charter Members.

As the new Hispanic council develops into a full operating council, training in Spanish becomes necessary. Training for Council members is scheduled in May and to be conducted by the Hispanic Field Coordinator and Brother Joseph Lazzarini. The District Deputy will monitor the operations of the new council.

## The State Soccer Challenge. . .

**By David Oatman - State Soccer Challenge Chairman**

. . . is tentatively set for November 8th this year. This date is dependent on the fall schedule of the Georgia Youth Soccer Association and may be moved to the 15th.

In an effort to improve our program, I would like to encourage feedback. We are looking for things that may be helpful to councils and districts to expand participation. Examples of things that your council/district has done that were successful or things you would like to see implemented or changed. Please respond by email to: [doatman@hotmail.com](mailto:doatman@hotmail.com).

# News & Notes On YOUR Insurance Program

By John Jedlicka - General Agent



Brothers, this is my first statewide contact with all the members in the Jurisdiction of Georgia and I trust this, and ongoing articles, will be worthwhile reading. I became the Jurisdiction's only other General Agent on March 1 following in the footsteps of the man who created the insurance program in Georgia - Brother Doug Gotsch. Doug is well on his way to an enjoyable retirement and is recovering fully and nicely from some health problems late last year. He thanks all for your prayers and good wishes and looks forward to seeing many of you at the state convention at Jekyll Island in May.

There are so many topics I'd like to cover as your new General Agent but we all know what's on everyone's mind in the closing months of the fraternal year: *"I've made my membership quota but I'm short on my insurance goal. Help!"*

Help is on the way along with a short, simple answer. First, the answer; then a discussion of the help. Simply put, Supreme has introduced a guaranteed annuity requiring no more than a one-time payment of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Any associate member who signs up for this annuity becomes an insurance member. All applications are accepted and your financial secretary is empowered to take the applications. Here's how:

- Have the interested member complete the back of a Form 100. Have the member complete a W-9 tax form (on the IRS.gov website).
- Attach a \$100 (or more) check to the completed Form 100 and W-9. Mail the completed forms to me. I'll handle the rest.
- To absolutely, definitely, positively ensure your council receives credit for these new insurance members I need the completed forms no later than June 1. My contact information follows below.

Now, what about help? My "no-mistake-about-it mandate" from Supreme is to increase Field Agent coverage of this great state. Recent studies have pinpointed this jurisdiction as one of the four fastest-growing in the Order. So, I have my work cut out for me. That's nice to know, but what have I done in the five weeks since taking over?

First, I hired one new agent to replace me. Second, I have another Field Agent coming on board June 1. Third, Fourth and Fifth, I have agent candidates looking to start every two months through the rest of the year.

For those councils without a personally assigned Field Agent, please contact me. I'll have an agent get in touch with you and develop a workable plan to ensure that your members have access to the finest insurance program available anywhere and at anytime but, in truth, is only available to Knights, their spouses and children under 18.

Let's work together going forward, Brothers. And, remember, it's morning again in Georgia.

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## Ultra Sound and Silver Rose Run

By David Canale - State Pro-Life Chairman



My Brother Knights, it is with much appreciation and pride that I inform you that the Georgia State Council, with the assistance of our Supreme Council, donated its first ultrasound machine this past March 25<sup>th</sup> (See "Page One" article), the Day of the Unborn Child. The machine was presented to the Women's Enrichment Center in Dalton, Georgia. The center sees up to 200 pregnant women each month, and the machine will be used to perform ultrasounds on women considering an abortion. Research has shown that 70% women who have ultrasounds and see their child alive inside of them will keep their child and not have an abortion. Your contributions for this program are greatly appreciated. But our work is not yet done. There are more centers in need of our help. Please consider having a fundraiser for this program. All money raised should be sent to Columbian Charities of Georgia, and please write "ultrasound machine" in the memo line.

Also, please keep in mind our duty as Knights to continue our opposition to the continued assaults on the dignity of life through abortion, embryonic stem cell research, euthanasia, and attempts to change the institution of marriage. Please make your voices heard by writing or emailing your representatives, senators and the White House. Let them hear our voices. Let them know what we stand for as Knights.

Finally, the Silver Rose Run, a special Pro-Life project, will be held in our state in September 2009. We will have the rose from September 6<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>. We will need councils from around the state to participate in this program by transporting the rose from council to council. Please watch this space for more information on this event.

# District Happenings - “Didjano That. . .”

## DISTRICT 5 - (DD Walter Cowan)

... Council 14713, Fort Benning, was installed on February 21st. This is the first Military Council in Georgia.

... The First Degree Team for Council 1019, Columbus, was certified on April 5th following a dress rehearsal.

... K E "Marvin" Pitts, St Teresa Parish, Albany, won the State Free Throw Championship for 13 year old boys in Atlanta at Philips Arena on April 4th.

