Brother Knights;

We have what feels like only just begun and have already reached the end of the 1st quarter of the new fraternal year. We have hit this new year running and have already complete many events at the local and the state levels. I have tried to attend as many local events as time permits and have really enjoyed getting to better understand your needs as well as meeting my many fellow brothers here in the great State of Georgia.

We have completed the Council Leadership meetings in Macon and Marietta with great success. As all of us are aware, the focus of the Knights is shifting to the domestic church by aligning council programs with parish programs that will draw younger members into our ranks. Our council leaders should be well on their way to their goals to help their parishes with programs that will inspire their parish brothers to be a part of their councils and move ever closer to the Star award that they should be striving to achieve.

On the topic of membership, this year I have really been trying to impress upon our Grand Knights and District Deputy’s the importance of the 3 phases of Membership but want to take a moment to instruct you as my brothers these phases and how you are apart of each one.

The first phase is membership growth. Each brother Knight should always be looking for ways to bring in new members to our order. Every event you attend is an opportunity for us to interact with possible candidates. Take the first step to help our councils grow. Our Membership Chairman Steven Pfaff is always available to share ideas with you.

The second phase is member retention. Each council retention community should be working with the entire active council team to help locate any brothers who have not been in contact in a while and are in danger of becoming inactive members. Reach out to our Member Retention Chairman Brad Burchfield if you are having difficult locating an inactive brother. Brad has different resources he can bring to the table to assist you.

Finally, the third phase or member engagement. One of the biggest challenges we face is keeping our new members involved as well as getting brothers active who have not been active for a while. When you see a brother in church who hasn’t been to a meeting in a while, say hello and let them know when the next meeting is. When a Brother comes to a dinner or an event, take the initiative and reach out to them. Show our brothers we need them and want them to be apart of our efforts.

We are all in a unique position to show our church families what the Georgia Knights are capable of doing for them as well as the Order.

Let’s show the State what the GA Knights can do.

“Be the Prayer that Changes the World.”

Mark Corrigan
Georgia Council - State Deputy
Worthy Chaplains and Dear Brother Knights,

The issues that have come to light concerning sexual abuse by Archbishop Theodore McCarrick and in the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report are cause for grave concern among Catholics and Brother Knights. Many feel deeply betrayed by those whom they long held in high regard. Such concerns are shared not just in the United States, but in Europe, Latin America and elsewhere.

These sins of commission and omission have sent the Church we love, the Church we serve and the Church that Jesus Christ has blessed into convulsions. Sadly, the disgrace not only is borne by the perpetrators, it hurts us all, as does the silence of shepherds who have ignored the cries of their flock.

There are many wonderful and faithful laborers in the vineyard of the Lord among our priests and bishops. However, it is clear that in addition to devastating criminal acts, we have seen many other moral failings by clergy that represent a crisis of commitment to the Gospel.

Too often the needs of victims have been subordinated to a distorted sense of mercy toward the perpetrators or an instinct for clerical self-preservation. The sexual acts — both criminal and non-criminal — highlight the need to recover a respect for and a renewed commitment to the priestly promises of celibacy.

The Knights of Columbus has supported the pastoral and charitable work of our bishops and priests since our founding by the Venerable Father Michael McGivney. We understand that the priest should lead the parish and the bishop should be the center of unity in a diocese. But we — like all Catholics — are painfully aware of the wreckage that ensues when elements of this leadership are abdicated by evil actions whether directly perpetrated or covered up.

Now, the Knights of Columbus — laymen, priests and chaplains together — will have an important role to play in rebuilding the Church. We must commit the Knights of Columbus to work for repentance, reform and rebuilding of the Church.

Repentance should include a full accounting of the misdeeds by those who have committed them. Archbishop McCarrick and others at fault owe us a full account of their actions, motivations and cover-ups. After years of having us confess to them, it is now time for them to come clean about what they have done and what they have failed to do.

This will also help increase the recognition that clerical sexual abuse is a global problem that must be addressed at the highest levels of the Catholic Church. Moreover, priests and bishops who refuse to live according to their promises of celibacy should be removed from public ministry, not out of retribution, but for the protection of the faithful and to prevent future variations of the scandal we now suffer.

