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Knights Dedicate Father McGivney Window

January 8, 2011, the **Monsignor Felix Donnelly Council** celebrated the dedication of the Stained Glass window honoring Father Michael J. McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus and his vision. Dedicating the window was Council Chaplain Father Pablo Migone, Associate Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Warner Robins, GA. Guests included State Deputy, Jim St. John, District Deputy Mark Hofmann and the Honor Guard from Sacred Heart Assembly 179. This is the first window in Georgia honoring Father McGivney and is believed to be the first such window anywhere donated by a K of C Council.

The Window Project began a little over 2½ years ago with the Veneration of Father McGivney. With the support of Msgr. Fred Nijem, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Council 4371 and the Ladies Auxiliary began raising the funds needed to donate the Window. The Knights and the Ladies conducted two bake sales, two yard sales, two dinners, a jewelry party, and received cash donations from seventy K of C families. As a side note, the Knights who are dedicated to Mary and praying the Rosary, saw the Window installed on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

The Window will serve as a constant reminder to each Knight that he is a member of a Catholic, family, fraternal service organization dedicated to the principles of **CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY** and **PATRIOTISM**.



From The State Deputy

By Jim St. John - State Deputy



The Lenten season is upon us. For many councils this means spending Fridays putting on fish fries. For Catholics, Lent means fasting, abstinence, and prayer. Many of us will attend Lenten Reconciliation Services. Also, for many Catholics, Lent has meant giving something up - usually something pleasurable like deserts, chocolate, or your favorite beverage.

Since this is a season where we try to get ourselves into a better relationship with God, I would like to make a humble suggestion. I am asking my Brother Knights to give up the things that take us away from God. Some of these are much harder to give up than candy or

beer. How about giving up the grudge you are carrying against a co-worker or a Brother Knight because of something they said to you or about you? How about giving up some ego and admitting that neither you nor I are always right? How about giving up some of you time to helping someone who needs the help? How about giving up some alms? We need money for ultrasound machines, wheelchairs. Special Olympics, Frontline Faith, prosthetic limbs for amputee children in Haiti, and other worthwhile programs. Not only individuals but councils can contribute. Please look at the balances in you council's accounts. Consider whether some of those funds could be doing more in the bank or out doing good for charity.

In addition to giving up these things, perhaps you should consider adding some things. How about adding some additional prayer - for yourself, your family, your Brother Knights, and for all those who are in need of our prayers? How about trying to make it to mass during the week? How about spending an hour at Eucharistic adoration?

The goal for each of us for this Lent should be to be more holy and pleasing to God when we celebrate the great Feast of Easter.



Pro-Life Activities Marching Forward !

By David Canale - State Pro-Life Chairman



I wish to thank those Knights who attended the March For Life in Atlanta on Friday, January 21st and also those who helped distribute K of C signs to the marchers on that day. Several thousand people gathered on that chilly day to show their support for life and their opposition to abortion. The K of C signs are always appreciated, since most people do not bring anything to carry. The "We Choose Life" message that they display leave no doubt as to our Order's position on this issue. We must be public in our opposition to the slaughter of innocent children and our belief in the sanctity of life.

We are still placing ultrasound machines at pregnancy care centers throughout the state. Currently, we have two applications pending with Supreme and we hope to have responses back on them very soon.

Once these machines are presented, the GA State Council, with the assistance of Knights and councils around the state, will have placed five ultrasound machines in Dalton, Decatur, Albany, Hapeville, and Kingston, Jamaica. There is no doubt that the image of an unborn child seen on an ultrasound machine monitor can more often than not change a mother's heart. We must keep up the push to raise funds and find centers that we can help. I would encourage each of you to visit the Supreme website and review the Ultrasound Initiative page for more information about this worthy cause.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not remind everyone that Pro-Life is a separate program area requiring four events for the program awards. Please keep this in mind as you close out the Fraternal Year.

Coats For Kids - Be Your "Brother's Keeper"



As winter hangs on, many children will not have a warm coat to protect them from the cold. As Knights, we can help needy children keep warm this winter. *Coats for Kids* is one program that addresses this situation. The Department of Fraternal Services will once again provide **new** winter coats for \$15.00 ea plus shipping.

