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Page One News. . . !

Why have I become a Knight? You may have seen me standing at the back of the church on various occasions. Perhaps you have seen me during a blood drive, or more recently during "Operation Blankets," when the Knights of Columbus collected blankets for our troops in Afghanistan. My name is Kenneth Carson, and I have been a Knight at St. Oliver Plunkett Church since 2005.

I had been a parishioner of St. Oliver's for about two years when a good friend and parishioner stopped me after mass one day and asked me if I would like to become a member of the Knights. At the time, I was looking for some way to give more to the church and the community, but I still had not decided what to do. It was as though a door had been opened for me. I became a member and I am very glad I did.

Although some people actually believe the Knights simply perform at patriotic events with bright capes, feathered chapeaux, and ceremonial swords, the Knights do much more than that. Since becoming a Knight, I have participated in many charitable events such as helping out with fundraiser breakfasts, dinners in honor of our priests and deacons, and also with projects around the church grounds. The list of activities goes on as there is always a worthy cause that needs our attention. Nevertheless, we also find time to socialize with our families and good friends. Every month before our meeting, we gather for dinner and enjoy the company of other friends who share the same religious and moral beliefs.

At St. Oliver Plunkett Church, the Knights of Columbus have a very strong council and are very active in the community. You may have seen the Knights distributing *Tootsie Rolls* to raise funds to fight developmental disabilities, volunteering for the Special Olympics, selling Christmas cards that promote "Keep Christ in Christmas," or selling Easter hams to raise funds for the cause. The Council at St. Oliver's has provided a life saving defibrillator for our community, and they have installed a projector in the Family Education Center. The St. Oliver's Council of the Knights helps commemorate our soldiers by honoring them on Veterans' Day and Memorial Day by displaying a "Memorial Wall" in their honor. But these are simply the activities which are the most obvious and evident. When I became a Knight, I was not aware of the other benefits the Knights offer to their members as well as family members. The benefits range from insurance to scholarships to service and social activities and programs. All are open to the whole family.



From The State Deputy

By Jim St. John - State Deputy



As we end one fraternal year and begin another, we need to reflect on what we have done well these last twelve months, and also consider what we can do better in the year ahead.

We had an outstanding year in membership growth. At the time this is written only two jurisdictions (with low quotas) have done a better job than Georgia. We have met our retention goals and we have exceeded expectations in Round Table formation. The Columbian Squires program continues to grow across the state. Recently we have been contacted by the Vicar General of both Dioceses in Georgia. They are seeking our help because they realize the Knights of Columbus is the one organization which reaches across the state and is present in most parishes. They want our help with

two programs, the Grace Scholarship Program and a program to reach out to non-practicing Catholics during Advent. You will be hearing more about these soon. We have raised money for several ultrasound machines this last year. However, there was a problem with an evangelical organization that is affiliated with most pregnancy centers in Georgia. The Board of Directors has authorized a procedure for approval for these centers which will enable us to begin placing machines.

One area where we fell short of expectations was in the area of new council development. We brought in only one new council this year. We are revamping our NCD program. We will be giving our District Deputies additional training and support for this program.

Another area where we can do better is in charity campaigns. The "Campaign For Persons With Intellectual Disabilities" took in just short of \$100,000 this year. A few councils accounted for more than half of the total and fewer than half the councils of the state participated. Our new campaign chairman will be working closely with all the councils in Georgia to do better this year.

You have accomplished much to be proud of this year. I know by Brother Knights in Georgia will continue to live the Vision of Fr. McGivney. I also know that we will have even more accomplishments of which to be proud, at the end of the next fraternal year.



Good News for Pro-Life !

By David Canale - Pro-Life Chairman

Brother Knights, I bring you good news for ProLife! We have been waiting the past few months for Supreme to resolve an issue related to the Ultrasound Initiative funding. A question had arisen concerning the donation of machines to crisis pregnancy centers affiliated with an organization called CareNet. CareNet offers a wide range of services to crisis pregnancy centers and also assists those seeking to upgrade to "medical" status and provide sonograms to expectant mothers. As a Christian organization, CareNet required its affiliates to follow a statement of faith that contained one statement that may have contradicted Catholic teaching on the Magisterium. Center staff and volunteers were generally required to affirm that statement.



