FROM THE STATE DEPUTY MARK CORRIGAN

Brother Knights;

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word lencten, which means “spring.” The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

During Lent this year, I challenge each of us to focus on the blessing we have received from the sacrifice of Christ. How do these blessings carry over into all aspects of our daily lives? How can we share our efforts with others who may be looking to join us? Make this Lent about growing our Order. Use every event you have planned this year as a way to recruit. We are looking at (at least) ONE NEW MEMBER from Every council. I know we can do that.

Each brother Knight should always be looking for ways to bring in new members to our order. Every event you host, 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 has a very powerful article in this edition of the newsletter. 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 Lenten Season, and look forward to seeing all of you during what I know will be strong finish to one of our best years yet.

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

VIVAT JESUS,

Mark Corrigan
Georgia Council - State Deputy
A Message from our Georgia State Membership Director - Jim Clifford

A few end of year thoughts on Membership

Georgia boasts 114 great councils. The services we provide are unmatched by any other organization in or out of the Catholic Church. Our members are the greatest. It is through membership that we put our Faith in Action. Without membership Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism are just words. That is why we spend so much time and effort on membership. This year, we have had both highs and lows of membership. We met some goals and fallen very short of others. As we enter the final quarter of this fraternal year I ask every Knight to do the following so we can end the year strong and begin the next one stronger:

* Pray for the Knights of Columbus, its leaders, and the Church that it serves
* Invite an eligible Catholic man to become a Knight of Columbus
* Invite a member that you haven’t seen recently to attend a meeting or participate in a service program – find out why he hasn’t been active and do something about it
* Learn about the Online Membership program and tell prospective Knights about this option for membership
* Consider filling a void in your council or assembly in the upcoming fraternal year. Be a leader, join a committee, or participate in degrees or the color corps.
* Do something; Be something!

If we do these simple things over the next three months, we will be able to have enough Knights to continue the great works of our Order in Georgia for years to come.

Jim Clifford
State Membership Director

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 council’s 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 (KSP-7) and the Service Program Personnel Report (KSP65).

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 (KSP65). 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.
Most of you are by now familiar with Faith In Action, our new program model. Now what? Several questions have likely been rattling around in your head. How does Faith in Action help my council? How does it help my parish? Or my council? How does it help me recruit?

It’s a simple answer: Faith In Action aligns your council and your activities with the vision of our founder, Father Michael McGivney. With Faith In Action, we incorporate a model that more fully integrates Knights with the sacramental and social life of the parish. By doing so, we look to strengthen our members, their families, revitalize our parishes and grow our Order.

At this point, you are on the path to finishing the year strong and looking to achieve Star Council. If your council has not yet completed the four required programs (Spiritual Reflection, Consecration to the Holy Family, Helping Hands and Novena for Life), meet with your pastor or chaplain. Work with him to identify times in the next few months to conduct these programs.

Faith In Action is a great way to reenergize your current membership, too. Use the programs to in the coming Lenten season to enhance the faith. Other great Lenten programs are Spiritual Reflection, the Building the Domestic Church Kiosk, Into the Breach, Good Friday Family Promotion, Helping Hands and Mass for People with Special Needs. It doesn’t matter how many people participate or how many dollars are raised. What matters is that these programs fulfill the need of those in need, whatever that need may be. The Holy Spirit will then do the rest.

To finish the fraternal year strong, plan faith-filled family programs and invited prospective members of the parish and their families to participate. Plan a Food for Families drive, volunteer with your local Special Olympics games, or conduct a Wheelchair Sunday and give the gift of mobility. These are all programs that fulfill a need, highlight our involvement, and allow prospective member to get involved.

As you begin planning for the new fraternal year, now is the time to think about what Faith In Action programs you want to conduct based on what engages both current and prospective members. Seek to incorporate these programs into the plan for the council. Also, review your 2018-19 programs while they are still fresh. Ask yourself what worked well, what did not. Are the programs still relevant to your council and parish? Are there others that your pastor and chaplain wants to do for his parish? How can your council be a God’s change in the world, for growth, for reengagement with his Church?

