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FROM THE STATE DEPUTY MARK CORRIGAN

Brother Knights and Families of the Georgia Jurisdiction;

As I approach the twilight of my tenure as your State Deputy, I find myself reflecting on our accomplishments over the past two years. We have truly shown the order what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. Our dedication to our Faith, Family, Community and Catholic Life has brought Georgia into the forefront of the Order.

We have surpassed so many milestones. We’ve placed ultrasound machines into pregnancy centers that have saved countless lives. We have put lifesaving faith messages into the hands of our hero Warriors that have sacrificed so much to allow us the freedoms that we sometime take for granted. We’ve warmed thousands of our children with much needed coats who would have otherwise been left in the cold. We have delivered lifesaving relief to our brothers and sisters that were devastated by wild fires, catastrophic floods and storms that destroyed entire communities.

We have weathered many storms these past two years. During all of this, we’ve grown the order. Our hard work and passion for our fellow man has solidified our place in history as the Jurisdiction that Made a Difference. We did it by adhering to the principles that we promised to uphold when we became Knights, “Charity”, “Unity” and “Fraternity”.

To use the words that may sound VERY familiar “This is no idle boast, no shallow pretense”. Our very existence is based on these principles. Without them, we are lost. To echo more words that may be familiar, “We are all mortal, but we are sheathed with the transparent garment of Immortality. Our Souls.” At our core, we strive to be the best possible versions of ourselves. Our immortal souls guide us on the path to do extraordinary things.

I have witnessed this time and time again as I visited councils throughout our great state. “These Men they call Knights” are the soldiers of Saint Michael the Archangel. Our weapons are Prayer and Solidarity. Together there is NOTHING we cannot conquer. There is NOTHING we cannot accomplish.

As I close, I will leave you with a final thought. NEVER forget why you became a knight. Hold that in your heart and keep it in front of you ALWAYS. Actively search for programs and events in your parishes and councils that fulfill that goal. As with any organization, there are rules by which to abide. They are a part of any civilized society. However; rules are placed to enhance our experience, NOT hinder it. NEVER let those rules cloud your TRUE purpose. Helping people, Changing Lives and Saving Lives. I am proud to know each and every one of you and am excited for our future.

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

Mark Corrigan
Georgia Council - State Deputy
On May 5th, Henry T. Ross Council 1939 Celebrated the 100 year Anniversary of the Council’s Formation. Please join the State Officers, District Deputy’s, Program Directors, and all brothers in Congratulating this Council for their past 100 Years and we look forward to what the next 100 years will bring.

Knights of Columbus mark 100 years

A familiar sight will take shape down by the city’s waterfront. Ships of all shapes and sizes will arrive to be blessed at the 81st Blessing of the Fleet and Mayfair today.

The program will begin at 10 a.m. and continue to 7 p.m. with the blessing itself being held at 2 p.m. at Mary Ross Park in Brunswick. And while there will be activities and excitement for all ages, the origins of the event are connected to a more serious religious observance — the appearance of Our Lady of Fatima. Celebrated by Catholics, the occasion commemorates the appearance of the Virgin Mary to three small children in Fatima, Portugal, in 1930.

Locally, members of St. Francis Xavier in downtown Brunswick have participated in a procession honoring this holy event for decades. One of the groups that has been front and center through it all — the Knights of Columbus. A fraternal Catholic organization, the local branch is marking 100 years of service this year.

Bill Schuster, Grand Knight of the order, says that the Blessing and the procession of Our Lady of Fatima have always been important to their organization. “Most of the Portuguese who came to Brunswick were members of the Catholic faith. They started procession with the Our Lady of Fatima statue, which goes through Hanover Park,” he said.

“The Knights have always helped with the procession and the Blessing of the Fleet. Some of our members have family that first came over from Portugal and they are still a part of it.”

While the Blessing of the Fleet, both in Brunswick and in Darien, is a key part of the organization’s annual agenda, it is by no means its only activity. Most of their work is focused on helping groups in the community through charitable donations and service.

“We have a little over 200 members, and we’re always looking for new, young members. But it helps us to work on our faith by helping people ... not just in our congregation but in the community,” he said.
Today, the Knights of Columbus have expanded their mission to include entire communities regardless of faith. There are currently more than 20,000 councils internationally. As of 2018, there were 1,967,585 Knights worldwide. The group is open to all Catholic men aged 18 or older. Schuster notes that the group is a worthwhile cause, primarily as an outlet for service, but it also has a unique benefit for members.

“When you join, you can enroll in insurance. We have one of the top 10 rated insurance programs in the country ... so that is something you get back,” he said. “But of course, you do it to help others. We do it to strengthen our faith.”

“We have a Coats for Kids program that distributes coats to children in need in the northern part of the state. We collect food for our food pantry, St. Vincent DePaul. We have a team that buys and serves food at Manna House once a month and we’ve donated money for hurricane relief.” The Knights have also worked closely with Skylark, a sexual health and care clinic in Brunswick. The funds the group raises from its annual oyster roast and weekly Bingo game go toward helping buy diapers and equipment for the clinic.

“The Knights help fund tuition for the Catholic school affiliated with the church, St. Francis Xavier, as well as seminary programs for future priests. The group also draws on its four principles of the order: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism to direct its mission.

“Patriotism is one of our four principles and with that we are helping to fund a seminarian who will become a military chaplain,” Schuster said.

The giving nature of the organization connects back to the beginnings of the Knights. Founded by Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882, it was first focused on helping the Catholic community. Many of the parishioners were facing discrimination from labor unions during that time. McGivney wanted to help support those who had fallen on hard times through social services.

“At that time, people were having problems with getting work. They would also have trouble if the husband died or lost his job and there was no one to take care of the wife and children,” Schuster said.

The 117th Annual Georgia State Council Convention is in the books. Highlights of the convention can be found on the state website under the events tab. Some highlights are below. www.gakofc.org/events/convention. Please join in Welcoming our new state officers for the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year.

State Deputy Elect - Mark Hofmann

State Secretary Elect - Jim Clifford

State Treasurer Elect - TJ Mc Caustland

State Advocate Elect - Brian Sartain

State Warden Elect - Kevin York

St. Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.
**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.

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.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT - Gordon Calley of Atlanta (Ga.) Council 660 has recruited 95 new members. Here's his story. He became a Knight in 2008, after four years of persistent invitations to join. “Until the final ‘no,’ everyone is open to recruit,” Calley said, referring to his own experience. Calley has served as his council’s membership director for more than 10 years. It’s a role he takes seriously, believing it’s up to the membership director to ensure the council doesn’t age, fade and die.