Supreme received guidance from the Conference of Catholic Bishops on this issue, and after consultation with CareNet, a consensus has been reached which will allow the Knights of Columbus to provide machines to CareNet-affiliated centers in need of an ultrasound machine. What this means for local councils and the Georgia State Council in particular is that we can start placing machines. We expect to place another machine within the next 30 days and several others in short order after that. I sincerely appreciate the patience of my Brother Knights on this issue, and I am thankful that we have reached a compromise that will allow the Order to continue its work in this

area.

As the end of the Fraternal Year approaches, let us all turn our attention to getting those final ProLife Projects completed. Remember that this year, councils will need four projects in this area to qualify for council awards like Star, McGivney, etc. Let's get moving and get it done!



The Programs of the Last Fraternal Year. . .

By Mark Corrigan - State Warden and Last Fraternal Year's Program Chairman



We have all (hopefully) recovered from another hugely successful annual Convention and meeting. The programs submitted were some of the best illustrations of the resolve of Georgia Knights when they saw a need. We, as Knights of Columbus have shown the State and the Order that we understand what it means to be a Knight. The following is a list of the winners of this year's competition. The complete presentation from the annual banquet is linked on our web site:

www.gakofc.org/spawards10.pdf.

Council Activities

2nd Runner Up: Pope John Paul I Council 7366, Safety Fence Project

1st Runner Up: St. Pius X Council 10004, 20th Anniversary & Year of the Priest Celebration

Winner: Good Samaritan Council 14181, Wives and Widows Christmas Party

Community Activities

2nd Runner Up: St. Michael the Archangel Council 11768, Dinner Auction

1st Runner Up: St. Thomas the Apostle Council 12386, Building Cultural Bridges by Feeding Body & Soul

Winner: Saint Oliver Plunkett Council 13440, Operation Christmas Cheer

Family Activities

2nd Runner Up: Holy Family Council 9792 Chattahoochee Nature Center Presentation

1st Runner Up: Savannah Council 631, Family Easter Egg Hunt

Winner: All Saints Council 11402, Fathers for Good, an 8 week Seminar

Youth Activities

2nd Runner Up: Sweetwater Council 10821, Invitational Bocce Ball Tourney

1st Runner Up: Msgr Daniel J. Bourke Council 3607, Feeding Future leaders

Winner: Savannah Council 631, Savannah College of Arts & Design Barbecue

Church Activities

2nd Runner Up: Sharpsburg Council 12862, Reader to Acolyte

1st Runner Up: Blue Ridge Council 12126, Roundtable Project

Winner: Prince of Peace Council 13457, Meditation Trails

Pro Life Activities

2nd Runner Up: Sharpsburg Council 12862, Baptismal Cross Presentations

1st Runner Up: St. Marguerite D' Youville Council 12905, Ultrasound Fundraiser

Winner: St. Michael the Archangel Council 11768, Remembering the Unborn

Finally, I would like to thank our Immediate Past State Deputy & Supreme Director, Dan Baker and our current Worthy State Deputy, Jim St. John for allowing me to serve as your Program Director for the past 3 ½ years. I'd also like to thank all of you for your support and friendship. Our time together has enriched mine and Sally's lives. It has been an experience I will not soon forget.

The New Fraternal Year 2010-2011 Budget

By Rick Sisko- State Secretary



The State Convention of May 2010 has approved the following budget for 2010-2011:

Income		Expenses	
Convention	\$55,050	Annual Meeting	\$78,200
Per Capita	\$117,300	State Convention	\$55,050
Sales & Misc	\$2,000	State Council Operations	\$27,250
Ceremonials Income	\$800	Subordinate Council	\$15,050
Other Income	\$5,700	Supreme Council Services	\$5,300
Total	\$180,850	Total	\$180,850

God Bless America !

