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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!” 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!



Georgia Programs Shine at Supreme Convention

Congratulations are in order for several of our Georgia councils for having fared extremely well in the Supreme programs awards contest. The six category winners were sent to Supreme for judging and it is with great pleasure that I announce 4 of Georgia's programs won awards on the International level.

- **1st - Family - International Winner:** Care Packages for the Afghan Children - Islands Council 10579 - Michael Povec – Chairman - Kevin Cook- Grand Knight
- **2nd - Council - International Winner:** Maple Street Clean-Up - Assisting a Brother's Widow - St. Pius X Council 10004 - John Kowalczyk - Chairman - Patrick Barnes - Grand Knight
- **3rd - Youth - International Winner -** Dunwoody Soap Box Derby - All Saints Council 11402 - Joseph Fuentes - Chairman - Stan Wasowski - Grand Knight
- **4th - Church - International Winner -** Venerable Michael J. McGivney Stained Glass Window - Msgr. Felix Donnelly Council 4371 - Larry Hohnadel - Chairman & Grand Knight

Our State Program Director, Anthony Riviere, thanks all of you for what you do to make Georgia a great place to be and for “representing” on the International level at Supreme. Keep up the great works!

From The State Deputy

By Rick Sisko - State Deputy



The new fraternal year has started, and I am excited about the new and returning leaders of our councils. I must start by offering my THANK YOU to all our leaders for stepping up and offering their time and talent.

As I have stated at our Grand Knight meetings, our goal this fraternal year is to grow the Order thru active recruitment and worthwhile programs. Active recruitment does not mean that we are trying to sell membership in the Knights rather we are offering a fellow Catholic a GIFT. Why a Gift? As our IPSD has often stated: being a Knight has made him a better husband, better father, better Catholic, and just a better person. I am in total agreement that being a Knight is a gift and it is a gift that we should share with our fellow Catholics. "Membership 365" is now the focus for this fraternal year. By this we mean that we should recruit every day and not wait for a blitz that comes once or twice a year. As a matter of fact the Supreme Knight has stated that there will no longer be "Membership Blitzes."



Last year the order contributed \$154,651,852.00 toward charitable and benevolent causes. We also provided 70,049,433 hours toward fraternal and charity projects. These numbers were thru the efforts of 1,800,000 members. All good deeds are another reason for growth in membership. Just think what 2,000,000 or 2,500,000 members could do.

Columbian Award Requirements can now be met by providing only one program in certain areas:

- Church: RSVP
- Community: Habitat for Humanity/ Wheel Chair Program
- Council: Special Olympics
- Family: Food for Families
- Pro Life: March for Life
- Youth: Coats for Kids

It is now our Watch. Let's go out this fraternal year and grow membership, provide worthwhile programs, and have fun doing it. Remember - IF NOT US - THEN WHO; IF NOT NOW - THEN WHEN. **SEE THE VISION-MISSION STATEMENT ON PAGE 8.**

Pro-Life Strides are Happening

By David Canale - Pro-Life Chairman

Quarterly Report of Ultrasound Benefits - January 2011-June 2011

Total Clients for Ultrasound: 47

Plan to Abort: 14

Changed mind after ultrasound: 7

Current Year First Half (Includes scans)

Total Visits: 244

January: 15

February: 22

March: 41

April: 36

May: 70

June: 60

Last Year First Half (No scans)

Total Visits: 82

January: 30

February: 21

March: 31

April: 21

May: 21

June: 26

Total client increased by 163%. *This first report included 5 months (February – June) for 2011. The January 2011 numbers listed were for model scans only and not regular clients.



This is to let you know of our appreciation for the ultrasound gift here at the Alpha Pregnancy Center. It has been in use for clients since February of this year. January was used for model women for training only. It had impacted many already as you can see the difference in numbers between this and last year. Just know that the attached document is the result of God working through many in our community and beyond. Please let the KOC of Georgia and on the national level know of our appreciation. Please stay the course in helping many other centers that have the need for an Ultrasound. We will be sending you these numbers quarterly on a similar format from now on.

