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Grand Knight Corner

God's Will

By Christopher Bell, Grand Knight

Ironically, Father Matthew's sermon during Sunday morning Mass was what my wife and I had been talking about for the past week.

My wife said it was a little unnerving because she felt Father was in her head as she had just recently said some of the very same things he did in his sermon.

Father spoke of how God has often used unlikely people to do his will. Father's sermon focused on the biblical time the Israelites were disobedient of God's laws and were conquered by King Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians. However, they were told by the prophet they would be in bondage and unable to return for 70 years. King Nebuchadnezzar was not a nice guy and treated everyone badly. There was a revolt around the 70th year and the Babylonians were conquered by Cyrus, King of Persia. One of King Cyrus's first acts was to issue a decree to allow the Jews to leave Babylon and go back home.

Unless you've been living under a rock, you may know the election is almost upon us. It seems to be all anyone can talk about. There are so many passionate opinions for both candidates.

Luckily, my wife and I fall on the same side with our opinions, so our house is a little calmer than some might be. However, in our extended family, there are some who feel different than us.

Like others who've experienced this scenario, I choose to fall back to my Christian values and upbringing. A family member has told me that they refuse to vote for the current President because he is a "terrible man who has done terrible things!" Do you know how many people in the Bible have done "terrible things" yet God used them to further his will? Let's look at a few that might be familiar to you.

King David – he may be the most well-known. We all know King David was a shepherd, a musician, killed Goliath with a sling and stone, was chosen by God to be king and part of the lineage of Jesus. But King David was also an adulterer and a murderer. He wanted Bathsheba but she was married to Uriah. He took her, made her his, and then had her husband killed so he could cover up his sin.

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Christopher Bell
Grand Knight



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Rahab - She was a prostitute living in Jericho. She hid the Israelite spies when the King of Jericho commanded they be brought to him and punished. She and her family were spared by the Israelites and she is also part of the lineage of Jesus.

The disciple Matthew. He was previously known as Levi when he was a Tax Collector. People hated Tax Collectors because most were cheats. Jesus called to him and he left his profession and went to follow Jesus. He also happened to write one of the four books of the Gospel.

Saul – (later known as the apostle Paul). He was a former persecutor of Christians. Probably the most unlikely of all. God chose Paul so he could proclaim the Gospel to the gentiles. Proof that if God can use him to further his will, God can use anyone.

God has this unique ability to take people who would be considered cast-offs, evil, unredeemable...and use them for good. HIS good. It's certainly not my place or my desire to tell anyone what to do, but I always remember a few things about God.

God knows more than I do.

God always has a plan.

I may not know why something happens, but I trust it is HIS will and there is a reason for it.

God will give me peace, no matter what happens.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

To remember those less fortunate

Help Me Thanksgiving Day Prayer



O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;
 When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;
 When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all;
 When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer,
 And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency;
 bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help;
 By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted.
 Amen.

— Samuel F. Pugh

Exemplification Online Opportunities

Promote the Order-wide Exemplification on Sunday, Nov. 1; In honor of the beatification of our founder we encourage **first- or second-degree knights** to register and participate in becoming a third degree Knight. As many jurisdictions begin holding in-person ceremonies; we will follow up with best practices and information on how you can host your own Exemplification while adhering to social distancing and COVID guidelines.

In addition, the Supreme Council will host virtual degrees on Nov. 1; click to download updated invitations in all three languages. Our council is #12942

https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1361959&tp_key=786d612f2b&sti=invitationwo1005

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.

Leadership Opportunity - Become a Captain

DGK, Tom Meister is still looking for three brother knights to volunteer to be CAPTAIN over each of our Council's Faith, Community and Life initiatives joining Tony Terbruggen who has taken the leadership role for the Council's Family initiatives. Contact Tom Meister, tmeister@bellsouth.net, to participate.

Week Day Mass Changes

Effective Monday, October 12

Indoor Masses

All Weekday Morning Masses 8:30 a.m. Monday - Saturday and
All Weekday Evening Masses (schedule above) will now be celebrated Inside the Main Church.
Masks and socially distant seating will be observed.
Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses will remain outside.

Livestream Masses on Facebook and at www.StBrendansATL.com will continue 8:30 a.m Monday- Saturday; 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (Spanish) Sundays.