Reform must include many good ideas that have been proposed, such as a full and complete investigation of sexual abuse led by an independent commission that includes laity; complete transparency by the Catholic hierarchy into all matters of criminal sexual misconduct past or future; an expansion of the zero tolerance policy to include sexual activity or misconduct by clerics including bishops, and by seminarians; and a call for faithfulness by all members of the clergy, including bishops. There must also be an independent ethics hotline for reporting of criminal and other conduct at odds with Catholic teaching on the clerical state of life; and there must be protections against retaliation.

Such reforms will be difficult for a Church largely unused to them, and we must support our bishops and our priests in embracing these reforms in order to rebuild.

We can help rebuild our Church in several ways. Above all else, Knights — and our chaplains — must embrace love of God and love of neighbor. This is Christ’s great commandment and the founding mission of our Order. It is also the exact opposite of the rejection of God and exploitation of neighbor that our Church has witnessed in these scandals.

Shortly before becoming Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger decried the “filth” in the Church “even among those, who in the priesthood, ought to belong totally” to Christ. He also provided the antidote, stating at other times that what the Church needs now more than anything else is “saints.” Pope Francis reiterated Pope Benedict’s sentiments in his letter on Aug. 20.

In the days ahead, the Knights of Columbus will help renew our Church on a national level through a Novena of Masses in reparation for these sins that have so grievously wounded the Body of Christ. I take this opportunity to ask that you offer this Novena of Masses for our Church at your earliest opportunity.

Beginning in November, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor, in cooperation with the Shrine of St. Jean Vianney in Ars, France, a national tour of the relics of this great patron saint of priests. In the coming weeks, I will share more details with you about this initiative.

We will also continue to strengthen and rebuild our Church at the level of our families and parishes through our Building the Family initiative. Together with our recently announced “Faith in Action” initiative, we will strive to make our parishes truly become, in the words of Pope Francis, “a family of families.”

Now is the time for all brother Knights to stand steadfast in faith, as Catholics and as gentlemen. We will assist priests, bishops and our fellow Catholics in helping the Church chart a course for the future that puts Christ at the center, so that truly we may say, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

This is the moment in which Knights — including in a special way our priest members — can be part of a great renewal for good in our Church. And as we strive to follow the Lord more closely in the days ahead, may he deliver us from every evil and in his mercy graciously grant his Church peace and unity.

In closing, know that your faithful witness and sacrifice can bring inspiration and hope to millions of your fellow Catholics. It will be needed in the days ahead more than ever before. And to every priest and bishop whose commitment and dedication to our Order and to our Church has been faithful and exemplary, please accept my gratitude in both a personal way and on behalf of the Knights of Columbus.

Let each one of us prayerfully invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, so that in the words of St. Maximilian Kolbe, our hearts would be cleansed and themselves become immaculate, similar and like unto her own heart.

Fraternally,

Carl A Anderson
Supreme Knight


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My Brother Knights,

The Knights of Columbus have as a motto - “In solidarity with our Bishops and Priests!” I really want to write on the once again scandal of Priest and Bishop abuse and cover ups - but you know all to well about it. At the recent Region 14 meeting of Bishops and Priests (GA, SC, NC Dioceses) held in Charleston, SC - Archbishop Gregory said the time of words is past - Action is now required. What action can you take in solidarity with your good, holy, working at it day in and day out priests and bishops? Pray, Pray, Pray! Support and encourage your priests and bishops - we need it as once again we find ourselves in the middle of this evil mess. The devil is hard at work trying to give people a reason to leave the Church, to leave the Sacraments - is it by accident that the McCarrick discovery and cover-up as well as the PA report of hundreds of priests and thousands of victims came as Holy Mother Church read from the “Bread of Life” discourse of Jesus over 6 weeks in John’s Gospel? Be faithful to the Eucharist and Confession - and pray for peace in the world and in our Church. Thank you!

Father Ray

As we kick off a new fraternal year, the Martinez Agency is proud to highlight the achievements of our Field Agents and brother Knights in the state of Georgia. We are pleased to announce that Georgia is home to four out of the ten top Field Agents for leadership in associate member to insurance member conversions.