“(Being a) membership director is a responsibility. A membership director is first and foremost a recruiter,” he said. “Membership director is a skill set and a calling.” So what are his tips for recruiting? First, think about these five questions in connection with every prospect:

1. How would being a Knight apply to him?
2. How would being a Knight apply to wife or girlfriend?
3. How would being a Knight apply to his family? What would the Knights add to his family that he needs or doesn’t know is possible or is missing?
4. What would he bring to the Knights? What do we lack without him?
5. What does he ask of the Knights? What do we have to offer him?

“When I see a Catholic gentleman who appears to be all we are asked to represent, I most often ask, ‘Have you ever thought about being a Knight of Columbus?’” Calley said. “Never ask “Would you like to be a Knight?” That leaves you open to a flat out ‘no,’ and that is a final answer.” Second, everything relating to membership should have a place in the parish bulletin. This includes new Knights, Knights who advance in the degrees, new transfers or reinstatements, births and marriages, and accomplishments of members. As Calley says, this not only builds camaraderie among the council members, but also provides solid examples of what the K of C offers.

Message from our New Membership Director

Do you enjoy being a member of the Knights of Columbus? I am assuming you do. So, then why not share the joy of being a Knight with other Catholic Gentlemen.


That is the essence of membership – sharing the joy and benefits of being a member of the Knights of Columbus. Any fraternal society has only two states— it is either growing or it is shrinking. It is more fun to be in a growing council than a shrinking one. Therefore, we need to increase our individual council memberships EVERY YEAR. As State Membership Director it is my job and your District Deputy’s job to assist the Council Membership Director and Grand Knight’s in assisting your council in sharing the joy and benefits of being a Knight of Columbus. Last two years our membership has not been as successful as it has been in the past. If your council has been successful, then please keep on doing the process that is working for you. If you are having trouble making your membership goal— read on.

Every Council should have a tri-fold brochure that describes the different activities that your council does. Remember it is these activities that you do are what you enjoy about being a Knight. So, let your prospective members see what activities they could join in doing (remember to listen to them as they may have good ideas that they are interested in doing also). A trifold has 6 pages and is very easy to construct. The first page should show your parish, council name, meeting hours and a quote from your Pastor on why men should join the knights. The three inside pages and the back flap should come straight from your SP-7 Columbian Award Application. This is where you report your:

- **FAITH PROGRAMS**: (RSVP, Into the Breach, Marian Icon Prayer Program, Building the Domestic Church Kiosk, Rosary Program, Holy Hour, Sacramental Gifts, Spiritual Reflection Program is the required program)

- **FAMILY PROGRAMS**: (Food for Families, Family of the Month/Year, Keep Christ in Christmas, Family Fully Alive, Family Week, Family Prayer Night, Good Friday Family Promotion, Consecration to the Holy Family is the required program)

- **COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**: (Coats for Kids, Global Wheelchair Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Disaster Preparedness, Free Throw Championship, Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, Soccer Challenge, Helping Hands is the required program)

- **LIFE PROGRAMS**: (Marches for Life, Special Olympics, Ultrasound Program, Christian Refugee Relief, Silver Rose, Mass for People with Special Needs, Pregnancy Center Support, Novena for Life is the required program)

The second page or the back of the trifold should have a comment from your insurance agent and contact information for your membership team.

If you create the above trifold it is easier to share the joy of being a Knight of Columbus. Have copies of the trifold at every council function that involves the public. Assign a brother knight not to be involved in the days activities but instead to share the joy of being a Knight with all Catholic families—yes sometime women and children can be very helpful in pushing their husband or father into becoming a Knight!

Make recruitment a part of every event and assign a Knight to the activities and your council will quickly become one of the councils that is growing and fun to be part of.

I am here to help,

**Tom Frizzi**

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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ON CAMP GORDON, GEORGIA
DURING WORLD WAR I: TRANSFORMATIONAL CHARITY IN ACTION

— James H. Clifford, Georgia State Historian

A recent Supreme webinar urged councils to reconsider their service programs from the perspective of the impact to those in need. The discussion centered upon programs that are transactional and those that are transformational. It is not a question whether either is good, they both are. It is a question of which does the most good in a lasting manner at the right time, not just for the recipient, but also for the dispenser of charity. Transformational charity puts the giver in the trenches with those in need. Looking at programs throughout the history of the Order, one can point to many that have transformed lives. One of those is the Order’s response during World War I.

Several years ago, I visited the Georgia State archives to research the history of Camp Gordon. An archivist brought me a book of letters written by a soldier from Illinois. I opened the book, expecting to find some hidden details about Army life on the installation. That I did and so much more. I was surprised to see that most of the letters were written on Knights of Columbus stationery. Many referenced Knights of Columbus huts and the men who ran them. This was my first exposure to Knights of Columbus activities in World War I. Since then, my research and my thinking continued. This article tells some of the story of the Knights of Columbus transformational contributions to the war effort, using Camp Gordon as an example. It is representative of similar activities across Georgia, the United States, and the world in the War to End All War.

Just eight days after the declaration of war on April 6, 1917, the Supreme Board of Directors passed a resolution affirming the “patriotic devotion of over 400,000 members of this order in this country to our Republic, and its laws, and pledging their continued and unconditional support of the President and Congress of this Nation in their determination to protect its honor and its ideals of humanity and right.” President Wilson responded in a note, saying, “I thank you very warmly for your generous letter of April 17th. May I not ask you to convey to the members of your organization my genuine appreciation of this assurance of confidence and support! It is indeed most heartening.”

The declaration of war marked the beginning of conscription and mustering of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF). As a result, the Army expanded small camps into full-scale military installations and established dozens of new camps across the nation seemingly overnight. One of these was Camp Gordon, Georgia.

Named in honor of John B. Gordon, Georgia native, Confederate General, governor, and United States Senator, it was in the Silver Lake area of DeKalb County, approximately 12 miles north of Atlanta near the town of Chamblee. On a site selected by Major General Leonard Wood, the largest training camp in the South was built.
in just five months by Lockwood-Greene & Company under the supervision of Major J. N. Pease of the Quartermaster Corps. It was the largest construction project in Atlanta’s history up to that time. When finished, the post covered 2,400 acres, consisted of 1,600 buildings, barracks space for 47,000 men and corridors for 7,000 horses and mules. Artillery ranges and maneuver areas were established further north in open, sparsely populated country that is now part of metropolitan Atlanta. As with all military installations, the local community reaped benefits from its existence. As soon as Camp Gordon rose where daily farms once stood, the town of Chamblee added forty new stores, two hotels, three theaters, and a bowling alley to serve soldiers.

At that time, there was no formal structure to provide what we today call morale, welfare, and recreation services to members of the armed forces. There was no United Services Organization (USO) such as we have today. Soldiers were left to tend to local civilians, family and friends back home, and their own devices to make life as uniform tolerable when not training or fighting. The Knights of Columbus and other organizations stepped into the void with monumental acts of transformational charity.