David G. Smith

Director

Alpha Pregnancy Center

Albany, Georgia



The Chris Early Award

By John J. Tabellione - St. Ann Marietta Council 8376



While many Knights of Columbus councils and other organizations offer achievement awards to high school seniors, I believe that the “Chris Early Award” stands unique, which is why I am proposing this query for consideration for the *Columbia Magazine*.

In addition to high academic achievement, extra-curricular and community involvement, parish activity participation and strong references typically set as parameters for judging, this endowment has a special requirement for the applicants. Each participant must write an essay based upon the four core principles of the Knights of Columbus: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Earlier this year, Fourth Degree Knight Steve Early and his wife, Linda, decided to bequeath an annual award in conjunction with St. Ann’s Council #8376 (Marietta, Georgia) in memory of their late 25-year old son. As a result of the strong competition and high level of interest, both the Early family and the council today feel that they have received dividends of special blessings a hundredfold in return.

The quality responses from the many young Christians who applied reflected a thorough understanding and commitment to these pillars of Knighthood. As these students prepare for their adult lives and to become leaders of the future, the Early family, the judges and the entire Council share the knowledge and confidence that the principles of the Knights of Columbus are pervasive and transferable to today’s youth.

The younger Early, who lost his life in a car accident in August 2010, was a student at Kennesaw State University, where he had majored in sports management. As someone who loved sports, he coached youth league basketball, he particularly enjoyed playing tennis and basketball, and he was an ardent Atlanta Braves fan. Ironically, Chris had been the recipient of a similar endowment when he was a middle school student. An outstanding young Christian man, he had just begun to talk to his father about becoming a Knight prior to his accident.

The presentation to the first winner of the Chris Early Award was made May 15, 2011 at the St. Ann’s Life Teen Mass to **Miss Kelly Dudek of Blessed Trinity High School in Roswell, Georgia.**

The approximately 1,000-word article plus pictures will detail the story behind the award, the challenges for the judges and will encompass excerpts from not only Ms. Dudek’s essay, but also those of several other applicants, together with a “who’s who” of achievements garnered by these active seniors in the St. Ann’s Parish Life Teen Program.

Bottom line, the “Chris Early Award” story will confirm and bring to life for *Columbia* readers the fact that the core principles of the Knights of Columbus are being passed on to yet another generation.

More Ultrasound Activity

The letter that follows below was written to our PSD Jim St. John - WOW! It looks like we are not standing still.

May 2, 2011

Christ is alive! He is truly risen! Alleluia! Some weeks ago, with the help of Mr. Richard Simpson, we checked 16 pregnant mothers of all ages and in all stages of pregnancy using the ultrasound machine which Knights Of Columbus donated. We watched the babies move in the womb: it is nothing short of being a miracle! There were the features of little human beings enjoying existence in their mother's womb. The women knew then, these are not tissues in their wombs. Some wept to see the miracle of life within their own flesh.

Our Missionaries of the Poor Sisters (Sr. Joanne and Sr. Melanie) are now having regular check -ups of pregnant women from the ghettos of Kingston - they let the pregnant mother see the baby in her womb ... the baby turns, breathes, swims, plays in the womb, intimately bound up with the flesh of the mother in a closeness that cannot escape the life-beat, heartbeat, moods and feelings of one another. The mother knows that this is a child, that there is life, independent and real, moving within her, yet dependent on her for existence. The baby is alive! It is not a tissue. It's a child alive, breathing, heart beating, swimming, sucking the thumb, hiccupping - a being with a separate but inter-dependent existence with the mother. The child in the womb truly is Christ - fragile and vulnerable, yet pure and full of life and love!

The ultrasound machine you donated is truly a wonderful tool in promoting and preserving the life of the unborn. With all the Brothers and Sisters of the Missionaries of the Poor, the poor whom we take care of daily, and the unborn children who reveal the innocence and the mysterious power of life and love of Christ, our sincere gratitude to you all!