Stephen Znoj, Joseph Noa, Allen Bourne, and Gary Graebner have all been nationally recognized for their commitment to helping Georgia councils achieve their goals while also ensuring that all brother Knights and their families are taking advantage of the fraternal benefits of the Knights of Columbus. This recognition is truly a testament to the excellent relationships forged between the fraternal and insurance leadership in Georgia and the commitment to our members.

Additionally, Matthew Doty and Stephen Znoj were recognized among the top ten Field Agents for Volume Leadership. Combined, they have facilitated more than $23 million in coverage for families in their respective councils.

In September, the Martinez Agency recognizes designated Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding surrounding life insurance, its uses, its benefits, and its variations among the general public.

According to a survey from the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA), more than 60 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor, even though 90 percent said they believe a family’s primary wage earner needs to own life insurance. Please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full time, professional brother Knight Field Agent to call your own.

The primary responsibility of our agents is the care and service of your family’s life insurance, retirement and long-term care needs. They are available to provide a complimentary, comprehensive analysis to assess your situation and determine how much coverage is needed to help meet your needs within your budget.

For more information or to locate your local Field Agent, contact the Martinez Agency at 404-474-2846 or visit us at www.martinezagency.org.
The Georgia State Council Delegation participates in the 136th Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention

It was with great pride that I was recently honored to represent the jurisdiction of the state of Georgia as a delegate at the 136th Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention convened in Baltimore, MD, from August 7 – 9, 2018. I want to thank those brother knights who supported my nomination at the 2018 Georgia State Convention to be one of Georgia's delegates to the Supreme Convention.

During my over 43 years of professional and voluntary service I have attended and have been a guest speaker at more conventions and conferences than I can remember. So, when I was graciously awarded with the opportunity to attend the 136th Supreme Convention in Baltimore, MD, I immediately thought it would be attending just another convention in a long list of conventions I've attended in the past. But was I greatly mistaken!

On Monday, August 6th, the day before the convention opening ceremonies, I attended the Supreme Membership Seminar held at the Baltimore Convention Center. As Chairman and Director of Training of the Georgia State Council, I was looking to acquire ideas and techniques which could assist Georgia knights in recruiting new members and retaining current members. The seminar participants included Georgia PSD Mark McMullen, SVP, Membership and Fraternal Services at Supreme and State Deputy Mark Corrigan. At the completion of the seminar I came away with a few new ideas which I will incorporate in my Georgia State training sessions in the coming fraternal year.

On Tuesday, August 7th, the first day of the 136th Supreme Convention, the magnificence and splendor on display perfectly defined “pomp and circumstance” at its best. The attention to detail, even the slightest of details, shattered my paradigm of how a convention should be conducted. I stood with pride alongside with our State Deputy and my fellow delegates during the opening Mass as a proud Knight of Columbus and a proud Catholic. Seeing Bishop Gregory John Hartmayer, O.F.M. Conv., 14th Bishop of the Diocese of Savannah, Bishop Emeritus J. Kevin Boland, D.D., the 13th Bishop of the Diocese of Savannah parade into the enormous Convention Hall along with our Georgia State Chaplain, the Very Reverend Douglas K. Clark, STL, and our Associate State Chaplain, Reverend Father Raymond G. Levreault, V.F., was inspiring and further increased my pride as we all stood in reverential respect and wonder as they paraded into the Convention Hall with Catholic Cardinals, Bishops, Priests and religious leaders from the world over. Our Worthy State Advocate T.J. McCaustland participated in the convention honor guard and represented the Georgia State Council with the honor and dignity of an outstanding 4th Degree Knight which he constantly exemplifies.

Following Mass, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson presided at the Opening Business Session and gave his Supreme Knights Report of the past fraternal year to all convention attendees. The importance of the Supreme Knight’s report was so significant that it was televised worldwide on EWTN. I highly recommend all brother knights logon to the Supreme Web Site and review the Supreme Knights Report and marvel at the accomplishments of our Order. Later that evening the Georgia delegation attended the formal States Dinner.