By the Reverend Mr Al Gallagher - Holy Family Church Deacon

As we gather to celebrate Independence Day, we give thanks that there is something certain for us. We are certain that God is the Author of our Liberty, that we are "one nation, under God" - no matter what any Federal Court judge may say. And that a dedication to maintaining the freedom we enjoy means serving our nation as well as serving our God. America has always been one nation under God. Unfortunately, some are trying to rewrite American history and our laws and contradict our Christian nation, removing God's blessing. Christians are the largest group in America (80%) and our nation's source of unity. Some words from our forefathers:

"The longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?" - BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

"The reason that Christianity is the best friend of Government is because Christianity is the only religion that changes the heart." - PRESIDENT THOMAS JEFFERSON

"The Bible is the Rock on which this Republic rests." - PRESIDENT ANDREW JACKSON

"I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior (Jesus) of the world is communicated to us through this book." - PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN

"It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible." - PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON (on September 17th, 1796)

In his 1961 Inaugural, President Kennedy challenged us to "Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country." Perhaps the BEST thing we can do is make that personal commitment to lives that are pleasing to our Lord, then demonstrating that commitment in the prayerful support of our leaders (which will sometimes mean challenging them when they lead us in wrong directions), and a loving reaffirmation of the principles of "liberty and justice for all." We give thanks not only for the freedoms we enjoy as Americans, for our dedication to "liberty and justice for all." We give thanks today for the grace of God that is ours through faith in Jesus, the freedom to enter the presence of God confident that we are redeemed, saved children of God. Then with a full heart, we can truly pray:

God bless America, land that I love;
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans, white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home.
Amen.

Recruitment at the Eucharistic Congress - It Worked

By Lou Bonadies State Membership Director & Retention Chairman

As the State Recruitment Director it was a great pleasure to man a Georgia State Knights of Columbus Recruitment Table at the Atlanta Archdiocese Eucharistic Congress held last weekend in Atlanta Friday June 4th and Saturday June 5th. I was able to display various types of recruitment material and brochures and expose the Knights of Columbus to many good Catholic men. The majority of men encountered were already Knights and a pleasure to share their experiences as Knights.

However, there were some fifty men who were interested in knowing about the Knights of Columbus Organization. I was able to convince some thirty men to either provide their personal information and complete eleven Prospect Cards and sixteen others to sign Form 100's to join the Order. I will send via mail the Prospect Cards and Form 100's to Grand Knights of councils located in the prospective candidates home and/or church. Those individuals who submitted Prospect Cards should be contacted for further recruit action, however, those individuals submitting Form 100 should be contacted immediately to arrange attendance and participation in a 1st Degree Exemplification.

The Councils that will be receiving Form 100's and/or Prospect Cards are as follows:

Council Name	Number	Form 100	Prospect Card
Atlanta	660	2	
St Teresa (Squires)	4985	1	1
St Thomas Aquinas	6532	4	1
Msgr Edward J. Dodwell	6920	1	
Holy Trinity (McDonough)	7601		1
Holy Trinity (Peachtree City)	8081	1	
Our Lady of LaSalette	8376	1 (Re-admission)	
Msgr Michael J Regan	8731	1	
Holy Family	9792	1	2
St Pius X	10004	1	
Transfiguration	10362	1	
Corpus Christi	10497		1
St Andrew	10632	2	
Sweetwater	10821		1
St Michael the Archangel	11768	1	1
Father Vincent Mulvin	12287	1	
St Monica	12883		1
St Lawrence	13052		1
Totals		16	11



Note: GK's please verify initial Council assignments and take appropriate reassignment if necessary. If there are questions regarding the above, please contact me. If it is convenient, please let me know the results of your action to accept these candidates into your council.

District Happenings - "Didjano That. . ."

DISTRICT 12 - (DD John Zarzycki)

. . . State Squires Chairman, Bill Leach reports that the Georgia State Squires Circle welcomes their second Circle to be chartered in the 2009-2010 fraternal year. The new Circle at St. James Parish in McDonough is the Apostles Creed Columbian Squires Circle 5404. The Investiture Ceremony was performed by Squires from Circle 4976 in Roswell and Circle 5092 in Flowery Branch. In addition, the charter application has been submitted for a new Circle at Holy Spirit Preparatory High School and sponsored by Council 12386. There are additional Circles in development in Winder and Dallas. The date of the Fourth Annual Georgia State Squires Convention to be hosted by Circle 4452 in Conyers at St. Pius X has moved from July 10, to August 7, 2010. Esto Dignus - Be worthy!

