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2nd Quarter 2018 -2019 Fraternal Year  
Georgia State Council Newsletter

**FROM THE STATE DEPUTY MARK CORRIGAN**



Brother Knights;

Advent is a season of preparation for the annual celebration of Christ's birth. During Advent we reflect on the meaning of this season of joy.

As Knights of Columbus we seek wisdom and renewal of spirit in Christmas to strengthen us during what we pray will be a prosperous and successful second half of the fraternal year.

The Georgia jurisdiction has shown the Order how we put our Faith in Action by embracing this new program model. At the midpoint of our fraternal year we find ourselves positioned to move forward with programs that will drive our membership to our goals. Our District Deputies are energized by the spark of new ideas gained during our recent midyear meeting in Jekyll Island.

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 and remind you as my brothers the first phase and how you are a part of growing our Order .

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 Jim Clifford is a wealth of knowledge and is always available to share his thoughts and ideas with you. If you are having issues with Membership growth, reach out to Brother Jim.

As we celebrate with families and friends, we seek a refreshed spirit and faith to fortify us in these difficult times. With that spirit and faith, we look for the upcoming year to bring opportunities for Knights of Columbus councils to create exciting programs that will remind our members that the Georgia Jurisdiction is the shining star in the crown of the Knights of Columbus.

On behalf of the officers of the Georgia State Council, I wish all my brother Knights and families the most joyous and blessed Advent Season, and look forward to seeing all of you during what I know will be the second half of one of our best years yet.

Let's show the Order what the GA Knights can do.

**"Be the Prayer that Changes the World."**

VIVAT JESUS,

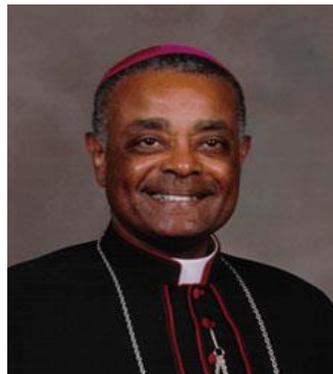
*Mark Corrigan*

Georgia Council - State Deputy

## Mary: An Advent woman for all people

By ARCHBISHOP WILTON D. GREGORY, Commentary

Our Blessed Mother is celebrated in a particular fashion during several different months of the calendar year. May invites us to crown her as our Queen and the Mother of the Church with many of our youngsters participating in May crowning ceremonies. October is the month of the holy Rosary and therefore we focus on the prayer that refers uniquely to Mary's intercessory activities within the life of the Church. December brings the Blessed Mother into the heart of Advent under her titles of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe.



While these three different months are not the only times during the year when we honor Mary, they do present us with special opportunities of bringing her into the prayer life of the Church.

Our love for and devotion to Mary coalesce in the month of December with two special moments. As Americans, we honor her—along with the entire Church—on the solemn Feast of her Immaculate Conception where she also serves as our national patroness. However, her title as Our Lady of Guadalupe has joined us in faith and deep affection with our Mexican Catholic brothers and sisters with a special moment of jubilee honoring Mary, the Mother of God, only four days later. With so many Mexican-Americans blessing and energizing the life of the Church in the United States of America and worldwide, these two celebrations sometimes may seem to compete with each other for our affection for and attention to Mary during December. These two occasions may sometimes even seem to overwhelm the season of Advent in which they both reside. Nonetheless, both celebrations highlight the deepest meaning of Advent.

Mary is an Advent woman. She has given her life over completely to the One who was promised and who entered humanity within her womb as her Baby. She is the woman of patient expectation, which is the enduring theme of Advent. Her Immaculate Conception was God's gift to her in preparation for the unique role that she would play in salvation history. God arranged for an innocent maiden to receive the Word Incarnate. She who never knew sin was the vessel that God had chosen to give His Son the gift of humanity.

When Mary appeared to Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill in Mexico, she did so in the appearance of a pregnant indigenous native of that land. The Lord of creation was to be born as one of the Mexican people whose faith has energized and sanctified all of the Americas. Guadalupe is another expression of the Incarnation—God becoming one with the people He has chosen. The expectant Mary appeared not as a foreigner, but as one with the inhabitants of that land.

