



# Knights Navigator

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## Show A Little Grace

### Grand Knight Corner



Christopher Bell  
Grand Knight

Wow! 2020 has been quite a year already hasn't it? We've had the introduction of COVID-19, parents required to home-school their children for the last 3 months of the school year, the start of a recession, people have lost their jobs and the number on unemployment has gone up, we have had people killed, multiple protests, riots, and property destruction, debate on who's life matters more, stress over a new school year starting, and to top it all off...it's also an election year. Wow!

If anyone has called out to God and told him enough is enough, you probably aren't alone.

Why does God allow all this strife in our lives? I don't think God allows strife. I think strife exists because of sin. Sin entered the world 6,000 years ago with Adam and Eve and will not leave until the Lord returns to take us to be with him in Heaven.

I believe every struggle a person has is meant to teach them something and hopefully bring them closer to God.

My wife is an excellent listener. People feel comfortable coming to her with their problems because they know she will listen, truly cares about people, wants what's best for them, and isn't afraid to share her thoughts if asked.

My wife believes that God does not give a person more than they can handle and often references Job in the Bible. To simplify, Job is described as a blessed man who lives righteously. An angel named Satan suggests that Job only serves God because God protects him. So, God removed his protection and told Satan he could do anything to Job except kill him. Job lost his wealth, his children, and his physical health.

Through all of that, Job did not curse or blame God for his circumstances. At the end of his plight, God restores Job to a better condition than what had been taken from him.

Human beings will have challenges, Christians and unbelievers alike. But it's what we do and how we act when faced with challenges and uncertainty that matters. You never know what someone else is going through.

For Christians, GRACE is the love and mercy given to us by God because God desires us to have it, not necessarily because of anything we have done to earn it. Show your fellow humans a little GRACE. A kind word and a smile can go a long way.

By Christopher Bell, Grand Knight

## Church Reopening Requires Commitment by Knights

The end of September is the targeted reopening of the church. As expected, some new rules will be in place. Adhering to a new seating system will require support by our Council.

Knights are expected to set up entrance & exit points; administer a program to take the temperature of church members upon entering the church after which parishioners will be escorted to a selected pew; parishioners will not be allowed to walk in and sit.

Managing this process is estimated to require 12 Knights per Mass.

## Delta Church Drive to be Launched

The Delta Church program is designed to help our Council position itself to engage and bring potential new members into the Order. The program will be administered at any Mass or Event the Knights have a recruiting presence.

The goal is to enable our Council to implement additional "Faith In Action" Programs.

Specifics of the drive will be released soon.

## Knights' Support for Adoration Hours

Additional Knights have been requested to sign up for Adoration hours. It will run every week from 9 am Monday continuously through Wednesday at 6:45.

The late night and early morning hours need 2 or 3 Adoration Guardians and we still need some people. There will be a tent at the masses again this week end for people to see hours and sign up. (know anyone who wants to man the table after a Mass) Also here is a link for people to sign up electronically. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uA-9d60gGULPD8ewl8d2MwwZz8cnYTCvOCBhNsnHwOA/edit?usp=sharing>

## Help Wanted: Site Map Creator

As an expense-saving initiative, we are looking for a Knight to lead a new initiative to create a map of the church grounds and possibly interior zones as well.

Scheduled work would utilize the detailed map of each zone specifying what needs to be done and where things need to be done so there would be little to no questions.

Some examples include where flowers are to be planted, areas that would require weeds being pulled, the trimming of trees, etc.

Once the zone map is complete, we would like a sign-up system put in place to allow parish members to volunteer for zones. In each zone, there would be an outline of what's needed to be completed.

Parishioners would be able to sign up for whatever sections they would be comfortable completing in those zones.

Please be aware, this initiative would NOT include grass cutting.

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## Knight of the Month - Christopher Carrusca

## Family of the Month - Bill and Mary Hornaday

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Last month's Family of the Month, John and Ann Marie Dusek, are pictured at the St. Brendan Garden Ministry's abundant gardens. Thanks for your work and best wishes for continued future success.