As you ask these questions, work with your council to complete the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728). Look at the numbers you put down on this form: Ask yourself if you did more or less than last year, and why. Also, regularly complete the Fraternal Program Report Form (#10784) and complete the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7) early to see what else you need to accomplish to qualify for this award. Remember: There is no reason that your council should not earn the Columbian Award. You do great things! Get the recognition.

Faith In Action is your tool to achieve these goals of programs and council growth — growth in members, in charity and protection of families. Nevertheless, for Faith In Action to work, you as a leader must take the necessary steps. Visit kofc.org/faithinaction to learn more about these great programs and how you can put your council’s faith into action!

Thanks to Scott Read for sharing these insights on Faith In Action.

Learn more by visiting kofc.org/faithinaction.
On occasion while conducting a training session or talking with a Grand Knight or Council Officer, I’m asked how to properly conduct a council meeting. The truth is many grand knights, or council officers when filling in for the GK, just do what the last GK did at meetings and “bam” they’re conducting a proper Knights of Columbus meeting. Well, maybe not!

According to the Charter Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus, Section 124 (Meetings) states: Each subordinate council shall hold at least two regular meetings each month, one of which is an officers’ business meeting open to all members, and one shall be designated as a regular membership meeting. At each and every meeting of subordinate councils, whether regular or special, the flag of the country in which the council is located shall be prominently displayed during the entire meeting. The meeting place or council chambers of a council located in a city, town or village where more than one council exists shall not be moved without the written permission of the State or Territorial Deputy.

Simple stated, each council “shall” hold two meetings per month. One of these meetings shall be designated as: (1.) officer’s business meeting and the second meeting will be the (2.) regular membership meeting.

In Section 125 (Order of Business), the Charter Constitution and Laws outlines 19 parts of the meeting to be conducted during all regular business meetings. Three of these parts (marked with an asterisk) may be omitted only at regular meetings but not at regular business meetings. Supreme published Pamphlet 1937 (The Method of Conducting a Council Meeting) to assist subordinate councils in properly conducting both a Council Business meeting and a Regular Membership meeting. Please order several copies from Supreme, read it and then follow it. Only then will you be able to properly conduct a Knights Meeting!

As a final note, Section 141 (Lecturer Duties) of the Charter Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus states, “The Lecturer shall endeavor to devise means to entertain his council at meetings and perform such duties as his council may direct.” Grand Knight should appoint a Lecturer and then use the Lecturer to motivate council members or to move your council members to be better knights and catholic gentlemen. Help make your month Council Business Meetings friendly and professional ensuring more council members will want to come back and attend your next meeting. The Knights of Columbus need brother knights to keep coming back to meetings.

Good intentions might sound nice, but it’s positive actions and correctness that matter! Learn and follow the Knights of Columbus By-Laws and Rules.

Vivat Jesus!

Walter J. Marchant, Jr.
Walter J. Marchant, Jr., FDD, PGK
Georgia State Council Director of Training

Youngest Knight - Matt Meyer turned 18 October 2018. Father was a Knight when he passed away several years ago due to a motorcycle accident.

Recently lead a Motorcycle Awareness fundraiser - donated over $1000 to the Knights of Columbus.

Graduating High School Senior made his First and Second Degree January 19 2019

Made his Third Degree on January 26, 2019 (with Joe) Plans to make his Fourth Degree ( with Matt) on Feb 23

Oldest Knight - Joe (Consolato) Leonardo Currently 97 years young.

Made is First Degree on August 28, 2018 at the age of 97!

World War 2 Navy veteran of the War in the Pacific. Son has been a Knight for years but Joe didn’t join until last year at 97.

Takes an active role in our business meetings

Voted in person at the last Presidential Election

Made his Second Degree January 19, 2019 (with Matt above)Made his Third Degree January 26. 2019 (with Matt) Plans to make his Fourth Degree ( with Matt) on Feb 23
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

This year, the Silver Rose will travel to 17 councils through the state of Georgia as well as be present at the Georgia State Council. This year, the Georgia Chapter of Knights on Bikes is going to be heavily involved with escorting the Rose from council to council.

