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Knights of Columbus Council 12942

St. Brendan Catholic Community

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Christopher Bell
Grand Knight

Grand Knight Corner

The Meaning of the Season

It's finally December! The last month of the 2020 year. Granted, this has been a crazy year, but that's not why I'm glad it's December.

December has always been my favorite month of the year because of Christmas...my family's favorite holiday. It's not our favorite because of Christmas decorations, lights, parties, Christmas cookies or presents. It's because we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

The birth of a baby is an incredible miracle to experience. I remember when both of my children were born. My wife was amazing! She carried these little people in her womb, caring for and loving them before they were even born. I was so nervous, not knowing what I was going to do with a child.

Once they arrived and we held them in our arms, so tiny but so trusting, and we just felt this peace and unconditional love for them.

Now that the kids are older, one of our favorite things to do during Christmas is sit by the fire with the tree lights twinkling and read about the birth of Jesus.

I always think about how Mary felt. She's a mother, who gives birth to this baby who will save the world. It's such a tall order to place on this little person. I wonder if she knew, if she just lived for the moment, or if she worried about what was to come. Then I think about the shepherds that were in the fields that had the angels appear to them. What an awesome experience (after you got over your shock and fear, of course)! After they saw Mary, Joseph, and Jesus, they told people what they had seen, glorifying and praising God.

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Christmas time is really a great reminder for us. If you peel back all the “extra stuff” about the holiday and get to the root of it, it’s all about Christ. We should be making it a point to tell everyone about the birth of our Lord and Savior. Sharing what he has done for us.

This year has been so crazy. It may be the perfect time to reach out to someone, share the good news or invite them to a Christmas service. Be a shepherd!

Luke 2:20 “The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.”

By Christopher Bell, Grand Knight

“Giving Tuesday” and Coats for Kids - December 1st

This coming Tuesday is “Giving Tuesday”. The generosity which has already been expressed inspired a most generous donor to increase the match to \$250,000! So, whatever you donate will be matched.

Through our Coats for Kids campaign, imagine how many children will receive a warm coat this winter.

Click or CTRL-Click on the link below to Donate now or on December 1, Giving Tuesday

https://donate.kofccharities.org/campaign/giving-tuesday-2020-coats-for-kids/c308174?utm_source=Charities%20Email&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Thanksgiving%202020%20email

St. Brendan Priests - An Update

Fr. Patrick has tested positive for COVID-19. While no other details are available, it may mean the quarantine on all of our priests will go on beyond the original 14 days.

Recently, Fr. Paul had tested positive and should be near the end of his recuperation and quarantine.

Fr. Matthew is quarantined but continues to test negative for COVID-19.

Let us pray for Fr Patrick, Fr Paul, and the continue good health of Fr Matthew!! hope Fr. Paul is on the mend. I also hope Fr. Matthew stays healthy.

Mass For Deceased Knights Tuesday, December 8, 6PM

Deceased Knights will be honored and remembered on Tuesday, December 8th at the 6:00pm Mass. This is also the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

All names of deceased Knights will be read at the Mass.

Your attendance, in support of the families of deceased Knights, is encouraged and welcomed



December 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29 1st Sunday of Advent	30	1 Giving Tuesday Coats for Kids	2	3	4	5 Monastery Products Sale after Masses
6 Monastery Products Sale after Masses	7	8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass for Deceased Knight's 6:00pm	9 Please attend Mass if possible	10 Whispering Hope Xmas	11	12 Monastery Products Sale after Masses
13 Breakfast w/ Santa-TBD Monastery Products Sale after Masses	14 Council Business Meeting	15	16 Christmas Market Adoration for Vocations Holy Hour, 5:45pm	17 Knights' assistance needed for traffic & food distribution	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day 	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

January 2021 Key Dates

January 11, 2021 - Council Business Meeting

January 16, 2021 - Baby Bottle Campaign; Faith Formation Center from 10:30-2:00.



Monastery Product Sales In Full Swing

Your support for the sale of Monastery Products is essential to assure a successful fundraiser.