John Dusek, Grand Knight Christopher Bell, Ann Marie Dusek

## Habitat For Humanity Goal is Donation of 250 Hours

This year's goal is to provide 250 hours of assistance for ***Habitat For Humanity***; either through one event or multiple events, with as many parish members and Knights as possible.

Habitat for Humanity is currently shut down due to the current health crisis; hoping they start up in the next couple of months.

Alan Fralick Sr. is the program lead. We sincerely appreciate his time and skills. More information will be sent once we have projected dates.

## Exemplification Online Opportunities

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>

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**IN PERSON WORSHIP - OUTSIDE**

**SUNDAY**  
7:00, 9:00, AND 11:00 AM  
5:00 AND 7:00 PM (SPANISH)

**MONDAY - SATURDAY 8:30 AM**  
**WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM (SPANISH)**  
**SATURDAY - 6:00 PM**

**LIVESTREAM MASS**

**MONDAY - SATURDAY**  
8:30 AM

**SUNDAY AT 9:00 AM**  
**SUNDAY 7:00 PM (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](mailto:mrmichaelrooney@gmail.com) and [jeff@kroegerproperties.com](mailto:jeff@kroegerproperties.com) respectively

## September is Life Insurance Awareness Month



**Richard Langton**  
Field Agent

It's the one month each year that the life insurance industry coordinates a campaign aimed at educating folks about the importance of life insurance and helping them get the coverage they need.

I don't want to bore you with lots of statistics, but a recent survey from LIMRA (Life Insurance Marketing Research Association) found that only 59% of Americans own life insurance and about half of those are underinsured. (Although this report didn't say it, I've got to think these percentages are pretty much the same in Canada.) So that means that 70% of the population either has no life insurance or has too little life insurance.

So what does that have to do with the Knights? The historian, Christopher Kauffman, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book that he wrote on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founding. That book, Faith and Fraternalism, notes on page 13, "...he [Fr. McGivney] was deeply interested in pursuing the topic of a Catholic fraternal insurance society among groups of Catholic laymen of New Haven." Then on page 35 Mr. Kauffman goes on, "...he [Fr. McGivney again] spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature...his emphasis on business was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family."

Fr. McGivney lived both the social and the financial *insecurity* of a desperate family, with the breadwinner suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings.

He didn't want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament. That, and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order.

Everyone who joined in those first years was insured; that was part and parcel of being in the organization. Now every member has a choice and every member should know what we do, and how we do it.

Here's the process I use when I meet with families:

**Discover** – Identify & prioritize your financial goals

**Gather Data** – Collect facts & figures based on your current situation

**Analyze** – Input data, run calculations, identify shortfalls

**Recommend** – Propose a financial strategy designed to satisfy your goals

**Implement** – Choose a financial strategy and implement

**Periodic Review** – Review regularly, measure success, make adjustments

As you can tell, this is a painless process. But it can help any family, at any age, determine if they have blind spots in their coverage. It can help you avoid the pain of being underinsured. With a variety of life insurance products we offer we can help just about any person within any budget.

I don't know about you, but I don't want to buy life insurance...I want to buy what life insurance provides: no change in lifestyle for the survivors...in the house where they want to be. It'll pay for a daughter's wedding, a child's college education and much more. What does life insurance provide? Peace of mind, security, freedom from anxiety, a safeguard from the unknown.

That's where I can help.

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# Fr. Christopher Gronotte

## From Boyhood to Priesthood



Coming from Kentucky, I always enjoyed the simple things in life. I guess I get that from my Dad. We didn't say much, but we always enjoyed each other's company. My mom made sure that we did our prayers, especially the family rosary which we never missed. My normal Catholic boyhood was changed up when my parents moved me from our parish school to Royalmont Academy, the Regnum Christi School that was just starting in Cincinnati.

Over the next few years, Legionary Priests and Brothers would come and visit the school to invite us on retreats and summer camps. I loved going to the camps, meeting all the different boys my age. Then my brother joined the apostolic school in New Hampshire and I thought, "What?! He just left me here with my sister! I want to go too." I only wanted to go to that school, just like my brother. I did almost everything with my brother, I looked up to him a lot. He was fun and popular, athletic and had a lot of talents. Much better than I, I told myself. So when I was filling out the application, I looked up and asked, "It asks, 'Why do you want to be a priest?', but I don't want to be a priest, I just want to go there."

