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The Flag, Sword, and Cross Newsletter



From the Faithful Navigator...

Brother Sir Knights,

Thank you for the honor of being your Faithful Navigator this past year. I am encouraged by the volunteer spirit of our brother Knights, and thankful for your participation and support of the Assembly's activities.

In summary, this past year we have:

1. Contributed financially & sent Knights to the USO eleven times (12 this month).
2. Supported Soldiers Angels Mobile Food Distribution similarly, sponsoring the entire monthly event on one occasion providing food for Veteran's and their families.
3. Led a joint Parish campaign for Cell Phones for Soldiers.
4. Held two quarterly social dinners with our spouses.
5. Recently participated in the Deceased and Family Mass jointly with Council 6532.
6. Held two fundraisers this year for pecan sales at Easter and Thanksgiving.
7. Formed an outreach committee to ensure the health and safety of our members.
8. Welcomed two new Sir Knights into the Assembly.
9. Prepared to send candidates to "Honor Flight" in Washington D.C.
10. Supported KofC Charities of Georgia with contributions to patriotic activities.
11. Our Honor Guard was especially busy this year, being present at nearly two dozen Mass and special events for both Parishes and the community.

With so many activities I am likely forgetting something. My thanks and appreciation go out to all of the officers that made these events possible, and providing such opportunities for us to serve those who have served our country.

May our Assembly continue to be as blessed in this coming fraternal year, and may God bless all of you and your families.

Vivat Jesus!

Faithfully,



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Good of the Order**Repose of the Soul:**

Carl LePere, Barry
Morton, John Grim

Prayerful Intentions:

Joe Stabil, Hazel
Maxwell, Estella Riley,
Herb & Niki Reis, Estella
Riley, Brendan Chellis,
Greg Menke, Tom
Albers, Keith Morgan,
June Rosato

Our Military Deployed overseas,
their families
and loved ones. Our Military
Veterans and persecuted
Christians throughout the world.
First Responders and those caring
for COVID patients.

Lord, grant Your healing touch on
these persons and grant Your
peace to them and their families.

**June Birthdays**

Birthday wishes to these Sir
Knights:

SK's Steve Arnold, Marquette
Bowie, Bill Brust, John Coliton,
Javier Garcia, Don Gramer, Bob
Grandsen, Mark Iannacone, Joe
Jenks, Jamie Rivera-Cortijo, Ray
Sherwood, Gary Soucek, David
Sweeney, Robin Taylor, John
Ustaitis

**June Degree Date
Anniversaries**

SK's Arnold, Boyle, Carrio,
Damiano, Dudley, Faulkner,
Fitzgerald, Garcia, Griffin,
Ingebretsen, Kauffman, Klaas,
Likes, McAlonan, McDonald,
McGivney, McGowan, Pupo, Rau,
Ring, Rohr, Schofield, Soucek,
Stone, Stunda, Weaver

Faithful Friar's Minute...

Let us Look Prayerfully to the Coming Fraternal Year



Dear Sir Knights, as we say goodbye to this fraternal year, I'm sure we had hoped for many good things to happen. And indeed, some good things have happened. Because of the benefits that the protocols and medical remedies have shown in this time of pandemic, we, as Knights of our Order, have been able to resume our gatherings and even our service to our parishes and the larger community, such as those toward our veterans, to whom our degree pays special attention.

And so we look toward our next fraternal year with renewed hope. We hope that our respective Councils will be able to do more this coming year. We hope that our degree will be able to achieve whatever we have set before us. We do not know what the big picture is, especially in the development and final conquest of this coronavirus. But in the grand scheme of things, we are called to be examples of the Christian life to all those around us.

There is an expression in Catholic social teaching, which is "the common good." We all are dependent on our informed consciences in deciding how to act in a moral way, but we are not lone rangers in this world. We live in society, which means our individual decisions and actions have consequences that will affect society, whether we know it or not, whether we like it or not.