On Wednesday, August 8th, I again stood with pride with the entire Georgia State delegation as Worthy State Deputy Mark Corrigan proudly accepted Supreme Awards from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson for the Georgia State Council successfully achieving our State Membership Goal and earning the Circle of Honor Award. Later that evening at the Georgia Delegation dinner, State Deputy Corrigan recognized that the success and accomplishments of the Georgia State Knights of Columbus was only able to be accomplished through the selfless hard work of our District Deputies, Grand Knights, Membership Chairmen and every Knight of Columbus in Georgia.

On Thursday, August 9th, the 136th Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention came to a close and by all accounts was a successful convention. State Deputy Mark Corrigan, who chaired the committee to send greetings and appreciation to Pope Francis, gave his report in a fraternal manner which again shined brightly on the Georgia Knights of Columbus.

Every brother knight in Georgia should be proud of their Catholic heritage and of their membership and participation as a brother knight in the Knights of Columbus. One of the major themes emphasized throughout the convention was the four pillars of our Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. May God continue to bless our Order and each one of you and your combined families.

Vivat Jesus!

Walter J. Marchant, Jr.,
Chairman, Georgia State Council Director of Education
In years past, the old “Surge with Service” Program Manual asserted that health-related issues are a major problem in any community. Suggestions for Councils ranged from participation in cancer and high blood pressure screening programs, to volunteering at VA hospitals, to Substance Abuse Awareness poster contests, among several other ideas. Some Councils around the State seized on these opportunities, and added a few of their own, such as blood drives and CPR classes.

Now, under the new “Faith in Action” program model, Health Services figure more prominently than ever. Health-related initiatives can fall under, or even straddle, the main categories of Family, Community, and Life. In addition to implementing the required and featured programs delineated in the Guidebook, we can take Faith in Action to the next level by actively supporting Health Services programs.

Perhaps no other health-oriented program is so obviously successful as the Culture of Life Ultrasound Initiative. From its humble beginnings in early 2009, with a machine donated in Dalton GA among the first placed by the Knights in the country, we are now proud to be approaching 1,000 machines across the country, and couple in other countries, valued at over $44 million.

I had the opportunity to attend this year’s national conference of Care Net, the Christ-centered organization that supports pregnancy resource centers around the country. I am happy to report that I met dozens of center directors and sonographers that hugged me in appreciation as soon as they saw my Knights of Columbus badge. I have no delusions that they hugged me for my well-known good looks and charm. These centers are savings babies every day, all across the country with machines donated by the Knights. The process starts at the local Council level. Please contact me for help.

A new initiative begun in Council 7416 in Fort Oglethorpe, is supporting a local high school chapter of the American Association for Suicide Prevention, https://afsp.org. The statistics surrounding suicide, especially among our youth, are staggering and heartbreaking. It is the third leading cause of death for 15 to 24-year-olds in Georgia. In 2016, there were 1,409 suicides in Georgia. Remember, we are pro-life from conception to natural death. Get involved with the youth to help prevent suicide.

What else, Brothers? What is working for you? What has not worked for you? To help me ascertain what programs are working or not, and what other ideas you might have, I ask that you complete this brief survey. This went out at the Officers Meeting several weeks ago, and I already received a few helpful responses, but I need more data. Please take a couple minutes and give me your feedback. http://bit.do/gakofchealthsurvey

Watch future newsletters for the results of the survey, and for some suggestions for Health Services Programs. Meanwhile, please contact me with any other input you have.

Vivat Jesus!