With these two feasts coming so close to one another in the Advent season, we might be tempted to try to combine them. Each one has a special meaning for the Church in Advent. Mary is the chosen one who is preserved from sin in order to welcome the Lord of creation. Mary is also one with each one of us in our unique racial and cultural identities. She presents herself, not as a stranger, but as one of us through the wonderful example of the Mexican people among whom she chose to appear. Guadalupe is now a Vatican celebration, begun by Pope Benedict XVI, bringing this Immaculate Mexican Virgin into St. Peter's Basilica—so often depicted as the central worship space of the Church universal.

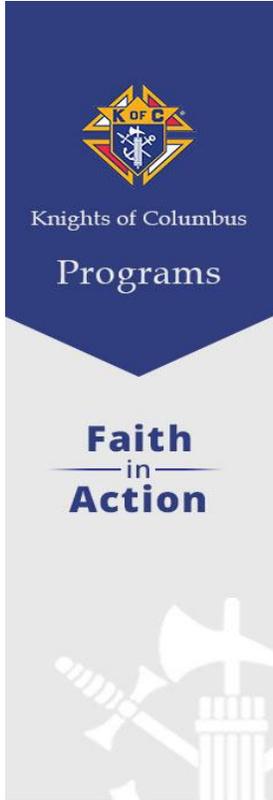
Advent culminates in the Christmas mystery in which God becomes one with the human race. An Infant born in Bethlehem, but belonging to every nation and people, transcends time and culture. The two Marian celebrations of Advent help the Church realize anew that the Incarnation is not limited to any one people or era, but brings God close to everyone.

Gregory, Wilton D. "Mary: An Advent Woman for All People." *Georgia Bulletin*, 6 Dec. 2018, [georgiabulletin.org/commentary/2018/12/mary-an-advent-woman-for-all-people/](http://georgiabulletin.org/commentary/2018/12/mary-an-advent-woman-for-all-people/).



## Faith in Action Program

## 2 Spotlight Programs



### MARIAN PRAYER - OUR LADY HELP OF PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

#### A Higher Purpose

Spread devotion to Our Lady and pray for our brothers and sisters of faith who are at risk around the world through the Marian Prayer Program. As the new Marian image is brought on pilgrimage through the jurisdiction, councils will host the Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians icon for a prayer service at their parish.

#### Overview

The 2018-2019 Marian Prayer Program presents the 18th Marian image sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, this time of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. Each Knights of Columbus jurisdiction receives several Marian images, which serve as the centerpieces for prayer services conducted in churches and council meeting places throughout the Order for the duration of the initiative. Since its inception in 1979, the Knights of Columbus' Marian Prayer Program has held more than 166,900 local council and parish prayer services with some 20 million participants. This year, the prayer service is intended to raise awareness of the plight of Christians persecuted for their faith and to stand in prayerful solidarity with them.

#### Planning

Working with your pastor, obtain his permission and recommendations on conducting a Marian Prayer Service with the Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians image.

Working with your jurisdiction Marian Prayer Program chairman, coordinate when your council is scheduled to receive the image.

Identify council and parish members to fulfill the various roles required in the service.

If not enough booklets remain from previous services, order additional copies of the [Marian Prayer Booklet \(#5050\)](#) and [Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians Prayer Card \(#10740\)](#) through Supplies Online, the supply ordering portal available on Officers Online.

Prior to the Marian Prayer Service, use the Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians sample press release as a model to create and distribute a tailored release to local media.

Build public interest for the event! Promote the Marian Prayer Service with the Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians image in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:

- Prominently display promotional posters (which can be ordered through Supplies Online)
- Bulletin announcements
- Pulpit announcements
- Posting on your council and parish website / social media pages



### SILVER ROSE

#### A Higher Purpose

Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.

#### Overview

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

#### Action Steps

Working with your pastor, obtain his permission and recommendations on conducting a Silver Rose prayer service.

Working with your jurisdiction Silver Rose chairman, coordinate when your council is scheduled to receive the Silver Rose. (Information on jurisdiction routes for the Silver Roses can be accessed under the Route tabs at [kofc.org/silverrose](http://kofc.org/silverrose).)

Order a good quantity of the [Silver Rose Prayer Service Booklets \(#4841\)](#) through Supplies Online, the supply ordering portal available on Officers Online.

Identify council and parish members to fulfill the various roles required in the service.

Prior to the Silver Rose prayer service, use the sample press release as a model to create and distribute a tailored release to local media.