In June, the Supreme Council established the War Activities Committee under the leadership of Father J. A. H. Callahan, president of the Louisville Vanished Company and a well-respected Knight of Columbus. Callahan’s headquarters was in Washington, D.C. The order also instituted the War Camp Fund to finance the recreational and religious needs of men in the service. Funds came from Council drives and a $2.00 per capita assessment. A $1,000,000.00 goal quickly resulted in $14,000,000.00 collected. On June 27, the War Department chartered the Knights of Columbus as the official support organization for Catholic soldiers. Under Callahan’s leadership, thousands of Knights of Columbus and Catholic Priests set to work, first across the United States, then around the globe, serving the soldiers that were serving the nation. Other organizations were designated to cater to soldiers of other faiths. Most offered their services to all arms and the Knights of Columbus soon adopted the motto “Everyone Welcome, Everything Free.”

On September 8, 1917 the Knights of Columbus broke ground on a new building that would serve as the headquarters of its war work on Camp Gordon. Located just inside the main gate of the camp, it was across the street from and mirrored the headquarters of the Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA) in form and function. The Knights of Columbus was the second non-governmental organization (NGO) allowed to operate on the installation. Construction was completed in one month.

On Sunday, October 7, 1917, at 9AM, over two months before the building was officially dedicated, Father J. A. H. Callahan, principal of Marietta College in Atlanta, celebrated the first Mass in the Knights of Columbus Hall on Camp Gordon in front of a large congregation of soldiers and local Knights of Columbus.

The construction of Knights of Columbus Hall was accomplished at light speed compared to any similar construction project today. By the time the war was over, Knights of Columbus facilities existed around the world. Some operated out of trucks or tents. Others were in large-existing or purposely constructed buildings. Each operated under the banner, “Everyone Welcome, Every
thing Free," Georgia had at least 48 huts from Fort Oglethorpe to Brunswick, Savannah to Columbus and anywhere in between that soldiers gathered.

Management of these huts was as regimented as the Army. Secretaries were vetted and trained. They wore military style uniforms and answered to parallel chains of command (the Order and the military) that extended to Washington DC. It took many dedicated Knights to manage the operations of the Order. Georgia Knights did not have sufficient manpower, so men were brought in to run the show. Dwight Ousick of Toledo, Ohio was the General Secretary of Camp Gordon. Ousick was a young, up and coming, lawyer with a law practice in his hometown. When the Order called, he dropped his business and headed south. He was so good at the job that within six months the Order appointed him as the Director of Huts and Camps. In addition to Camp Gordon, Dwight Ousick oversaw Camp McClellan and Camp Sheridan in Alabama, Camp Shelby in Mississippi, and Camp Beauregard in Louisiana.

Secretaries were volunteers but they did receive a small salary to cover minimal living expenses. As Secretaries learned their jobs and the needs of the Order progressed, they were transferred to other posts. If a Secretary was drafted into the armed forces the Knights of Columbus released them from their obligation so they could enter the military.

The following is a partial list of Knights of Columbus Secretaries that served at Camp Gordon. There were no doubt others that were not recorded in the newspapers of the day.

- June 1918 brought Leo Cummings of Norristown, Pennsylvania and Herman J. Dunn of Cold Water, Ohio to Camp Gordon while Albert Gassidy transferred to Camp Wadsworth in Spartanburg, South Carolina; Frank W. Large and Albert B. Rich of Fort Wayne, Indiana transferred to Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Alabama; and Edward C. Rigney transferred to Camp Wheeler, Georgia.
- F. P. Sauer of Wheaton, Illinois joined the Secretarial staff in July 1918

Secretaries were not the only ones that transferred from camp to camp. Catholic soldiers received spiritual guidance from a combination of Catholic Army Chaplains, Knights of Columbus Priests (Priests that volunteered much the same way as Secretaries), and local parish Priests. Camp Carroll had all of these. In November 1917, Fr. J. A. Horton, priest of Marietta, Georgia in Atlanta, was selected by the Atlanta Council to be the first Knights of Columbus Chaplain on Camp Gordon. His appointment was approved by the National Order, the Knights of Columbus, and the War Department. The Atlanta Council was responsible for Fr. Horton’s salary while he was on Camp Gordon. Father Horton was assisted by Fr. G. Bellamy, a Priest of Syrian descent. Finally, Father Francis Wannamacher, an Army Chaplain rounded out the staff. In June 1918, Fr. Horton transferred to France, Fr. Bellamy transferred to Camp Jackson, South Carolina, and Fr. Gregory O’Brien of New York arrived at Camp Gordon.

The first Knights of Columbus Hall on Camp Gordon was dedicated December 28, 1917. Attending the festivities and addressing the hundreds assembled were BG James B. Erwin, 82d Infantry Division Commander, Bishop Benjamin Kelley of Savannah, Atlanta Mayor Asa Gander, prominent Atlanta lawyer and Knight of Columbus Jack J. Spalding, Grand Knight Lewis D. Shaw, Secretary Ousick and Secretary Evans of the YMCA were also present. Georgia Governor Hugh Dorsey was unable to attend due to illness. Bishop Kelley gave a forceful address about service to God & country. He reminded all present that "...the country has a just and righteous claim on our loyal support" And, he added, "To our country's call we owe obedience, devotion and even our lives, if need be."

The capacity of the Knights of Columbus Hall was quickly overwhelmed by the demand, and additional buildings were constructed. By October 1918, three Knights of Columbus Halls were operating with a fourth about to be built when the war ended.

These buildings which Catholic and non-Catholic soldiers flocked were the sites of events, large and small. We remember the big events documented on film and newsprint, but it was the small events engraved on the hearts and minds of the soldiers, and documented in countless letters and post cards that we as Knights of Columbus remember and honor today, and use as examples to teach the lessons of charity. The thousands of letters written on Knights of Columbus stationery to the folks...
back home, the donated musical instruments played to soothe the heart of the lonely soldier, the donated books read, the
snacks enjoyed, the sports played or observed to distract one
from his trouble, and spiritual guidance were acts of transfor-
mational charity.

We lack the ability to list many instances of individual
charity toward soldiers serving on Camp Gordon. Therefore,
we can only review some of the larger events with the knowledge
that Knights no different than us today were a force for good
in a world that surely needed it. Here are a few of the highlights:
Knights of Columbus activities on Camp Gordon.

On November 19, 1917, hundreds of Atlanta Catholic
women met on Camp Gordon to discuss how to help the
soldiers. Bishop Benjamin Kelley of Savannah and Bishop John Gunn
of Natchez, Mississippi, attended the meeting. In his remarks,
Bishop Kelley extolled the virtues of the YMCA, urging the women to cooperate with it, especially
with their $15,000 fund drive.

