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Grand Knights Corner

Worthy Brothers,

Vivat Jesu! As I sit down to write out the final draft of this article, it is The Feast of the Transfiguration. Christ's Divinity was revealed, to select Disciples, in Spiritual & Physical terms. I would like each and every one of my Brothers in this Council to contemplate this Event in the Life of Christ. We greet Our Brother Knights with the phrase "Vivat Jesu!" We attempt to live as Christ like as possible. We attempt to be Catholic role models within Our Parish. Are we reminding Ourselves this Lenten Season that in order to fulfill the promises we've made, as Knights, we must undergo a transfiguration too? Do we "give up sweets" or something else only to tell others what we are doing to "be a good Catholic" during Lent? Or do we take this opportunity to enrich our understanding of what Christ went through for Forty Days, the Temptations He faced, the utter Heart-break He must have been experiencing? Christ came upon Earth to do One Mis-

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Council meetings are the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 PM. Officers meet at 7:00 PM. The fourth Monday is member social meeting.

**Your Officers and Committee Chairs
2009 - 2010 Fraternal Year**

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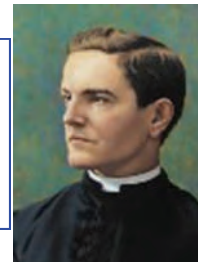
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Community	Alan Fralick
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Youth.....	Gerry Lynch
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Vocations.....	Michael Artzer
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Member Benefits

Fraternal Benefits Advisor.....	Joseph R. Noa PGK, PFN, FICF
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From the Knights of Columbus Georgia State Council-Feb 2010

Living the Vision of the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney



Haitian Relief

Fellow Georgia Knights,
Here is the Supreme Council message on the Haitian Earthquake:

Haiti Earthquake Relief

To All Knights of Columbus:

In an effort to come to the aid of the people of Haiti, who are suffering a humanitarian catastrophe of huge proportions in the wake of Tuesday evening's 7.0 earthquake, the Knights of Columbus has today sent an immediate contribution of \$50,000 to Catholic Relief Services, and we invite Knights to make contributions through the Supreme Council so that we can maximize the impact of the funds raised, and document the amount donated in this tragedy by members of the Order.

Donations by individual Knights can be made on the Supreme Council website (www.kofc.org). Checks should be made out to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. and mailed to 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510. Please write "Haiti Earthquake Relief" on the memo line of the check.

Contributions will be used to provide assistance wherever it can have the most immediate impact, and where the need is greatest.

We ask all Knights and their families to also offer their prayers for the victims of this terrible disaster.

In Georgia, are collecting funds which we will send to the Supreme 501c (3): Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.

We are asking Brother Knights in Georgia to send tax deductible donations to:

Columbian Charities of Georgia Inc.
c/o Mr. Thomas Mead
1102 Craddock Way
Macon, GA 31210

All the money collected will be forwarded to the Knights of Columbus Charities and then to Catholic Relief Services. Pending the approval of the Board of Columbian Charities of Georgia, an additional \$1000.00 will be added, from our state disaster relief fund.

Please be generous and remember to pray for the People of Haiti.

Jim St. John
State Deputy



St. Brendan's Lenten Soup Supper

Thursday, March 4 at 6: 00 p. m. in the Social Hall

Thank you for signing up to join us at St. Brendan's Lenten Soup Supper. Two flavors of soup and bread will be provided by Cas a Nuova.

Vicky Clair, Vice President and Pat Shope, Director of Development at Whispering Hope Womens' Resource and Pregnancy Center will be our guest speakers sharing the services provided by Whispering Hope. In the last three years, Whispering Hope has helped to prevent 342 abortions, provided emotional and material support to over 3000 women and helped 72 women finish high school and receive work force training. The organization provides free pregnancy testing and ultrasounds, prenatal care information, parenting classes, job training, counseling and extended support for women.

For admission we request a donation of the following:

Larger Items:

Cribs; Swings; Pak-N-Plays; High Chairs; Bassinets; Sleeper Sets; Swings; Exersaucers.

These items may be used, in good condition.

PLEASE be certain all pieces/screws, bolts etc. are attached to furniture.

Smaller Items:

Diapers; Baby Wipes; Bottles (Avent Venteaire or Dr. Brown); Baby Lotion and Shampoo;

Baby Powder with Corn Starch; Similac Advanced Formula powder.

Donations of money are also appreciated. Please make checks payable to St. Brendan's with the memo line for Whispering Hope.

For reservations sign up after Mass this week-end or next. For questions, contact Kim Martiny [@krmartiny@gmail.com](mailto:krmartiny@gmail.com)

Fish Fry

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY

Please mark your calendars!!! We will again be hosting the popular Lenten Fish Fry's on Fridays continuing on March 5th, 12, and 26th. This is one of our most visible events and a major fund raiser so we certainly can use everyone's support. The more bodies that help the lighter the load for all.



So please join the "Fish Fry Gang" – you have an opportunity to meet for fellowship with other K/C brothers and we always have a great time.



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sion...to Save Us. To Save Us from our own sins. He asks so very little in return! He asks simply that we begin and end in Love for God. If we weigh our decisions, each and every one, starting with the Love of God in our Hearts, where can one go wrong?! When I first became a Knight, a question was posed to me in the form of a request. The actual question is long forgotten. The request is not. I was asked to "prayerfully consider". As a member of St. Brendan's Council, I try to keep that in mind whether a Brother request I accomplish a task or if I simply see a need that I may accomplish. Try it. What a wonderful feeling I experienced, very recently. I was falling short, plain and simple. I could not fix the situation alone. Brother Knight's offered help (on more than one occasion) and what do you know?! Prayer! I asked, from within, for help. I asked God to intervene, to transfigure a Man very unwilling to admit needing help to "bring in the help". I could not have done this a few short years ago! Being a Knight means so much to me. Being a Catholic Gentlemen means so much to me. Volunteering to better my Parish, my Council, my Country & Myself. What a feeling! Vivat Jesu!

