From The State Deputy . .  
By Sanford Hillsman - State Deputy

The 112th Georgia State Council Convention was held in Augusta, Georgia, and it was a tremendous success. A special thanks to the Augusta Councils for all your great work in putting it all together.

To the ladies of Council 14773 who spearheaded the Ladies luncheon thanks a million.

It was a super success and nothing but praise should be given. I’d like give a personal thanks to Andrea Perez, President of the Ft. Gordon Catholic Women of the Chapel, and Betty DeClue and Barbara Lawson for your steady hands in the management that made this event a success.

2014 Fraternal Year – The Georgia State Council enjoyed great success this past year because of the dedication and hard work of all the Grand Knights and District Deputies. I cannot thank you enough for the total support you gave me and State Council Office. This coming year will be greater than last because we must leave all our jobs better than we found them and with your support, success is there for the taking.

We are in the business of doing the will of God in every way possible to support those who are in need; we are mandated to provide service to all following the footsteps of Fr. McGivney who had a vision; and that vision has grown to more than 1.8 Million Catholic Men. What an outstanding achievement that began with only eleven men at St. Mary’s Church in New Haven. We will continue the dream following the path that has been laid out for us. Again thanks, and let’s finish the 2014 Fraternal Year strong, thereby making 2015 even better.
From The State Chaplain...
By Father John Matejek - State Chaplain

Holy Mother the Church rejoices with the canonization of both Pope St. John XXIII and Pope St. John Paul II. Our Holy Father Francis made history when for the first time multiple pontiffs were canonized together in a joint ceremony. Both of our new saints sat on the throne of St. Peter during the modern era of the Church and were fundamental in bringing about the Vatican council and guiding it to its fruition.

As a young grade school student, I remember the sisters in our elementary school telling us to pray for the success of the Vatican Council. I also remember Pope St. John XXIII on the television declaring the call of the council to ring the Church into the modern world and most important of all to protect the deposit of faith that came to us from the apostles. His Encyclical (Pacem in Terris) is certainly a great blueprint for total peace in our modern world.

Pope St. John Paul II brought our Catholic heritage to all four corners of the earth by his worldwide travels. His writings on the Theology of the Body are priceless teachings that will for many decades be a cornerstone of Catholic guidance in the modern world. Pope St. John Paul II canonized more saints during his 27 year pontificate than the entire church did in its 2000 year history, reminding us that there are many saints living among us.

How great it is to be Catholic Today and Everyday! Pope St. John XXIII and Pope St. John Paul II, pray for us. Amen.

The State of The Ceremonials
By John Jedlicka - State Ceremonials Director

We said good-bye to Fraternal Year 2013-2014. The capstone of the fraternal year was the State Convention where you heard from many of the state directors including me. Here’s what I provided the delegates.

The Jurisdiction of Georgia’s ceremonials are in a very healthy state, indeed. The Jurisdiction will add two new Second Degree teams before June 30. Several new First Degree teams have been certified. And Third Degree ceremonials have been held throughout the Jurisdiction. This means that no Brother Knight must travel more than one hour to attend a Third Degree ceremony close to his home parish or Council hall.

Despite the “new” Third Degree being almost three years old, seasoned observers continue to be edified by the “new” ceremonial and enjoy it greatly. I urge you attend a ceremonial soon. With 26 Third Degree ceremonials on the schedule for the upcoming Fraternal Year you’ll have your choice of locations and venues.

The close of this Fraternal Year also marks the end of my first year as State Ceremonials Director. Yes, there have been some bumps in the road. And, yes, everything didn’t turn out exactly as any of us wanted. But proudly, none of my Brothers Knights have ever lost sight of what our ceremonials are all about - teaching the lessons and principles of our Order and bringing men into our Brotherhood. This is an accomplishment of which we may all be proud.

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
By State Essay/Poster Contests Chairman

This Spring two annual youth contests were held in the State - the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, and the Substance Abuse Poster Contest. Councils and/or Districts held local judging, and the winners of those contests were forwarded to the GA State Council chairman for state judging. The winners of each of the contests at the state level were awarded framed certificates and $50 gift cards. Additionally, these state winning entries were forwarded to Supreme for international judging. Those results are not in as of June 1. The following are the GA State Council winners:

ESSAY CONTEST:
- 8th Grade student: Olivia Nottoli (Council 4599 entry - District 15)
- 9th Grade student: Davis Meyer (Council 6514 - District 8)
- 10th Grade Student: Ryan Holmes (Council 6514 - District 8)
- 11th Grade Student: Meggi Shaffer (Council 6514 - District 8)
- 12th Grade Student: Ashley Burns (Council 6514 - District 8)

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POSTER CONTEST:
- Alcohol Abuse - age group 8-11: Isabella Cirino (Council 10355 - District 11)

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Catholic Charities Atlanta Recognizes the Work of The Knights of Columbus Georgia State Council

ATLANTA, GA (November 4, 2013) Catholic Charities Atlanta announced that the Knights of Columbus Georgia State Council was honored at its 7th annual Gala with the Archbishop John F. Donoghue Award.