Recently, an email blast with a request to forward a suggested email to 10 acquaintances was sent. This marketing effort is essential to boost awareness and to provide a springboard to sales which will be held after Masses on December 5 & 6 and December 12 & 13.

If you have not sent your emails, now would be a great time.

The complete brochure with pricing can be found by following this link.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1V3TrgrL7uRSEEJjX6jx-cN54mC83KIcK/view?usp=sharing>

Bakery Goods Sale
Fudge, Fruitcake, Coffee and Biscotti
FROM THE MONKS AT THE MONASTERY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



***Support the Monastery of the Holy Spirit
And
Local Knights of Columbus Council
Items will be on sale after each Mass
Dates....***

DEC. 5+6 AND DEC. 12+13



Exemplification Online Opportunities

Worthy Chancellor, Tony Terbrueggen, reports that Online Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity ceremony, offers a lot of flexibility! For example:

- | | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| On demand ceremonies now available | - Anytime day or night |
| See invitation emails for link candidates | - No more schedule conflicts for |

Use this link to register [Georgia Knights of Columbus Calendar](#) and make sure you indicate our Council # **12942**.

To view full calendar, copy and paste the following link in your browser or ctrl-click on the following link: <https://www.gakofc.org/calendar>

An Invitation to Participate in Adoration

St. Brendan's Director of Adult Faith Formation, **Don Conklin**, reminded us through his testimony of faith to stay together to our three pillars as Catholics: Mass, Adoration and Eucharist.

Don invited us **to enroll to Adoration and participate** from Monday 9:00AM through Wednesday 6:45PM, visit St. Brendan's website to make your commitment.

[Click Here to sign up](#)



Christmas Mass Schedule

DECEMBER 24
 Plaza*: Noon, 2:00 & 4:00 pm
 Church: 6:00**, 8:00** (Spanish) & 11:00 pm

DECEMBER 25
 Church: 7:00 am**
 Plaza*: 9:00 & 11:00 am, 2:00 pm (Spanish)

*Weather Permitting
 **Also Livestreamed



St. Brendan's Council 12942 **Apparel ONLINE Store** <https://kofc12942.qbstores.com>

New Knight Wear is available to you online. These are Products for which sales are managed by our Council

Look for

- ◆ Weekly Promotions each Monday
- ◆ Instant Coupons
- ◆ Discounts based on order size
- ◆ Upsell St Brendan Coffee Mugs to Parishioner's and donate the proceeds

Questions and comments? Please contact **the Blues Brothers**: Michael Rooney and Jeff Kroeger at: mrmichaelrooney@gmail.com and jeff@kroegerproperties.com respectively



Year's End Requires Your Financial Attention



Richard Langton
Field Agent

This is really a special time as we approach the end of the year and our thoughts turn to themes of "Peace on Earth" and "Goodwill to Men!" We think of our Savior's birth in Bethlehem and the beginning of this chapter of salvation history.

Many of us will be scurrying around buying a Christmas tree, getting it decorated; looking for that perfect gift for our spouse, our kids and maybe grandkids. There are parties and school Christmas shows. There is a lot going on and you're busier than ever.

But let me ask you to slow down for just a few minutes and consider some financial issues that come up at the end of the calendar year.

1. Because we're so late in the year, you may have met your individual or family deductible on your health insurance plan. Financially this may be the opportune time for some minor procedure to be scheduled; or that visit to a specialist you may have put off. The same is true about dental insurance and sometimes even for vision coverage.

2. Speaking of health insurance, do you have a Health Savings Account? Do you have to spend the money that's in there by year end? Some plans have a "use it or lose it" feature. Do you have to make a decision about how much to contribute next year? These are a couple of time-sensitive issues.

3. If you have earned income for the year, what amount will you want to contribute to your traditional IRA, Roth IRA or 401k? Are you eligible to contribute much more based on the "catch up" provision? You won't have to make that contribution until you pay your taxes and that could be four months away; however now is the time to start making plans.

4. Speaking of IRAs, have you received your required minimum distribution for this year? If not, the Internal Revenue Service penalty is a hefty 50% of the amount you should have received!