Come and visit us here in Jamaica. We have accommodation for you. We will pick you up at the airport. You will pray and work with the Brothers and spend time with our poor ones. May God bless you!

In His Service

*Very Rev. Fr. Richard Ho Lung, MOP
Founder and Superior General,
Missionaries of the Poor*



Camp Inspire Works - Read “A Mom’s Letter. . .”

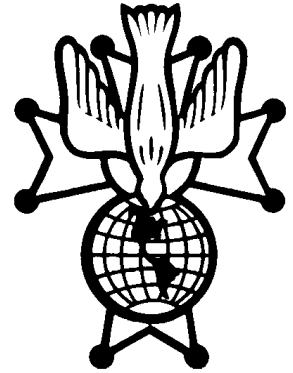
When I first started talking to Lewis about going to camp, he was terrified. I bought a few children’s books and started to read them to him to show him how much fun it was going to be. After talking about it for two months, they arrived for him to go. He actually seemed excited but I was a nervous wreck. From the second we stepped out of the car, everyone I spoke to and everything I saw began to put me at ease. However, it wasn’t until Lewis finally came into the cabin and I saw him begin to connect with you, that I felt things just might be OK and he might just stay. I truly expected him to pitch a fit and make a scene when I tried to leave. Well, like other kids, he made a liar out of me. When you told him to go with you to meet the other campers he jumped up and followed like he owned the place while I stood there and cried. Lewis never looked back. I realize now that your phone call later that day were to check on me as Lewis was fine.

Because Lewis cannot talk or write, I am very over-protective of him. I have known for a long time that I must start to make him more independent and less dependent on me and this was a huge step towards that end. I have known he needed his “guy” time like every other guy but did not realize how much he wanted it until I saw his face when I picked him up.

(See “A Mom’s Letter” - Continued on page 7)

The Exemplification of the Fourth Degree

The Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held in Lilburn, Georgia, on **Saturday, November 12, 2011**, honoring Sir Knight, James C. St. John, Past State Deputy and member of Divine Mercy Assembly 2771. The degree will be held at St. John Newman Catholic Church located at 801 Tom Smith Road, Lilburn, GA. The Banquet will be held at Killian Hall located at 908 Killian Hill Road, Lilburn, GA.



SCHEDULE OF FEES:

Priest Candidate: \$50, Non Priest Candidate: \$70, Extra Banquet Tickets: \$40, Ladies Tea: \$20

Completed forms and fees should be submitted to your Council Financial Secretary for membership verification. Once verified, forms and funds should be turned over to the Assembly Comptroller. Send completed Form 4’s and Assembly check to SK Rick Weber, District Secretary, 1463 Sugar Maple Ct SW, Lilburn, GA 30047, by Wednesday November 2, 2011.

THIS IS THE ABSOLUTE DEADLINE. NO CANDIDATES OR BANQUET REQUEST WILL BE HONORED IF NOT POST-MARKED BY THIS DATE.

To be eligible for this exemplification, a Knight must have joined the Order prior to May 12, 2011, and have attained his Third Degree prior to this exemplification. There is no time limit for Priest, as long as he is a Third Degree member of the Order.

Please insure that the current version of Form 4 (7/07 version only) is filled out completely. The most often committed errors in filling out the form are the omission of the membership number and the date of his First Degree. Please insure that these important items are completed prior to the submittal to the form to the District Secretary. All copies are to be sent to the District Secretary, do not remove any copies. Assembly copies will be returned to the Comptrollers after they have been processed by the Master.

DRESS FOR THE DEGREE

Candidates: Black Tux, White Flat Front Flat Collar Tux Shirt (Pleats but no Ruffles and no Bat-Wing Collars), Black Bow Tie, Black Cumberbund, Black Hose, Black Shoes, **NO** Pins or other Adornments on the Tux.

