From The State Deputy . . .
By Mark McMullen - State Deputy

Brother Knights - in the Fraternal Year kickoff newsletter and in our District Deputy and Council Officer meetings, I talked about the importance of getting off to a fast start. Well - you have done that! We are tracking ahead of last year on membership. We also have a new council identified - Georgia Regents College - and through the efforts of DD Karl Stevens and NCD Chairman Mike Boden, we are working to bring this college council in during the Fall. We also have several other new council targets identified.

State Roundtable Chairman John Jedlicka sent letters to all roundtable coordinators encouraging them to get their 2014-2015 roundtables renewed for 2015-2016. If you know of a roundtable opportunity in your council, contact John. Roundtables provide an excellent opportunity to pave the way for a new council.

Along with all of our elected delegates, I recently returned from the Supreme Convention in Philadelphia. I wish that every Brother Knight could have the opportunity to attend the Supreme Convention. If they did, we would not have a recruiting or retention problem in the order. The Masses alone are beautiful and the States Dinner is a wonderful celebration of the fraternity and diversity that exists in our order. Here are some highlights of the Convention:

- The Supreme Knight’s theme for the convention was “Endowed by the Creator with Life and Liberty.” Many of the presentations reflected this central theme.
- The family was a central focus of the opening Mass and will be a central focus for the entire fraternal year. The Supreme Knight gave all State Deputies a Holy Family traveling icon that will route through each jurisdiction this fraternal year. Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori will devote most of his articles in Columbia magazine to the family.
- DD Brian Sartain was presented with an award by the Supreme Knight as one of 4 Star District Deputies officer wide. Brian and his wife, Susan, we the guests of Supreme at the convention. Congratulations to Brian!
- One of our Assemblies – the Father Joseph T. O’Callahan Assembly 3441 - was the recipient of one of three (3) “To Be A Patriot” Awards given by Supreme for a Veterans Memorial Walk. Assembly 3441 created the Memorial Walk as a meditative memorial to veterans. The Memorial Walk showcases plaques that commemorate those who served in WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan. The walk also honors Women in Service, Prisoners of War, those Missing in Action and the Purple Hear recipients.
- Our IPSD Sandy Hillsman received a Circle of Honor award from the Supreme Knight. Congratulations to Sandy for 2 years of outstanding leadership.

Brothers - as we head into the Fall. This is prime recruiting time. Remember the Supreme Knight’s charge to offer the gift of membership to all practical Catholic men 18 years of age and older. When I attended the State Deputy Organizational Meeting in New Haven in June, the Supreme Knight said that 60% of Brother Knights order wide have never recruited a new member. To this end, I have 2 challenges:
- 1 - I ask you to take it upon yourself to make it your goal to recruit at least one new Brother Knight this fraternal year, and
- 2 - Please make every effort to give every Brother Knight you recruit the opportunity to get out of his membership what he is looking to accomplish. We all join for our own personal reasons. We owe it to everyone we recruit to mentor them and give them the opportunity to achieve what they are looking to get out of their membership. I echo the Supreme Knight’s charge: “The Knights of Columbus takes good men and helps them become better men” - and gives them chance to be great men - Because:

“Together - All Things Are Possible”
From the State Chaplain
The Most Reverend Bishop Emeritus, J. Kevin Boland

I attended the National Convocation of the Knights of Columbus in early August of this year. As in the past I always come away with special memories. The following, not in any particular order, are enriching memories.

1. The joyfulness and helpfulness of the attendees. In the corridor of the hotel, in the streets of Philadelphia, meetings and table meals there was a spirit of joy that permeated all aspects of the Conference.

2. The Celebrations of the Eucharist were carried out with dignity and reverence. It is a credit to the organizers of this annual convention that the public worship occasions are given as much care, if not more, as all other aspects of this annual gathering. The Masses were inspirational.

3. Time was set aside for the “pin exchange.” Grown men were child-like in their endeavors to obtain pins of other states. The volume of the conversation was so intense that it was difficult to hear one’s own voice. One Knight accosted me: “Bishop I have only two states to go” – and he hurried off in quest of the Holy Grail.

4. It was a gathering of married couples. The wives’ in their own inimitable way, brought a sense of laughter and song to the occasion. Their presence and participation was not the icing on the cake but rather they were the constant reminder that the Body of Christ is a family, made up of families.

These reflections are but a snippet of the majesty of the annual meeting of the Knights of Columbus.