All of these issues come with lots of rules and regulations, so I don't ever want to give any blanket advice. But if you do have questions on any of these issues, please grab me after the meeting. I'd be happy to discuss them with you.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior!

Vivat Jesus!



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Richard Langton
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Let us Remember our Deceased Knights



**Deceased Knights
will be remembered
at Mass, Tuesday,
December 8 at
6:00pm. Please plan
to attend Mass**

Deceased Knights from St. Brendan's KofC Council 12942 as of November 19, 2018 in order of death:

Brother Knight

Warren Turner
Myron Shultes
Jonathan Lindsey
Kenneth Williams
Gary Colangelo
Al Kabo
Ken Snellings
Larry Bergmann
Kim Martiny
Joe Pierre
Bill Wood
Gene Sock
Bill O'Shaugnessy
Frank Ciszek
Rick Beelen
Dale Gracyalny (10/2019)
Ted Borzak (11/2019)
Vin O'Reilly (12/2019)
Kenneth Douglass (6/2020)
Frank Janik (6/2020)

Widow

Linda Kabo
Barbara Snellings
Sally Bergmann
Lynn Martiny

Kathleen O'Shaugnessy
Fran Ciszek
Maria Beelen
Jane Gracyalny

JoLynne
Joan Janik

A Mass Card is an Excellent Remembrance

On occasion when one of our Brother Knights or his spouse has passed on, our Council would like to send a Mass card in remembrance. In order to do this, I need the following information.

Name of deceased Knight or deceased spouse
Your Name, Address, Phone number, E-mail address

Please E-mail this information to Steve Herzog, zog1@bellsouth.net
Card will be mailed out in 2 or 3 days. Thank you and God Bless.



Christmas Market - A Message from Barbara Gordon

*Volunteer
Opportunity*

In addition to donating gifts, the Food Bank will need assistance with traffic control and distribution of food

Greetings everyone,

I send happy thoughts that you are all staying healthy, wearing a mask, washing your hands and enjoying our pretty weather.

The Christmas Market on December 16th will look a bit different this year, much like the Easter Market with distribution in the parking lot, weather permitting.

We will need additional help while maintaining safe distancing.

We have children's gifts left from 2019 when the Giving Tree was cancelled due to construction. However, thanks to Veronica's work we know the ages and gender for all our current children. We lack gifts in certain age groups.

Please consider some help with the following needs:

Age appropriate gifts not to exceed \$20.00 and do not need to be wrapped. Please attach a slip indicating age/ gender. Please let me know if you will provide a gift.

28 gifts needed for Boys ages 11,12,13

14 gifts needed for Girls ages 11,12,13

Gift for a senior, men or women-throws, sweater (large) Depends, lotion. etc.

This year the parish Giving Tree will be for our parish children. Parents must register their children with Monica Plew. Most of our pantry children are not members of St. Brendan.

As you know, we purchase a good bit of food for the market, shopping at several stores. Gifts cards are wonderful!

Please let me know...

If you can help at the market.

If you will provide a child's gift.

If you will provide a gift for a senior.

Gift cards or donations may be placed in the collection basket in an envelope. If giving a donation, make check to St. Brendan for SJFP.

My love to all!

Barbara

barbaradgordon@aol.com



Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

* Names in Magenta represent new or updated prayer requests since last Newsletter

Remember and Pray for

For available details of prayer requests, [click here](#)

Rev. Fr. Paul Alger (Dec)

Rebecca Attanasio
Sue Betts (Jun)

Ray Boland (Dec)

Bob & Elsie Borzak (Oct)
James Borzak (Nov)

Findley Bowler (Dec)

Matthew Brech (Sep)

Winnie and Jack Breier (Dec)

Mansfield Brookes (Nov)
Maury Coffee (Nov)
Kathy Cosentino (Oct)
SK Paul Duquette (Jul)
Janet Fralick
Marci Frasso
Alejandro Galarza (Sep)

Lauren Garner (Sep)

Fr. Christopher Gronotte (Ordination) (Dec)

Steve Jack (Dec)

Gene Jozwiak (Nov)

Jeanne Henkel (Dec)

Nadine Hoffman (Oct)

Jan Landrum (Aug)