Build public interest for the event! Promote the Silver Rose in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:

- Prominently display promotional posters (which can be ordered through Supplies Online)
- Bulletin announcements
- Pulpit announcements
- Posting on your council and parish website / social media pages

On the day of the event, consider wearing Knights of Columbus-branded apparel and have the council membership director bring brochures and membership documents (including [Prospect Cards #921A](#)). Do not forget that this event is a recruiting opportunity!

Enlist a fellow Knight or community member to photograph the event (i.e., the passing of the Silver Rose or the Silver Rose inside the church).

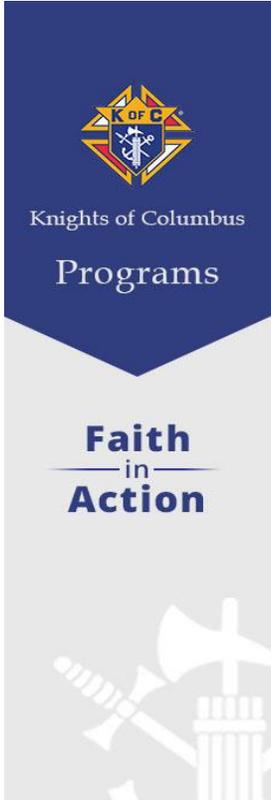
In keeping with the fraternal nature of our Order, strongly consider hosting a reception or other social event in conjunction with the prayer service celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe and a culture of life in our world.

After the service, the grand knight or council Silver Rose chairman should record information about the council's Silver Rose prayer service in the [Silver Rose Log Book \(#10721\)](#) that accompanies the rose. To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms and submit them to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission. Remember to retain copies for your council records.



Faith in Action Program

Announcements



NEW FAITH IN ACTION FRATERNAL PROGRAMS REPORT FORM (#10784)

Following the launch of the Faith in Action program model, a new form has been created that will allow reporting for most of the Supreme-recommended programs. This new form will replace 24 individual report forms, streamlining the number of forms council officers are expected to use.

Submit one report form per program.

This new form is an optional addition for any reporting on Featured Programs, Free Throw Championship, Soccer Challenge, Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, or Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, which each have their own report forms that are required to be submitted.

Save copies of all report forms to assist with the completion of the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) and the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7).

Use your [Fraternal Leader Success Planner \(#5033\)](#) to help document the number of programs, events, charitable hours, and distributions throughout the year. When calculating service hours, remember that family members and volunteers assisting the Knights can be counted towards your totals.

Reporting should be done in whole numbers only – do not report fractions of hours or spare change.

UPDATED FAITH IN ACTION ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY (#1728)

The *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity* has been updated to reflect the new *Faith in Action* program model.

The survey form is available through Officers Online. Electronic submissions via "Online Submission" are encouraged. Please review this information.

The combined result of every council's survey provides a powerful testament to the level of charity that our Order, as a whole, provides to our parishes and communities.

Each jurisdiction also receives information back regarding the level of charitable giving and volunteer hours enacted on the jurisdiction's level.

The following changes have been made to the survey:

Renaming and categorization of the data fields.

Category reporting that matches *Faith in Action*.

Volunteer hours are now reported within each itemized line.

UPDATED COLUMBIAN AWARD APPLICATION (#SP-7)

The [Columbian Award Application](#) has been updated to reflect the new *Faith in Action* program model.

The electronic form is available through Officers Online. Electronic submissions via "Online Submission" are encouraged. Please review this information.

The following changes have been made to the application:

Renaming and categorization of the data fields.

Category reporting that matches *Faith in Action*.

Volunteer hours and donations fields have been added within each program field.

## From Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

Worthy Chaplains and Dear Brother Knights,

IN OCTOBER, I had the opportunity to be in Kraków, Poland, on the 40th anniversary of St. John Paul II's election as pope. While there, I visited the ground floor apartment at No. 10 Tyniecka Street, where the young Karol Wojtyła and his father lived during the Nazi invasion and occupation of Poland.

They had come to Kraków so that Wojtyła could attend the Jagiellonian University. But after the Nazis closed the university, Wojtyła began working in a limestone quarry. In 1941, he returned from work one evening to find his father in bed, dead of a heart attack. He would later say, "At 20, I had already lost all the people I loved."