From the Associate State Chaplain
Reverend Father Ray Levreault

Has the running around begun again in your home? School starts and life’s activities seem to pick up pace come September. The time of resting has quickly come to an end for now - time to get back to work! However, do we ever ‘get back to work’ when it comes to our Spiritual life? Keep in mind always, that there should never be a time of ‘rest’ from the spiritual life - keep the family prayer going, keep attending Mass - keep up the monthly Confession - keep up the good and Godly work that you have been called to do by being a Knight of Columbus...there is much work to do - rest will come when we reach our eternal reward. In the meantime, keep at it!

From Our Supreme Director . . .
By Dan Baker - Supreme Director

Brothers and Knight Families,

After much thought and discussion, Donna and I made a very personal decision that I would not accept a third term as Supreme Director. I informed the Supreme Knight of that decision just before the Supreme Convention.

A Supreme Director serves a 3-year term, and can serve 3 terms. I had a great 6 years on the Board, culminating over 20 years in leadership positions from council to Supreme. My term ends on August 31.

Donna and I appreciate the support you’ve given us over the years, and the work that the members in Georgia do for our Church, our communities, and our Order. In particular, we thank the members and families, past and present, of Sweetwater/ Saint John Paul II Council #10821 for the confidence they have shown and support they have given us. We have been proud to represent and work for all the troops in the trenches fighting for our religious freedom, doing the good works of the Order. We are not gone, just serving in a different capacity.

State Program News
By Jerry Mock - State Program Director

Congratulations to two councils, Fr. Charles J. Kerscher Council 10004 in Conyers and St. Mary’s Council 11058 in St. Marys for submitting Family of the Month forms, on time, for all 12 months of last Fraternal Year. Council 10004 DD9 is Pat Barnes and 11058 DD3 is Brian Sartain.

All councils are encouraged to participate in the worthy program each month and make sure they submit the forms to Supreme as well.

Knights of Columbus Charities of Georgia received their first refund check for $34.99 from Amazon Smile Program that was promoted at both Council Officers meetings. I ask all Knights and their families and friends to go to Amazon Smile.com and select KCCG as their 501c(3) charity of choice.
Observations from Our Supreme Knight . . .

By Supreme Knight - Carl A. Anderson

In founding the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney sought to respond to the crisis in family life affecting Catholics in 19th-century America. As a young man, he witnessed firsthand the challenges his widowed mother faced with seven children at home. Later, as a priest, he confronted on a daily basis the problems affecting the immigrant families of his parish, such as poverty, alcoholism, anti-Catholic prejudice and discrimination.

Father McGivney’s vision for family life was not simply that each family might find financial and material aid, especially in the event of a member’s death. He also understood that holiness is the calling of all baptized Christians. And as two of his brothers followed him into the priesthood, we can understand how important the “sanctuary of the home” was in the life of the McGivney family.

When Christian families respond in faith to the design of the Creator, they become a “domestic church” that, as Blessed Paul VI explained, mirrors “the various aspects of the entire Church.” Since the Second Vatican Council, and especially during the pontificate of St. John Paul II, it has become clear that “the family is the way of the Church” (Letter to Families).

In one sense this means that the family is the object of the Church’s evangelizing and pastoral efforts. But the Christian family has its own mission. As St. John Paul II wrote in Familiaris Consortio, “The family has the mission to guard, reveal and communicate love” (17). This mission arises from the “community of life and love” that begins with the married couple in the sacrament of matrimony.

“Conjugal love involves a totality, in which all the elements of the person enter,” the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches. “It aims at a deeply personal unity, a unity that, beyond union in one flesh leads to forming one heart and soul” (1643). In other words, sacramental marriage involves not just an agreement between the spouses but a radical transformation of the spouses.

As Pope Benedict XVI wrote in Deus Caritas Est, “Marriage based on an exclusive and definitive love becomes the icon of the relationship between God and his people and vice versa. God’s way of loving becomes the measure of human love” (11).

In this way, the witness of husband and wife within the daily life of the family can guard, reveal and communicate love as they make the gifts of marriage — unity, indissolubility, faithfulness and openness to new life — their own.

A recent Vatican document on the role and mission of the family observed that it is necessary to better understand the “missionary dimension of the family as domestic church” and that “the family needs to be rediscovered as the essential agent in the work of evangelization.”

These observations echo St. John Paul II’s words during the meeting of the Latin American bishops in Puebla, Mexico, in 1979. “In the future,” he said, “evangelization will depend largely on the domestic church.”

When we consider the mission of the family in this sense, it is apparent that the role of the family in the work of evangelization is not primarily a matter of programs, projects or strategies. These have their place, of course, but they are secondary and must serve what is essential: the love between the married couple that has been lifted up in and by the love of Christ and because of this is now able to transform the life of their own family.