As an option, your District/Council can collect coats locally using the resources of your parish rather than raising money and sending it to Supreme. Please make sure that the coats are in new condition as we do not want to hand out coats that are torn, stained, worn, etc.

I ask that all of the Councils within a district pool resources so we may make the greatest impact on the largest number of kids. At \$150 per council we can provide

more than 1000 *Coats for Kids* this winter here in Georgia.

For more information on ordering coats, identifying recipients or structuring a program, please contact Anthony Riviere, State programs director at ajriviere@aol.com or 770-895-0873. See the state website at www.gakofc.org for Supreme coat order forms and additional information.

Remember..... PICTURES OF KNIGHTS PUTTING THE COATS ON THE KIDS!

2011 State Convention Book Advertising

If your Council or Assembly has yet to send in your ad for the 2011 Convention Book, it is not too late! Our goal is 100% Council and Assembly participation. Your advertising participation and support allows us to publish the type of quality book that we have published for the last 4 years. Council and Assembly ad costs are as follows:

- **Full Page:** \$100 - **1/2 Page:** \$50 - **1/4 Page:** \$25

Be creative with your ads! Include photos of some key Council or Assembly events and programs in addition to a listing of your council officers. You can send us your finished ad - or send us the information and we will create the ad for you. Ad copy/photos and checks should be sent to the State 2011 Convention Book Ad Sales Coordinator - John Williams. John's contact information is below:

John Williams
PO Box 803
Powder Springs, GA 30127-0803
770-222-5527
johnmwil123@gmail.com

Checks should be made payable to: "**Knights of Columbus - Georgia State Council.**"

Also, it is not too late to sell a Commercial Ad! Any council that sells two full page Commercial Ads (\$250 per ad), will receive their Council Ad FREE! Plus, the Knight that sells the most Commercial Ads will receive a complimentary registration to the State Convention in Savannah in May - a \$200 value!

Thanks for your support in making the 2011 State Convention Book our best book ever!

Recession - What Recession?

By Ron Rigby - State Secretary

- Per Capita Tax payments reached 40% in 1st month
- Great job by all the councils that have made their payments
- Let's be at 100% by April 13th and you can get one of the best seats at the State Convention

Service Programs Directory

By Anthony Riviere - General Program Chairman

Camp Inspire Camp & Black Tie Gala - Due: TBD

Chairman: Mike Feeney - Email: mjfeeney@tds.net - Ph: 706.455.4896

Support Special Olympians at a week long summer camp. Need volunteers at camp, donations and attendees at the black tie gala.

Ultrasound Initiative - Due: April 15th

Chairman: David Canale - Email: canale2000@bellsouth.net - Ph: 70.592.1109

Every \$ collected is matched by Supreme. Need 10k for each machine.

State Charity Raffle - Due: January 7th

Chairman: Mike Zenchuck - Email: Mrz4972@yahoo.com - Ph: 770.880.0245

Raise \$'s for 3 crisis pregnancy centers across the state, and those charities designated by the council. 50% of ticket sales back to councils

Coats for Kids - Due: April 15

Chairman: Anthony Riviere - Email: ajriviere@aol.com - Ph: 770.895.0873

Provide coats for needy children. Conduct a coat drive, or purchase coats from Supreme for \$15/each.

PWID (Tootsie Roll Drive) - Due: April 15th

Chairman: Tom Gruschow - Email: towegr@aol.com - Ph: 770.461.0248

Money raised will support Special Olympics GA and Georgia ARC. 60% of funds go to charities designated by the Council, the balance of fund go to the state charities.

Wheel Chair Fund - Due: April 15th

Chairman: Greg Howe - Email: nudnik@aol.com - Ph: 770.977.1878

Raise funds to purchase wheel chairs for veterans and other needy people. Each wheel chair is \$150. Last delivery was featured on CNN. Funds should be directed to Columbian Charities of Georgia c/o Thomas Mead; 1102 Craddock Way, Macon GA 31210

Frontline Faith Project - Due: ASAP

Chairman: Tom Gissy - Email: tgissy@clear.net - Ph: 678.643.8664

Provide MP3 players loaded with the Celebration of the 2009 Memorial Day Mass from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception as celebrated by The Most Reverend Timothy P. Brogilo, Military Ordinary of the Archdiocese for the Military; meditations including one by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen; an Examination of Conscience; The Warrior's Rosary, and other spiritual reflections. \$25 players discounted to \$15/ea for the Knights of Columbus Georgia Council.

