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From The State Deputy

By Rick Sisko - State Deputy

Brothers, as a delegate to the 130th Annual Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention held in Anaheim California August 7-9, 2912, I was honored to be the chairman on the committee that was responsible for writing to our Holy Father. The letter spoke to who we are as Knights of Columbus. If I may, I would like to share our letter with you all:

Our theme for this meeting comes from the scriptural passage inscribed on the Liberty Bell, the great icon of American freedom: PROCLAIM LIBERTY THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND. This theme has particular resonance for our fraternal order. Of particular concern is religious freedom, which allows us to live our Catholic faith in our homes and schools, in our charitable efforts, in the workplace, as citizens and as public servants.

As you said in your “ad limina” address to U.S. bishops on January 19, what is needed today is "an engaged, articulated and well-formed Catholic laity - with the courage to counter a reductive secularism which would delegitimize the Church's participation in public discourse,” Inspired by your words and by our principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, we seek to promote civility in public discourse, to grow in understanding of our Catholic faith, and to be faithful Christian witnesses in the public square. In so doing, we follow in the footsteps of our founder, Venerable Michael McGivney.

The Knights of Columbus will continue to work tirelessly in promotion of religious liberty, the right to life and the sanctity of marriage, to serve the poor and vulnerable, and to work to further the new evangelization. In all of these efforts, we proudly stand in solidarity with you, our Holy Father, and with our bishops and priests as the "Strong Right Arm of the Church."

Our prayer life sustains us as we work for a more just and charitable world in every sphere. We will continue to pray that God guides and sustains you as you faithfully serve our Church.

Brothers, this is who we are as Knights of Columbus, and why we want to grow the order. Thank you all for your support and leadership.

Our Squires are Strong - Think About a Circle for Your Council

By William Leach - State Squires Chairman

The Georgia State Squires Circle had a tremendous turnout for our State Convention and was honored to have our State Deputy Rick Sisko in attendance to welcome the delegates and participate in the opening Investiture Ceremony. We had a record of over 64 Squires and 24 Knights in attendance representing 11 of the 14 Circles in the State. The Georgia State Circle also welcomes the second Circle in Roswell. The new Circle at St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church in Roswell is the St. Xavier Columbian Squires Circle 5591. The Investiture Ceremony was performed by Squires from Circle 4976 also in Roswell. This new Circle is sponsored by St. Peter Chanel Council 13217.

The Georgia State Squires Circle was instituted in 2007. The Sixth Columbian Squires Annual Meeting and Convention was held on Saturday, July 28, 2012. Thanks to the Deacon David Corbett of Circle 5516 for hosting this year's convention at St. George Catholic Church in Newnan. We had delegates from Circles 4452, 4653, 4695, 4976, 4985, 5092, 5404, 5422, 5516, 5534, and 5543. Next year's seventh annual convention will be hosted by Circle 4695 in Kennesaw on Saturday, July 27, 2013. The new State Officers are Drew Vincent, State Deputy Chief Squire (Circle 5422); Alex Fountain, State Deputy Chief Squire (Circle 5534); T.J. McCausland, II, State Notary (Circle 4452); Matthew Markham, State Bursar (Circle 5422); Ryan Cheverino, State Sentry (Circle 5404); and Michael Rizzo, State Marshall (Circle 4985).

There was interest expressed at both Grand Knight Meetings in August for forming new Circles and it was a great pleasure to participate in the transfer of the Silver Rose from Georgia to Florida in Brunswick. The Silver Rose passed through the parishes of 6 Circles.

In the state, fourteen Circles currently sponsor Circles in Georgia. Any Council that would like to find out more information about starting a Columbian Squires program should contact Bill Leach, State Squires Chairman, at bill.leach@kofc.us or 404-717-7706.

Our Seminarians Need Help!