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.)
- 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.
- At the end of the fraternal year, complete the Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784)
- At the end of the fraternal year, complete your Columbian Award Application (#SP-7)

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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.
Team Effort for Savannah Ultrasound

What does it take to place an ultrasound system? Of course, there are certain steps that need to be followed, approvals to secure, boxes to check, and lots of prayer! The Supreme Council has some very specific guidelines, and, you guessed it, certain required forms. You can learn the basics at the Supreme website: http://www.kofc.org/en/programs/life/ultrasound-program.html#.

But what about the details? What does it really take, and can your Council make it happen? As of the writing of this article, the Knights have placed 1,030 ultrasound machines in Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRCs) since the first one in early 2009. To date, 32 have been placed in Georgia, and we even sent one to Jamaica to the Missionaries of the Poor! (Keep an eye out for the Convention Book this year, where I will have an article detailing the history of the ultrasound program in Georgia.) We are working on at least 3 more right now.

Let’s examine what it took to get the most recent placement done. The Savannah Care Center is located strategically right across the street from the Savannah “Medical” Clinic, a notorious abortion provider. What a perfect place to set up a PRC! With the pro-life mission being a fundamental tenet of our Order, and a priority of our Worthy State Deputy, Mark Corrigan, it was clear that this Christ-centered facility needed to be equipped with an ultrasound machine, and quickly! The challenge was accepted by Savannah Council 631 in Savannah, the oldest Council in Georgia (by Charter year of 1902, not average age of members.) Grand Knight Robert Osbourne entrusted the daunting task to Brother Knight Michael Bolton in August of 2018.

Where to start? Depending on configuration, an ultrasound system can cost between $25,000 and $40,000, with Supreme providing a match equaling 50% of the cost. The Savannah Care Center settled on a system that would cost about $35,500. The local Council(s) and the State would need to raise $17,750.

After getting the required approvals from the Diocese, after going through the exercise of identifying the right machine through discussions with the center’s sonographer, and after soliciting quotes for systems, it was time to begin raising funds.

In the early stages of fundraising, when it seems like an insurmountable task, I always advise the Councils that once they get started, inevitably, there will be a very generous donor who has a heart for the mission, and the wherewithal to make a very sizeable contribution and make the goal that much more reachable. This time was no exception.

With the complete support of the Council Chaplain and Pastor, Father Brett Brannen, and encouragement from Father Dan Firmin, Brother Bolton began his quest on October 16, 2018, asking for 50 Brother Knights to each donate $100 as a first wave in the fundraising effort. The day after he launched the program, he received a call from a generous donor Sir Knight who committed $5,000. Rather than try to list names of donors and maybe inadvertently leave someone out or embarrass someone who would rather remain low-key, I must point out that in addition to the individual large donation and those from 631, contributions came from Islands Council 10579 and Saint Gregory the Great Council 12263, as well as from the community at large. So, there is another lesson. The money need not come from only your home Council.

By November 12, 2018, less than a month after the fundraising started, all the money had been raised! It doesn’t always happen this quickly, but when you are dedicated and reach out to other Councils, amazing things can happen! The machine was delivered to the Savannah Care Center on Christmas Eve 2018 and was blessed and dedicated on January 20, 2019. The Holy Spirit is moving in Georgia, babies are being saved, and we are in the generation where abortion will become unthinkable!

If you are planning on placing an ultrasound, or even just thinking about it, please get in touch with me early in the process and I will help every step of the way. I have assisted in placement of 16 of the 33 systems placed by Georgia Knights, as well as 5 more in other states. It is my pleasure, my honor, and my duty to help!

Vivat Jesus!