Standing in the small, austere apartment in front of the wooden desk at which Wojtyła studied, the bed in which his father died and the tiny wooden stove in the kitchen, one could image the questions Wojtyła asked himself, and the prayers he recited, as his world crashed down around him and he struggled to make decisions about the future.



The day after the visit to Tyniecka Street, I was asked whether St. John Paul II is still relevant. With the images of his apartment still in mind, I said, "For St. John Paul II, evil and suffering were not abstractions, they were very real in his life. "St. John Paul II was an apostle of hope. He told us, 'Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good' (cf. Rom 12:21). And he showed us that this could be done. "He knew that the good is also not an abstraction but is a person — a person whose hands and heart care for others. And he called on each of us to take up this task."

I had also left the apartment convinced it was the experiences Wojtyła lived while there that gave him such great connectivity with young Catholics when he was pope — especially at World Youth Days.

In 2002, during the World Youth Day in Toronto, he said: "You are young and the Pope is old.... But the Pope still fully identifies with your hopes and aspirations. Although I have lived through much darkness, under harsh totalitarian regimes, I have seen enough evidence to be unshakably convinced that no difficulty, no fear is so great that it can completely suffocate the hope that springs eternal in the hearts of the young. You are our hope."

Nearly a decade earlier, in Denver, he said to the young pilgrims: "Christ needs you to enlighten the world and to show it the 'path to life.' ...The struggle will be long, and it needs each one of you. Place your intelligence, your talents, your enthusiasm, your compassion and your fortitude at the service of life!"

In the same homily, he called on young Catholics to "become more conscious of your vocation and mission in the Church and in the world." And he repeated to them the words of St. Paul, "I have great confidence in you, I have great pride in you; I am filled with encouragement, I am overflowing with joy" (2 Cor 7:4).

Still today, I meet bishops, priests and nuns who tell me that such encounters with St. John Paul II kindled their religious vocations. Others have said how his words strengthened their vocation to marriage and in the world.

As we prepare for what 2019 will bring to our Church and the world, let us as Knights of Columbus reflect on his words at World Youth Day in Toronto:

"The world you are inheriting is a world which desperately needs a new sense of brotherhood and human solidarity. It is a world which needs to be touched and healed by the beauty and richness of God's love. *It needs witnesses to that love.*"

I am confident that a young priest from New Haven would have agreed!  
By founding the Knights of Columbus, Father McGivney gave us a practical way to bring a greater sense of charity and unity within our Church and our communities.

*Vivat Jesus!*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carl A. Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Carl A Anderson  
Supreme Knight

Anderson, Carl A. "AN APOSTLE OF HOPE." What We Do | Knights of Columbus, 1 Dec. 2018, [www.kofc.org/en/columbia/supreme\\_knight/fromthesk\\_20181201.html](http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/supreme_knight/fromthesk_20181201.html).

## Using the Star Council Award as a Guidepost

An Advent and Christmas message from Mark McMullen, senior vice president of fraternal mission.

Mark is a former Georgia state deputy, serving from 2015-2017.

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” (Mt 2:2) These are the words of the Magi — they were excited when they saw the star and followed it to find a king (Mt 2:10). As we look forward to the second half of the fraternal year, we too should be getting excited, as we turn our thoughts and actions to following a star.

This Advent and Christmas season, take stock in the successes that your council has had during the first half of the fraternal year putting Faith into Action. You should also review what must be done over the next six months to achieve the Star Council Award. It is the culmination of a year of membership and insurance growth, and successful Faith in Action programs. In short, earning the Star Council Award represents excellence. Like the wise men who followed a star more than 2,000 years ago, we also set the Star Council Award as our guidepost and seek its achievement.

When a council sets its sight on attaining the Star Council Award, they are making a commitment to accomplish the vision of our founder Father Michael McGivney when he founded the Order: It’s a vision of providing every Catholic man and his family financial security, of forming a network of men grounded firmly in their faith and of enthusiastically serving their parish and community. When you were elected or appointed to your position, you likely imagined the possibilities and opportunities that awaited, much like the Wise Men. Leaders have a desire to make things happen and can see success in their mind’s eye.

To make that success a reality, you must enlist the help of others by gaining their support, sharing their hopes, their aspirations and values. This is critical to the success of the fraternal year and the longterm success of your council. The success of your council depends greatly on the Faith In Action programs implemented during this fraternal year. The assets of Faith In Action will help establish your council as an influential and important force within the parish and community.