Return of Evening Masses

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
6:00 p.m. (English)
Wednesday
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)



St. Brendan's Council 12942 Apparel ONLINE Store

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

Be a Man of Action - Follow Fr. McGivney



Richard Langton
Field Agent

“We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant, Fr. Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will.” How many tens of millions, hundreds of millions of times has our loving God heard this sentence from the prayer for Fr. McGivney’s canonization? Asking only to fulfill God’s holy will; requested humbly.

No doubt, you, like I, have been saying this prayer of supplication for years. Now those prayers have been answered as our Venerable Founder becomes our Blessed Founder.

The journey began December 18, 1997 when the Cause for Sainthood was opened in Hartford, Connecticut by Archbishop Daniel Cronin. Nearly five years later the official document, the Positio, outlining the case for Fr. McGivney’s cause was sent to Rome. On March 15, 2008 Fr. McGivney was declared “Venerable” indicating he lived a life of heroic virtue. This year on May 27, nearly twenty-three years after his cause was opened, Pope Francis authorized a decree that a miracle attributed to Fr. McGivney’s intercession has been approved.

October 2020 will long be remembered as the month Fr. McGivney’s beatification Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral of St Joseph in Hartford. It is currently scheduled for October 31. This will be a time of great joy and happiness for all members of the Knights of Columbus.

Spotlighting our founder and his reasons for founding the Order; *i.e.*, to strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the financial needs of families overwhelmed by illness or death of the breadwinner, this spotlight will draw more Catholic men to join with us. Our Order is an immense force for good in this world with the billions of dollars donated to worthy causes over the past decade, strengthening our fraternal bonds with acts of charity.

The Knights of Columbus helps us husbands and fathers not only fortify our faith, but also provides an opportunity for us to protect our families. Is it significant that the approved miracle involved the son of one of our general agents from our insurance program?

I like to think so. When Patrick McGivney died unexpectedly, young Michael had to leave the seminary to help provide for his family. He and his family struggled through the loss of his father and then as the curate at St. Mary’s he saw parishioners facing similar situations. He saw a need and he took action. He organized; he led, he inspired. He was concerned with both the spiritual and the temporal well-being of those around him.

Speaking of being a man of action, now is the time for you to take action: You will soon receive, if you have not yet already received it, the 2020 Fraternal Survey. It may be filled out in paper form or online. Whether on paper or online, please take a minute to complete it. It will be prefilled with much of your information to make it a snap to complete. It will provide information that will help me serve you better. There is a very informative insert included in the survey packet. Please take a minute to review that, too.

I consider it a worthy calling to carry on the work of our soon to be Blessed Founder. It’s been my great pleasure to work with many of you to help you protect your family and I look forward to continuing to serve you. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks to you for all the good works you carry out in the name of the Order. Your acts of charity are even more critical considering this current pandemic.

Thank you for all you do!

Vivat Jesus!

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A Men's Half-Day Retreat



PINECREST ACADEMY
A Private PreK Through 12 College Preparatory Catholic School

When? Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020 9:15 AM - 1:00 PM

Where? St. Brendan's Catholic Church

½ Day Retreat includes opportunity for confession and Mass

COST: \$15 (covers breakfast & lunch) Contact dconklin@stbrendansatl.com to register



Led by: Christopher Carter- #1 bestselling Author, 4th degree Knight and the founder of Men Living for Greatness- And the host of the Men Living for Greatness Show (podcast). His Catholic work impacts thousands of men in over 90 countries every week.



Special Guest Speaker and Homilist Fr. Terrance Allen LC

On The Retreat, You Will Discover...

The two most important habits that will deepen your prayer life and enrich your family life. Practical strategies for integrating these two vital habits into your already jam-packed day.