During the coming fraternal year, we will promote two initiatives to strengthen Catholic family life. The first is Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive, a program of family prayer, meditation and Scripture. The second is the Holy Family Pilgrim Icon program.

Jurisdiction Leads In Roundtable Registration

By John Jedlicka - Roundtable Chairman

Thanks to the diligent Council officers and District Deputies throughout the Jurisdiction of Georgia, this state is among the Order’s leaders in creating and sustaining Roundtables. The Jurisdiction closed the last fraternal year with 27 registered Roundtables. I recently sent letters to the Grand Knights of the sponsoring Councils asking them to register for this Fraternal Year the Roundtables their Councils sponsor.

The rules of the Order require that Councils register each of their Roundtables at the start of the Fraternal Year. The reminder letter contained the registration form. It takes just a few minutes to complete it and send it to Supreme.

Remember that Roundtables aren’t “Councils Lite.” Usually a Roundtable is the beginning of a fully registered Council and an excellent way to introduce the diverse Catholic population in Georgia to our Order. They are also an excellent way to grow Council membership. All Roundtable members received the degree of initiation into the sponsoring Council.

Supreme is mindful of the marvelous diversity of our faith and is actively creating membership materials in several languages. Please take advantage of them. Membership materials cost nothing and could bring a whole new group of Catholic families into the benefits of Order.

I am available to assist Councils in the creation of Roundtables. Please call me or email me and I’ll gladly help.

The Passing of PSD John McGuire. . .

In early September, the funeral of PSD John McGuire at the Catholic Center of the University of Georgia was held. The Georgia State Council was represented by the State Advocate, Jim Clifford, and State Executive Secretary, Ron Rigby, and their wives. District Deputy 8, Jerry Poirier also attended. The Color Corps of Assembly 2148, commanded by SK Nelson Cantin, provided honors.
2015-2016 Youth Poster and Essay Contests
By Richard Hayden - State Youth Poster/Essay Contest Chairman

Each year the Supreme Council and individual State Councils sponsor three youth poster and essay contests. For councils working towards their goal of Star Council, the youth participating in these three contests can fulfill 75% of the requirements under the “Youth Category” for Star Council. The entries are judged at the Council, District (if necessary), State and Supreme levels. This past year, one youth from Georgia actually took First Place in the Supreme (International) judging level on one contest! The following timetable is now effective for this 2015-2016 fraternal year. The individual contest kits should be ordered by a council’s Financial Secretary directly from Supreme. Grand Knights are encouraged to print out this timetable for their Youth Directors to follow. Please direct any questions you have to me at zin31707@yahoo.com.

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* Note: The title (theme) for the Essay Contest for the 2015 – 2016 fraternal year has not been announced as of 8/8/15. It will probably be, once again, “The Importance of Religious Freedom.” An email and web site update will be done when this year’s theme/essay title is confirmed.
District Happenings - “Didjano That. ..”

DISTRICT 16 (DD Angelo Sampona)

... That Council 12942, St. Brendan's completed their new officer installation in July.

... That Council 10633, St. Benedict's, served lunch at Christo Rey School in Atlanta for 140 students.

DISTRICT 4 (DD Julian Pauwels)

... That Msgr. Daniel J. Bourke Council 3607 held their 17th annual Seminarian Dinner at the Council Hall in Albany on July 24. These annual dinners, which Council 3607 began as the first in Georgia, help to raise funds for seminarians of the Diocese of Savannah to pay for tuition, living expenses, etc. Of the 15 diocesan seminarians currently enrolled, eleven were able to attend the dinner, and more than ten priests were also guests for the evening. More than 175 people enjoyed dinners of roast pork or steamship round, and more than $9000 was raised during the event. Gregory John Hartmeyer, O.F.M. Conv., Bishop of Savannah, was again able to attend the dinner, and offered remarks. Both the current Georgia State Deputy - Mark McMullen – and Immediate Past State Deputy Sanford B. Hillsman enjoyed the evening’s dinner and program. Council member Dan Gillan, a longtime bagpipes player, took to the stage and “drafted” seminarian Caleb Harkleroad, who has spent the summer assisting at St. Teresa’s parish, to join him in a duet rendition of “Amazing Grace.”

... That Council 15716 held a Silver Rose Prayer Service on July 12. It was a great success, about 80 participants for the Anglo Mass, about 400, yes 400 participants for the Hispanic Mass.