Although it did not provide Secretaries for Camp Gor-
don, the Atlanta Council was very involved in Knights activities
there and Fort McPherson. The council home on Pine Street in
Atlanta hosted soldiers for weekly socials, dances, and other
entertainment. Local Knights J. J. Gordon, John G. Stewart,
Vincent J. Hurley, J. B. McCollum, and future State Deputy A.
Baumstark comprised the entertainment committee.

Over the 1917 Christmas season, 8,000 soldiers had 38-hour
furloughs in Atlanta. For those that did not, local women
volunteered as hostesses at informal socials held at the
Knights of Columbus Hall, the YMCA, and unit hostess stations
so that no soldier would be forgotten.

There were 15,000 soldiers on Camp Gordon, 40% of the
population. By mid-December 1917, six Masses
were celebrated each Sunday, along with Masses at the
Knight’s home on Pine Street, and Masses at the Atlanta area
cathedrals. Additionally, tens of thousands of letters of Knights of
Columbus stationery and post cards were being used daily
to produce 8,000 or more letters a day. A large sign in the hall
urged soldiers to “write home to mother” and they did. The
hut was overwhelmed. A meeting was held to plan a $15,000.00
fund drive for the purpose of financing a second building. Present
were Atlanta Knights, Grand Knight L. D. Sharp, prominent
attorney Jack J. Spalding, his son Hughie Spalding, the future
President of the Georgia University System, member of the
board of Coca-Cola, and son of Spalding Children’s Hospital.
J. J. Haverty, founder of Haverty’s, John E. Murphy,
J. Carroll Payne, J. R. Holliday, John Morris, Evelyn Harris,

Eight Masses were conducted at the Knights of Colum-
buses Hall on Christmas morning 1917, including High Mass
at 10AM. Music was provided by the Atlanta Knights Chorus
under the direction of brother Vincent Hurley. Fr. Horton and
Fr. Wannenmacher were assisted by Priests from Mary College
and Atlanta parishes.

In January 1918, Catholic ladies of Atlanta surprised
soldiers of Camp Gordon with 100 pairs of housemade gloves
and 800 bags of snacks. Additionally, two large boxes of candy
and tobacco arrived at the Knights of Columbus Hall from the
Mayor of Ansonia, Connecticut.

Also, in January 1918, the Knights of Columbus spon-
sored a night of entertainment for Italian born soldiers. Fea-
tured were Atlanta Italian entertainers. Professional opera
singer George Dandra, then a soldier serving on Camp Gor-
don, and the 308th Field Artillery Band. Bishop Kelley was in
attendance. He made remarks in Italian and had an enjoyable
evening.

The Knights of Columbus held a Patriotic program in honor
of Washington’s birthday in February 1918. The Atlanta Knights
of Columbus Chorus provided approximately 50 male voices
for the musical entertainment. Thousands turned out for a
Palm Sunday field Mass on Camp Gordon celebrated by Bishop
Kelley. It kicked off an Easter mission of the Dominikan fathers
from Louisville, Kentucky. Demands were high for the mission
that dual sessions were held at the Knights of Columbus Hall and the YMCA Hall across the street.

On April 16, 1918, the Atlanta Council sponsored a concert
of the Paulist Choirsters—100 male voices—at the Atlanta
Auditorium Armory. The Paulist Choirsters were one of the
male choirs in the country. Proceeds from the concert support-
ed Knights of Columbus operations in Atlanta area Army posts
and the French restoration fund.

On June 9, 1918, the Knights of Columbus Hall instituted
Sunday evening movies for the entertainment of the troops.
The first showing was a mystery drama, Dodging a Million,
starring Mabel Normand. This marked a long-awaited return
to the screen by Mabel Normand, a big star of that era. The hall
was packed for this and subsequent showings.

On June 13, 1918, 400 jammed into the Knights of Co-
buls Hall to see “Buster Keaton” Sam Langford spars four rounds against the “Kewanie Tiger” Jack Herrick. Herrick was a professional boxer serving with the 5th Replacement Regi-
ment of Camp Gordon. This was a turn-up for Langford’s up-
coming bout against “Batlin” Jim Johnson, to be held at the
Atlanta Auditorium Armory the following week.

The next month, professional boxer and Knight of Colum-
buses, Dan “Porky” Flynn of Boston arrived on Camp Gordon to prepare for his bout against Jack Dempsey. Flynn entertained
soldiers on July 5 with a boxing exhibition against the “Kew-
anie Tiger” Jack Herrick. Dempsey arrived early July 6 for the
bout later that day. The fight was held at the Atlanta Audi-
torium Armory. Soldiers were admitted for half price. Porky
disappointed his brother Knights by getting knocked out in the first round.

World War I ended on November 11, 1918. Almost as
quickly as it was built, Camp Gordon was dismantled. Knights of
Columbus activities continued at a diminished pace until it ceased with the October 31, 1919 decision that future soldier
welfare activities would be handled by the services. Much of
the land that formerly comprised Camp Gordon eventually
became the Peachtree-DeKalb Airport. The only vestiges of
Camp Gordon are a couple of historic markers near the
entrance to the airport.

Although, Knights of Columbus support of the armed
forces in World War I ended, the concept lived on. At the outset of
World War II, the Knights of Columbus joined with most of the
organizations active in soldier welfare during WWII to form
the United Services Organization (USO) that continues today. Such
evidence of the transformational nature of being Knights of
Columbus.
SILVER ROSE

Purpose Completed

We have successfully completed another amazing year of the Running of the Silver Rose through the Great State of Georgia. The Silver Rose traveled to 17 councils through the state of Georgia as well as being present at the Georgia State Council Convention. This year, the Georgia Chapter of Knights on Bikes was heavily involved with escorting the Rose from South Carolina to Georgia and Escorting the Rose from Georgia to Florida.

Please Welcome

Please help me welcome Tom Gordiner who will be taking over this program in the coming fraternal year. I know that Tom is well ready for the task and I look forward to his leadership next year.

Thank You.

I have been Honored to be the State Silver Rose Director. The efforts all those who were involved in making sure this program was a success truly is a prime example of fraternity. Thank you to everyone for all their hard work in continuing this amazing program.

Joseph Ladd Rosipal Jr
State Silver Rose Director
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.
Worthy District Deputies and Grand Knights,

My name is Gregory P Quinn and I am the State Retention Chairman for 2019/20. One of my duties as State Retention Chairman is to define Retention Programs. Retention is giving members a feeling of being needed and useful to council. Getting and keeping members active.