By Edward O'Connor - State Church Chairman

As the new GA State Church Director, I just want to remind all the councils how important the RSVP program is. Since the beginning of the program councils worldwide have given nearly $30 million with the Supreme Council refunding nearly $6 million back to the local councils.

With our support there are 42 councils supporting 47 Seminarians in their journey to the priesthood. There are 24 men not being supported at this time.

(See “RSVP” Continued on page 4)
A Brother in Need -

Jack Ennis is a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus from Council #7923, Lilburn and Elizabeth Ann Seton Assembly #2475. Jack’s spouse is a double lung transplant patient who just received 2 lungs. The financial expenditures for the future are shockingly high. FACT: The cost of immunosuppressive medications typically ranges from $20,600 to $32,900 per year and even with insurance, co-pays can be unaffordable. A local Council is offering to put up a golf tournament in October to help with these medication costs. However there are two factors to consider (1) the Georgia transplant fund will only match raised funds received by April 2013 (2) these costs will be ongoing for the rest of Debbie’s life.

Fundraising is a matter of life and death for some transplant candidates, and a matter of quality of life for others. Your assistance will help this family achieve a decent quality of life.

This is Jack’s story:

“Brothers, as you may already know, my wife Debbie has COPD. In December 2010 Debbie was given 1-2yrs to live. She currently has 10% lung capacity. After a period of 17 months, Debbie finally made it on the list for a "Double Lung Transplant" with Emory Hospital. The biggest issues that we currently face are having the funds for "Post Transplant" expenses. They include lab fees, Dr.’s co-pays, but MOST important, the medications that she will need to take for life. Those include the Anti-Rejection drugs that can average $3-4k per month, which insurance won’t always cover. According to the Georgia Transplant Foundation, once Debbie is fortunate enough to receive this procedure, I "MUST" fundraise for life in order to provide her with the medications she will need.

As of this writing, I will not be able to return to the workforce for at least a year once she receives her new lungs. Once that happens, I will be working to pay for meds only.

On the bright side of things, we both consider ourselves abundantly blessed as we look at each day as another Blessing the Lord has given us. Life could always be worse, and she is still sitting across from me at the dinner table.

You may visit her website for additional information at your convenience. It is through the Georgia Transplant Foundation and can be accessed at http://client.gatransplant.org/Client/daennis.

DRIVES & DIVOTS FOR DEBBIE -

St. Marguerite d’Youville Knights of Columbus Council 12905 would like to invite you to become a sponsor and/or participant in our annual Golf Challenge. Our tournament for 2012 will be held on:

- Sunday October 7th at Chateau Élan’s
- Woodlands Course in Braselton, GA.
- Tee Time: 1:30 pm
- Format is a 4 person Scramble / Shotgun Start

The 2012 Golf Challenge is a fundraising effort to assist with the post transplant expenses incurred by Jack & Debbie Ennis following Debbie’s double lung transplant in July 2012. All funds raised, up to $10,000, will be matched by the Georgia Transplant Foundation.

The Knights of Columbus 12905 Golf Challenge has an entry or sponsorship level for every budget. We hope you will consider participating in one of the following ways:

- Individual Player Entrance: Tournament entrance fee for one player. $95.00
- Hole Sponsor with Foursome: Includes an 18”x 24” digitally printed tee sign with sponsor name & logo and golf foursome. $580.00
- Hole Sponsor: Includes an 18”x 24” digitally printed tee sign with sponsor name and logo. $250.00
- Donation: Please consider donating items for our giveaways and raffle

All players fees includes greens fee, cart & range balls, along with food ticket, beverage tickets, and giveaways.

If you wish to donate items for giveaways or raffles please contact Ron Holmes at the number below

Thank You for your consideration!