November 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 All Saints' Day Virtual Exemplification Opportunity - Become a 3rd Degree Knight	2 All Souls' Day	3 	4	5	6	7 Deceased Knights Remembered during Prayers of the Faithful— All Masses
8 Deceased Knights Remembered during Prayers of the Faithful— All Masses	9 Council Business Meeting	10	11 	12	13	14
15	16	17 Delta Drive Recruitment Weekend Planning	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 	27	28
29 1st Sunday of Advent	30	1	2	3	4	5

Nov 7 - Made for Greatness! Men's half-day retreat, 9:15am to 1:00pm, \$15, includes Lunch

Let us Remember our Deceased Knights



**Deceased Knights
will be remem-
bered at November
7 and November 8
Masses at the Pray-
ers of the Faithful**

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 Cizek
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 Cizek
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

Remember and Pray for

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

Rebecca Attanasio
Sue Betts (Jun)
Bob & Elsie Borzak (Oct)
James Borzak (Nov)
Matthew Brech (Sep)
Mansfield Brookes (Nov)
Maury Coffee (Nov)
Kathy Cosentino (Oct)
SK Paul Duquette (Jul)
Janet Fralick
Marci Frasso
Alejandro Galarza (Sep)

Lauren Garner (Sep)
Gene Jozwiak (Nov)
Nadine Hoffman (Oct)
Jan Landrum (Aug)
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 Rodriguez (Nov)
Betty Savage (Sep)
Patti Simone (Oct)
Emilia Tracchio (Aug)
Mitchell Tracchio (Apr)
Jason Wallace (Nov)
Cherri Weeks
Chris Wendell (Oct)
Steve Znoj and Family (Nov)

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

SK Stan Rapciewicz

Stan is having hip replacement surgery on October 29th. Please keep him in your prayers for a successful surgery and quick recovery.

SK Chuck Perott

Please pray for a quick recovery for SK Chuck Perott. Chuck had back surgery this morning Monday, Oct 5). His wife, Mary, just reported that the surgery went well. He is in extended recovery and will be there until tomorrow. Mary is in recovery with him.

Mansfield Brookes

Please pray for my father-in-law Mansfield Brookes. We learned this morning that he was checked into the hospital with pneumonia and is currently in the ICU awaiting a procedure to insert a heart catheter - by Robert Hensey

Bob & Elsie Borzak

My Dads younger brother has dementia. They were moved an assisted living. It hasn't gone well. Mom fell broke ankle yesterday morning, in hospital surgery today with hardware, dad upset confused belligerent trying to leave, transferred to memory care room & I think medicated. It was not a good day.

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.

Happy Birthday Brother Knights

11/01	Robert	Morin	11/16	Charles	Matuza
11/01	Teofilo	Tienda	11/16	William	McGinn
11/02	Ronald	Foltz	11/20	Roy	McCord
11/04	John	Hriczo	11/22	Jonatan	Gonzalez
11/04	Dennis	Mallon	11/22	Mark	Zimmerman
11/06	Frank	Janik	11/23	Arthur	Senecal
11/09	John	Laliberte	11/26	Christopher	Baswell
11/09	Travis	Raish	11/26	William	Monahan
11/10	Mark	Waterman	11/29	Jose	Flores
11/13	Apollo	Nguyen	11/29	Robert	Presutti
11/14	Robert	Bedore	11/30	Scott	Menzel
11/15	Patrick	Driscoll			



**Knight of the Month -
Richard Langton**

**Family of the Month -
Chad & Jackie Dally**

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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Email: tmarges1@outlook.com

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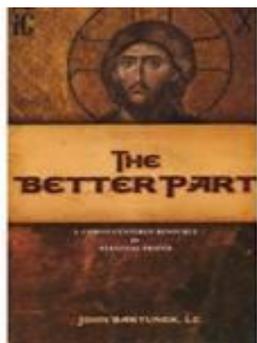
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Editor, at ronromaniello@bellsouth.net*

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

Saturday, November 14- 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-, Nov. 14, 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

Faith Formation



St. Michael's Charismatic Prayer Ministry

POSTPONED

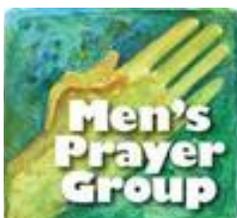
ADORATION AND INTECESSION VIGIL

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

POSTPONED

(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!

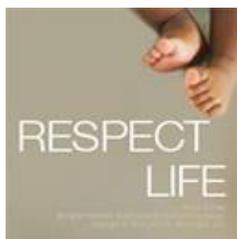
"That Man is You" honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop 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

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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



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Saturday, November 14- Saturday Morning Women's Retreat see above and there should be a new, additional information coming soon.

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

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 Terbruggen, 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.