Rev. Fr. Patrick Langan, (Dec)

Dennis Magowan (Jun)

Bobby Marable (Sep)

Ruddy Martinez (Nov)

Virginia Mashburn (Aug)

Ron Michalis (Nov)

Josephine Mons (Sep)

Bob Morris (Aug)

Chrisy Patrick (Jun)

SK Chuck Perott (Nov)

SK Stan Rapciewicz, (Nov)

Joseph Rodriquez (Nov)

Betty Savage (Sep)

Patti Simone (Oct)

Rick Sullivan (Dec)

Emilia Tracchio (Aug)

Mitchell Tracchio (Apr)

Jean Underwood (Dec)

Rev Matthew R

Van Smoorenburg (Dec)

Jason Wallace (Nov)

Cherri Weeks

Chris Wendell (Oct)

Steve Znoj and Family (Nov)

Ray Boland

Erika Boland, a member of our Pastoral Council and wife of Ray Boland, reports that Ray had a serious heart attack recently and is still in a coma. They need our prayers. God bless!

Winnie and Jack Breier

Prayers are requested for both SK Jack Breier and his wife Winnie. Both have been diagnosed with COVID. Jack was recently released from the hospital and he indicated Winnie may be released soon.

Please keep both of them in your prayers.

Mansfield Brookes

Robert Hensey thanks everyone for their prayers. He reports that his father-in-law, Mansfield Brookes, is recovering well from his '2 week stay in the ICU. At his follow up appointment the doctors were impressed by how well he is recovering, which I attribute to all of the prayers offered for him.

Diana Buntin

Diana Buntin, has been dealing with cancer for some time now and recently been told that it is progressing. Please keep her in your prayers for healing and easing of the pain that she is dealing with.

Gene Jozwiak

Prayers are requested for Gene Jozwiak, brother of SK Dan Jozwiak. Gene has been experiencing severe breathing issues, with fluid buildup between his heart and lungs. Dan reports that his brother's lung doctor indicated that there is nothing that can be done to help him, but is putting him on lasix to hopefully remove the water and help him breathe better.

Denise Hoell

Denise Hoell, wife of SK Eric Hoell, with bitten by a Copperhead snake over the weekend. She is home and couch/bed bound with excessive swelling in her leg where she was bitten. It is expected to be a several week healing process before the swelling goes away. Please pray for a recovery without further complications.



Happy Birthday Brother Knights

12/04	Michael	Daigle	12/18	Miguel	Ramirez
12/04	Richard	Walsh	12/18	Michael	Rooney
12/06	Daniel	Dandeneau	12/18	Quentin	Skinner
12/08	John	Opsteen	12/18	Jon	Snowman
12/08	Kyle	Weeks	12/19	Gary	Gamet
12/09	Dale	James	12/19	David	Lamb
12/09	Kevin	Murphy	12/20	Timothy	Margeson
12/09	Charles	Rigby	12/22	Guy	Tompkins
12/09	Ronald	Romaniello	12/24	Samuel	Aiello
12/10	Andrew	Daigle	12/24	David	Marino
12/13	Christopher	Hermann	12/27	Orvin	Flint
12/14	Chet	Nadolski	12/28	John	Breier
12/15	Julio	Bayona-Mejia	12/29	Bill	Steiger
12/15	John	Boehm	12/29	Anthony	Zak
12/18	Jeffery	Lee			



Knight of the Month - Luis Galarza

Knights of Columbus November Family of the Month



Knights of Columbus' Worthy Recorder Luis Galarza (left) presents the Hager Family with the November Family of the Month Award. They are (left to right): Jeff and Amy Hager, daughter Abigail, daughter-in-law Taylor and son Johnathan. Son Matthew could not join them for the honor because he recently moved to Florida. How blessed we are to have this wonderful family at St. Brendan's!

Members of the parish since 2002, the Hager family is a beautiful example of Christ's hands at work in our midst.

Mom Amy has been a preschool teacher, a catechist and a volunteer with the American Heritage Girls. Daughter Abigail followed her Mom's lead, volunteering with our Vacation Bible School.