Members: Same as above with the addition of the Social Baldric, a small Fourth Degree Pin in left lapel, and a pocket name badge. In place of the official Fourth Degree Pin a member may wear the approved Fourth Degree/Flag Pin. In addition to one Fourth Degree Pin a member may wear the miniature officers jewels of previous offices held, to be worn above the left pocket, and the Jewel of the current office held whether 3rd or 4th degree.

Ladies Dress: Tea/Vigil Mass – Sunday best. Banquet - Cocktail or Formal Dress.

Schedule of Events

- 12:00 PM – Registration tables open
- 12:00 to 1:30 PM – Candidates Registration and Ticket Package Pick up
- 2:00 PM Exemplification begins
- 5PM – Vigil Mass St. John Newman Catholic Church
- 6:30 to 7:30 PM – Cocktail Hour
- 7:15 PM - Banquet Doors Open
- 7:30 PM - Banquet Begins
- 9 - 11:30 PM Dancing

If you have any questions contact District Master Thomas R. Gissy (678-643-8664) - tgissy@comcast.net.

District Happenings - “Didjano That. . .”

DISTRICT 15 (DD Joshua Gregory)

... That St. Michael the Archangel Council 11768 celebrates 15 years in Woodstock



On Friday June 17, 2011, 6:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus Council #11768 installed the Officers for the new fraternal year

and celebrated fifteen years of service and dedication to the Woodstock and Cherokee County communities, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 490 Arnold Mill Rd, Woodstock GA. in the sanctuary. The council was chartered in 1996 with 66 members, and membership has grown to over 325 current members. Over the last 15 years, Council #11768 has raised nearly \$450,000 for charitable works and provided over 163,000 hours of service. The Knights may be best known around Woodstock for their annual “Drive for Persons With Intellectual Disabilities” where they can be found handing out tootsie rolls and collecting donations.

DISTRICT 12 (DD Joe Costa)

... That GK Gary Sherman thanked his council as follows: “I would like to thank all of you who participated in our Officer Installation and Dinner this past Saturday evening. We had a terrific turnout with nearly (100) Knights and ladies attending. We were also fortunate to have our top (3) State KofC Officials and their wives in attendance as well (State Deputy, Jim St. John, State Secretary, Rick Sisko and State Advocate, Mark McMullen). Their attendance helped make this a very special evening.

One particular highlight of the evening was our ability to honor all our Past Grand Knights from Council 8376. (17) PGKs were present ... see attached photo. Also attending but not pictured was PGK Vince Belmonte and Jerry Pierce. Unfortunately, two of our PGKs have passed away (Marty Kinsler and Bill Myers).



... That **St. Joseph (Marietta, GA) Knights of Columbus Council 4599** recognized Jim Orfe and his family as the Council’s 2010-2011 Family of the Year. Brother Jim along with his wife, Sue and their children, Jimmy, Josh, Rebecca and Alex, worked tirelessly putting in hundreds of hours from August thru April to renovate the council’s home to make it the beautiful and practical building it is today. The award plaque was presented to the Orfe family by Chaplain Fr. John Walsh and Grand Knight Steve Jamell before a large gathering of Knights and their families at the council’s Memorial Day picnic last June.



... That **Council 4599 in Marietta** The Knights of Columbus, led by the Bishop Charles P. Greco Assembly 2161, took part in the annual Marietta Independence Day parade followed by a family picnic for all Knights and their families at the Council 4599 Home. The Knights grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, their wives prepared potato salad, coleslaw, condiments and desserts for the picnic. A special attraction for the kids was a water slide that even some of the older kids tried. Good fellowship, good friendship, good food and a good time were enjoyed by all. Jim Orfe and Mike Perrino were the “chefs.”

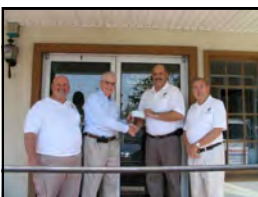
... That Joe Kedzierski—PGK, FDD, Past State Knight of the Year - was the honoree at a 3rd Degree Exemplification held at Holy Family Catholic Church on August 27th. He is a distinguished Knight and is shown here with our current State Deputy, Rick Sisko.