... That the District Assembly provided an Honor Guard for the Corpus Christi celebration in Tifton, Council 10541, on June 7. They had 8 participants. 6 from the Tifton Council, SK and Honor Guard captain Kevin Berkel (4913) lead the guard, SK Julian Pauwels (7366) assisted.

... That congratulations are due to Council 15716 having held a Silver Rose Prayer Service on July 12. It was a great success, about 80 participants for the Anglo Mass, about 400 - yes 400 participants for the Hispanic Mass - AND that 4th Degree members of Council 15716, Douglas, provided an Honor Guard during the Confirmation on August 29 with Bishop Hartmeyer.

... That Council 4913 really stepped up to the plate during their July Social with Charitable Donations. $1500 to Birthright. This was their portion of the State Raffle tickets. $ 3000 to LARC, half of the Tootsie Roll Drive. The other half went to the local Special Olympics AND they also celebrated Fr. Marv’s 91st Birthday and GK Joseph Henkels’ 70th Birthday. Congratulations to both - AND that Valdosta Council 4913 organized their second Wine and Cheese party. Raised about $ 1,000. Three Councils (7366, 4913 and 15716) will organize a 5th Sunday Community Rosary lead by the K of C. First one will be August 30. Other dates are November 29, January 31 and May 29. This is a new initiative by the Supreme Council - AND that Council 4913 participated in Confirmation – St. John the Evangelist. They had a total of five SK participate for Bishop Emeritus Boland and the confirmandi – four from Valdosta (John Ashburn, Rusty Wetherington and Richard Kuter (FN), and one from Tifton (James Moore).

... That a good number of Council members participated in the Albany Council 3607 Seminarian Dinner on July 24 in Albany - well over 175 participants. The event raised about $ 9000 in support of our Seminarians.

... That a groundbreaking for new school and activity center building for St. John the Evangelist for the Elementary and Middle schools in Hapeville took place. Local Council - Immaculate Heart of Mary - gave $50,000 toward the construction (See photo on the next page - District 20). Bob Anderson is GK. Bill Evon is DD. Both were there also - AND that the Annual Seminarian Dinner was held by Council 4913 on June 5 - raised around $ 6700. Several councils were well represented. Had about 195 participants. All had a great time.

DISTRICT 23 (DD Wally Marcis)

... That one of our new councils, Greensboro Council 13808 conducted their recent officer installation - with honored guest, State Deputy, Mark McMullen.

DISTRICT 24 (DD Tim McCarthy)

... That Augusta Knights delivered Wheel Chairs. GA State Council District Deputy (DD) and VA Volunteer Services (VAVS) Representative Timothy McCarthy along with Past FaithfulNavigators (PFN) Bob Barnett and Bill Holt delivered Knights of Columbus Wheel Chairs to three locations in Augusta on August 23. The locations were; The Place 3235 Deans Bridge Road; The GA War Veterans Nursing Home, 101 15th Street; and The Place at Martinez, 409 Pleasant Home Road. These Wheel Chairs were a part of the nearly 300 the State Council ordered for Georgia Veterans, which are being delivered to Veterans and or Facilities supporting Veterans around the State. All three Augusta locations have several Veterans for whom they provide facilities and services.

On the left pictured are Deans Bridge - L-R DD/VAVS Rep Timothy McCarthy, PFN Bob Barnett, Assistant Roger Kablan, Rec Dir Kendra Royster, Assistant Laurie Reese, PFN Bill Holt.

(See “Didjano” Continued on page 7)
On the right - pictured L-R are Associate Director Carlton Deese, Director Physical Therapy Everett Clarke, PFN Bill Holt, PFN Bob Barnett, Executive Director Charles Espositio and DD/VAVS Rep Timothy McCarthy. (Photos by Tim McCarthy).

... That **Council 8495 Augusta** had a good day for Pro-Life in Augusta. It started with over 150 people at Planned Parenthood downtown praying, singing, reading scripture and giving personal witness about abortion. It was a mix group of Protestants and Catholics. At the end, a group of us Catholics said the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary amid two loud protesters, but as has happen in the past they quieted down as we continued through the Rosary.

In the evening, about 180 people attend the Greater Augusta Chapter of Georgia Right to Life – “A Southern Evening for Life.” The guest speaker was Fr. Denis Wilde, an associate of Priests for Life. He is an accomplished concert pianist and gave a rousing rendition of American Patriotic Songs.

His speech was on abortion. One of the points he made, was how Planned Parenthood and those in favor of abortion say it’s not a baby, it’s not human, so it’s OK to kill them before they are born. Yet as we watched the recent videos of Planned Parenthood selling unborn baby parts, what was it they said on the video that they were selling? Oh yes! a human arm, a human heart, a human leg, yet is not human! What hypocrisy! What evil!