"Well," said my Mom, "Just write that you're open to the priesthood." I shrugged and wrote it, thinking, Well I guess I am open to the priesthood. I would say it was God sticking his foot in the door before I could close it. I don't know where I would be if it wasn't for the apostolic school.



There was a great spirit of charity and simplicity at ICAS, the apostolic school. That spirit attracted me very much. Life at the apostolic school was amazing and I loved it.

I continued on through formation and loved every minute of it. I really loved staying busy and working with my hands, tiling floors, remodeling rooms, cutting grass, even secretariat work. Though I wasn't very good at sitting down to study, I made it through just fine. I was, you could say, a happy camper. I had found the place I loved. I looked up to my older brother, who was always ahead of me in formation, but his legacy kind of hung over me. I can never be as good as him, I thought.

A big part in the maturing of my vocation happened during internship. I was sent to Louisiana for my first year. The people of Louisiana were amazing and will always hold a place dear to my heart. Then I was transferred to Atlanta, to work as campus minister of the Lower School at Pinecrest Academy. Once again, I felt so welcome and at home. Every day was a lesson in simplicity. It was such a joy to be around all those kids, who taught me more lessons than I could ever imagine.

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It was a great time of maturing because I had to make my vocation my own. I had been pretty slow in my discernment. I loved everything I was doing and was totally happy, but I still had a feeling I was just going along without really questioning too much if this was where I should be. On top of that, quite a few fathers and brothers were leaving the Legion right around then because of the scandals of our founder, so I couldn't continue on anymore just because that's what everyone else was doing. I began to ask myself why I shouldn't just go home too. This difficult time forced me to be more serious about my vocation and make it my own. During one of my yearly spiritual exercises retreats, after night prayers one night, I went outside to think. As I walked around under the moon and the stars, I felt God's presence very close. I thought of all the great men that had passed through the halls of our seminary in Cheshire and all I could think was, I would never add up to be one of them, I would never even be as good as my brother. Then I felt God tell me it was okay, that I don't have to be like them. He loved me the way I was, and this is where He wanted me. It gave me a lot of peace and a security in my vocation that I hadn't had before. No longer did I have to try to be like my brother or anyone else, God loves me as his own Son, He loves me as I am, with all my strengths together with all my weaknesses.

Going back to Rome to finish my studies was tough. Many priests and brothers I knew had left because of the scandal, so I felt like I was going to Rome alone. It was like, "Why am I here? Where is everyone else?" At that time, I had already been in the Legion for 10 years and if you count my years in the apostolic school, it was 15 years. A lot of families knew that I had been around for a while already and so they would ask me as I was leaving, "so how much longer till your ordination?" expecting to hear maybe 2 years or something... and I would answer, "Oh, maybe 5 more years..." That caught them by surprise and it also made me think, "why is this taking so long?!" Then in prayer, it struck me that I was living my vocation to the full right then and there. I didn't have to wait. This helped me to live the present moment a lot more, which brought me a lot of peace. My vocation is not just to be a priest and it doesn't just start at my ordination. I am a religious, consecrated to God, here and now. So, when I left being someone known and counted on for many responsibilities and became just another brother studying in a foreign country, I realized that I could save souls in whatever I was doing. If God wanted me to sit at my desk and study all day long, why couldn't He use those graces that I was winning by my fidelity to Him to save more

souls, and why not even more souls than someone who was working out in some apostolate somewhere? So that was my new apostolate. I saw that there was not really any rush to get to ordination, because I was living my priesthood already.

After one year in Rome, I did a month-long silent retreat, and at the end I would make my perpetual profession, the final, definitive one. As that day came closer, I asked God for rain as a sign of His grace raining down on me. Then I thought, "Well, that's not very nice for the other brothers, I bet they would like a sunny day. Whatever you want Lord." So the day of my profession arrived, bright and sunny. But as the mass went on, I could hear a storm brewing outside. Right when I was kneeling down, as it was my turn to say my name for my perpetual profession, a crack of thunder rang out. "Wow Lord", I thought. Back in the sacristy I asked at Fr Hernán, my rector, "Did you hear that?!"