Dad Jeff was a Scout Master for 4 years. Their sons Matthew and Jonathan both earned their Eagle Scout rank here creating the Community Garden and a tool shed for their service projects, beautiful programs which continue to serve our parish today.

But it's not just the parish youth programs that have been the benefactors of this wonderful family's attention. Jeff and Amy have been part of the *Engaged Couples Ministry* for 13 years. Volunteer couples are prayerfully chosen to serve and are approved by Fr. Matthew. The Hagers have also been invited by the Archdiocese of Atlanta marriage preparation programs to be witnesses of their love (*Joyfilled Marriage and Three to Get Married*).

Boy Scout Merit Badges

*On-line
Volunteer
Opportunities*

Note: 4th quarter dates remain unknown.

Please give your participation some thought.

Your talents and life's experience may be perfect to educate and inspire our Boy Scouts.

Jeff Kroeger
jeff@kroegerproperties.com

Contact: Jeff Kroeger jeff@kroegerproperties.com

For the 2020 **Boy Scout Merit Badges** fourteen (14) Knights have agreed to step up and help our youths in scouts and at the same time raise money for St. Brendan, out of 137 Council Members; YOU can too, just need to contact **Jeff Kroeger** jeff@kroegerproperties.com

For the 2020 **Boy Scout Merit Badges** We Would like to thank the following Knights who have agreed to step up and not only help our youths in scouts but raise money for our Stain glass window:

Doug Hoffman - First Aid & Public Health
Mark Smeragliuolo - Electricity & Electronics
Ekpen Owie - Sustainability & Entrepreneurship
Matthew Brech - Home Repair & Coin Collecting
Roy McCord – Programming

Fourteen (14) Knights have agreed to step up and help our youths in scouts and at the same time raise money for St. Brendan, out of 137 Council Members; YOU can too, just need to contact Jeff Kroeger.

Much needed are ten more (10) Knights who can offer to attend a few classes, follow along with what the instructor is doing and sign off on the Scouts blue cards – you don't need to even speak besides says I'm blank and I'm your merit badge counselor. Pass forms around.

If you would like to teach a class we will be starting to add more classes Thursdays and Saturdays starting September to October please ask "How can I help"

Upcoming: Knights who have Signed up for a class but haven't given a date yet:

Luis Galarza - Fire Safety
Anthony Attanasio - Personal Fitness, Public Speaking, & Salesmanship
Stephen Herzog
Richard Langton- Public Speaking
Thomas Mastrangelo- Photography





Scott Garner, Savvy Sales Support and Technically Inclined Brother Knight Seeks Employment Opportunity

Brother Knight, **Scott Garner**, was one of millions of workers whose employment was negatively impacted by COVID-19 work furloughs and layoffs.

Scott is determined to return to work and welcomes the assistance of Brother Knights in his job search.

Our "Call to Action" is to think of friends, business associates and former associates, sons and daughters. Follow the link below to Scott's resume which you will be able to download and share with your contacts.

[Ctrl-Click Here](#) to Scott's Resume

You may contact Scott:
scottcgarner2002@yahoo.com

In the end, your contacts will be most helpful in Scott's job search and for his continued motivation.

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Editor, at ronromaniello@bellsouth.net*

Faith Formation - Upcoming Events

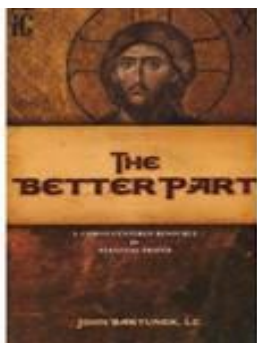
The Better Part by Father John

Bartunek

The Fireside Room

Sundays 10:00 AM – 10:50

For information Contact : Don Conklin - dconklin@stbrendansatl.com



Women’s Mini-Retreat Series

Next: Saturday, January 23

Saturday Morning Women’s Retreat

The mini retreat series is for all women in the parish and her friends. **We will begin with a meditation at 7:30 am in the Church (also available on zoom), followed by Mass at 8:30-** then coffee etc. and another meditation - ending around 11am. Confession is available. The dates are Saturday mornings-, Jan. 23, Feb 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12.