Familiarize yourself with the various Faith In Action programs and meet with your pastor or chaplain about conducting them. And remember, foundational to the Faith In Action program model is our Building the Domestic Church initiative. When councils involve themselves more with Faith In Action, they are living out the call of Pope St. John Paul II to build the domestic church. When other men and families see brother Knights fully engaging in their faith and defending life with their families and communities, they will ask “How can I be a part of this?” When men see that their desire for faith and family can be met, why would they not volunteer with us — and why would they not become active members? Today, your council can be a Star Council leading men in service to their community, their faith and their families. Like the Magi, I encourage you to do whatever it takes to reach that Star.

McMullen, Mark. “Using the Star Council Award as a Guidepost.” What We Do | Knights of Columbus Knight Line, 1 Dec. 2018, [www.kofc.org/en/columbia/supreme\\_knight/fromthesk\\_20181201.html](http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/supreme_knight/fromthesk_20181201.html).



Mark McMullen speaks to second year state deputies during a Town Hall Discussion at the Mid-Year Meeting in Houston, Texas, Nov.3. (Photo by Rocky Kneten)

## The Star Council Award: Your Way to Success in Five Easy Steps

The Star Council Award recognizes the efforts that councils put forth in continuing Father Michael McGivney’s mission. Get started today with the steps below.

Seeing your councils’ year end goals can be intimidating — here is your toolbox to achieve your Star Council goals:

### 1. EARN THE COLUMBIAN AWARD FOR QUALITY FAITH-FILLED FAMILY PROGRAMS.

To earn the award, a council must earn a total of 16 program credits\* and complete these four programs: Spiritual Reflection Program, Consecration to the Holy Family, Helping Hands and Novena for Life. You must also submit the *Columbian Award Application* (#SP-7) and the *Service Program Personnel Report* (#365).

### 2. EARN THE FATHER MCGIVNEY AWARD FOR MEMBERSHIP GROWTH.

Your council must meet or exceed its membership growth quota to be eligible. Your council’s membership quota is listed on Officers Online, under the Membership tab.

### 3. EARN THE FOUNDERS’ AWARD FOR INSURANCE GROWTH.

To be eligible, your council must meet or exceed a 2.5 percent net increase in its insurance membership. Find your council’s membership quota is listed on Officers Online, under the Membership tab.

### 4. BE COMPLIANT WITH TRAINING AND BACKGROUND CHECKS.

Start by completing the *Service Program Personnel Report* (#365). This form allows Knights’ safe environment partner to contact council members who need training and background checks. Once contacted, recipients must complete the training and background check authorization within 30 days.

### 5. REMAIN CURRENT WITH ASSESSMENTS FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

Your assessments can be found on the Member Management/Member Billing section of Officers Online. Check out the *Knights of Columbus Leadership Resources* (#5093) for details.

\*A council earns credits for every program it conducts. Featured programs earn councils two credits, while all other Supreme-Council recommended programs earn councils a single credit.

**A Message from our Associate State Chaplain Father Ray Levreault**



My Brother Knights,

I have just arrived back from the Mid-year DD meeting. Outside of the major storm that swept through on Saturday night, causing a flow of rainwater at 1am in the middle of my bed from the ceiling light, the weekend meeting was one of the best I have been to in many years. As what seems to be my position in life with the Knights as the Associate State Chaplain (and no complaints nor desires to move to State Chaplain) I have been blessed to serve under 6 State Deputies, so, I've been to a few of these DD meetings in my life.

This meeting was just different in so many ways – an excitement and a deeper desire of those present in the room to want to work more to achieve the mission started so many years ago by Fr. McGivney. We all know that change is not always easy, but it is necessary and when you look at the changes from Supreme, especially in regards to the Faith in Action program, then that which can only come about is true excitement about building and growing the Order. Change requires movement of attitude mostly and if you can't change, then you won't grow. Sort of like that leaking ceiling light at the meeting – I had a few options, all required some change, had I done nothing, then the outcome wouldn't have been so good. Complaining also, wouldn't have fixed the situation – so, for those of you in leadership positions, get up (even if it's 1am) push those things that need a good push, contain the problems and situations, and then go and rest – for there will be more to do the next day!