The Archbishop John F. Donoghue Award is presented each year at the Gala to exceptional people who demonstrate qualities of selfless service and devotion to helping others in need. The award recognizes acts of charity, compassion and other contributions that have significantly impacted individuals, families and children living in Atlanta and north Georgia.

The Knights of Columbus in Georgia have a long history of service. There are 106 councils in the state of Georgia with over 16,000 members. Although each council provides varied service work in their individual communities, many Knights of Columbus councils support the state’s key programs which include:

- **Camp Inspire**: Camp Inspire brings boys and girls and young men and women from all over the state of Georgia for one week of training sessions to prepare for the State Special Olympics and the International Special Olympics. Last year, Camp Inspire 2012 provided training and fellowship opportunities for 100 athletes. At Camp Inspire children learn to share living space, enjoy music, songs, and stories, and also make new friends.
- **Ultrasound Initiative**: Councils around the state raise funds in order to place ultrasound machines in crisis pregnancy centers in Georgia. The ultrasound image of the developing child can often be the turning point in a woman's decision to choose life over abortion.
- **Coats for Kids**: The Knights of Columbus Department of Fraternal Services provides new winter coats for Georgia’s needy children.
- **Frontline Faith**: Providing MP3 players for deployed military bringing them scripture readings, Masses, etc.
- **Wheelchair Fund**: Veterans and many others often suffer from a lack of mobility simply due to the lack of a wheelchair. The Knights of Columbus Wheelchair Fund was established to respond to this need.

Event Information The Catholic Charities Atlanta Gala is an annual event and is the agency’s largest fundraiser with over 500 attendees each year. In its 6 year history, the annual Gala has raised collectively over $1.2 million - funds which go directly to the programs and services that CCA provides to its clients in need.

For the first time in the history of the Gala, the event was held on a Saturday night. The 7th Annual Gala was held on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at The Delta Heritage Museum. Delta is currently investing more than $6 million on the renovation of the Heritage Museum. We are excited to announce that CCA’s Gala was the first event held at the site after the new renovation!

The event included a cocktail reception, silent and live auctions, seated dinner and dancing with the Rupert’s Orchestra, which boasts some of the finest talent from around the nation. Young talent, Sean Van Meter, a classically-trained pianist, played during the cocktail reception.

**About Catholic Charities Atlanta**

Catholic Charities Atlanta is an advocate and friend for individuals and families facing adversity. They provide a holistic combination of accredited social services – life skills education, counseling, family stabilization, and immigration legal services – that remove barriers to self-sufficiency and wholeness. Our services are tailored for the unique circumstances of the people they serve, and our impact is real and measurable. They are faith-based and serve our neighbors professionally, compassionately, in multiple languages and regardless of background or faith. Since 1953, they have helped over one million people reach wholeness and self-sufficiency from adversity.

Georgia Wheelchair Mission Supports America's Greatest Generation

American Legion Post 184 in Thunderbolt, GA honors our WWII veterans (America’s Greatest Generation) every month at their home and, when the weather is favorable, at Savannah’s WWII memorial located on River Street in Savannah.

In March, the local councils around the community, from Statesboro to Savannah partnered with 4th Degree Assembly 173 and Post 184 to present our Greatest Generation two wheelchairs from the American Wheelchair mission. The ceremony was attended by 25 of our WWII veterans along with Council 631 Grand Knight, Joe Jurick, 631 Past Grand Knight and Past Chairman of the Chatham County Veterans Council, Jimmy Ray, Commander of Post 184 & member of Council 5588, Bill Quinan, and the 4th Degree Color Corp. Commanded by Corrie Williams. State Treasurer, Mark Corrigan presented the wheelchairs to the Post.
Patriotism... 
By Tom Frizzi - District Master - Georgia District - DeSoto Province

As you took your degrees you learned the lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternalism in your first three degrees.

There is one more lesson to be learned: Patriotism. I can almost guarantee that a history major will learn something about the history of Catholics in America. The first three degrees have probably made you a better Catholic, a better Husband and father, and a better person. The fourth degree will make you a better Citizen of this great country of ours.