REPORTING:

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

Form 1728 - Due: January 31, 2011

This critical report aids local, state and Supreme Councils document charitable activity. This helps the Order tell the KofC story while also documenting the total amount of time and money our charitable organization contributes each year, which is critical to maintaining our non-profit, tax exempt status.

Partnership Profile Report w/ Special Olympics - Form 4584 - Due: January 31, 2011

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Our Order has always had a close relationship with Special Olympics. To help track Council participation, Supreme requires the submission of this form. To incentivize this, a cash contribution from Supreme to the State Council will be calculated based on the number of reports submitted. Even if a Council has not participated in Special Olympics this fraternal year, the Council should still submit the report indicating so.

Food For Families Report - Due: May 15, 2011 - Form available at www.GAKOFC.org

Report should document the outreach performed by each Council in the area of providing food and other resources to the less fortunate, local food banks and St. Vincent DePaul. Much like the Special Olympics Report, donations to the State Council are calculated based on the number of reports received. Even if a council has not performed any outreach, a report should be submitted. Forms should be submitted to Robert J. Ennis, FICF, Director, Fraternal Operations & Programs, Knights of Columbus 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven CT 06510 or you can email: robert.ennis@kofc.org. Please send a copy to your District Deputy.

Semi-Annual Council Audit

Form 1295-2 - Due: February 15, 2011

Semi-annual review of the Council financial records to be conducted by the Trustees. Must be submitted by the deadline or a Council can lose its "Good Standing" rating.

Columbian Award Application

Form SP-7 - Due: June 30, 2011

This form documents a Council's service program and is a key requirement for Star Council. Every year, hundreds of Councils miss the award for not filing SP-7. If a council has already completed the required number of programs, they are encouraged to submit the form early to be sure it is processed. Also, send copies to the State Deputy and District Deputy at the same time report is submitted to Supreme to create a paper trail in case a question arises with Supreme.

State Council Service Program Awards Entry. Form STSP

Due: April 15, 2011 - Get your program recognized, document and submit to the State Council for recognition at the State Convention.

The Meaning Behind Valentine's Day

Father Neil Herlihy - Chaplain of Our Lady of Grace Council - The Rock



In February, we celebrated Valentine's Day. We express our love, on this day, in a special way to those who are near and dear to us. As Knights and as Catholic men, this day should remind many of us of the great sacrament of marriage. In a sacramental marriage, a man and woman are not only joined to each other, they are also joined to Christ. It is not just that Christ is a third party to this union. It is much more profound than that. Christ, who is the sign and sacrament of God's presence in the world, is the foundation of that union. The couple then joins Christ as the outward sign of the love of God. They are able to open themselves to each other in love because God has first loved them. As Knights, in marriage, we open ourselves to give and open ourselves to receive. We do our best to give the gift of ourselves as we strive within our human limitations to reflect the total giving of self by Christ on the cross.

In our Christian faith tradition, marriage can be viewed as a form of discipleship. It often involves many joys and many sacrifices. It often involves the joys and sacrifices of raising children in this world. It often involves baptisms and picnics and graduations and family gatherings. One's marriage may involve feedings at 3 a.m. and sleepless nights. It may involve worry about children especially during difficult teenage years. It may involve worry about finances to meet school related bills, rent or mortgage payments, or other pressing needs. It may involve concern about not spending enough time with one's spouse or children. It may involve the heartache and grief of losing one's spouse, or parents, or other loved ones. Yet with all the worries, all the sacrifices, all the heartaches, there is also great joy for those who are called to this wonderful vocation because they are living as the Lord has called them to live. *(Cont'd on Page 7)*

District Happenings - "Didjano That. . ."

DISTRICT 6 - (DD Mark Hoffman)

. . . **Father Michael A. Burke Council 14488 Kathleen GA** is planning a St. Valentine's Day renewal of wedding vows on February 12 just after Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's in Kathleen for the Knights and their Ladies. This will be followed by a spaghetti or lasagna dinner hosted by the Farther Burke Council 14488 Ladies Auxiliary.