A Retention Program is one that ensures all members feel important, welcomed, and needed. Therefore, the Retention Program that each council is required to have, I will now refer to as the: 

**Activation / Retention Program**

**KEY COMPONENTS OF AN ACTIVATION / RETENTION PROGRAM**

- Get new members active and involved day one.
- Keep current members active and involved
- Get current members who are no longer active, active again. This is a must, before they stop paying dues.
- Delinquent members – Reach out to find out why they have lost interest. What can the council do to reactivate and retain them?

As each council is different, a “one size fits all” Retention Program is not feasible. This is where I and your District Deputy will provide guidance in developing a suitable Retention Program for your council.

**SUSPENSIONS:**

I am required to ensure that each council fully complies with every aspect of the suspension process for EACH suspension. Shortcuts are not permissible.

At our First Degree, each of us took an oath and swore to abide by and uphold the by-laws, constitution, policies, and rules of the Knights of Columbus. This oath is reaffirmed with each Oath of Office, including district Deputy and Grand Knight.

Having a successful Retention Program and adhering to the suspension process clearly fall within the 1st Degree Oath and the Oath of Office.

The Georgia State Council of the Knights of Columbus is in crisis. Our state membership is approximately 18,885 Knights. The number of suspensions the past few years has been excessive; suspending over 1,041 Knights (5.5%).

We must work towards a solution...

Remember our principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

I alone do not have a solution to this council, state, order-wide issue. However, after 27 years with the Knights, in a variety of offices and positions, I have been involved in many discussions regarding this specific problem. One recurring theme in all suggestions and proposed solutions is communication.

But what kind of communication is needed?

- Email?
- Website?
- Postcards?
- Meeting Minutes?
- Robo Calls??

No. The above merely supplement true communication. Communication must be based upon one person directly relaying information to another clearly and effectively.

Therefore, successful communication, for activation and retention, can only be achieved by personal contact.

Face-to-face (preferred)
Telephone; speaking directly with the person

Other suggestions for improving activation and retention include:
- Sign-in at all meetings
- Mentor new members
- Provide a council overview
Determine new members’ interests
Member/Prospect Interest Survey – Form 1842
If not filled out before joining, have a council member discuss and complete form with new member
Help the new members feel comfortable and take an active part in the meeting.
Ask if they would like to comment on current discussion
Ask that only a new member Motion or 2nd a Motion:
Approval of minutes
Approval of Treasurer report
Approval to pay the bills

These same suggestions can be applied for not only new members, but inactive members as well.
Please send all comments and ideas regarding what has or has not worked for your council.
What obstacles are your councils encountering with activation and retention?
Let us all work together to find a solution.

Vivat Jesus,

Gregory P Quinn
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State Retention Chairman
Retention@GAKofC.org
Georgia State Council

Faithful Comptroller
Lanier Assembly 2844

Trustee
Prince of Peace Council 13457

Welcome the 2019-2020 State News Letter Chairman

Please welcome the New News Director for the 2019-2020 John Jedlicka. John brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge and we are blessed to have him take over.

Thank you to our 2018-2019 News Director Ladd Rosipal for the 2 years of service and leadership you provided.
A Message from our Associate State Chaplain Father Ray Levreault

My Brother Knights and All,

Happy New Year – well in the world of July to June books that is. There is an old saying...

"Today, is the first day of the rest of your life!"

So, I guess in a way that every day can be a New Year as it also becomes a new day. Every day that you are on this side of the grass some say is a good day!

However, isn’t our whole purpose as Catholic Christians to strive to gain a heavenly reward? Therefore, if we look at every day as a new start, then we can see that every day is an opportunity to strive towards holiness. For those of you who are beginning new roles in the Knights of Columbus, from state officers to council officers, then look at the great blessing of that office (even though at times you may have to look really hard) as a stepping stone to your heavenly reward!

So, Happy New year everyone – be blessed!

Father Ray

Meet Your New General Agent

My name is Stephen Znoj and I am your new General Agent for all of the Jurisdiction of Georgia. I had the pleasure of meeting many of my Brother Knights at this year’s state convention in Savannah. I look forward to meeting many more of the council officers at the summer state meetings of Grand Knights.

When I accepted this position I immediately realized the great responsibility I assumed. Not only to meet and greet my Brother Knights from all over the Jurisdiction but to ensure that each and every one of my Brother Knights knows about the vital fraternal benefits our Order offers. I want to do my best to continue Father Michael J. McGivney’s vision of protecting Catholic families.

There are some benefits available that I pray, you never need like our no cost orphans’ benefits, accident insurance, widows’ benefits, and unborn child benefit, but it is comforting that your Order and my team of agents will make sure you receive them in the event they are needed.

If you would like any advice and assistance in planning a financial future for you and your family, I urge you to contact me or your local agent for a review of your overall financial needs. Our Order provides exclusively to our members, spouses, and children from birth to retirement as well as those in-between years when life can get difficult.

Even though the agency has my name on it, it’s your agency. The only reason it exists is to make sure you are served wherever you are. That’s my guarantee.

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## Important Dates and Reminders

### Star Council Deadlines

- 6:30pm Exemplification of Admission (1st) Degree
- 9:00am Exemplification of the 4th Degree
- 9:30am Exemplification of Formation (2nd) Degree
- 6:00pm Exemplification of Admission AND Formation Degrees
- 9:00am Exemplification of the Knighthood (Third) Degree
- 7:00pm Exemplification of the Admission (1st) Degree
- 8:30am Council Officers Meeting - North Georgia
- 2:30pm Council Officers Meeting - South Georgia
- 9:30am GA Master's Bowling
- 7:00pm GA DD Conference Call
- 10:30am GA Master's Bowling
- 7:00pm GA DD Conference Call
- 9:30am Labor Day
- 9:30am 6th Annual Shoot for Champions
- 9:30am Douglas County Invitational
- 7:00pm GA Fall Games Conference Call
- 9:30am GA Fall Games
- 10:30am GA Fall Games
- 7:00pm GA DD Conference Call
- Columbus Day (regional holiday)
- Thursday, October 31, 2019
- Halloween
- Sunday, November 3, 2019
- Daylight Saving Time ends
- Monday, November 11, 2019
- Veterans Day
- Tuesday, November 26, 2019
- 7:00pm GA DD Conference Call
- Thursday, November 28, 2019
- Thanksgiving Day

### Program Forms

- 4th Quarter 2018-2019 Georgia State Council, Page 16
- Form #10057 Food for Families Form - Due 06/30/2019
- Form #2863 RSVP - Refund and Plaque Application - Due 06/30/2019