A blessed New Year to all!

*Father Ray*

**Membership Incentives from Supreme for 2018-2019**

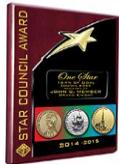


**Yearly Incentives**

**Recruiters** -Winter Blast

December 1, 2018 - January 31, 2019  
The Top 3 Recruiters from the Insurance Territories will win either NHL or NBA tickets\* to the closest team to their home state with overnight accommodations the night of the game.

**Grand Knights** -The top Grand Knight in each jurisdiction in the Insurance Territories (based on their Membership Quota will be entered into a raffle for 5 trips to New Haven for him and his spouse.



The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and service program activities. In order to earn the Star Council Award, a council must qualify for the Father McGivney, Founder's, and Columbian Awards. Additionally, the council must submit its [Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity](#) (#1728), its [Service Program Personnel Report](#) (#365), and remain in good standing with Supreme Council assessments.

**District Deputy's** -The top District Deputy in each jurisdiction in the Insurance Territories (based on their Membership Quota will be entered into a raffle for 5 trips to New Haven for him and his spouse.

**District Deputy Training Incentive:**

- Attend State Organizational & Midyear Meetings
- Take the online DD Training course
- Attend 2 Webinars
- Attend your State Convention
- Hold 10 First Degrees in your district
- Attain the above requirements and win a Travel Tumbler, Padfolio, and Certificate.

**# 1 Grand Knight & District Deputy** - The top Grand Knight and District Deputy along with their spouse in the Insurance Territories (based on their Membership Quota) is awarded a complimentary trip to the International Supreme Convention.



**Knights of Columbus**  
**INSURANCE**  
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

As we move ahead in this 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 \$33 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](http://www.martinezagency.org).

## A Message from our Georgia State Membership Director - Jim Clifford

Brother Knights of Columbus of Georgia,

It is an honor to once again be the Georgia State Membership Director. In the area of membership, today we are in great need. Half the fraternal year is behind us and Georgia is struggling. But there is time to reverse the situation. PSD St. John used to say, "If you are not growing, you are dying." Growing the Order is a moral obligation for all Knights. Membership is the oldest and most important program of the Knights of Columbus. Without membership there is nothing. Before Fr. McGivney could accomplish anything he had to have members. It has been that way and will remain so though our entire existence. The need for our service programs and our support of our Church is ever present and ever growing. We must make membership our number one program so we can grow the Order to meet the growing need. It is that simple.



We grow the Order through prospecting and retention. Both are equally important. Prospecting is an act of Charity we offer every practical Catholic man of 18 years of age or older. Retention is an act of Unity and Fraternity. Unity is showing new Knights what it means to be a Knight of Columbus through our examples and by giving them opportunities to serve. Just as Jesus recruited good men and led them to be Apostles and Disciples, we recruit good, practical Catholic men and show them what it means to be Knights of Columbus. Fraternity is extended when we show our brothers and their families that they are valued, respected and that all contributions are appreciated. We show fraternity by reaching out to all our brother Knights no matter how many meetings they attend or the number of programs that they support. We show them fraternity by making them understand that they are more than names on a roster or a tool used to achieve our personal aims. Our Charity, Unity, and Fraternity are not things others must earn from us. They are standards that we extend to all without cost. Councils where members do this as a routine practice enjoy consistent success in all things

Successful councils are not islands unto themselves. They are part of something bigger. Successful councils do not measure success at the bottom line of the Treasurer's report. Successful councils know that their success is measured by their support of members, the clergy, parishes, communities, districts, and the State and Supreme Councils. Hollow and fleeting are the accomplishments of councils that confine Charity, Unity, and Fraternity within council chambers.

As we go through the rest of the year, I ask every Knight to remember the following. We are one team with one mission. Long-term challenges require long term plans to resolve. Money is not a principle of the Order, Membership is your first program. I look forward to working with you all to make this fraternal year a success for the entire state of Georgia.

Vivat Jesus!