DISTRICT 13 - (DD Greg Crnkovich)

. . . For the second year in a row, **All Saints Council #11402 in Dunwoody** made their McGivney Hall into "Pit Row" as it was magically transformed into the official Soap Box Derby Clinic Hall on all successive Saturdays before the big race on June 5th on the First Baptist Church grounds on Cotillion and North Peachtree at the I-285 exit.



The parking lot just outside McGivney became the test bed for completed cars as youngsters got their first instructions on proper racing techniques. Scales weighed the vehicles for proper standards and weight plates were applied as needed.

Last year, in the first official race, about 15 of the 24 entries were assembled and tested inside or outside McGivney Hall. Brother Al Alberghini, race technical director, and wife Addie, race director, again supervised the activities as the official representatives of the Kiwanis Club of Atlanta, the primary sponsor of the race. He was so impressed with our facility and willingness to help the various organizations competing, that he joined the Knights last

year.

Thanks were given to Joey Fuentes, who is managing the clinics and supervising the hall activities. Bob Fiscella's son will be our K of C car driver this year. The All Saints Boy Scout Troop 434 also has a car competing again.

. . . **Mary Our Queen Council #14944** did a "Muffins for Mom" Mother's Day breakfast which was completely free –A breakfast comprised of donuts, muffins, coffee cake along with coffee and juice. It was done during both Sunday masses and was a huge success.

. . . That the same council recently wrapped up an interview story for the Knights of Columbus COLUMBIA magazine concerning the St. Gerard Project. Two officers along with Fr. David Dye had their photo taken by the St. Gerard statue for the magazine article. The St. Gerard Project has drawn interest from the Associated Press which has distributed its story to television and newspapers throughout the United States. For further information please visit the website: movedbygrace.com.

DISTRICT 15 - (DD Dale Hall)

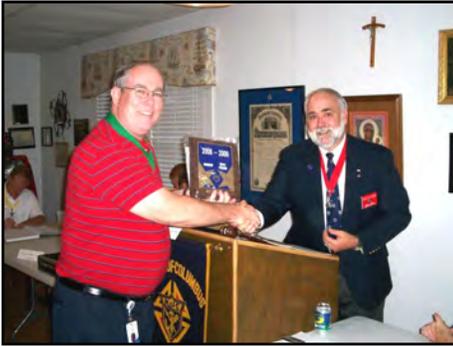
The annual **St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council 4599** essay contest was conducted at St. Joseph's Catholic School, Marietta, Georgia in the months of April and May. All students in the eighth grade were eligible to write on the topic of "The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society".

The essays were initially reviewed by the their teachers and were selected in the top ten: Ben Adler, Mallory Bassett, Lauren D'Ambra, Beth Anne Edwards, Olivia Granger, Sabrina Hansen, Caroline Kopp, Alec Pereira, Hannah Rondon, and Jensen Sullivan. The finalists were judged by the Knights of Columbus and the winner, Alec Pereira, was announced by Grand Knight, Chris McHugh, on May 24, 2010.

For his winning submission Alec was presented a \$100 U.S. Saving Bond by the K of C and a plaque engraved with his name to be displayed at St. Joseph Catholic School.



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Marietta, GA (L-R): Past Grand Knight, Jim Young, receives Fr. McGivney/Columbian Awards 2008-2009 for Membership and Service Programs from District Deputy Dale Hall.

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... Knights of Columbus Council 4599 of Marietta, Georgia is a Father McGivney/Columbian Awards winner for 2008-2009 Fraternal Year. The Father McGivney Award, named for the founder of the organization, is given in recognition of outstanding membership, recruitment and retention efforts. The Columbian Award is presented for excellence in sponsoring programs that serve the Church, community, families and youth – as well as council members.

... 2nd Degree team captain, Dick Lanyi (see photo right), received a scroll from District Deputy Dale Hall as Honoree for the 2nd Degree Exemplification Class of March 27, 2010.