### Pennies from Heaven

At the 117th Annual State Convention we awarded 2 councils, one large and one small, for outstanding support of the Pennies for Heaven program for the 2018 / 2019. Council 10004 and 11340 both did an amazing job collecting funds this year. The PFH Program presented our Georgia Monasteries with much needed support. The Carmelite Monastery in Savannah received a check for $5000! The Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers received a record breaking donation of $20,000!! Thank you to all of the participating councils and I am confident that every council will be involved in PFH next year.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom Schuler
State PFH Program Chairman
404 925 7054

PENNIES FOR HEAVEN—GET WITH THE PROGRAM
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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Or make an online donation at:
www.gakofc.org/programs/frontline-faith

### VA Augusta team implants smallest pacemaker for Georgia Veteran

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 recurring 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, MBA, nurse manager; Justin Abele, RN; Jan Velman RN; Ceryl McKesson, RN; Jennifer D. Burke, RN; Jose Martinez-Alamo, MIT; 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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Message From Georgia’s State Disaster Coordinator

Greetings all,

Many things have progressed this year (2019) with the Georgia Knights of Columbus Disaster Responders, we have moved forward with organizing Faith Based Teams to help teach our Brother Knights and family how to be safe before, during and after a natural or man-made disaster.

We now have in place an organized team that can present the needed information in classroom session at various different parishes. For example, Saint Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church in Marietta Ga., Saint Ann’s Lassalette in Marietta, Saint Catherine of Siena Roman Catholic Church in Marietta Ga., and we are looking at other parishes within the Archdiocese of Atlanta to bring on board with this program as well, we are currently in plans with Saint Thomas the Apostle, Saint Clare’s Church in Woodstock. We have also presented this at the Chancery, (Archdiocese of Atlanta) with great success, in a slightly different form.

We have been asked to host classes at the Cobb County Senior Wellness Center in Marietta, Georgia, we have hosted 3 classes at that facility so far and plan on doing more throughout Cobb County reaching out to all Knights of Columbus Councils Families and Friends. By doing this we will not feed a family with fish but show them how to fish so they could feed themselves and others. We have had great success with the CERT program thus far. At these parishes and has been welcome greatly.

Our program has taken great strides in helping others as we grow and with each step we take, we gain a great knowledge of what people see, what the Knights of Columbus do for their parish and community, we have instructors that teach this who are trained members of the Knights of Columbus and we have instructors who graciously volunteer their time who are NOT knights members to teach this.

The Georgia Knights of Columbus Disaster Responder program gets GREAT support from the community in which it’s in, for example, we have sponsors who have nothing to do with the Knights of Columbus that donate material needed to run classes and at time also donate monetary funds to the organization to help with other things the program needs, These businesses support the Knights of Columbus Disaster Training Program.

- Puckett Ambulance Services, Marietta
- Pasta Bella’s Restaurant Austell Marietta
- Brucker HVAC Woodstock
- West Cobb Funeral Home, Marietta
- Wash Time Car Wash, Austell
- ABIA Package Store Austell

All of these companies have contributed to the program in one way or another, the other thing that we are looking at is preparing properly for the next disaster in the following way.

Recent events have impacted humanity in various ways. One common factor with those that prevail these events is an awareness of the hazards at hand. It might be luck but even luck cannot deny the help of instinct. Situational awareness, good judgement or common sense provides a solid foundation for survival. Even acknowledging all of this, one must acknowledge that nature is a force to be reckoned with.

Georgia, September 2017, with Irma barreling down Florida as a CAT 5 hurricane posting winds well above the CAT 5 norms. As Florida evacuated and Georgians braced, self-assessments revved in full gear to determine capabilities and overall readiness. Some of us were trained to anticipate such incidents. Using the training from such programs as Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and following the guidelines as reflected on www.ready.gov began preparation for whatever was to come.

How often has anyone of us taken for granted the daily conveniences. Water, shelter, food and electricity are some of our daily assumptions we too often take as given. Now facing what nature has coming toward land an honest assessment has many questionings if these assumptions will be the certainty, we had believed them to be. While some have sound shelter, water and food in reserve as well as plans for back-up power or at least a plan on how to survive without power there are other equally match with one exception, their situation now has a medical need for electricity. Typically, daily existence is simple with acceptable access to power, but Irma had threatened this at a new level.

All around regional calls are being made to government agencies, “I am on an oxygen generator. What do I do if I lose power? What do I do without my oxygen?” Our government is ready to help but to limits. These types of request can quickly deplete resources at the hands of government. All the planning and training available cannot cover all the bases, anticipate the needs of everyone. Many individual’s dependent on electrical generated oxygen have not been educated to think about the, “what if of no electricity scenario.

They may not have even notified their local power provider about their dependency to be placed on a priority list for restoration. If they have been educated, did they remember their training? Have they pre-planned? What if they relocated or evacuated to another site away from their primary residence? Now we are not talking about power for our TVs, Tweeting, games or reading. Now we are not even addressing temperatures causing discomfort, example, if nursing home patients without AC died in a facility because of the intense heat inside the home, we are now facing life safety consequences.

What should be done? What can be done? Think creative! React with focus and intention. Government is not the answer in every case. This is the lesson. This is the opportunity to make a difference. In many ways, Irma and other large disasters Hurricane Florence was another disaster that was a learning experience. Because of the incident, those surviving get to size up the situation and conduct a size up on the aftermath. We ask ourselves, “what can we do different? Or what can we do better?” Of course, not everyone is going to learn, or we tend to forget as time goes by. Here is one thing about the theme of this whole article that we can act on. Here is a lesson learned and a near miss opportunity to ready us to come to the aid of others as good Catholic men and members of the Georgia Knights of Columbus.

The opportunity is this, as Knights of Columbus we serve. From today forward we need to prepare for the next time. We look around our community and ask, “what can we do to coordinate and be ready for coming to the aid of our fellow humans?” From this example of dependency on power to generate life giving oxygen, we can initiate steps to respond to the aid of others in need. What if you begin in your Council by making connections with local oxygen providers to see what it takes to get H-bottles of oxygen on short notice in the event of a disaster. How about conducting a survey of parishioners to see who might have a generator to spare in the event of such a disaster? By working in coordination with your local Emergency Management Agency (EMA) help establish a network to respond to such request for power back-up needs. As a last creative and inclusive thought which involves the entire community, why not consult with your local computer retailer on how well uninterrupted power supply (UPS - battery backups) would work as a stop gap solution? What would have to be done to coordinate securing UPS units in the event of a disaster?