DISTRICT 10- (DD John Ordway)

. . . Pastors need becomes a Successful K of C/Eagle Scout Project - **St. Oliver's Council #13440 in Snellville** needed a small concession stand for the sports field in the back lot. At the same time, a scout by the name of Michael Ziegler needed a project for his Eagle Achievement Award and the Church Director of the Knights of Columbus needed a program. The Knights paid for it and Mike our Scout built it. Viola, everyone is happy especially Father.



DISTRICT 13- (DD Greg Crnkovich)

On Sunday, January 23, **All Saints Council** was presented with its 4th consecutive Double-Star Award during the 10:30 AM Mass celebrated by Monsignor Kiernan. The Georgia State Deputy, Jim St. John, and wife Mary Beth were present to award Past Grand Knight Lou Hlad with the 2010 plaque and attend the reception afterward. During the reception Deputy St. John also presented our District Deputy, Greg Crnkovich, with a Star District Award which is the equivalent distinctive award for a District Deputy.



DISTRICT 15 - (DD Joshua Gregory)

. . . At the January business meeting of **Knights of Columbus Council 4599** Grand Knight, Steve Jamell presented a check for \$521 to Larry Burke, President of the St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Joseph Church of Marietta.



. . . On February 5, 2011 two brother **Knights of Council 4599**, Norman Keller and Jose-Trinidad Merlo, were raised to the Permanent Diaconate by Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory. After serving first masses as Deacons at their home parish, St. Joseph's Church of Marietta, GA, Rev. Mr. Keller and Rev. Mr. Merlo were celebrated at receptions in Marist Hall attended by family, friends and parishioners.



What Is An American Soldier's Soul Worth?

By Mark Corrigan - State Warden

We have a very unique opportunity to touch the lives of every Soldier, Sailor, Airman, and Marine in a way that can change their lives. The Frontline Faith Project is our single most powerful tool not only to bring our heroes closer to God but to "Tell the Knight's Story."



The Frontline Faith MP3 players include a Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services; a "Warrior Rosary," conceived by Lynda MacFarland, the wife of a career military man, using the Sorrowful Mysteries and recited by the auxiliary bishops and chaplain priests of the Archdiocese for the Military Services; and prayers written and recited by children. Other programming includes "The Mass Explained" by Father Larry Richards; an examination of conscience; and over two hours of stories about faith in military life, told by troops in their own words. Because we have committed to this worthwhile project, the Georgia Knights of Columbus will put the emblem of the order on the player along with an audio message to our troops.

These players need to find their way into the hand of every service man and woman that wants one. The only way we can assure this happens is to make the commitment to support this project. You will not only "Tell the Knight's Story" you will be helping us support (in an indirect way) the "Catholics Come Home" initiative that is so important. In cooperation with "Mary's Touch" we can obtain these players at a reduced rate. The more we purchase, the lower the cost. For anyone that wants to make a personal donation, please make your tax deductible donation payable to "Columbian Charities of Georgia, C/O Thom Mead, 1102 Craddock Way, Macon, GA 31210.

Make the commitment as Knights to give your whole hearted support to this project & show our service men and women that we are supporting them physically, mentally and spiritually.

Frontline Faith Program Wins Support From Supreme!

February, 2011 - Naples, FL - At the recent meeting of the Board of Directors in Naples, FL, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus indicated their strong support for our **Frontline Faith** program with a commitment of \$15,000 to support this worthwhile initiative! This \$15,000 commitment from Supreme – in addition to the \$5,000 raised to date by Georgia state councils via local fundraising efforts - will put a considerable number of MP3 players in the hands of our brave servicemen that support and defend our country around the globe! With a limited number of Chaplains serving the needs of so many servicemen globally, this program supplements the work of the Chaplains and provides servicemen around the world with a direct connection to their faith!

Per our Worthy IPSD and Supreme Director, Dan Baker, “without the efforts to date of our local councils in raising \$5,000 for this program to date, it would not have been possible to receive this type of generous support from the Supreme Council!” Baker further noted that “the case was so convincing and the initiative so compelling that the Pennsylvania State Council has already contacted Frontline Faith about participating in the program”! This program has received the strong support of the Georgia State Council Executive Committee as well as the Worthy Master of the Fourth Degree, Tom Gissy!