Paul J. Zock
State Health Services Chairman
healthserviceschair@gakofc.org
Hi Friends of Savannah Care,

I just had to send out a short note to thank all of you who were able to come out to support Savannah Care Center January 20th for the dedication and blessing of the new ultrasound machine. Once again, THANK YOU, to the Knights of Columbus! We had such a wonderful time with all of you! In fact, there were so many of you, I didn’t get a chance to talk with all of you during the event. I’d love to meet and talk with any of you that were able to attend and those of you who weren’t able to make it, at your convenience for lunch one day, or perhaps, for a tour down at the Center. You each mean so very much to us and we never want any of you to feel like our appreciation for all you do is ever less than 100%.

I also wanted you to know we are now doing Ultrasounds! God is certainly blessing these young women and men as they watch their beautiful babies move around and put on a show for them in the womb. After seeing this, there is no doubt that there is a living human being in her womb, not just a clump of tissue.

Please pray daily for Pregnancy Center of Rincon if you don’t already. They provided unwavering support to Savannah Care Center over the last three years. They faithfully showed up with the Stork Van every Thursday and Friday morning, ministering to the girls and sharing glimpses into the womb and guiding them through their options with the love of Christ. They have helped save many lives for Christ and many babies as well. We are truly grateful for their support and guidance.

Also, the past few weeks, Thrive Express Savannah has been on 34th Street with their mobile van, Savannah Grace, to help serve and minister to the women and men entering the abortion clinic. They, too, have helped many women and men choose life though the wonder of ultrasound. Their dedication and flexibility while we were waiting for our ultrasound is greatly appreciated.

We pray daily for Pregnancy Care Center of Rincon and Thrive Express Savannah, Richmond Hill Pregnancy Center, Living Vine and Skylark to be continually blessed by God as they grow in their future service. We ask you to do the same as God guides us all to a common goal in glorifying him through cherishing life at every stage, every day!

You can call me anytime at 912-308-2851 anytime just to talk or to schedule a lunch meeting or a tour. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

God Bless You,
A Message from our Associate State Chaplain Father Ray Levreault

My Brother Knights and All,

Although as I write this, Lent has yet to begin and yet as you read this, we possibly are already into the Easter Season. Does not time seem to fly by? I said that once and the comment back to me was this — “time is consistent, 24 hours today, 24 hours tomorrow – it never changes.”

So what does change is the amount of ‘things’ we put into that 24 hours. The more we cram into it, that faster it seems it goes.

So, I want you to reflect, my brother Knights and all, on this simple question... “What occupies your time?”

If you have time, draw out your day, fill in how much time you spend in these areas: Work, Family, Prayer, Social, Educational, Emotional, Goofing off online and Quiet time. Perhaps there are a few other areas that you can add to that list and yet, that’s a full day’s list right there.

Now, prioritize them and see truthfully where your spending time and make any changes in areas that need to be given more time or less time – I’d love to go on but right now I’m running out of time!

A blessed Lenten Season to All!

Father Ray

Membership Incentives from Supreme for 2018-2019

- **Recruiters** - Swing into Spring
  
  Recruit 5 or more members between February 1 and March 31, and you'll receive a Knights of Columbus Louisville Slugger miniature bat!

- **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.

- **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.

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.

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The Christopher Columbus Navigator
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### Welcome Council # 17214 Servant of God Fr. Vincent Capodanno

**Worthy Georgia State Council,**

Congratulations on the successful institution of Servant of God Fr. Vincent Capodanno Council # 17214 in Pine Mountain. As I am sure you know, new councils are the cornerstone of the Order’s future growth. I am proud to welcome Servant of God Fr. Vincent Capodanno Council into the Order of the Knights of Columbus.

This is a momentous day for Pine Mountain, and for the Order. My best wishes are with you as you continue to assist Servant of God Fr. Vincent Capodanno Council in growth and prosperity.

Fraternally yours,

**Michael J. O’Connor**
Supreme Secretary

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### Welcome Council # 17245 San Juan Pablo II de Gainesville

**Worthy Georgia State Council,**

Congratulations on the successful institution of San Juan Pablo II de Gainesville Council # 17245. As I am sure you know, new councils are the cornerstone of the Order’s future growth. I am proud to welcome San Juan Pablo II de Gainesville Council into the Order of the Knights of Columbus.