This is just one example of how adversity reveal opportunities to serve our fellow man. We begin small on the most local level and grow slow toward a result. Sharing with those around us what we are willing and capable of. Identifying is needed by others and how we can assist them and educating them toward self-reliance. The process begins with training and self-readiness. Get trained! Prepare you home! Connect within your Council in the Brotherhood of the Knights! Build a powerful and resilient community around your Parish! Contact the Georgia State Council Knights of Columbus Disaster Responders and get trained with the knowledge you need to sustain until first responders can respond and give you the help you need. Email Sal Gullo kofc Georgia State Council Disaster Responders Program Director and get registered for a class at disaster_responders@gakofc.org or call at (404) 452-5550.

Instructor,
Georgia’s State Disaster Coordinator – Knights of Columbus
SK 4th Degree Knight
VIIIAT JESUS
Sal Gullo
Published By: Sal Gullo, FEMA EMI Certified C.E.R.T. Instructor / G.E.M.A.
GET INVOLVED

Sandy Springs, GA Council 16513 Lives the Lenten Spirit of Giving

In March, the St Jude the Apostle Knights of Columbus Council 16513 delivered $5,000 in monetary donations and 4,000 pounds of food to the Sandy Springs, GA Community Assistance Center (CAC) as part of the Council’s 2019 Food for Families campaign - surpassing last year’s results by 14% and 12%, respectively.

The donation helps CAC prepare for increased demand over the summer months when school-aged children who receive subsidized or free meals during the school year often go hungry.

In April, Council 16513 provided the Roswell, GA Pregnancy Aid Clinic (PAC) with more than 5,000 diapers to meet an urgent need of PAC client families.

“Summit in the Park” Easter Event
All Saints Council 11402 in Dunwoody Georgia

Here are photos from the Easter Saturday “Summit in the Park”, that was hosted by Fr. Roy Lee at the Forest Cove Apartments in Atlanta.

The event provided clothes, food, games, toys, Gospel Music, and invitations to attend church on Easter Sunday.

It was a cold rainy day, but the smiles and appreciation of the attendees lit up the skies and melted the hearts of the Volunteers.

The volunteers who organized & attended were our John Coffey, Noel Dore, David Emery, Gene Gannon, John Gannon, Jim Gonzales, Mike Haslach, and Paul Weidle.

Our Council donated $300, and provided Hamburgers and Hot Dogs and clothing for the children, women & men of Forest Cove.
GET INVOLVED

Annual K of C Mother’s Day Breakfast – Council #14425

Following a tradition for several years, Council #14425 served St. Anna’s Parishioners a Mother’s Day Breakfast in the Parish Hall following the morning mass. Also, Carnations were passed out to all Mothers after all masses in honor of Mother’s Day.

St. Anna’s Youth & Council #14425 Unite

St. Anna’s Youth & Council #14425 unite in fund raising and the building of a GaGa Ball Pit (Arena Dodge Ball) on the grounds of the church for the Youth of the parish. Working together the Knights and Youth demonstrated another positive reinforcement of togetherness in support of each other. GAGA Ball Meaning: GaGa Ball is believed to have originated in Israel. Ga means "hit" or "touch" in Hebrew. In the rules of GaGa ball, the ball must touch the ground two times before it is considered in play, hence the name.
Bishop Konzen ordains Three Transitional Deacons

Fishers of Men, not just fryers of fish. People see the Knights of Columbus in many different ways. Frying and serving fish dinners and pancake breakfasts, marching in regalia carrying flags or swords and wearing funny hats, laying wreaths on the graves of fallen soldiers, helping the poor, the sick, and disaster victims and many other images may come to mind. While reading in the Georgia Bulletin about Bishop Konzen ordaining three transitional deacons my eyes were drawn to a picture of Fr. Jack Knight and newly ordained Deacon Cristian Cossio, both brother Knights in Prince of Peace Council 13457. Fr. Jack was ordained a Priest in June 2018 and Deacon Cristian should be ordained in 2020. As I looked at the picture with Bishop Konzen, I saw another brother Knight from our council, Robbie Cotta, a Seminarian, holding the Book of Gospels. It is good to see God at work in our church and council, calling and qualifying brothers to move forward in the Priesthood. Not all Knights wear funny hats.

Deacon Paul Porter elevates the chalice at the altar during the Great Amen. Deacon Porter served as the deacon of the altar during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Photo By Michael Alexander

Deacon Cristian Cossio, left, poses for a photograph with Father Jack Knight, parochial vicar at St. Benedict Church, Johns Creek. Father Knight was ordained a priest in 2018 and Deacon Cossio is scheduled to be ordained a priest in 2020. Photo By Michael Alexander

Silver Rose Prayer Service at Holy Trinity

The Service was preceded by a presentation by the Grand Knight to the Confirmation Class @ Holy Trinity on the history of the Silver Rose, its 8 routes, etc. The presentation was requested by the Faith Formation Director when she became aware of the Rose coming to HTCC.

The Service was conducted bilingually with the parts read by Grand Knight (Bill Bates) and our Hispanic Director (Sergio Gianella). Rosary prayers were lead by several women of the Parish in English and Spanish. In all cases when Spanish was being spoken English was projected on the screen in the church and visa versa with English. Deacon Ben Gross Council 8081 Lecturer acted as our clergy member.

Our estimate of participation was about 125 people as evidenced by the attached pictures.

The transfer of the Rose from Holy Trinity (Peachtree City) to Douglas was handled by Fourth Degree member Peter Morton of "Knights on Bikes" who can be seen in one of the pictures (holding a cell phone taking a picture) in the back of the church.

The Parishioners provided many positive comments and thanked us for conducting this service.
Knights of Columbus Council 9792 found a new way to stimulate more interest and competition in its Annual Charity Golf Tournament with the ultimate objective of raising more funds to financially support numerous local East Cobb based charities by attracting exceptional golfing foursomes at its May 20th annual Carpenter Open held at the Indian Hills Country Club.

The Old World bonded with the New on the Indian Hills links through the crafting of a new trophy that honors the discovery of America by Italian explorer, and Knights’ namesake, Christopher Columbus in 1492. This time honored historic event is prominently displayed in the award’s focus on time and its momentous forward movement to prestigious events such as the 23rd annual play of the Carpenter Golf Open. The Open was originally founded in 1997 by the late Jim Gust, who with other Brother Knights of Council 9792, steered the Open to its inexorable growth and success whereby high caliber golfing performances are recognized by specially minted trophies such as the Christopher Columbus Cup. (Columbus also was selected as the Knights’ inspirational, patriotic hero during the organization’s founding in New Haven, CT in 1882.)

Many golfing spectators watched the recent PGA major championship and marveled at the best players in the world struggling mightily to conquer a tough, unforgiving course on Long Island finally yielding a four day winning score of nine under par. Imagine the microcosm of golfing skills at Indian Hills Country Club producing in one afternoon, a team’s base score of 17 under par! That was the winning score recorded by Rick Kleban’s team, a cumulative average of nearly a birdie per hole performance! Granted, it was a scramble, best ball format pitted against a less difficult course than the PGA’s onerous playing conditions, but Indian Hills is still a formidable terrain demanding a tough minded competitive spirit of smart and skilled team play in order to rise to the top of the field of more than 80 players that day.