## DISTRICT 6 - (DD Thomas O'Neill)

... On March 21st at Immaculate Conception Church in Dublin, the Knights of Columbus Council # 11637 participated in the local Saint Patrick's Festival. Each year the Council prepares and serves a traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner. This year the Council served around 300 plates to members of the church, the council and the community. It was a huge success and all had fun. Pictured on the serving line from left to right: Scott Adams, Bill Hoyt, Mayor Phil Best, Grand Knight James Caldwell, Bud Schultz, Jose Archila, Joe Tufano, Robert Wallace, and Tim Edge.



## DISTRICT 15 - (DD Dale Hall)

... St. Thomas the Apostle Knights of Columbus Council 12386 celebrated its 10th Anniversary as a council on Sunday, March 1 with a gala brunch at the church social hall after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

On the right is a photo of all 10 of the Grand Knights from the founding of the council in 1999. Back Row (left to right): Anthony Riviere, Mark McMullen, John Southwood, Mike Carlin, Bob Saunders, Richard Kuebbing  
Front Row (left to right): Bill Simmons, Joe Yorio, Les Hubl, Chris King.



## DISTRICT 18 - (DD Gene Brannon)

... District 18 councils continue to strive toward meeting the membership and insurance quotas by the end of the fraternal year. Programs and activities designed to benefit their membership and their families, their community, and the state council initiatives continue to be a focus because, to paraphrase one Grand Knight, we are all here to do Christ's work on Earth. We just happen to do much of it as a group called the Knights of Columbus.

... The annual Community Service dinner sponsored by **Fr. Grady Council 4410** was again well attended with one of the recognized policeman saying he has served for over 20 years and it was the first community recognition of his service he'd ever received. They also hosted a Princess Ball, served a meal during Lent, and distributed rosaries to those Confirmed during the Archbishops visit.

... **Msgr. Regan Council 8731** celebrates the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their charter this coming June with an installation of officers and an awards dinner to include recognition of several community groups. A fundraiser golf tournament is scheduled for May 1 and applications for a scholarship are being solicited.

... Another effort by **Sweetwater Council 10821** to support our troops and the USO is being planned. Over the years the USO has been an annual recipient of council support. Council members built a wheelchair ramp number 18 for a parishioner. They also finished up six Lenten fish fries that raised over \$900 for council projects.

... **Fr. Mulvin Council 12287** continued with their Disabilities Drive and conducted another food drive at local grocery stores to support St. Vincent de Paul. The council is also cooking Easter hams for sale as a fundraiser for Special Olympics.

... **St. John Vianney Council 12580** hosted one Lenten meal, and held a recruitment pancake breakfast. They also finished up their Disabilities Drives and have a benefits night scheduled that will be open to the parish, not just Knights. A golf tournament fundraiser is scheduled for April 27 and council members prepared meals for a youth retreat and performed parish grounds cleanup.

## DISTRICT 21 - (DD Brad Burnett)

... **Council 6920, Gainesville** – GK Chris Wolski advises that the council will hold a special breakfast after Easter to honor all new members of the church. Chicken dinner fund raiser is planned for May. Also at the dinner the council will award this year's college scholarship to two high school seniors.

... **Council 7923, Lilburn** – GK Bob Gesuelle reports this season fish fry a great success. Sales up 20% this year over last year: generating profits of \$7500.00 for the council charity fund raising efforts.

... **Council 12000, Norcross** - GK Adolfo Trana reports that the Easter Vigil Mass well be hosted by the council. All greeters, ushers, read-

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ers, and the Honor Guard will make this a very special service at St. Patrick’s.

. . . **Council 14122, Lilburn** – GK Bob Cunneen advises that the council fund raising is doing very well with the Lenten fish fry’s and the monthly pancake breakfasts. These events have really helped St Stephen developed good community actives within the church.

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## My Secret Knight In Shining Armor

**By Lorraine V. Murray - Commentary - Excerpted from *The Georgia Bulletin* - April 23, 2009**

My husband and I hardly ever keep secrets. We unburden our hearts to each other on our date nights, which occur quite regularly each week.

We have rarely missed a date night during our 26 years of marriage. We relax by the fireplace during winter, and in the warmer months, we head out to the deck. There, we sip wine, have supper and talk. We cover a smorgasbord of topics: his art, my writing, family, near and far, and our faith journeys.

Last night, though, my husband came home with a secret. He was away for the evening, and when I asked him how it had gone, he said, “I can’t say.”

Oddly enough, this response didn’t bother me at all. Instead, it rather thrilled me.

You see, I think men should harbor some secrets from their wives, at least when it comes to devotion to their family, their religion and their country. I think there are things women might not want to know about the weapons our men wield, for example, or the plans they make, as they endeavor to protect us. I also think men sequester secrets in their hearts as they try to become more like Jesus Christ.