Did you know that there are Brother Knights called Sir Knights who volunteer to help our veterans at all Veteran hospitals in Georgia and across the country?

Did you know that Brother Knights and Sir Knights are raising money to train Catholic Chaplains so that our troops around the world can have access to the sacraments?

Did you know that honor guards are the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus and represent all Knights on special occasions at church, in parades, at the funerals, and wakes of departed brothers?

Many Assemblies consist of members from multiple councils. This gives you a chance to share ideas with other councils in your area making your council stronger and increasing the number of friends you will have in the Knights. Most Assemblies of our order have an annual Navigators ball so that the wives can have an elegant night out with their Sir Knights. At least one of the fourth degree exemplifications has a formal dinner attached to it again so the wives can have a nice formal event and maybe a stay in a hotel.

Assemblies across our state are involved in education about American History and flag retirement ceremonies. They are involved in many activities that make them better citizens of our great country, have been involved in Memorial day ceremonies around our state, in laying wreaths on veterans graves for Christmas at Arlington, VA, and in making sure that wheel chairs were sent to our Veteran Hospitals in the last couple of years alone. I have stood at the wakes and funerals of many brother Knights who have gone on to their eternal rewarded, provided honor guards for Bishops at Confirmations and marched in many parades. However nothing brings me more joy that being a member of the Atlanta Exemplification team for the 4th Degree and assist in any way I can to teach that History lesson of how Catholics have helped shape American History from the discovery of the new land to supporting our troops wherever they are stationed.

Please consider taking this step with us at a future degrees.

A Story of a Special Olympian: 
By Mike Fortunato - Special Olympics Coordinator

As you know Special Olympics Georgia supports many athletes in many sports. This is a story of a very special Olympian:

Special Olympian, Tyechia Luster, has been selected to represent "Team Georgia" in the 2014 Special Olympics USA Games in New Jersey, June 14-21.

Nearly 3,500 athletes will compete in 16 Olympic-style team and individual sports, with the support of 1,000 coaches, 10,000 volunteers, and 70,000 family, friends and spectators.

Tyechia will participate in the bocce competition in three competitions in bocce: singles, doubles, and team.

Special Olympics Georgia is accepting donations to help offset the expenses to send Tyechia to the 2014 USA Games. You can make a donation at http://fundraising.specialolympicsga.org/2014/

albanyusagames/
Checks should be made payable to Special Olympics Georgia and sent to the state office at 4000 Dekalb Technology Parkway, Suite 400 Building 400, Atlanta, GA 30340.

The Albany Recreation and Parks Department received accreditation for their Special Olympics program form Special Olympics Georgia in 2008. They provide Olympic-like sporting competition for adult individuals (21 and older) with intellectual disabilities in Albany – Dougherty County, GA.

This is their first athlete selected to Team Georgia and to attend the USA Games.

It is important that we as Knights continue to support our local Special Olympics activities. Also please remember: The annual Camp Inspire is for registered Special Olympics Georgia athletes between the ages of 13 and 18 to stay overnight for a week to interact with one another and enjoy sports and camp activities.

- When: Monday, June 16th through Friday, June 20th
- Where: Camp Dream in Warm Springs, Georgia. 6135 Roosevelt Highway, Warm Springs, GA 31830

The Canonizations of St. John Paul II and St. John XXIII... 
Excerpted from Columbia Magazine - June, 2014

The Knights of Columbus was active in Rome, lending financial support to Vatican television’s broadcast of the canonization ceremony, and hosting numerous pilgrims at K of C facilities. The Knights of Columbus provided nearly $100,000 to support Vatican Television’s (CTV’s) broadcast of the canonizations.

In addition, the Knights of Columbus opened two of its sports fields in Rome to give a thousand pilgrims – primarily from Poland – a place to camp for the events. Within the city of Rome, these sports fields are about three miles from St. Peter’s, which is easily

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An Ultrasound was Donated by Blessed Mother Mary Council #15238...

...on behalf of Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in Dawsonville, GA. The Ultra-sound selected is a brand new - Medison SonoAce R5 Color Doppler Machine with full Warranty.

Blessed Mother Mary Council #15238, with the strong support of our Pastor, Father Brian Higgins, raised $11,000.00 in 12 weeks through a baby bottle campaign. Each Parishioner of Christ The Redeemer was asked to take a baby bottle home with them and put their loose change into it and when full, to bring it back and pick up an empty bottle. Recognizing that our Parish is relatively small (approximately 300 families) really got behind this important Pro-Life program. Three Parishioners made a significant contribution, but the bulk of the money (80%) was raised from individual parishioners be it families, parents, and children. The Children of the parish even put their loose change into baby bottles. With an equal match in funds from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, Blessed Mother Mary Council had $22,000.00 and knew that we had to get the maximum bang for the bucks. Several brothers with extensive experience in the Electronics Industry, in conjunction with a Knight from another Council, who has located approximately 15 machines to place in similar clinics, we managed to get the retail price of the Medison unit selected down from an MSRP of $34,900.00 to the $22,000.00 we had raised, and ultimately, that price included, multiple probes, accessories, a full one year warranty and on site training.