Paul Zock
State Health Services Chairman
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### Interesting Historical Find

James Joseph (JJ) Haverty was one of the founders of what is today known as Haverty’s Furniture. As long as I’ve been researching our history I have come across information identifying Haverty as a prominent Atlanta Catholic or as a leader in the Catholic Layman’s Association, but never as a Knight of Columbus. In an article about a presentation of Council 660, the April 23, 1922 issue of the Atlanta Constitution identifies J.J. Haverty as being on the speakers’ platform, and being a “prominent Atlanta member” of the Catholic organization. J.J. Haverty was not a small time merchant when the Knights of Columbus came to Georgia. The company was founded in 1885 and by the time Council 660 was chartered, the company had over a dozen stores in several states. Today, Haverty’s has over 100 stores in 16 states. I do not yet know if J.J. Haverty was a charter member of Council 660, but I do know that he was one of many accomplished men that established the Knights of Columbus in Georgia and put it on the path of becoming the large and growing jurisdiction that it is today.
Older Knights among us remember when George Washington’s birthday was celebrated as a real holiday, not as part of the all-purpose, generic, Presidents’ Day we observe today. Back when patriotism was in vogue, Americans paid homage to the hero of the Revolution and first President with speeches, concerts, parades and other celebrations. Knights of Columbus councils were at the forefront of such celebrations. The activity of Atlanta Council 660 for the 1917 observances was typical. We learn of it in the February 4, 1917 issue of the Atlanta Constitution. There it was announced that the council would hold a celebration on February 22, featuring a keynote address by United States Treasurer John Burke.

Burke was a celebrated North Dakota lawyer and politician. While serving as the tenth Governor of North Dakota he was instrumental in securing the nomination of Woodrow Wilson for the Presidency of the United States. As a reward when Wilson was elected, Burke was appointed Treasurer of the United States, position he held from 1913 to 1921. From 1924 to his death in 1937 Burke served as a justice of the North Dakota Supreme Court.

The event was billed as non-political, purely patriotic program in the Atlanta Hotel. In addition to Mr. Burke’s remarks, a musical program was planned. The event was open to the public at no charge. An article in the February 23 issue of the Atlanta Constitution reported on the event held the prior evening. Mr. Burke was introduced by Richard A. Magill, Master of the Fourth Degree for the District then including Georgia, Florida, and the Carolinas. Magill previously served as the fourth State Deputy of Georgia from 1910 to 1912.

The main theme of Mr. Burke’s remarks was in honor of our first President, but he also took the opportunity to compare Washington and Wilson as Presidents serving during difficult times. War had been raging in Europe since 1914. The country was on edge. Earlier that month President Wilson broke off relations with Germany over the Zimmerman Telegram. War seemed inevitable. To that subject, Burke urged the Atlanta audience to “hope and pray, in this crisis, we may be spared war with any nation.” He further expressed belief that the “spirit of ’76’ is abroad in the land, and if we have to go to war that war will not find us half American and half something else, but all American, united, determined and invincible.”

Burke’s remarks were greeted with loud applause. They were on target. Just 39 days later, President Woodrow Wilson requested a Declaration of War from Congress which he received four days later, on April 6, 1917. The war John Burke prayed would not come was upon us and the Knights of Columbus proved to be “all American” in its prosecution.

Fraternally,

Jim Clifford
State Historian
The FRONTLINE FAITH Project distributes compact MP3 players, preloaded with Catholic content, to members of our Armed Forces currently deployed or preparing for deployment.

- The FRONTLINE FAITH players provide nearly 7 hours of spiritual content, especially as it pertains to military service.
- The FRONTLINE FAITH 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 McFarland, the wife of a career military man, using the Sorrowful Mysteries and recited by the auxiliary bishops.

While FRONTLINE FAITH is a Catholic initiative, this is an ecumenical endeavor. The MP3 players are given free of charge to every Soldier, Airman, Sailor, Guardsman, and Marine who wishes to receive one as a powerful tool for evangelizing our Catholic faith.

If you wish to donate a player to a loved one who is currently serving in our Armed Forces, please provide the recipient's name, branch of service, and APO/FPO mailing address.

"Be the prayer that changes the World."

Vivat Jesus
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Helping Hand get the Job Done in Council 6920

On Saturday, August 11th, a group of Brother Knights helped our Council’s (#6920) Worthy Advocate Matthew Cavedon, move apartments. Our Worthy Grand Knight Stacy Chadwick said, "many hands made light work". He went on to say, "It is important as Knights to not only to help our Parish and community, but also to serve our fellow Brother Knights. Plus he promised food and beer to everyone that helped."