Last night my husband became a member of the Knights of Columbus, the largest Catholic fraternal service organization in the world. Its initiation ritual is a well-guarded secret, so I will not ask him again what happened. Instead, I will continue to be delighted that he has taken this step.

The Knights were born in the basement of a church in 1881 in New Haven, Conn., at a time when there was much anti-Catholic prejudice. Gathered together by Father Michael J. McGivney, the group of men vowed to defend their countries, their families and their faith. Today, the Knights boast more than 1.7 million members worldwide.

I knew none of this when I spotted my first Knight at a Confirmation ceremony at St. Thomas More many years ago. I realize this sounds quite superficial, but I was enthralled by the Knights’ manly and medieval appearance. There is something very compelling about a man with a cape, a hat with plumes—and, of course, a sword!

Since then, I have discovered there is much more to these men than meets the eye. The Knights are very family oriented. They visit the sick and the bereaved, and offer excellent insurance policies to help widows and orphans. Devoted to Our Lady, they are an extremely pro-life group, raising money for organizations like Birthright, which helps women in crisis pregnancies keep their children.

During the past decade alone, the Knights have donated nearly \$1.2 billion to charity and provided more than 612 million hours of service.

The Knights are men of various sizes, shapes, colors and ages. They are teachers, policemen, computer programmers and laborers. At St. Thomas More, a cheerful crew shows up faithfully to host fish fries during the Fridays in Lent. I’ll admit I’ve grumbled now and then when the fish is too crunchy, but in my heart of hearts, I’m thrilled the men are serving the congregation in a humble and heartfelt way.

What I especially admire is that the Knights defend the solid values of family, traditional Catholicism and country. There is none of this wishy-washy, cafeteria-line approach to faith.

I also like the fact that it is a men-only group. Men need a place to get together, have a beer and maybe shoot some pool—and just be men. They need to find their own definition of what following Jesus means because the masculine tie to Jesus will always be a different flavor from the feminine style. They also need to be real men in a world that too often tries to diminish their masculinity and make everyone uni-sex.

I’ve always thought of my husband as my knight in shining armor because he rescued me many years ago from a life of loneliness. He also was at my side when I was diagnosed with breast cancer, and stayed steadfast and true throughout the difficult months that followed.

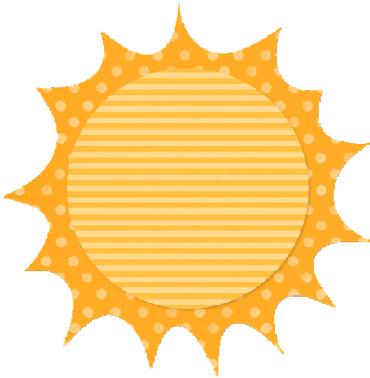
That was almost nine years ago, and we have had many fireside suppers since then. I love this man with a great fervor, but I have my own secret to confess: Now that he is a Knight in the service of Jesus Christ, I love him even more.

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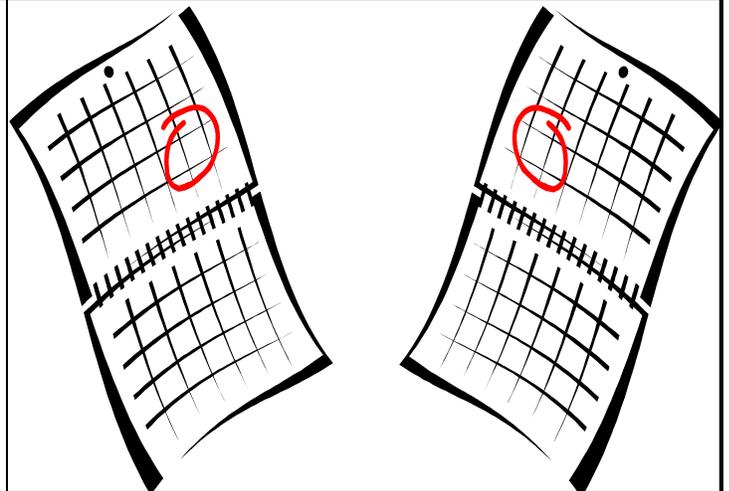
### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

#### May

- 2 - 3rd Degree Exemplification in Augusta
- 3 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- 15-17 - 107th Georgia State Annual Meeting and Convention at Jekyll Island

#### June

- 6 - 3rd Degree Exemplification in Cumming
- 10 - Newsletter input date
- 30 - Last Day of the Fraternal Year



**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR ALL THOSE THAT NEED OUR PRAYERS - ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND IN DISTRESS. PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY ALL OVER THE WORLD SO THAT THEY CAN COME HOME SAFELY AND HELP MAKE OUR WORLD INTO A PEACEFUL COMMUNITY**

**“THE LORD IS OUR LIGHT AND OUR SALVATION. WHOM SHALL WE FEAR? THE LORD IS THE STRENGTH OF OUR LIVES OF WHOM THEN SHALL WE BE AFRAID?”**