DISTRICT 14 (DD Frank Cacciatore)

... That **Council 11676, of St. Paul the Apostle Church, Cleveland** recently made a contribution to Caring Hands, a free medical clinic, for those individuals That are uninsured.

L to R are : Chancellor Joe Freeman, clinic board chair Jim Hiers, GK Paul Sherman and DD Frank Cacciatore.



DISTRICT 18 (DD Jerry Mock)

... That **Sweetwater Council 10821** sponsored Joshua Allen for the Priesthood. On June 18, 2011 he was ordained a Priest in the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

... Immediate Past State Deputy James St. John and our current State Deputy Rick Sisko presented an award to **FDD Frank Moran** from Council 10821 as the **Outstanding District Deputy in Georgia**.

... That members of **Sweetwater Council of the Knights of Columbus and John Paul II Squire Circle 4985** join forces to rebuild a parishioner's fence. The fence was destroyed by recent storms and flooding and surrounds a the horse farm of recently deceased Brother Thomas Bielewski. Thanks to all those who helped!



.. And that Father Josh - their new priest was presented with his Honorary Life Membership Card by Joe Rizzo.



... That Sweetwater Council 10821 in Douglasville held a Free Barbecue to benefit the Habitat for Humanity. The council along with the Parish of St Theresa were involved in a Habitat project this weekend. We raised \$1,060. Attached is a picture of the Brothers of Sweetwater Council who made this Barbecue a success.

... And furthermore that Brother Carl Taylor and his wife Angela received the Council's Family of the Year Award.



DISTRICT 1 (DD Torrance Garvin)



... That the West Broad Street YMCA is one of seven Heritage Y's remaining in the country. Founded in 1947 to serve African Americans denied services elsewhere. The Y continues to serve children, individuals, and families with a variety of educational, enrichment, and recreational programs.

Although the Y serves all of downtown, the majority of those served are from the immediate community. There are 1,100 people living in the two neighborhoods. Over 600 of them are children under 18 in single mother homes, with an average annual income of \$8,500. The majority do not finish high school and few go on to secondary education or enters the skilled workforce. Believe it or not, **all six local Savannah councils** stepped up to be a part of the program. They are going to be able to extend the program to two full weeks. They are filling a HUGE void.



The guys that made the lunches & served the kids were really set aback at the number of kids that made a point to come up and thank us for doing this for them. Makes you sort of well up when that happens. See photos left and right. Looks like we will have a full staff for the rest of the two weeks. My biggest worry is calmed. Next time the kids are getting "ICE CREAM" and "COOKIES" for desert.

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THE 4TH DEGREE (DISTRICT MASTER - Tom Gissy)

... That Sir Knights of **Assembly 2239** United to Help Tornado Storm Victims in NW Georgia. On the 30th of June, 2011, **Knights of the Father Gerald Whelan Assembly**, in cooperation with the Councils comprising District 17, banded together to raise money for the victims of a devastating string of tornadoes that rampaged through NW Georgia on the 27th of April. This storm ravaged the city of Ringgold and outlying areas. Larry Cooper, the Faithful Navigator of the Father Gerald Whelan Assembly, led an effort to raise money for the victims of the storm. With the help of the District Deputy of District 17, Joe McKenzie, both men coordinated the efforts of the Calhoun (9339), Dalton (7662), and Ft. Oglethorpe (7416) Councils in combining funds with the Father Whelan Assembly 2239 to contribute to the relief efforts still ongoing. Receiving the money on behalf of the storm sufferers is Phil Ledbetter of the Committee Organization Acting in Disaster (COAD), a group formed to serve as a centralized point to administer funds and other sources of help directly to the citizens of the affected areas.