If you have questions, please contact Joanne O’Neil joann.m.oneil@gmail.com

Join other boys from around the country on our **annual national ECYD** retreat in Indianaa! Enjoy the games, sledding, snowballs, and spiritual renewal! Retreat is exclusive for 6-9th grade boys.

For Registrations Contact: Fr Patrick O'Loughlin poloughlin@legionaries.org
Sacred Heart Apostolic School, 5901 N 500 E, Rolling Prairie, IN 46371

For more information on this retreat please contact Don Conklin, Director of Adult Faith formation, dconklin@stbrendansatl.com



Faith Formation



St. Michael's Charismatic Prayer Ministry

POSTPONED

ADORATION AND INTECESSION VIGIL

Every 3rd Friday of the Month 8:00pm – 9:30pm

8:00 pm: Holy Rosary; 8:30pm Praise and Worship, Talk by a priest; 9:30pm Benediction

Organized by Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry

For more details contact Don Conklin at 214-563-0634 or email afcmatlanta@gmail.com



Men's Prayer Group – Fridays

Virtual Meeting

(7:00-8:00 AM Faith Formation Center Sun Room)

This group provides a forum for men of the parish to gather together to share their faith and discuss their thoughts about daily life as Catholics. Learn to integrate faith and life while meeting with others for great fellowship and prayerful reflection.

Contact: Chuck Mayville - wcmayville@yahoo.com



Awaken the "Hero Inside Men"

DIG starts with a great meal followed by an engaging and entertaining video presentation. Join the discussion on important issues that influence your daily lives. Get control of the Culture (in your home and beyond). Try it...you will like it..... Satisfaction Guaranteed!

4th Tuesday, 6:30-9:00 pm in the Social Hall. Upcoming meetings: **Nov 17; Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 23; Apr 27; May 25**

Contact: Don Conklin dconklin@stbrendansatl.com



That Man Is YOU!

"That Man is You" honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. **Who is ready for a transformation?** Come to as many of the 26 sessions as you can!

Saturdays ; Faith Formation Center

Contact: Don Conklin dconklin@stbrendansatl.com

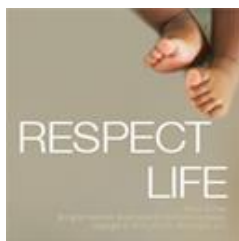
Adoration For Vocations Holy Hour

Adoration For Vocations Holy Hour will meet 3rd Wednesdays of the month 5:45p- 6:45p PM in the Church.

Contact Don at DConklin@stbrendansatl.com or at 214-563-0634 for more information on all of our offerings



Faith Formation



St. Brendan's Respect Life Ministry

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month - beginning August 2020 in the Social Hall from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

St. Brendan's Respect Life Ministry works to create, promote and sustain a culture of LIFE at our parish and in the community at large following the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Members sponsor, conduct and participate in pro-life activities, which can include educational programs, support to pregnancy counseling groups, and grassroots civic actions such as prayer vigils.

Contact Scott Mackie with any questions at 678-230-9390



RCIA- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This program is designed for adults who wish to enter the Catholic Church for the first time or who need to complete the sacrament of confirmation. It is also a great way to refresh and boost your faith-- no matter how long you have been Catholic! You may also want to serve as a sponsor to one of our *incoming* Catholics.

RCIA- Sundays 8:00-10:30am

Starting September 13- Easter Vigil + 4 weeks

Location: Faith Formation Center Great Room

Contact: Don Conklin – dconklin@stbrendansatl.com



Women's Evenings-(LIFT!) Living In Faith Together

Gather with the women of St. Brendan's and guests for a good meal (that you don't cook), an uplifting talk and some great discussion on relevant topics of faith for women today in a relaxing setting. This will be an opportunity to build friendships, engage with others while sharing your faith and leave with a nugget of truth that may challenge you and provide a real **faith-LIFT!** 6:00 Optional Mass

POSTPONED

Contact: Bridget Margeson liftstbrendans@earthlink.net



Women's Mini-Retreat Series

This monthly retreat series, "Prayer: The Gift Exchange," is for all women - parishioners and friends.