Let us face the coming fraternal year with the firm resolve to always be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, to always discern what the Lord is calling us to do. Let us be people of hope and continue to promote the values that Blessed Michael McGivney instilled in the Order. May God bless us all in the New Year!

Next USO Visit is on Friday 6/24/2022

Please take advantage of this unique opportunity to provide hospitality to our servicemen and women during their travels in support of our country. Park in the North or South parking Lots and proceed to the USO in the main concourse lobby on the 2nd floor (parking here is validated). We will be greeting passing troops and passing out hot dogs & drinks.

When: Friday June 24th from 8am-3pm

Location: Atlanta Airport USO

Registration: Send email to Tom Gump at fthomasgump@gmail.com. Tom will help arrange ridesharing from STA for those that request it.

Soldier's Angels Mobile Food Distribution to Veterans and their Families Continues this Month

Please register at <https://soldiersangels.formstack.com/forms/atlantamfdvol> to join us at the Decatur VA on Friday June 24th from 9am-2pm. Soldiers' Angels provides an easy, no-cost way for Atlanta veterans in-need to receive food assistance. Volunteers pack bags of groceries and load them into cars, pushcarts, or backpacks of registered veterans. This monthly event provides food support to over 200 veterans and their families. The event is held outside, regardless of weather, so please be sure to dress appropriately. Masks will be required to be worn.

Please see Chairman Bill Brust if you have any questions: bbrust1@charter.net.

When: Friday June 24th from 9am-2pm

Location: Atlanta VA Arcadia Clinic, 250 North Arcadia Avenue, Decatur 30030

Registration: Register Soldier's Angels meal distribution at <https://soldiersangels.formstack.com/forms/atlantamfdvol>

Honor Guard Events in June

Our Assembly remains in great demand this month, as is evident by the activity dates below. If you are interested in joining/participating please reach out to the Honor Commander, John Damiano, at john@tpgatlanta.com.

June 4th 3:45pm report in room 201 for STA 50th Anniversary Mass

June 18th 4:15pm report in room 201 for Fr. Berny 50th Jubilee Mass at STA

Assembly Website

Please visit our Assembly website located at <http://stgiannamollaassembly.com>. We post all upcoming events in the calendar, and news & information on our website, including back issues of this newsletter. You can access the Members Only area from the top menu using your membership ID and birthday for entry. All Officer Reports, previous Newsletters, and Meeting Minutes are posted in that area.



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If it has been a while since you talked to your Field Agent, or if you are interested in looking to make a change to your existing policies, or perhaps start an annuity, long-term care policy, or even open a retirement savings account, please contact your Field Agent to set up a meeting date.

'ROUND THE TABLE

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, June we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.



Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we June continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be)

Assembly 3217 Calendar of Events ~

May 2022 ~

- June 4th 4:30pm STA 50th Anniversary Mass (Honor Guard event)
- June 14th Flag Day
- June 18th 5:00pm Fr. Bery 50th Jubilee Mass at STA (Honor Guard event)
- June 24th USO at Hartsfield Airport
- June 24th Soldier's Angels
- June 27th Assembly Business Meeting 7pm at STA

Report of the Third Degree ~

Council 6532, St. Thomas Aquinas Council ~

- Council 6532 approved \$500 donation to Blue Star Support Ministry
- Mass For Our Families and Deceased Brothers scheduled for May 17th, 6:00PM, followed by a dinner to honor families who lost a loved one
- Council voted in slate of officers for 2022-2023 Fraternal Year
- Council approved first Vote on 2022-2023 Budget
- Next meeting is June 7th 7:00 with lite meal, 7:30 Business Meeting, all to take place in Parish Hall

Council 13217, St. Peter Chanel Council ~

- Firming next year's budgets & officers
- June 9th SPC Directors/Officers & Council meeting
- August 8th SPC Men's Club Golf Tournament