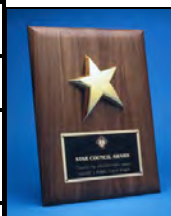
... That **Bishop Greco Assembly 2161** participated in the Marietta July 4th Parade. A picnic then followed at St Joseph's Council 4599 at their council home. It was laid out for young and old alike. With games and "bouncies" for all to enjoy.

The contingent of Sir Knights in the parade was (and is always) quite impressive. Even our State District Master, SK Tom Gissy (Chapeau with yellow plumes) was in attendance in full regalia.

... And finally, that the following councils made either "Star" or "Double Star" rating last Fraternal

year. Through the Supreme Council awards program, councils qualify for recognition by excelling in membership growth (**Father McGivney Award**), insurance membership growth (**Founders' Award**), and quality service programs (**Columbian Award**). For the council that attains all three awards, the Supreme Council offers the most prestigious awards that a council can achieve - the **Star Council Award** and the **Double Star Council Award**. (Note: Those councils that achieve 200% of their membership quota will receive the **Double Star Council Award**.)

STAR COUNCILS	
Council #	Council Location
4599	St Joseph - Marietta
6532	St Thomas Aquinas - Alpharetta
8081	Holy Trinity - Peachtree City
10355	Holy Cross - Chamblee
10821	St Theresa - Douglasville
11461	St Francis of Assisi - Cartersville
12287	St Vincent de Paul - Dallas
12580	St John Vianney - Lithia Springs
12862	St Mary Magdalene - Newnan
12905	St Marguerite D'Youville - Lawrenceville



DOUBLE STAR COUNCILS	
Council #	Council Location
4358	St Thomas More - Decatur
5484	John F Kennedy - Augusta
9923	St Catherine of Siena - Kennesaw
10633	St Benedict - Duluth
11402	All Saints - Dunwoody
13204	St Brigid - John's Creek
13808	Christ Our King and Savior - Greensboro
14944	Mary Our Queen - Norcross
15161	Our Lady of the Assumption - Atlanta

(A Mom's Letter - Continued from page 4)

When I picked Lewis up, he looked so well rested and healthy! I cannot tell you how proud we were that he made it through the week and then to see how much he learned and how much fun he had was icing on the cake! He picked up some new phrases while at camp - "Come on boy, try," "Give it a shot," and after being home for just a day he came out with "I am bored! Every time I mention camp, Lewis lights up like a Christmas tree and cannot stop smiling!

I learned this year why the camp is free to the campers. The entire staff is phenomenal! Every single counselor I saw or came in contact with was going over and above the call of duty making every child feel loved and welcomed and most of all smiling - you cannot put a price on that!

It takes a special person to work with special children and every single staff member at Camp Inspire was over the top in my book! I will never be able to express to you how full my heart is towards you and the entire Special Olympics staff for making this happen!

*Most Sincerely with Lots and Lots of Hugs
Rebecca Wood (Lewis's Mom)*



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**Georgia State Council
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4th Quarter, 2011**



**St Thomas More
A Man For All Seasons**

VISION -



The Georgia State Council will continue to be an asset to our church, our community, and our military. We strive to attract Catholic men. Men who will grow into leadership positions within the Order and the church; men who will continue to grow within their Catholic faith, strengthen family values, and provide competitive programs for our church and community.

The Georgia Knights of Columbus will continue to be a leader among the other jurisdictions within the order. We will strive to grow our membership and attain membership goals while providing worthwhile programs for our brothers to participate in.

The Gift of membership will be offered to all Catholic men who are at least 18 years of age. We believe the gift of membership will help men become better husbands, better fathers, better Catholics, and just a better person overall.

MISSION -

The mission of the Georgia State Jurisdiction for the fraternal year 2011 to 2012 is to:

- Offer membership to any Catholic man who is 18 years or older.
- Achieve our membership goal of 1,200 new Knights.
- Attain state wide charity contributions in excess of \$200,000.
- Hold a First Degree in every district every month.
- Focus on our retention of fellow Knights.
- Establish two new councils.
- Assist Councils to submit programs in Church, Community, Council, Youth, Family, Pro-Life.