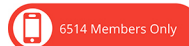




# Newsletter of Council 6514

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More information can be found by visiting our Council's webpage ([www.kofc6514.org](http://www.kofc6514.org)).  
Importantly, please click on an event on our webpage Calendar to sign up for an event.  
While in-person attendance is strongly encouraged, meetings designated as having a Zoom option can be accessed at <https://zoom.us/j/94104417514>.

## Upcoming Regular Meetings and Events

*Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>*

VA Stand Down for Homelessness  
Volunteers: Food prep Thrs Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm, Kitchen  
and Food service on Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am

*Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm*

Habitat for Humanity Build  
Location tbd, sign up online to receive details

*Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 5 & 7pm Mass*

Coats for Kids Dropoff  
Volunteers needed at front of SJCC

*Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 8am, 11am, 2pm, 5pm Mass*

Coats for Kids Dropoff  
Volunteers needed at front of SJCC

*Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 5 & 7pm Mass*

Coats for Kids Dropoff  
Volunteers needed at front of SJCC

*Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8am, 11am, 2pm, 5pm Mass*

Coats for Kids Dropoff  
Volunteers needed at front of SJCC

*Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm*

Council Planning Meeting at SJCC Parish Hall  
Offices required to attend, Zoom option

*Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00pm*

Council Business Meeting in SJCC Parish Hall  
All Knights encouraged to attend, Zoom option

*Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 5 & 7pm Mass*

Blood Drive Signup Donors  
Volunteers needed at front of SJCC

*Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 8am, 11am, 2pm, 5pm Mass*

Blood Drive Signup Donors  
Volunteers needed at front of SJCC

*Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 8am Mass*

Presentation of 2022-2023 Star Award  
Knights Encouraged to Attend

*Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm*

Blood Drive  
St. Joseph Parish Hall

## Council 6514 News

Over the couple weeks we had several members step up for important, and often last minute, volunteer roles. SK Zeke Barrera helped Family Promise by holding down the night shift at the shelter. Br. Vincent Obiekwe Okoye, Br. Ross Burggraf, and SK Bill Bast helped an elderly parishioner move out of her home with less than 24hr notice. And, SK Bill Bast and SK Al Fargione cooked for the Mondon Homecoming game concession stand. Thanks for all your contributions!

For the next several months we are going to include chapters from the Stepping Up Leadership Series in our Newsletter. These short lessons can help our council and community. Please take a look!



# STEPPING UP

WHY LEADERSHIP IS IMPORTANT

&

HOW YOU CAN BE A LEADER

GEORGIA STATE COUNCIL

FDD Thomas Schuler

# STEPPING UP

STEPPING UP  
Building a Better Council

## Preface

The lack of brother Knights to fill vacant leadership positions is a serious problem throughout our state. Too many talented men are reluctant to take on the responsibility of leadership. "Stepping Up" is a primer on why and how to overcome one's reservations about taking on a leadership role as a Knight of Columbus. Former District Deputy Tom Schuler provides common sense advice for all of us. I strongly endorse his efforts and ask every Knight in Georgia to read and consider his wise counsel. For the sake of your council, Parish, community, and yourself, take the time to read Tom's advice. Pray about your role as a Knight of Columbus leader and step up to fill the void. If not you, then who? If not now, then when? You can do it and we can help you. Talk to your Grand Knight about your role in the council. Talk to you District Deputy, a State Director, Chairman, or state officer if you are interested in serving the state council.

James H. Clifford  
Georgia State Deputy  
July 1, 2021

STEPPING UP  
Building a Better Council

## Introduction

This document is a compilation of a 9-email weekly series that I sent out to the members of council 9923 a few years ago, to encourage them to seek leadership roles either as officers, program directors, event leaders or merely leading by example. It's been refined and added to since then.

There was positive feedback, and many members became more active and some even took on more responsibilities as leaders.

The series is titled STEPPING UP and each installment is accompanied by an inspirational quote and a link to an article concerned with leadership topics.

While I do not consider myself as an expert on the subject by any means, I feel that the years I have spent in the KofC has taught me much.

Having served in numerous officer position and working on and heading up many council programs and events, I feel that council leadership is a subject I'm fairly familiar with.

Many councils are having trouble getting members to take on leadership. If that's your council this may be of help.

My main objective with this series is to get those who do not feel that they are leadership material to understand that everyone has some sort of leadership skill that their council needs. I hope you find this to be informative, enjoyable and helpful. I have put the emails together into this booklet and reworked it to fit most any council for you to share with your Brother Knights.

I welcome any feedback you have and if you think other Knights might benefit from it please feel free to share it. An electronic version will be available to anyone who asks for it so that copies can be distributed as needed.

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## STEPPING UP

### Building a Better Council

#### 1. Let's Get Started

I'm certainly not telling you anything you don't already know if I say that any organization, company, group or KofC Council lives or dies on the qualities exhibited by its leaders. But that fact cannot be overstated. And, in our case it is vitally important to identify, and encourage those men who will take leadership roles. The duties and responsibilities of the leaders of our council are not rocket science, there is nothing that almost any member couldn't handle, if only they would take the challenge. Success is the by-product of good leadership, while the only true failure is not trying at all. We all want our programs and events to succeed and the responsibility for that success falls on each and every one of us. There are many qualities that make a good leader, and I believe that we all have the capability to have and use these qualities. Although at one time I was not sure if I had what it takes to be a leader, an officer and never even thought about being Grand Knight. I soon found out if I would just use common sense and had confidence in the decisions I made' that leadership wasn't as daunting as I was afraid it would be.

This is the beginning to a series of messages designed to help you become a leader, not only of your council but perhaps being a council leader can help you in other aspects of life. I don't claim to be an expert, but I think that I can relate to a lot of what may be keeping you from STEPPING UP

Here's a short blog from leadership guru Simon Sinek

<https://simonsinek.com/discover/we-need-more-leaders/>

"Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen." – *Michael Jordan, Hall of Fame basketball superstar*