*"Si carísimo!* It was just like the baptism of Jesus, like God was saying, 'This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased.'"

"That's just what I thought!" I said. As we went outside for pictures, it was bright and sunny again. I treasured that moment as a special gift from God, a little tailor-made affirmation, just for me. After the profession, we had another five days of retreat and that was like my honeymoon! I soon came back to earth again, but with a deeper conviction of God's great love for me, which I hope to spread to all the souls I meet.



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## Boy Scout Merit Badges

*Volunteer  
Opportunity*

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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](mailto:jeff@kroegerproperties.com)

**Note: Exact 3rd and 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**  
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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

*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](#)

### Obituary

#### Kristie L. Patrick

Kris Patrick of Connecticut, sister-in-law of Chet and Mary Nadolski, passed away July 27, 2020 after a 3-year battle with brain cancer. She was surrounded by her husband and family.

Mary and Chet request prayers for the repose of Kris's soul and God's peace for her husband Walter and family.

Ctrl-Click [Here](#) to view obituary

### Obituary

#### Keith Edward Ramker

Keith Ramker, 77, father-in-law of DGK, Thomas Meister, died on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> after a 3-year battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. Keith is survived by his wife of 53 years, Judy, his two children Heather Ekstrom and Shannon Meister; and his five grandchildren. Mass was held on Friday, August 3 in Clermont, FL

Ctrl-Click [Here](#) to view obituary

### Death Notice

#### Dorine Sisco

For my wife Bridget's good friend, Dorine's Sisco, who passed away July 30 after a courageous fight with the Covid 19 virus. May she rest in peace in God's eternal Kingdom. Please pray for her surviving husband, Mike and their son, Eddie.

Thank you,

Timothy M Margeson

Rebecca Attanasio  
Bruce & Daina Bell (May)  
Greg Bell (May)  
Sue Betts (Jun)  
James Borzak (Jul)  
Matthew Brech (Sep)  
Winnie Breier (Apr)  
Thomas Carriere (Apr)  
Ann Cassidy (Apr)  
Bill Cassidy (Apr)  
Jim Clare (Apr)  
Ron Dardin (Apr)  
SK Paul Duquette (Jul)

Janet Fralick  
Marci Frasso  
Alejandro Galarza (Sep)  
Lauren Garner (Sep)  
Deacon Bob Grimaldi (Apr)  
Al Ignatonis (Apr)  
Gene Jozwiak (May)  
Jan Landrum (Aug)  
Dennis Magowan (Jun)  
**Bobby Marable (Sep)**  
Virginia Mashburn (Aug)  
Ryan McGinn (Apr)

**Josephine Mons (Sep)**  
Bob Morris (Aug)  
John Opsteen (Apr)  
Chrisy Patrick (Jun)  
**Betty Savage (Sep)**  
Art Senecal II (Apr)  
Emilia Tracchio (Aug)  
Mitchell Tracchio (Apr)  
Jean Underwood (Apr)  
Cherri Weeks  
Janine White (Apr)  
Josephine Znoj

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

#### Ron Michelis

I have beaten the pneumonia, the spinal fractures (per yesterday's x-rays) are healing well and I will get rid of the brace in another month. Cardiac therapy should begin in the next week. The past month has been the most bizarre of my life. I don't know how I would have gotten through all the ups and downs without the prayers and positive thoughts of my friends and family. However, I did get through it. I'm a bit lighter, a bit slower, have a bit more titanium in me and have been pronounced blockage free. I look forward to when we can get back to some semblance of normal and I can thank each of you personally for your prayers.

#### Bobby Marable

Joseph A Terbruggen's Uncle is currently going through chemo-therapy to treat cancer that has entered his spine. He contracted it in his kidney last year and was treated successfully.

#### Alejandro Galarza

Our Lord is merciful and gracious; today my Brother Alex Galarza got disconnected from ventilator; Alex is conscious recovering from anesthesia, he managed to have some food on his own. God permitting if Alex keeps stable will be out of ICU and move up for regular hospitalization. This a true miracle. Thanks to our Lord and to all of you my Brother Knights; please keep praying for Alex full recovery and all affected by this pandemic.