Beginning with a meditation at 7:30 am in the Church followed by Mass at 8:30 and a practical talk. The retreat ends at 10:30 a.m. Confession is available. The dates are Saturday mornings-, Jan. 23, Feb 6, March 27, April 10, May 8, June 12. If you have questions, please contact Tina Binkley, tbink@charter.net



Contact Don at DConklin@stbrendansatl.com or at 214-563-0634 for more information on all of our offerings



Your Officers and Committee Chairs 2020- 2021 Fraternal Year Officers

Each year your council elects and appoints new men to take on leadership roles within your council. Sometimes these roles are well-defined while other times the role may be expanded based on that individuals talents or interests. The following text offers an approach that may be helpful for new councils in appointing their first set of officers or for existing councils looking to expand the responsibilities of their existing officers. These suggestions may not work on every campus, however, we hope this approach will benefit at least a few officer roles.

Elected Positions



Grand Knight – The grand knight is the chief executive officer of the council. He is responsible for setting council goals and ensuring that all officers fulfill their duties in reaching these objectives. He presides over all meetings; appoints program and committee directors as needed and fills officer roles in the event of vacancies; countersigns checks and orders for payment; and is responsible for the council's First Degree Team. Ideally, the grand knight should be a junior so that as a senior he can serve as a mentor for the next grand knight. -

SK Christopher Bell, 678 447-5189 christopher.bell@hilti.com



Deputy Grand Knight – The deputy grand knight serves as the grand knight's right hand man and should fill in for the grand knight when he is not present. Additionally, the deputy grand knight will likely lead a committee, or multiple, if he chooses to do so. Some deputy grand knights serve as their council's program director. Ultimately, he assists the grand knight in leading the council and reaching council objectives. In some councils, the deputy grand knight role might be used to groom a possible grand knight candidate for the following year. Finally, the deputy grand knight may serve as a liaison between the council and other groups that share similar interest (i.e. Newman Club, pro-life club, etc.).-

SK Thomas J Meister, 770 366-5553 tmeister@bellsouth.net



Chancellor – The chancellor assists both the grand and deputy grand knights in the leading of the council by engaging and strengthening the council's members. His primary responsibilities include both recruiting and retaining members and to this end he should set up different events that display the different values and principles of the Knights of Columbus. The chancellor should participate in the council's degree team and should serve on both the Admission and Retention Committees.-

SK Joseph A Terbrueggen, 904 472-3199 Tonyt@pobox.com



Treasurer – The treasurer is responsible for managing the council funds, whether in bank or school accounts. He receives money from the financial secretary and deposits funds into council accounts. He is also responsible for paying all council expenses. Finally, he balances and verifies the ledger and keeps the updated budget once approved by the council. -

SK Stephen J Herzog, 678-525-5042 zog1@bellsouth.net



Advocate – The council advocate acts as council parliamentarian; he should be knowledgeable in Robert's Rules of Order and *Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting* (#1937). He may seek legal assistance from the state advocate, should issues arise. The advocate should be able to take on additional responsibilities as the council deems necessary. -

SK Daniel J Jozwiak, 678-327-6621 danjoz@bellsouth.net



Recorder – The recorder has the responsibility of recording all meetings and events held by the council. He should record minutes, conversations and other information helpful to the council and prepare them to be distributed to the council membership in a timely manner. Additionally, he should help with council event notifications, council meeting reminders, and assist with council social media responsibilities. -

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Warden – The warden is responsible for the property owned by the council. He is also in charge of setting up meetings and leads both the inside and outside guards. Many college councils utilize the warden and guards as custodians of the campus ministry property which may include raking leaves, shoveling snow and assisting with maintenance of the interior. -

SK Phillip G Capehart, 602 885-2754 pcapch60@hotmail.com

Inside/Outside Guards – The inside and outside guards carry out tasks given to them by the grand knight and also follow orders of the warden. They are responsible for checking membership cards and allowing entrance to meetings. Councils should consider appointing additional inside and outside guards, especially among promising freshmen, as this provides early leadership opportunities from which they can be elected to higher positions as they enter their sophomore year. - **Steve Barnes, Inside Guard; Rocky Truskowski, Outside Guard**



Steve Barnes
Inside Guard



Rocky Truskowski
Outside Guard

Trustees (3) – The trustees advise the grand knight, supervise the council’s financial matters, and conduct the semiannual audits. Usually the immediate past grand knight will serve as a trustee. Some college councils utilize alumni members and/or university faculty members as the other two trustees to provide additional oversight and support.