What does the future hold? The organizers of the Carpenter Open want to open the event to more Knights’ competition from the best foursomes in the East Cobb area and beyond. The Christopher Columbus Cup will rest in its honorable mantle place at Holy Family Catholic Church in the meantime. Council 9792 owns the prestige of having its name etched as winners of the first competition on May 20, 2019. It is a premiere privilege and honor Council 9792 hopes to repeat as winners year after year. However, the Cup by nature is a travelling gem, subject to annual challenges by other finely tuned K of C teams from Georgia and perhaps beyond the state’s border. Can other ambitious Councils mount a golfing scramble challenge that can rival the virtuoso playing performance owned by Council 9792 on May 20, 2019? Tempus fugit, time flies…and only time will tell!

God knows what the future will bring. Certainly, more needy neighbors will benefit by the steady stream of charitable dollars raised by the Carpenter Open which now approaches $250,000 cumulatively collected and donated to local agencies since 1997. Definitely more golfers will take aim at such a lofty challenge…and finally, for those interested in joining the adventure, next year’s tournament will take place on Monday May 18th, 2020. Please come join us!
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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Convention Reflections

For those of you who have attended a State Convention in the past, you already know how impactful gatherings like this can be. The honoring of our fallen Brothers, the camaraderie, the exchange of ideas and best practices, the celebration of achievements, and the witnessing of generous distributions of significant checks to various charities, all serve to motivate and re-energize delegates to take the pride and passion back to their Councils to launch a new successful fraternal year.

Attendees at this year’s State Convention in Savannah May 17th through 19th were not disappointed. Be sure to check out the video highlights of the events on the State website, and elsewhere on social media, and talk to your delegates about the business proceedings. Everyone should be excited for the new Fraternal Year, and the newly elected slate of State Officers.

Meanwhile, I offer my own personal reflections. My intent is to convey to all Councils how important it is to send your two delegates next year and beyond.

I realize that some Councils feel as though they can’t afford to send delegates. Having been a District Deputy, I am keenly aware of the differences in treasury balances between some Councils. But I submit that you can’t afford NOT to send delegates! The benefits to your Council and the contributions to its success far outweigh the investment.

This year, in the program table section of the convention, several different displays about what your fellow Knights are doing around the State. At my own Health Services table, I was fortunate enough to be able to gather valuable information about health-related programs going on around the State. While I have gathered some limited data by way of surveys, on-line and otherwise, the response was overwhelming in this in-person forum. I had a large map of the State of Georgia, on which attendees affixed stickers representing programs their Councils had done. I was pleasantly surprised to watch the map fill up with dozens and dozens of stickers all around the State indicating successful programs ranging from blood drives, to suicide prevention, to cancer research walks, to contributions toward ultrasound machines, and many others. The participation in the map stickering was infectious! (see what I did there?) Delegates almost couldn’t get all the stickers on the maps before everyone got summoned back into the business sessions.

This filled-up map will be a valuable tool to display at public venues such as the Archdiocese Eucharistic Congress, what sorts of things the Knights of Columbus do. A specific, visual, quantitative representation of our health-related programs will be an informative supplement to the rest of our booth at events around the State.

What a way to get the message out! What a recruiting tool! Thank you to everyone who placed a sticker or five.

Again, this is just one more reason I am appealing to every Council to send their two delegates every year. You need the shot in the arm (I did it again), and we need your input! Make the Credential Committee’s job easy...all Councils present, each with two delegates seated.

Finally, I humbly thank everyone who stopped by my hospitality suite. I trust everyone enjoyed the food prepared by my gourmet chef sons, the beverages served by my Brother Knights from District 17, the photo booth and other niceties and novelties administered by my lovely daughters. It was our pleasure to host you. And thank you for your support and confidence in me in electing me as a delegate to the Supreme Convention in Minneapolis in August. I pledge to represent Georgia faithfully, and to soak up all the blessings offered there so I can bring them back and share.

Vivat Jesus!
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From Conception to Birth...and Then Some

At the State Convention in Savannah in May, State Deputy-elect, Mark Hofmann announced his new initiative, “From Conception to Birth...and Then Some.”

This, so far, Georgia-exclusive program builds on the well-known premise that the Knights of Columbus have always been at the forefront of the Culture of Life, and always will be. Faithfully living by the tenets of Saint Pope John Paul II’s 1995 encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life), the Knights are consistent in their pro-LIFE stance, from conception to natural death. Hence, all of our charitable works for all stages of life.

The Supreme Council launched its Ultrasound Initiative with its first system placement in 2009 in Dalton GA, and since then, Georgia has led the Order per capita in ultrasound placements. Well over 1,000 machines have been placed to date, Order-wide. Soon we will have saved a million babies from the ravages of abortion.

Now, this new initiative, “From Conception to Birth...and Then Some,” reinforces our commitment to life at all stages, and answers the disingenuous criticism from the pro-abortion side that says, “All you care about is birthing babies and nothing else!”

So, what is Conception to Birth...and Then Some? For the last few months, we have built the foundation for this program through several meetings with Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRCs), physicians, and Knights Councils. It is taking shape nicely, and as it becomes more fleshed out, this is what we envision:

- An inclusive program designed to aid and assist young women who decide to nurture life as God intended, rather than destroy a life.
- A complete palette of care for a woman in need facing the long months of pregnancy with little or no resources.
- Ensuring availability of medical care through a growing network of physicians and specialists who offer free or reduced-fee services, pre-natal care through delivery.
- Needs assessed through partner PRCs.
- Emotional and spiritual support teams.
- Experienced personnel to assist with various agency aid applications.
- Room and board if the need arises.
- Coordination with pro-bono or reduced-fee legal assistance as needed, especially in making adoption plans, if needed.
- Knights Council-based “Adopt a Mom & Baby” Program, working through a PRC partner to fund the simple needs of a Mom and her newborn, such as diapers, clothing, car seats, etc.

As you have heard many times before, almost all programs that come from Supreme started at the local level. We fully intend this to be no different. This initiative has been reviewed by Supreme, and has its full endorsement, and enthusiastic support. When we gave a sneak preview to attendees at a recent National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA) conference, the response was overwhelmingly positive from PRCs all around the country. We anticipate this program flourishing in Georgia right away, and then, catching on Order wide in the near future. This also provides Councils an opportunity to contribute to the pro-LIFE cause besides raising the sums needed to fund an ultrasound machine.

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