*Jim Clifford*

Georgia State Membership Director



## Important Dates and Reminders

### Star Council Deadlines

**Tuesday, December 25**  
Christmas Day

**Sunday, December 30**  
Consecration to the Holy Family

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019**  
New Year's Day

**Saturday, January 5, 2019**  
8:30am Exemplification of the First (Admission) and Second (Formation) Degree

**Saturday, January 12, 2019**  
9:00am South Georgia Council Officers Meetings  
9:00am Exemplification of Admission AND Formation Degrees

**Monday, January 14, 2019**  
6:30pm Exemplification of Admission (1st) Degrees

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019**  
6:30pm Exemplification of Formation (2nd) Degree

**Saturday, January 19, 2019**  
8:30am Exemplification of the Admission (First) and Formation (Second) Degree

9:00am North Georgia Council Officers Meeting  
9:30am Exemplification of Formation (2nd) Degree

**Monday, January 21, 2019**  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Tuesday, January 22, 2019**  
7:00pm GA DD Conference Call

**Saturday, February 9, 2019**  
8:30am Exemplification of Admission (1st) Degree

**Monday, February 11, 2019**  
6:30pm Exemplification of Admission (1st) Degrees

**Thursday, February 14, 2019**  
Valentine's Day

**Monday, February 18, 2019**  
Presidents' Day (regional holiday)

**Saturday, February 23, 2019**  
9:00am Exemplification of the Fourth Degree - Duluth

**Tuesday, February 26, 2019**  
7:00pm GA DD Conference Call

**Monday, March 4, 2019**  
6:30pm Exemplification of Admission (1st) Degree

**Sunday, March 10, 2019**  
Daylight Saving Time starts

**Monday, March 11, 2019**  
6:30pm Exemplification of Admission (1st) Degrees

**Saturday, March 16, 2019**  
9:00am Exemplification of Admission AND Formation Degrees

**Sunday, March 17, 2019**  
St. Patrick's Day

**Saturday, March 23, 2019**  
9:00am Exemplification of the Formation (2nd) Degree

**Tuesday, March 26, 2019**  
7:00pm GA DD Conference Call

**Wednesday, April 3, 2019**  
6:30pm Exemplification of Formation (2nd) Degree

**Saturday, April 6, 2019**  
9:00am Exemplification of Admission AND Formation Degrees

**Monday, April 8, 2019**  
6:30pm Exemplification of Admission (1st) Degrees

**Saturday, April 13, 2019**  
9:30am Exemplification of Formation (2nd) Degree

**Sunday, April 21, 2019**

- *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728)* — Forms must reach the Supreme Council office by **Jan. 31**.
- *Columbian Award Application (#SP-7)* — Applications must reach the Supreme Council office by **June 30**.
- *Service Program Personnel Report (#365)* — Applications must reach the Supreme Council office by **Aug. 1**.
- All program-related forms must be submitted by the deadlines for that particular form. Please review each programs' form requirements when planning your council activities.
- All membership and insurance transactions must be received, processed, recorded and released at the Supreme Council office by **June 30**.

### Administrative Forms

- Form # 1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity - **Due 1/31/2019**
- Form # 1295 Semiannual Council Audit - **Due 2/15/2019**

### Program Forms

- Form # 4216 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Part. Form - **Due 12/31/2018**
- Form # FT-1 Free Throw Championship Part. Form - **Due 1/30/2019**
- Form # 5023 KCIC Poster Contest Part. Form - **Due 1/31/2019**
- Form # 4584 Special Olympics Report Form - **Due 1/31/2018**
- Form # Family of The Month Form - **Due 15th day of following month**



Thank you to Chas Ratliff for putting together the materials and letter for our State Newsletter. For a donation of \$24, you can put A FRONTLINE FAITH Player in the hands of one of our service members. The Georgia State Council of the Knights of Columbus is leading the efforts to help.

The FRONTLINE FAITH Project distribute 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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## 61st Annual Military Pilgrimage

The yearly Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage for Non-Wounded, Wounded, Ill or Injured Military Personnel during the 61st Annual International Military Pilgrimage (PMI) will take place **May 14-21, 2019**.

The pilgrimage, sponsored by the [Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA](#), and the [Knights of Columbus](#), is the latest event in a long history of both organizations' involvement in Lourdes and service to the military.

Military personnel, their designated caregivers and volunteers travel to the Marian shrine for a time of rest, prayer and healing. The retreat consist of a number of spiritual events, including special Masses, Faith and Fellowship Sessions, a Marian Procession, Adoration and Blessing of the Sick, a visit to the baths at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes, and an International Opening Ceremony and Candlelight Vigil that draw tens of thousands of troops to the sacred shrine every year.