Alan Fralick, Sr
One-year Trustee



Dr James Borzak
Two-year Trustee



JP Kidwell
Three-year Trustee

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Attention new Knights and those who may have an interest in leadership roles

The “mini-position descriptions” in this section serve those currently in these roles. Knights are in these positions because somewhere along their journey, they took the time to learn about the various elected and appointed positions available to all.

You may have a particular interest or special skill from your current or past work life. Whatever your motivation, find out more from an officer currently serving in that position or by expressing your interest directly to Grand Knight, **Christopher Bell**

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Appointed Positions



Chaplain – The chaplain is the spiritual leader of the council who works to bring out the true values of the Knights of Columbus. He nurtures the faith in council members particularly through the sacraments but also through spiritual direction, retreats and other events and support. The grand knight should meet regularly with the council chaplain to see how the council can best support the Catholic community on campus. -

Rev Matthew R Van Smoorenburg



Financial Secretary – The financial secretary is chosen by the trustees and the officers of the council for a three year term and approved by the supreme knight. He holds an important position of continuity within the council and has the responsibility of collecting dues as well as ensuring that the council's financial recordings are kept up to date. Additionally, he ensures that membership records are current, issues membership cards, files regular reports to the district, regional, state and supreme offices and submits the annual 990 to the IRS. Because of his important role, the financial secretary cannot be an undergraduate student, but ideally should be a member of the campus faculty or staff. If no one from the campus community can serve in this role, it should be an adult member of the neighboring community. - **Gregory P Santini**



Lecturer - The lecturer provides brief spiritual discourses and reflections during business meetings for the "Good of the Order". If the lecturer cannot be present, he should appoint a council member to give the reflection for him.. - **SK Joseph M Simone**

Program Director – The program director is appointed by the grand knight and oversees the six surge with service committees (church, community, council, family, youth and culture of life). In some councils this may be the duty of the deputy grand knight. The program director should ensure that all his subordinate committees meet regularly and plan appropriate events. He communicates individual committee reports to the grand knight.

Membership Director – The membership director serves as the head of the Admission Committee and works to grow the council's membership through new and transfer members. He should actively identify potential recruits, plan recruitment programs, host informational meetings and encourage council members to seek candidates. In addition, the membership director should ensure that a council has access to frequent degrees (whether its own or local councils) and should work that each member reaches at least the third degree in a timely manner.

Retention Chairman – The retention chairman works to keep the councils members active once they join. He should consider implementing programs and practices that provide mentors for new members and he should regularly communicate with the council to encourage their participation. When students graduate, the retention chairman should help them transfer to a council in their area. At times when a council wishes to suspend members, they must have the retention chairman make an effort to keep these members or have them transfer to another council.



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Other Council Positions

These are positions that are not required by or reported to the Supreme Council, however, many college councils have had found success by utilizing these roles. In many cases, these roles may be filled by council officers who have these unique responsibilities in addition to their other duties.

Campus Ministry Liaison – In order to best communicate and collaborate with other Catholic groups and ministries on campus, the council should have a liaison to campus ministry staff, student advisory board and specific groups (such as the Pro-Life Club). The deputy grand knight can be a good fit for this role.

Social Media Chairman – The social media chairman is responsible for overseeing the council's social media accounts and making sure new content is posted on a regular basis. At minimum, at least two council members should have access to these accounts, ideally at least the recorder and grand knight.

Alumni Relations Chairman – Maintaining healthy relationships with alumni members can help the council utilize these relationships for mentorship and financial assistance. The alumni relations chairman should communicate regularly with alumni and plan at least one or two alumni/council events per year, usually in conjunction with homecoming or other campus alumni events.