Vivat Jesu Luis Galarza Your humble Recorder Council 12942

#### Matthew Brech

Requesting prayers for healing and pain relief.

#### Josephine Znoj

Josephine Znoj, daughter of Brother Stephen Znoj, has been diagnosed with Trisomy 18, a disease with no known cure.

Let us all fervently ask our Venerable (soon to be Blessed) Michael McGivney to intercede for Josephine. Through the intercession of Fr Michael McGivney, may Josephine Znoj be restored to full health and happiness with her family. Amen.

Prayer and the intercession of Saints in heaven can perform miracles.

Please pray for Josephine and the family.

#### Betty Savage

Please pray for Betty Savage, my sister's mother-in-law. She fell and fractured her pelvis recently and is slowly recovering. May the good Lord speed her healing and lessen her pain. Thank you, Timothy M Margeson

## *Let us Remember our Deceased Knights*



**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](mailto:zog1@bellsouth.net)  
 Card will be mailed out in 2 or 3 days. Thank you and God Bless.

# 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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## Happy Birthday Brother Knights

09/02	Gregory	Magnussen	09/21	Ernesto	Victoria
09/06	Daniel	Apa	09/22	Jerry	Frasso
09/08	John	Pucino	09/23	James	Cheshire
09/08	William	Thornton	09/23	Stephen	Herzog
09/09	Richmon	Schumann	09/23	Scott	Randazza
09/10	Peter	Chacon	09/25	Bruce	Wierzbinski
09/10	Sebastian	Russo	09/26	Emilio	Lopez
09/11	Dennis	Foster	09/26	David	Murphy
09/13	Frederick	Dri	09/27	Juan	Borge Orsorio
09/14	John	Rusinski	09/27	Mike	Ross
09/15	Christopher	Bell	09/28	William	Raasch
09/15	Jeff	Tormey	09/29	William	Lusk
09/16	Anthony	Ferrari	09/30	Lawrence	Peterson
09/17	J. Jesus	Perez	09/30	William	Wiseman
09/19	Bradley	Machara			

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## 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. -

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**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.).-

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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. -

**SK Luis A Galarza**, 404 825-7268 [Luis\\_Angel\\_Galarza@hotmail.com](mailto:Luis_Angel_Galarza@hotmail.com)

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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](mailto: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.

Faith Formation

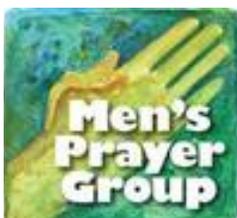


**St. Michael's Charismatic Prayer Ministry**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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: **August 25** -  
Contact: Don Conklin [dconklin@stbrendansatl.com](mailto:dconklin@stbrendansatl.com)



**That Man Is YOU!**

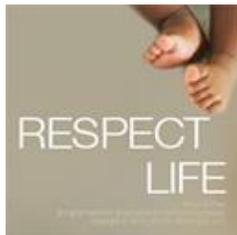
"That Man is You" honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop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

*Starts Saturday  
September 12, 7am*

Contact Don at [DConklin@stbrendansatl.com](mailto: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](mailto: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



Contact: Bridget Margeson [liftstbrendans@earthlink.net](mailto:liftstbrendans@earthlink.net)



#### Women's Mini-Retreat Series

**Holy Spirit, Gentle Guest of My Soul.**

The mini retreat series is for all women in the parish and her friends. **We will begin with Mass at 7:00am in the Chapel, followed by breakfast, continuing the retreat in the Fireside room until 11:00am.** The dates are Saturday mornings beginning on September 12th.

If you have questions, please contact Melissa Foley [mfoley01@att.net](mailto:mfoley01@att.net)

Contact Don at [DConklin@stbrendansatl.com](mailto:DConklin@stbrendansatl.com) or at 214-563-0634 for more information on all of our offerings

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12
13	14 Council Business Meeting	15 Delta Drive Recruitment Weekend Planning	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3