- Tim Borah
- Golf Committee Co-Chair
- K of C 12905
- (770) 921-8021
- Doug Geganto
- Golf Committee Co-Chair
- K of C 12905
- 404) 754-9955
- Ron Holmes
- Sponsor & Donations Chair
- K of C 12905
- (678) 570-7053
Dear Camp Inspire Friends,

Thank you for your gracious support of Camp Inspire 2012! Your volunteer and financial contributions allowed Special Olympics Georgia athletes the opportunity to have a weeklong adventure filled with friendship and lasting memories! This year’s Camp Inspire included athletes from the ages of 13-18 years being able to take part in sports competitions, Special Olympics training, making crafts, and much more. Listed below are highlights from Camp Inspire:

Activities:
- Tennis, Swimming, and Bowling
- Archery, Climbing, Boating, Kayaking, Hiking, and Crafts
- Training
- Athlete Global Messenger-athletes train to be able to publicly speak about the Special Olympics experience.
- TRAIN- athletes participate in a series of fitness stations to assess their individual fitness ability and level of strength.

Youth Leaders - (YLEAD’s) attended Summer Camp as a part of a Youth Forum. At the Youth Forum, YLEADs attended Global Messenger and Special Olympics training sessions. As a result of the Youth Forum, the YLEADs are able to speak on behalf of Special Olympics and be involved in local Special Olympics programs.

Camp Inspire Attendance:
- Athletes-60
- YLEADs-35
- Volunteers-7
- Counselors-17
- Medical Staff-2

Words alone are not enough to express the deep appreciation we all feel for your investment in the athletes. Thank you for believing in our mission and for Being a Fan of Special Olympics Georgia!

If your councils are supporting any Seminarians or would consider supporting the 24 men not being supported please contact Deacon Ray the State Vocations Chairman.

Most likely your own priest was supported by a council while in the seminary.

Under this program, local K of C councils or assemblies agree to make an annual contribution of $500 or more to an individual seminarian to help with his personal expenses. Councils and assemblies can sponsor more than one seminarian if their resources permit. In each case, the minimum annual contribution is $500 to one seminarian. More information can be found on the GA State website.

With the Thanksgiving and Christmas season soon to be upon use please remember our Seminarians with cards and prays. They not only need the financial support, but our moral support.
District Happenings - “Didjano That. . .”

DISTRICT 15 (DD Tom Shuler)

Shown at right is the new Grand Knight, Ed Parker, for St Joseph’s Council 4599 for Fraternal Year 2012-2013.

DISTRICT 18 (DD Jerry Mock)

. . . That Sweetwater Council #10821 gave certificates of appreciation to George Kobulnicky, GK Joe Rizzo, and organist Marsha Brown for the work they did with the Knight’s choir.

Knight of Year- GK Joe Rizzo presenting to Wilfred Rohling

Family of Year - Scott Weatherford-GK Joe Rizzo-Debra Weatherford

DISTRICT 24 (DD Don DeClue)

. . . That the Council at Fort Gordon does lots of wonderful deeds of “Charity” and should be recognized by the rest of the State. St Michael the Archangel Council 14773 is fairly young, having been chartered in 2009 and have had and still have some growing pains, however, they hit the ground running and have done more percentage wise in these 2 1/2 years than most.

On the 11th of July Sir Knights Al Larson PGK (right) and Bill Holt (left) Program Director for Saint Michael the Archangel Council 14773 and Faithful Navigator of Assembly 174 in Augusta, presented a check for $167.50 to George Foster (2nd from left), Chairman of the Board of Coordinated Health Services the parent organization for St. Vincent de Paul. George is also a Deacon and Sir Knight. He was accompanied by Executive Director Kimberly Blanchard (2nd from right).

After that they went to Catholic Social Services to Donate about 70 pounds of food collected by the Knights at St Michael’s on Ft. Gordon. The food was received by Soldier of Christ (SOC) Marion F. Sentif (1SG Retired) a volunteer helping Sister Janet Roddy Executive Director at the center. The Knights have donated 430 pounds since January.