This is a momentous day for San Juan Pablo II de Gainesville and for the Order. My best wishes are with you as you continue to assist San Juan Pablo II de Gainesville Council in growth and prosperity.

Fraternally yours,

**Michael J. O’Connor**
Supreme Secretary

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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
Mike MacDonald, FDD
Frontline Faith Director,
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AUGUSTA, Ga. (March 1, 2019) – With a focus on the most innovative care for Veterans and raising the quality of care, Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center performed a first-ever surgery in at this medical center to save a Veteran's heart.

The VA medical center in Augusta implanted the world's smallest pacemaker Feb. 11 into Army Veteran Michael Honer, who was having recurrent Cardiac arrest due to Bradycardia. Honer is recovering in VA Augusta's Critical Care unit. "It is good to say we can do [the surgery] here and that we can offer this to our Veterans," said Dr. Mahendra K. Mandawat, the lead physician for the surgery. Mandawat, who is also a professor of cardiology at Augusta University, trained to perform the surgery in January.

The surgical team also included Dr. Daniel Arman, Donald Pollard, RN, MMA, nurse manager; Justin Abele, RN; Jan Veihman RN; Cheryl McKesson, RN; Jennifer D. Burke, RCS; Jose Martinez-Alamo, MRT; and Michael P. Delany, CRNA. Honer's said he's feeling better since the surgery and joked that he "can't feel any difference between [the Micra] and any other pacemaker."

Honer's fiancé Shirley Tindall praised the VA hospital for its work and was curious about the new device. "I asked a lot of questions," Tindell said. She said the new technology was something to marvel. "That was awesome." Dr. Timothy Hall is the deputy chief of staff at the VA Augusta Downtown facility where the surgery was performed. He said having capabilities like this available to Veterans and great people to make them successful is paramount to the facility's success.

"It is important we continue to innovate and bring world-class health care to our Veterans. Successes like this are the reason our Veterans Choose VA. They've earned this health care. We have to continue to earn their trust and earn their business," Hall said.Unlike traditional pacemakers, the device does not require cardiac wires or a surgical "pocket" under the skin to deliver a pacing therapy. Instead, the device is small enough to be delivered through a catheter and implanted directly into the heart into the right ventricle. Being directly in the heart chamber this also reduced risk of infection.

Bradycardia is a condition characterized by a slow or irregular heart rhythm that causes dizziness, fatigue and fainting spells. Pacemakers are the most common way to treat bradycardia to help restore the heart's normal rhythm and relieve symptoms by sending electrical impulses to the heart to increase the heart rate.

Recently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Micra Transcatheter Pacing System provides patients with heart-pacing technology at one-tenth the size of a traditional pacemaker. The manufacturer notes that the pacemaker can last up to 12 years.

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During my time looking for history of our Great State Council, I was listening to the news and how our fellow Brothers who are running for Government Office are being subjected to questioning about the Faith and their relationship with the Knights of Columbus. I found the following articles that date back to a time when being a Member of the Knights of Columbus was not frowned upon.

Jim Clifford
State Council Historian
More than 600 children in a first communion class at Mission San Felipe de Jesus Catholic Church in Forest Park, Ga., received new winter coats from the Georgia State Council Knights of Columbus last weekend, just before a cold blast hit the area.

The event, which was held on the grounds of the Church, was the largest Coats for Kids single distribution event in Knights of Columbus history. The Coats for Kids event has become a Super Bowl tradition in recent years with the Knights holding a distribution event during the week leading up to the big game in the host city. This season, the Knights have distributed more than 130,000 coats in the United States and Canada.

“This is one of our signature programs for the Knights of Columbus, our coats for kids program. We’ve had it for 10 years now. We’ve given away over half a million coats to needy kids and families really all over North America. It’s been wonderful,” said Knights of Columbus Senior Vice President Mark McMullen.