"The American Center for Law and Justice" (ACLJ) led by Jay Sekulow, their chief counsel put it best in the attached picture. Oh yeah! that's just a glob of nothing alright. Jay Sekulow is defending "The Center for Medical Progress," the group that has been releasing the videos of Planned Parenthood selling baby parts. Please continue to pray the rosary to end abortion.

**DISTRICT 1 (DD Gary Ogden)**

... That on 14 July 14, **Savannah Council 631** presented the sisters of Our Lady of Confidence Carmelite Monastery in Savannah, GA with funds from the Georgia State Charities raffle. The monies collected will go towards the monastery’s capital campaign for a new building. GK Clint Smith, PGK Tom Bolton, DD Gary Ogden (District 1), DD Pat McMahon (District 26), and State Secretary Mark Corrigan were in attendance to present the checks.

**DISTRICT 3 (DD Brian Sartain)**

... That in August, two councils in District 3 got together to have an admission (1st) degree exemplification followed by the formation (2nd) degree exemplification. **Council Henry T. Ross, 1939, from Brunswick** traveled down to Council St. Marys, **11058 in St Marys**. Council #1939 has the admission team and Council #11058 has the formation team. Four candidates became Knights, then joined six other 1st degree Knights to become 2nd degree Knights. The event was greatly appreciated by all candidates. When the two teams get together it promotes brotherhood and fraternity among the four Councils in District 3.

**DISTRICT 20 (DD Bill Evon)**

... That there was a groundbreaking for a new school and activity center building for St. John the Evangelist in Hapeville. Great photo of the children with the Archbishop digging with Elementary and Middle school kids. The local **Council - Immaculate Heart of Mary** - gave $50,000 toward the construction. Both GK Bob Anderson and DD Bill Evon are shown in the photo as well.

**DISTRICT 12 (DD Charlie Crawford)**

**Holy Family Council 9792 in Marietta** closed out the summer with their traditional “Pool Party” hosted by Brother Knight Robert Damon and his wife Kelly.

The “bill of fare” included hickory smoked pulled pork, smoked chicken, hot Dogs for the kids, cornbread casserole, ice cold watermelon, lemonade & soda.

32 Knights and 13 children attended. Council Chaplain, Father Darragh Griffith attended and even played a game of bocce ball. A good time was had by all.
"Swimmers Ear"

By Dr. and Brother James Spoden, MD

We will turn our attention to Swimmer's Ear. Technically, the medical term for "swimmer's ear" is acute external otitis (AEM). By definition, this involves an inflammation of recent onset of the external auditory canal, that narrow, convoluted tubular structure (about one inch in length), from the outer surface of the tympanic membrane (ear drum), laterally. Occasionally, the visible outer ear (auricle) may be involved, as well. All otolaryngologists (my specialty) see this condition quite often.

Acute external otitis (AEM) is rampant during the swimming season. Hence its name. However, swimming is not a necessary precondition for swimmer's ear. Swimming in pools with poor water quality certainly predisposes to AEM. In nature, swimming in dirty water also predisposes to AEM, i.e., streams, rivers, lakes, the ocean, etc. The chemicals, used in swimming pools, tend to diminish germ populations, which diminishes the likelihood of infection.

Inappropriate use of Q-tips, excessive digging with finger tips, perspiration and the presence of foreign bodies, such as ear wax, hearing aids and ventilating tubes (the "ear tubes", commonly used in children) also predispose to this condition.

The use of rubbing alcohol, with or without vinegar, after swimming, may help to prevent AEM.

The presentation of this condition is heralded by ear pain, tenderness around the outer ear and sometimes drainage (discharge) from the ear.

Treatment usually involves ear drops, which usually contain a small amount of non-absorbable steroid to decrease inflammation and a topical antibiotic. More severe cases may require systemic antibiotics and pain medications. Occasionally, hospitalization is required. Rarely, surgery is warranted.

While one is infected, one should not swim. Swimming exacerbates the infection. Moreover, swimming will perpetuate the spread of the same micro-organisms (germs) to other people in the pool water. Bear in mind, this may well have been how one originally has become infected oneself. Please, think of this as a public health issue, which it is.

After infection, one should refrain from swimming for seven to ten days. Abstention from swimming allows the outer ear to return to its normal physiologic balance.

"Swimmer's Ear" is ubiquitous.

I hope these tips will help you if you encounter this condition.

Of course, you need to consult your physician or health-care provider for specific guidance.