Sir Knight Al Larson (right) PGK and Sir Knight Bill Holt (left) presenting a check for $167.50 to Ann Arnold (center), Fisher House Manager at the Uptown Charlie Norwood Veterans Administration in Augusta GA on the 11th of July. Ann is also the Acting Director of the Veterans Administration Voluntary Services (VAVS) since February of this year.

The Council is under the leadership of Grand Knight Timothy McCarthy this Fraternal year.

In a short two-week period, Knights of Columbus councils in three Southwest Georgia cities sponsored their annual Seminarian Dinners to raise funds to support Diocese of Savannah seminarians.

DISTRICT 5 (DD Richard Hayden)

. . . That on July 20, Americus Council No. 7113 in Americus, held their Third Annual “Taste of St. Mary’s” dinner. 100 people attending the dinner were joined by eight seminarians, and $2,525.00 was raised to assist all of the diocesan seminarians. Parishioners contributed a variety of dishes, raffle drawings and auctions were held to raise additional funds, and Father Martino delivered his unique running commentary as well as active bidding!

. . . That On July 23, Bishop Gross Assembly 176 and Council 1019 in Columbus hosted their dinner. Approximately 180 people purchased tickets for the event, with 160 attending, and more than $8,000.00 was raised for seminarian support. Six seminarians were able to attend this dinner and realize the outpouring of appreciation and support parishioners have for their efforts.

. . . That 14 years ago, Msgr. Daniel J. Bourke Council 3607 in Albany began this tradition in Georgia of holding annual seminarian support dinners. In addition, former Council 3607 mem-
ber Robert Prickett, who moved to Dothan, AL a few years ago, has begun this tradition in the state of Alabama! On August 3, in conjunction with St. Teresa’s Parish, Council 3607 held their annual event. We were especially blessed this year to have Bishop Hartmayer as our special guest, and nine seminarians joined the festivities. 240 people attended and enjoyed the steamship round and baked chicken dinner, and more than $8,500.00 was raised for the seminarians this year, including more than $1,000.00 from the raffle of four gift baskets prepared by the council’s Ladies Auxiliary. Thus, in a two-week period, these three dinners in Southwest Georgia have resulted in more than $19,000.00 being raised for the 17 seminarians of the Diocese of Savannah!

DISTRIC T 20 (DD James Clifford)

... That On Friday, August 17, 2012, GK Tom Lanyi reported that St. George Council 6622 of Newnan was invited to attend a recognition and awards night for outstanding performances by athletes in the Coweta County Special Olympics at the Thomas Crossroads Chick-Fil-A.

During the course of the events, Council 6622 was honored with a special recognition certificate for our continuous support of the Coweta and Georgia Special Olympics by Chick-Fil-A.

He thanked his council for their unwavering support of Coweta County Special Olympics and the continued close association with that organization.

DISTRIC T 12 (DD Joe Costa)

... That at a recent Installation of Officers event, Holy Family Council 9792 in Marietta had a total of 13 Past Grand Knights in attendance. The Charter Grand Knight, Joe Kedzierski had to leave a little early and is not shown in the photograph. State Deputy, Rick Sisko is shown 2nd from the right in the front row - and PSD and PGK (twice) of Council 9792, John Brenner is shown in the back row, 2nd from the right.

DISTRIC T 7 (DD Stan Wasowski)

... That the Georgia Tech Council #14496 inducted 12 new brothers into their council, significantly increasing their membership (as well as one new brother into the Dunwoody All Saints Council #11402). All of them were quite impressed with the gravity and depth of the First Degree Exemplification.

Their Grand Knight, Trevor Green and their Deputy Grand Knight Kyle Simonis really appreciated the fact that their brothers from All Saints would take the time and trouble to come to Tech and put on the degree for them. They have a good group of young Catholic gentlemen there, and that council has a good future.

DISTRIC T 10 (DD Rick Weber) . . . That Council #12905, St. Marguerite D’Youville in Lawrenceville won 2nd place in the International Awards for the Church category. They won for their “Rosaries for Warriors” program.