God Bless,
C. J. Clarke IV
Worthy Deputy Grand Knight
Council #6920
Knights help with Douglas County GA Special Olympics Bocce and Softball Tournament. The tournament hosted 487 Athletes and coaches (57 Bocce Teams and 17 Softball teams. The day began with opening ceremonies presenting a plaque to State Deputy Mark Corrigan as the Honorary Chairman for the Tournament recognizing the Knights continued significant support of the Special Needs Programs of Douglas County. The plaque was accepted on Mark's behalf by John Cianfaglione (Special Olympics State Program Director). Knights officiated Bocce and Softball games, cooked and served 600 hot dogs, and presented awards. As well. Of note: Total financial contributions - $4630; 13 Knights of Columbus Councils represented - to include the Knights on Bikes; 61 Knights and family members supporting; and 318 man hours of volunteer time.

September 7, 2018
Special Olympics Shoot For Champions Event
Knights from St. Michael The Archangel Council 11768 joined Special Olympics Program Director/DD15 John Cianfaglione to Garland Mountain Sporting Clays to work this annual fund-raising event. Knights manned multiple stations setting off the clays for the competitors. In fact, Knights of Columbus members made up over 70% of the Volunteers for this event.

Pictured from L-R are Frank Hagadon, Chris Seeterlin, John Cianfaglione, Allen Peacock, Bernie Palcisko, Brett Miller, Ron Kos
The seminarians of the Archdiocese of Atlanta were the guests of honor at an Appreciation Mass and Dinner sponsored by Transfiguration Council 10362 at The Church of the Transfiguration, Marietta on July 12, 2018. Bishop Ned Schlesinger celebrated Mass with Transfiguration Pastor Father Fernando Molina-Restrepo, newly ordained parochial vicar of Transfiguration, Father Brian McNabish, Father Tri John Bosco Nguyen, vocation director of the Archdiocese, along with other priests from the diocese. More than 200 guests enjoyed a sit-down dinner prepared and served by the Knights of Council 10362 and the Ladies Auxiliary. More than 30 seminarians of the Archdiocese enjoyed the evening mingling with guests, chatting with tablemates throughout the main course and then moving to a second table during the evening’s entertainment and dessert. The seminarians served dessert to all in attendance as a sign of their appreciation for the support shown to them through this effort. The scouts of Troup 75 also served guests throughout the evening. Ten Councils and two Assemblies joined Knights of Columbus Council 10362 in unity to support the seminarian Mass and dinner, an important effort undertaken by the Knights. Brother Knights from as far away as Rome and Milledgeville fought rush hour traffic on a Thursday evening to represent their councils and show support for the seminarians. The Merry Melodious Monks of Marietta provided the evening’s entertainment and while they too are members of the host council, they asked that their names not be made public to avoid the humiliation of family and friends. Their efforts, however, were appreciated by all. The event raised more than $6,000 and all monies will be donated to the seminarians to defray their personal expenses while in seminary.

Local Assembly in Action

Assembly 3085 Sponsor, make, and distribute Lap Quilts to Veterans Along with Congressman Hice.

Sample of the Letter Given to Each Veteran:

Dear Veteran,

Who Served in the US Army Reserve (1989-1994) participating in the Gulf War. We the 4th degree Knights of Columbus of the patriotic St. Maximilian Kolbe Assembly hold all Veterans of our United States armed forces and members on current duty in the highest esteem. You are in our prayers each day. We sincerely hope that the Patriotic Lap Quilt that is to be presented to you today by our esteemed Congressman Jody Hice will bring you joy, warmth and knowledge of our deep respect for all American Veteran’s having served with the finest in peacetime and in war, wherever the need. As veteran’s we will stand tall and proud to honor the fallen, it is a veteran’s duty. We will honor the living, those who survived the war-torn hell not of their own making, who fought for freedom whatever the cost, as their hearts was silently breaking. I will shake the hand of an old warrior and will look deep into his eyes to see the pride that he feels to be remembered for his part in the ongoing fight for liberty. As the early morning sun rises, I will greet the day and be thankful for my life.