DISTRICT 16 - (DD Vin O'Reilly)

... Congratulations are in order for newly elected Grand Knights Gerry Lynch of the **St Brendan's Council 12942 in Cumming** and Ron Simard of the **St Monica's Council 12883 in Duluth**. They join re-elected Grand Knights Steve Machek of the **Good Shepherd Council 13161 in Cumming** and Angelo Sampona of the **St Benedicts Council 10633 in Johns Creek** who led his Council to achieve Star Council status for 2009-2010.

These leaders and their Council Officers are formulating program plans with a focus on effective Membership Recruiting and Retention. Membership Recruiting and Retention remain the top priority for this District this year. The Councils recognize that Recruiting and Retention is a 12 month priority beginning in July. First Degree Exemplifications are scheduled at the **Good Shepherd Council** in July, at the **St Monica's Council** in August, at the **St Benedict's Council** in September and at the **St Brendan's Council** in October.

Each of their Grand Knights is committed to achieving Star Council status for 2010-2011.

DISTRICT 20 - (DD Walter Marchant)



On Saturday, May 22, 2010, **Council 7601, McDonough** hosted over 200 parishioners of Saint James the Apostle in an evening of appreciation and fellowship to honor of our Priests, Father John Murphy and Father Jose Kochuparampil. The Southern style BBQ dinner served as an opportunity to commemorate the Year of the Priest. Fr. John, a native of Ireland, gave remarks encouraging the parish to continue fostering a sense of community that will one day result in increased local vocations.



Virtue Strengthens

Excerpted from *The Columbia Magazine* By William E Lori - Supreme Chaplain

A well-formed conscience is strengthened by virtue. Virtue is defined as "an habitual and firm disposition to do the good". We are shaped by the decisions we make, and when we habitually choose what is good, we grow in the likeness of God.

The Church distinguishes two types of virtue: human and theological. Human virtues strengthen us to control our desires and to guide our conduct according to reason and faith. We acquire them by repeatedly doing what is good. God's grace purifies and elevates human virtues. They are grouped under the four cardinal virtues on which the entire moral life is hinged. These include *prudence*, which strengthens our reason so that we may discern not only the good to be done in a particular situation but also the best way to do it. *Justice* strengthens the will so that we will give to others — and to God — what is their due. *Fortitude* makes us firm in choosing the good, even when it is difficult or costly to do so. And *temperance* helps us achieve self-mastery over our desires for pleasure and the use of this world's goods. The theological virtues — faith, hope and charity — are from God and direct us to God. Unlike human virtues, they are not acquired by practice but are infused in us through the Holy Spirit. These grow through prayer and through the Church's sacramental life. They strengthen our relationship with the Trinity and help us to follow Christ by living the law of love.

Faith enables us to believe in God, in all that he has revealed and what the Church proposes for our belief. By faith we affirm that God is truth itself and commit ourselves freely to God. *Hope* enables us to live in the present, in expectation of eternal life. Through hope, we rely on the Holy Spirit to persevere and prepare for the joy of heaven. *Charity* enables us to love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves. By sharing in God's love revealed in Christ, we find the strength to live the law of love.

The 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit are the signs that we are becoming more Christ-like by living the law of love in the spirit of the Beatitudes. Included are: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity.

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Interesting Data About Nursing Home Care

By Dr Joe Lazzarini, State Medical Director

The following was extracted from the *Journal of American Family Physician*:

About 1.5 million Americans reside in Nursing Homes (NH). Usually a family physician leads the team that provides the medical, functional, emotional, nutritional, social and environmental needs of these patients.

The clinical assessment of NH residents focuses on cognition, mood, disability, skin integrity and medical management. Transitions between different health care environments are provided by communication among health care professionals and detail transfer documentation. Identifying and reporting residence abuse and neglect, and infection control practices are also essential in NH care. The most common diseases in NH resident include: mental disorders and those involving the circulatory and the central nervous system. Americans needing long-term care is expected to double by the year 2050

Approximately one third of NH residents die within one year of admission and it is estimated that by the year 2020, 40% of all death will occur in NH. It is understood, however, that based on historical data a low percentage of older patients will die in their respective homes close to their families.

Next topic will be on Dementia. For questions please call 770-913-1864