The Identification of Future Leaders
By Dan Baker - Supreme Director

One of the concerns of any State jurisdiction in the Knights of Columbus is the identification of future leaders. Also, delegates to the state convention often have very little opportunity to get to know the candidates they are voting on to lead the state. To aid this process, the Georgia State Council is adopting the use of a nominating committee to identify Brother Knights for leadership positions at the State level, much like many of you use in your councils to identify candidates for office each year.

Each District will identify a representative to the nominating committee by October 1st. The committee of 24 members will meet in Macon on October 13th to select a chairman and establish its internal procedures. Each Brother Knight interested in running for office for the 2013-2014 Fraternal Year will be asked to submit as a minimum, a résumé of his accomplishments, and a short description of why he believes he is best suited to lead the Georgia State Council. Any member who wishes to run for State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, State Warden, or Georgia State Delegate to the Supreme Convention in San Antonio in August, 2013, will need to identify his intentions and provide the required information to the committee. Further detail will follow soon after the committee’s first meeting, but this information needs to be provided no later than November 15th to the State Executive Secretary.

The committee will also establish the time and location of interviews for all identified candidates. The date is currently in conjunction with the mid-year meeting of District Deputies, the weekend of December 1st. Once interviews are complete, the committee will deliberate and produce a slate of proposed candidates for each position, which it will announce at the Grand Knight meetings in January. The committee would then place these names into nomination at the state convention in May. Any member not on that slate can still run from the floor at the convention.

Recognizing that this is a new procedure in Georgia (although a nominating committee was the normal practice several years ago), your support is needed to help the committee do its work of leveling the playing field for all potential leaders of the Georgia State Council, giving all members an opportunity to know the candidates, and to be candidates for State office.
“Miracle on 13th Street”

The following letter to the editor of the Griffin Daily News was penned by PGK John Devlin of McGonagal Council 12321, Griffin. Brother John is a dedicated Knight with a deep commitment to many causes, especially the unborn. His efforts illustrate that following the example of Jesus Christ and our Founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, one dedicated man with the help of a few friends can accomplish great things.

Shortly after I moved to Spalding County I started searching around for the local crisis pregnancy resource center. It didn’t take long to find the Caring House at 127 N. 13th St. You see, my passion for many, many years has been to work toward stopping abortion. But the genesis of my story happened several years earlier as I worked with a Crisis Pregnancy Center in Hapeville. During that tenure I witnessed miracle after miracle, firsthand, how God works within the individual through the power of prayer, and not only saving babies, but also in support roles such as I was in.

I became more aware of the Caring House because my Knights of Columbus Council had been supporting them through fundraisers and other means for several years. We still do. One day I stopped by and introduced myself to Angela Williamson Stargel, the executive director. I explained my carpentry talents and how she could put them to work for the Caring House.

Angela sent me an email in May 2012 stating that she had some roof issues and wanted to talk to me. I met with her the next day. She explained that she has several roof leaks and repairs were urgently needed. After inspecting the roof, I informed her, “What you need is a whole new roof.” Angela was nearly in tears as she explained the meager funds she had available for roof repairs.

I told her that I've been down this road before and that my modus operandi is to join hands in prayer and place it all in the hands of God. We did just that. Then I told her to relax and leave the rest up to God and me. We’ve worked together before. I estimated the material needed for a new roof and on my way home I got to thinking about what a costly project this is that I just made a solemn commitment to do. Just about that time the thought occurred to me that I have a neighbor whom I had done a lot of favors for over the past few years and this guy just happens to work for a roofing material manufacturer. Hmmm. I wonder. So I gave Gary a call. I stopped by his home and showed him my list, to which he replied, “Yeah, we have all this stuff. Are you looking for a discount?” His bottom jaw just about penetrated the floor when I told him that I wanted it for free. He said that he had no idea if his boss would do this or not. I told him that he won’t know until he asks. Gary called me at 9 a.m. the next day. I answered the phone, listening to Gary hollering into the phone, “Johnnie, it’s a done deal.” You think the hand of God was not involved in this? Read on.