You can learn more about the Frontline Faith Project by visiting their web site (frontlinefaithproject.org). As stated in their web site, \$24 puts one of these MP3 players in the hands of one of our troops. Per IPSD and Supreme Director Baker, “as we collect more money, as a group, we can get the production and distribution costs down to be able to supply even more players to supplement the work of our hard-working military Chaplains”.

Special thanks to Worthy State Warden Mark Corrigan for being a driving force behind making this program a reality. Also, special thanks to Brothers Corrigan and Gissy – and to local Councils and Assemblies around the state – for embracing this program and helping to raise nearly \$5,000 to date toward advancing the cause in our Unity with our men and women on the Front Lines of Freedom! All local Councils and Assemblies are encouraged to support this worthwhile program!

Service Programs - Begin Assembling Your Submission - Now!

By Anthony Riviere - State Program Director



Your council's Service Program activities should be a source of pride for you and your fellow Knights.

Each year, the state honors the best programs and activities, in the areas **Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth and Pro-Life** at the state convention. Let this be the year that you allow your council to be recognized in Savannah for the work they do. In addition, each State winner is entered into the international contest where the winners are honored at the Supreme Knight's Awards Session at the annual Supreme Convention.

Entries are judged first and foremost on the effectiveness of the program and the impact it has in the area of concentration. The content of the award application itself, however, is extremely important in conveying to the judges just how effective the program was. A few simple pointers can assist your council in producing winning entries and can improve your council's chances of being recognized as having some of the best programs.

To enter a program, complete the State Council Service Program Awards Entry Form (#STSP) located in the Council Report Forms Booklet (1436) or at www.kofc.org/forms. A separate form must be used for each program submitted and you **MUST** follow the rules and submit before the deadline date of **April 13, 2011** to be considered. Presentation, clarity, pictures, publicity, participation and originality are all important and should be considered during the assembly and execution of the submission. Your submission will be judged in the format received and no electronic submissions will be accepted. So attach all supporting documentation; i.e., pictures, newspaper articles, letters, church bulletins and other publicity to the form #STSP and submit for entry. **Mail nominations to:**

Anthony Riviere, PGK, State Program Director, 570 Lakeview Terrace, SE., Mableton, GA. 30126

PLEASE NOTE: The Grand Knight must sign all entries and a copy must be sent to the State Deputy. If only one copy of supporting documentation is available, include it with the submission to the State Program Director. It is preferred that all entries be typewritten, but that is not necessary to be considered. Ensure all paperwork is clearly legible. - REMEMBER - Late entries are non-entries. We look forward to seeing you receiving your award at the State convention in Savannah.

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As we reflect on the joys and sacrifices involved in the noble vocation of marriage, we pray that couples will continue to affirm Christ as the foundation of their marriage. In those happy times in their marriages, they can thank the Lord for their blessings and joys. In those times of struggle and sacrifice, they can identify their struggles and sacrifices with His cross. As Knights we can continue to promote and support the sacrament of marriage and pray that many more disciples of Christ will be called to truly live this noble vocation.

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“Georgia - Living the Vision
of the Venerable Father
Michael J. McGivney”

The Dementias

Dr Joseph Lazzarini - State Director of Health Services



Our Population is growing older - a high percentage reaching the upper eighties and lower nineties. Medically it has been also observed that the incidence of Dementia among our population has gradually increased. It is for this reason that I have selected the topic of Dementia for our newsletter.

What is Dementia? It is a disease in which those affected lose tissue of the brain which deteriorates the brain function. Some investigators classify dementia as “primary and secondary.” the **primary** type occurs by itself and is not a result of some other disease condition. In **secondary** dementia the condition arises because of another disease or circumstances like an accident or injury. The other classification is: (1) Fronto-temporal dementia - also known as cortical dementia; (2) Sub-cortical dementia and (3) Progressive dementia. People with Fronto-temporal dementia (FTD) don’t have the severe memory problems that those with Alzheimer disease do. In FTD, the frontal and temporal lobes of the brain, which control language and behavior are affected. Can it be treated? There is no cure of FTD. Most medicines treat symptoms such as depression. Counseling and support groups may help people with FTP. For more information try: Website: ftd-picks.org. In the next issue, I will discuss Medical Ultrasound.