At the setting of the sun, I will salute The American Flag that waves freely. For I am a warrior who gave to America a blank check for me to defend, our God, our Flag, our country, and our citizen’s, up to and including death. We are American Warriors so long as we live.

Thanks for allowing us to honor our veterans today. God bless and keep each of you.
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The Holy Spirit at work during Florence
Mike contacted me three days ago (on a completely
The Christopher Columbus Navigator
We were running out of time as the shipment was enroute & several of our
EUREKA....
That Grand Knight was
Although Savannah has hundreds
They decided to
Sal Gulo & I were scrambling
Thank you Brother Knights!
This is where
When Sal
WHAT ARE THE ODDS!!!!
I hadn't talked with him for years.
Savannah was one of those locations.
I've known Mike for years but never knew what he did.

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For those who wish to contribute, please visit this page, click on "See More Charities" and select the "International Disaster" donate option. For questions regarding a donation, please contact us at 800-694-5713 M-F between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. EST or email info@kofccharities.org.

Vivat Jesus
Mark Corrigan

Council 7923 Helping Mother Theresa with the Visitation Monastery grounds
Mother Theresa asked the Knights to help spruce up the Monastery grounds in preparation for the Bishop’s visit. We asked for volunteers to help on a Monday morning; which is difficult for most Knights that are working during the week days. Even so, 9 Knights put their hands up and showed up with their hedge clippers, rakes and enthusiasm. We were able to get the job done and the Sisters were all smiles. Mark Dallas, David Werve, Mike MacFarlane, Mark Davis, Ed Dantzer, Leon Urban, Glen Klein, Bob Marzelek and Larry Hoffman worked well together - Thank you Brother Knights!

Want to Make a Donation?
Hurricane Florence has hit the east coast with its storm surges, winds and flooding causing destruction and sending people to emergency shelters. In response the Supreme Council has launched an online donation drive to assist with local relief operations.

For those of You who would like to make a donation please visit https://www.kofc.org/en/secure/charities/disaster-relief.html

Hurricane Florence Assistance
Brothers,
Prior to the devastation of Florence on the North and South Carolina coasts, Supreme Council wanted to find a way to help what was estimated to be hundreds, and possibly thousands of victims of this Huge storm. They decided to partner with the Sysco food Service company and contract large caches of Food, water and supplies to be prepositioned for distribution after the storm hit. Savannah was one of those locations.

Because this was a VERY short timeline, the venues that were able to accept such a large shipment of supplies were limited. Although Savannah has hundreds of warehouses, they could only commit to storing the supplies for a day or two. We did not know how long it would be before we could move these supplies north so these venues couldn’t commit. Sal Gulo (our Disaster Response Director for Georgia, who happens to live 4 1/2 hours from Savannah) & I were scrambling to find a location to store this rather large shipment to no avail.

I went to Sacred Heart parish (Benedictine Military School until 1964) to ask Fr. John Lyons (Pastor of Sacred Heart) if we could use the old Gym (called the Armory). Sadly, they were in the middle of a renovation for rentals so that was out. We were running out of time as the shipment was enroute & several of our contacts were willing to store the supplies but only for a day or two.

By Happenstance, Sal (through his contacts with FEMA) contacted a warehouse in Savannah (there are hundreds with the Port being right here) called CBC Warehouse & told me it was not only owned by a Catholic, a Knight managed it. That Grand Knight was Mike Lyons, from Holy Family Council 5588, in Savannah. I’ve known Mike for years but never knew what he did. This is where the Holy Spirit comes in. Mike contacted me three days ago (on a completely different matter) out of the blue. I hadn’t talked with him for years. When Sal told me the GK’s name was Mike, I asked if his name was Mike Lyons. EUREKA.... Even more proof that the Holy Spirit is with us, he is the BROTHER of Fr. John Lyons, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish that just turned us down for storage. He and Mike NEVER discussed this project. WHAT ARE THE ODDS!!!!

We are currently waiting for clearance from the South Carolina Emergency Management Agency to move our shipment to Summerville, SC where it will be transferred to the more devastated areas. The Holy Spirit at work during Florence.

Vivat Jesus
Mark Corrigan

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The Christopher Columbus Navigator