“Georgia was proud to host the Super Bowl Coats for Kids event this year,” said State Deputy Mark Corrigan. “We have had a long-term commitment to the Coats for Kids program in Georgia placing 6,000 warm winter coats on Georgia kids in just the past two years. I believe that the hand of Father McGivney guided us to Mission San Felipe de Jesus where we found 600 kids who needed coats. A joint effort between the Georgia Knights, Supreme, and the Mission produced an outstanding event.”

The excitement among the children was electric as they waited for their new winter coats by joining in prayer and song with their teachers and Father Jacques Fabre, the administrator of San Felipe de Jesus Mission Catholic Church. The children, all from the Forest Park area, ranged from ages 4-10.

Prior to receiving the winter coats, the first communion class heard from former Atlanta Falcon player Brian Finneran (listen to his comments here), former Atlanta Falcon Assistant Coach Eric Sutulovich, and Atlanta Falcons and Braves Chaplain Father Kevin Peek. All three emphasized to the children the importance of recognizing and embracing their individual talents and gifts.

Also on hand were Georgia Tech Wide Receiver Brad Stewart and Atlanta Falcons team mascot Freddie. Finneran, Sutulovich, Stewart and Freddie the Falcon posed for pictures, exchanged high fives and signed autographs for the excited coat recipients.

Gabriel Fuentes, whose daughter attended the event and received a coat, expressed his gratitude to the Knights of Columbus. “I am happy because my daughter is happy and I am thankful to the Knights for doing this for my daughter and our community,” he said.

Ken Weber, Georgia State Coats for Kids Chairman, was instrumental in coordinating the event and said it was one of his proudest moments as a member of the Knights of Columbus.

“Seeing those coats on the backs of those kids today made me very proud to be a Knight of Columbus,” said Weber.
Saturday the 9th of March 2019 dawned cloudy and grey hopefully not destined to dampen the anticipated excitement shared by the more than 30 volunteers scurrying around All Saints Gymnasium in preparation for the arrival of the District Level winners in the Annual State Free Throw Competition. While clipboards, scorers, and judges were readied, nearly a hundred hoopsters representing 30 councils were converging on Dunwoody to battle for their position in age groups from 9 to 14. Girls and boys arrived with parents, siblings, and friends to cheer them on. The combatants’ anticipation electrified the atmosphere of the Gymnasium.

A very special thanks to our hosts, All Saints Catholic Church and All Saints Council 11402 for all their help and assistance. What an unbelievable opportunity to be competing on a basketball court?

This year’s competition results follow, but before I share those statistics, I must once again express my gratitude to the State Officers, all the District Deputies, Grand Knights and the Brothers that assisted in making the 2019 Free Throw a success.

A special thanks to Bryan Kler, Bandy Kler and DJ Gordineer for coordinating all things including food, scoring and volunteer coordination.

Once again the Georgia State Knights have enriched their councils, communities and youth in a very positive experience!

Everyone should have seen the faces of these youths as they entered the Gymnasium quite a treat for all of the Knights, volunteers and family members, too!

Tom Gordineer
Georgia State Council - Free Throw Chairman

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Meal Packing at Eucharistic Congress
A Call For Help for those who can.

Good Knights of Columbus Georgia State Council

For the past three years, Justice and Peace Ministries has hosted Starve Wars, a meal packing event that coincides with the opening of the annual Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress. This year, we have decided to tailor our first packing session — 9:00-10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 21 at the GICC — toward recognizing and celebrating the service of active and veteran members of all military branches. As such, we would like to invite those service members to join us for this event. As a veteran himself, Bishop Shlesinger will be there with us to do the opening prayer and to spend some time packing meals.

As we know that the Knights have many service veterans among you in addition to the ministry you offer for that community, we would like to ask if you could disseminate this information to the councils within the Archdiocese of Atlanta. I have a memo attached that has language and the registration link that can be used to communicate the information.

We thank you for your consideration in helping us to promote this event. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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How does our Prospecting Landing Page work?
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Will my council receive the prospective member’s contact information?
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