The Director of Sound Choices mentioned during the dedication that since installation and training less than a month ago, 22 babies lives were saved as a direct result of the new Ultra Sound Machine. Those mothers, all of whom contemplating aborting their babies, decided to carry them to full term as a result of the exceptional clarity of the ultra-sound imaging of the newly donated ultrasound. This includes a set of twins who will now be born and live their god given lives who otherwise would have been aborted.

On behalf of Blessed Mother Mary Council, Our Pastor, Father Higgins, Our Worthy Grand Knight Jack Baist, our Past Grand Knight, Kenny Runneyko, Our Chancellor and Program Director, Tom Meeks and our Pro-Life Co Chairs, John Luranc and Chris Fabian, we need to thank all of our generous parishioners for their support and commitment to Pro-Life and the baby bottle program. It is expected that our gift will result in hundreds and thousands of babies from the hands of abortion as the expectant mothers choose Life. What better legacy could we as Gods children leave?

Special Thanks to Brother Paul Zoch for helping us to recommend the machine and negotiate the purchase. Also special thanks to our Worthy State Secretary, Brother Mark McMullen and his lovely wife for taking time from their busy schedules to attend yesterday's dedication. I do have video of our WGK dedication speech and as well as a description of the services that Sound Choices provides. I will get that out to our Worthy State Secretary and to our WGK by week end. I believe that Father Brian Higgins will want to show the video to our parish family at an appropriate time as a way to thank them for their generosity and to let them know that their donations went to a worthwhile cause doing God's work.

Fulfilling the Vision of our Founder
By Jim Clifford, PGK, FDD Georgia State Warden & State Membership Director

Congratulations Georgia! You are fulfilling the vision of our Founder and growing the Order in Georgia for the 35th consecutive year. We are 16,400 strong. You made Georgia one of the top jurisdictions in the Order by exceeding 100% of all goals. Our intake and growth exceeds last year. You recruited over 1,000 new Knights in Georgia for the 8th year in a row (10th of the last 11 years) in one of our best recruiting years ever. Keep up the good work. One member, per Council, per month! "How's that? Can you put that in an eye catching box?"

I can't be too specific about the annual numbers until after June 30, but I can now make some solid predictions. We are at 16,323 now. I'm sure that we'll be 16,400 by the time you publish. We are actually less than 200 away from having a record recruiting year. The best year was 2008 with 1,214. We're about 1,020 now. We may set a new record.

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- Alcohol Abuse - age group 12-14: Cecilia Besel (Council 14773 - District 24)
- Drug Abuse - age group 8-11: Katie Etzle (Council 14439 - District 1)
- Drug Abuse - age group 12-14: Grace Liebl (Council 14439 - District 1)

I offer my congratulations to each of the winners, and my thanks to all of the participants in this year's contests. All of the information for these two contests, and a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest, for the new 2014-2015 fraternal year will be provided to each District Deputy at the State Deputy installation weekend so they can in turn provide it to each of their councils.
District Happenings - “Didjano That. . .”

DISTRICT 4 (DD Julian Pauwels)

. . . That Valdosta Council 4913
- Conducted a major tootsie Roll Drive and netted $8250.00.
- Collected and distributed 120 coats for kids.
- Raised $770 during a Quiet Pines Golf Tournament for Special Olympics of South Georgia.
- Organizing a BBQ for kids.
- Recognized Family of the Month and Knight of the Month during the monthly social.
- Hosted a 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification.

. . . That Thomasville Council 7366
- Collected and distributed 120 coats for kids.
- Raised $770 during a Quiet Pines Golf Tournament for Special Olympics of South Georgia.
- Hosted a 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification.

. . . That Douglas Council 15176
- Conducted a major Food Drive: 40 cans of food for Lent - Collected a kitchen full of cans, boxes etc. - A tremendous success.

. . . That Tifton Council 10541
- Completed 3 Lenten Fish Frys and netted $2550.00
- Hosted the District Free Throw Tournament.