"We will journey and pray with pilgrims from around the world," said Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the Archdiocese of Military Services. "It will be an occasion to raise our hearts and minds to the Prince of Peace and beg for an increase in understanding and a decrease in strife."

Donate to Support a Military Personnel

Help us give back to those who serve.

Local and state Knights of Columbus councils, assemblies, individuals and other groups can support the Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage with financial contributions.

Each \$2600 donated will send a pilgrim to Lourdes.

All funds donated will be used to defray costs for military personnel and for their designated caregivers.

Help send our service men and women on a pilgrimage like no other.

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# GET INVOLVED

## Council #14425 - Supports Prayer for Life chain:

St. Anna's K of C Council #14425 joined in with the church members and local community on October 14, between 2:30-3:30 pm at the historic Courthouse in downtown Monroe to demonstrate the Right To Life. We prayed silently for one hour. The real reason we came to pray was to show sensitize voters the evil of killing innocent human beings in their mother's womb and to pray to Almighty God that this evil be abolished from our land.

Brother Bob Gaubert  
Council #14425

## Council # 16513 St Jude Knights Take Coats for Kids to a New Level

In October, St Jude the Apostle Council 16513 participated in its annual Coats for Kids Program, in partnership with the Community Assistance Center (CAC) of Sandy Springs, GA. The Council purchased and delivered 252 winter coats to children of CAC client families - a 50 percent increase over the prior year's donation. The Council raised more than \$5,200 and contributed over 90 volunteer hours with more than 30 members supporting the effort. As of this writing, the St Jude Knights have delivered the second largest number of coats among the 20 participating Knights Councils statewide.

Brother Patrick Foarde  
Chancellor  
Council 16513

## Council 10821 - 2018 Annual Ron Starnieri Golf Tournament

On September 17th St. John Paul II Council 10821 Douglasville held a Golf Outing at Chapel Hills Golf Club . The net proceeds were given to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home in Atlanta and the amount given to them was \$13, 507.34.

John Bumbalo, Sr.  
Past Grand Knight  
Council 10821

Pictured:  
PGK and Golf Tournament Coordinator Tom Warren, Jennifer DeNyse (co-founder of DeNyse Signs), Brother David Hagenow, FS John Bumbalo Sr. and Greystone Power President/CEO, Gary Miller. DeNyse



## Coming Soon: Council Prospect Landing Pages



A prospecting landing page is a digital version of a prospect card with some unique differences. First, the digital prospecting tool allows you to follow up with a prospective member immediately. Once the prospective member hits submit on the form, they will immediately receive a personalized email from someone in the council thanking them for their interest in the Knights. Second, they will automatically start receiving emails that have been hand crafted to give the prospective member more information about who the Knights are and what we do. Finally, it allows the online membership team to track the prospective members to better understand the content prospective members are interested in and clicking on.

### **How do I get a customized Prospecting Landing Page for my council?**

Simply fill out the Prospecting Landing Page Request Form at [info.kofc.org/pagerequest](http://info.kofc.org/pagerequest). You'll be asked for some basic information, including your council's name, state, and contact information for whomever is your council's point-person for recruitment. In 2-3 business days, we'll get back to you to finalize your custom Prospecting Landing Page and Auto-Generated Prospecting Email.

### **How does our Prospecting Landing Page work?**

When a prospect fills in his information on your council's customized Prospecting Landing Page, he will immediately receive an Auto-Generated Prospecting Email, customized for your council, thanking him for his interest in becoming a Knight. This customized email is generated by the Supreme Council's marketing software, Marketo. The prospect will also be enrolled into another Marketo program to receive weekly emails from the Supreme Council with information about the Order and how to join.

### **Will my council receive the prospective member's contact information?**

Yes. A designated council member (we recommend Grand Knight or Membership Director) will receive an email every time a prospect fills out the form. Be sure to include the email address of this designated council member when you complete the Prospecting Landing Page Request Form to ensure your council receives every prospect's information.

### **What doesn't this form do?**

The form does not enroll a man as an online member, or add him to the Prospects tab of Officers Online. Once a prospect has joined online, and if he has indicated he's interested in joining your local council, his information will then appear in the Prospects tab of Officers Online.