We started the installation with volunteers from a few local Christian groups and after two work days with very slow progress with volunteer help I realized that this job is much too big and the roof much too steep to do with amateurs. We needed to find a professional who will work with us on a price that is within our budget. Not to be. Then came time for my wife and I to go on our long-planned vacation back to the Midwest to visit with family and friends.

(See “Miracle” Continued on page 8)

A Letter From: Advice and Aid Pregnancy Problem Center

We are blessed by the Councils that have supported our Center since 1984. Our Center is the only medical crisis pregnancy center in the Metro Atlanta Area that operates from a Catholic perspective. Just last year we began providing much needed medical ultrasound services with a new sonography machine donated by your KOC State Office and Council #1295 St. Marguerite d’Youville.

All the Knights are part of many lives saved and touched through the ultrasound project.

One woman we served shared “… it was awesome, best experience in my life”. You are part of creating that positive experience for her, thank you.

In another 14 months, it will be our 30 year anniversary and we need to give our Center a new roof. This project entails replacing a problematic flat leaking roof with a pitched roof. Thus our project budget is $15,000. We have been granted $5000 from the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia but we need your help. We would like to humbly ask your Council to consider helping with “Raise the Roof” fundraising for the additional monies.

We are blessed to own this building and we want to keep it in good condition for many more years to come! Please contact us if your Council may be able to support our “Raise the Roof” campaign. I am available to speak to your Council and provide assistance with fundraising ideas. I want to thank you in advance for your partnership and all your holy efforts so we may continue to reach vulnerable mothers, fathers and their precious children, enabling them to choose life.

Sincerely - Noreen Coughlin, Executive Director
MEDICAL SCAMS
By Dr Joseph Lazzarini - Health Services Director

Buyers Beware - according to the Drug and Food Administration (FDA) "refers to products that claim to prevent, treat or cure diseases or other health conditions, but are not proven safe or effective for those uses" Health scams include any type of product that makes money for the "scammer," such as bogus devices, special procedures, diagnostic tests, foods or dietary supplements. Be wary of products affecting appearance, those claiming to affect weight, hair growth or skin conditions. Some of this scam product have not been tested on people or animals, some can be toxic and dangerous; and many include chemical similar to the components of drugs that have been removed from the market, some cause serious interactions with DFA approved products. Some health scams take advantage of lax regulations not only here but also overseas.

Discuss suspicious claims with your health care provider and check with your insurance to see if your choice is covered. It is your health, protect it from health scams. Be wise.

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During my visits I would recap my efforts to get this roof installed. And wow, I received checks to help with our plight. I came home with $1,100 in contributions from those wonderful folks up there. Think the hand of God was not involved in this? Read on - We were still short about a thousand dollars short of having enough money to finish the roof. Well, poor. My friend Eddie came to mind. Eddie is a builder in Fayetteville. I gave Eddie a call, explained my plight and asked if he would “lean on” his roofing contractor to work out something with us. Eddie didn’t even give it any thought. He blurted out, “You got it, John.” At 4:30 p.m. on that Friday Eddie called to tell me that the roofers would be there at 7:30 the next morning. That didn’t leave me enough time to get a container on site to throw the old shingles in. Saturday morning I met the roofers on site and told them, “Just throw the old roofing on the ground and we will pick it up later.” They finished the complete job that day. One week later we organized a small army of volunteers to clean up the site. Some people might attribute the aforementioned sequence of circumstances to coincidence, but I was there and witnessed it all personally. From my perspective it was unequivocally due to the intervention of the hand of God. He performed a “Miracle on 13th Street” and I was the instrument he used. Amen.