DISTRICT 15 (DD Thomas Schuler)

. . . That K of C Council 4599 - Marietta sponsors Community Emergency Response Team Training

The Knights of Columbus recently sponsored a Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T) Second Responders Class held at the Saint Joseph K of C Council 4599 in Marietta. This training teaches attendees the things to do in case of a natural or man-made disaster and how to assist first responders. The class was taught by the Cobb County EMA’s Office Bernard King, Chris Scott from Cobb County Fire Emergency Services and assisted by Sal Gullo Regional Disaster Coordinator North (Archdioceses of Atlanta).

Looking to make a difference? It all starts by volunteering in your community! In 95% of all emergencies, the victim or bystander provides the first immediate assistance on the scene. Would you know what to do?

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program provides an opportunity for Cobb County citizens to gain knowledge about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their areas and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhoods or workplaces following events when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

These classes are open to all. To obtain additional information for upcoming classes contact Sal Gullo via email at Recorder@kofc4599.org


DISTRICT 24 (DD Tim McCarthy)

. . . That on the 8th of March members and spouses of Saint Michael The Archangel Council went to Widow Marge Spitek's home to clean up tree limbs, branches which had fell as a result of the ice storm as well as leaves accumulated over the years.

. . . That Eugene and Glenda Dollander are active members of Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Church and were the Terrance Cardinal Cooke Council 8495 February Family of the Month. Gene is a very active member of Council 8495 since transferring to the council in 2013. He has assisted with various council activities to include to Annual Car Show, setup and take down of various parish and council activities such as the Ladies Auxiliary's Christmas play, Parish International Dinner, Parish Troop Dinner, Thanksgiving Dinners, the Parish Wednesday Night Dinner, and the Council's Membership Drive. Gene faithfully serves as a usher at 9:30 Mass each Sunday and assisted parishioners in placing religious items in the new church foundation.

Glenda is a member of the council's Ladies Auxiliary and a member of the choir at the 9:30 Mass each week. Glenda led the Ladies Bible Study in a decade of the Rosary at the Roe vs. Wade Rosary Service in Jan 2014.

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DISTRICT 5 (DD Dick Hayden)
On May 29, 2014 Knights of Columbus Council 3607 in Albany, presented a check in the amount of $3,500.00 to St. Teresa’s Catholic School for scholarship assistance to students. This donation was the result of hundreds of volunteer hours by members of both the council and Ladies Auxiliary working Bingo, Keep Christ in Christmas, and other events. Pictured above (L-R) are school principal Mary Lou Gamache, Grand Knight David Palardy, and St. Teresa’s Pastor Fr. Finbarr Stanton.

DISTRICT 6 (DD Mike Palka)
. . . That members of the Danny McMichael Council of the Knights of Columbus No. 12984 recently presented to the Butts County Department of Family and Children Services a donation of toiletry and personal items to be given to children entering DFCS care. The items were collected and donated by parishioners of St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church in Jackson with help from the children of the parish. DFCS Director Kelly Dennis was on hand with members of her staff to accept the donation.
. . . That enforcement officers and firefighters in Houston County were feted at a dinner at the Museum of Aviation.
The event was held by the Knights of Columbus, Assembly 179, Sacred Heart Church, Warner Robins. District Attorney George Hartwig was the guest speaker.
The group has honored the top officers and firefighters as selected by their agencies for the past 15 years.

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Those honored include Warner Robins police Officer Kristen Morgan and city firefighter Lt. Newell Dixon, Houston County sheriff’s Deputy Jamario Johnson, and Centerville police officer Lonnie P. Hollar Jr. and city firefighter Austin Floyd.

Also honored were Robins Air Force Base security officer Daniel Hardesty and base firefighter Lt. Marcus White, and Perry police Detective Andrew Dodson and city firefighter Sgt. Daniel Starlnecker.

WRPD Officer of the Year 2013 Kristen Morgan was recognized at the Knight’s of Columbus event on Saturday, May 3rd. Pictured with her are her supervisors - Sergeant Eddie Wilcox and Captain Bryan Stewart.

The work at the playgrounds continued unabated even during World War II, when the United States and Italy were at war. During the war, food delivery to the people of Rome from the Vatican was often coordinated from a K of C athletic field. After the war, a Knights’ athletic field became a distribution point for food to the children of Rome suffering food shortages.

The K of C has also supported the Eternal City in other ways, promoting its cultural and artistic heritage through restorations of Vatican and civic artworks and monuments, and the sponsoring of many renovation projects at St. Peter’s Basilica – including the restoration of the façade in the 1980s. The Knights has also sponsored a number of Vatican communications initiatives, including several satellite broadcasts each year, and the co-sponsoring with Sony of the Vatican’s acquisition of a mobile high definition television studio.