Brother Michael Clark meclark71@yahoo.com

Information on **40 Days for Life**

40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of a three-point program:

- Prayer and fasting
- Constant vigil
- Community outreach

40 Days for Life takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion in America.

The 40-day campaign tracks Biblical history, where God used 40-day periods to transform individuals, communities ... and the entire world. From Noah in the flood to Moses on the mountain to the disciples after Christ's resurrection, it is clear that God sees the transformative value of His people accepting and meeting a 40-day challenge.

St Brendan's has 3 Big Projects they are looking for help with.

Community Garden = help sponsor a plot to grow veges for the food pantry.

Habitat for Humanity Apostle's Build = sponsor some of the materials to build a house.

Cardboard Box City = This Weekend—March 6th, a 24 hour homeless experience for teens...let me know if you want to help and I'll give you more info!

For information check the Church bulletin or contact Kat Doyle @ kdoyle@stbrendansatl.com

Don't Overlook Veterans Benefits for Long Term Care

by Debra Robinson [drobinson@robinsonmiller.com](mailto:d Robinson@robinsonmiller.com)

Veterans or widow(er)s of veterans may be entitled to a tax-free monthly pension to offset the costs of home health care, assisted living or nursing homes. Many veterans either know nothing about the benefit or assume they don't qualify because they didn't retire from the military.

Who Qualifies?

The main requirements for a pension for a veteran or widow(er) are:

- the veteran served at least 90 days of consecutive active duty service, one day of which was during a war-time period;
- the veteran's discharge was not dishonorable;
- the claimant's income and assets are under certain limits; and
- the claimant has a permanent and total disability.

Assets

The Veterans Administration looks at whether a claimant has sufficient means to pay for care. Although there is no specified limit on the amount of assets, the commonly used amount is \$80,000, excluding a home, car and personal belongings. Because there is no penalty for transferring assets, it is possible for a claimant with a greater net worth to create a plan to preserve assets and still qualify.

Income

Even if a claimant's income exceeds the maximum limit, medical expenses can be applied to reduce income. Home health care, assisting living, or nursing home costs will offset a claimant's monthly income and allow the claimant to qualify despite the income limit.

Disability

To meet the disability requirement, the claimant's doctor must confirm that the claimant is house-bound and in need of assistance from another individual. The disability does not have to be service related. People aged 65 or older are presumed to be disabled and are not required to be rated as disabled under the VA schedule.

Benefits

There are three types of pensions available, each with different eligibility requirements and each paying different amounts. The largest pension benefit is called Aid and Attendance, and is available to a veteran or widow(er) who is either blind, living in a nursing home, or in need of assistance to manage the activities of daily living.

2009 Maximum Pension Rates for Aid and Attendance

Single Veteran	\$1,644 per month
Married Veteran	\$1,949 per month
Widowed Spouse	\$1,056 per month

In these difficult economic times, an extra \$1,949 a month in tax-free income is not something to ignore. If you're a veteran or widow(er) who might qualify, or if you have a family member who might qualify, now is the time to get started on the application process.

Information and assistance is available online at www.va.gov through veterans' service organizations, and through attorneys or other agents who have been accredited by the Veterans Administration.

Information on sponsoring a **Pro-Life Baby Shower**

Sponsoring a “Knights of Columbus Pro-life Baby Shower” is a great way to raise funds and obtain supplies for local pro-life organizations, crisis pregnancy centers, and shelters for women and children. Conduct the event at your local parish or community center, asking for donations of used baby or maternity clothing, infant and pregnancy supplies, diapers, bottles, formula, etc.

Here are some steps to follow when conducting this program.

Ask council members if they have an old crib that is in good condition or a portable play pen that is not being used.

Obtain your pastor’s permission to set up an old crib or play pen in the church’s entry way or foyer.

Set a period of time to run the event (for example, weekends for a month) and ask your parish priest or make an announcement about the initiative, or get permission to have a council officers make an announcement before or after each Mass. Also, request for a written announcement be included in the parish bulletin. In the announcement ask parishioners to consider donating new or used baby or maternity clothing, baby and pregnancy supplies, diapers, bottles, formula, etc.

When collecting monetary donations, make sure to have a secure receptacle in your collection area for cash and checks.

TIP: Place some nice baby/maternity items and supplies in the collection receptacle after setting it up so people can see what types of items are needed. Put a sign on the collection receptacle so people who miss the announcement will know what it is for.

Collect the items after Mass each weekend.

With permission of the organization you are donating to, send a photo and press release on the donation to the local media. Try to avoid a “grip and grin” type presentation photo and instead send photograph of people at the center sorting the donated items or the items being used.



FEBRUARY 17-
MARCH 28, 2010

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

This spring, from February 17 – March 28, Atlanta will be uniting with other cities across North America and around the world for a massive coordinated pro-life mobilization – the *40 Days for Life* campaign. People of faith are praying that, with God's help, this effort will help bring an end to the tragedy of abortion.

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign that has generated measurable lifesaving results in hundreds of cities where it has been implemented. Some locations have reported as much as a 28% drop in local abortion numbers and hundreds of new people getting involved in local lifesaving ministry efforts. The *40 Days for Life* campaign is made up of three key components:

- **Prayer and Fasting:** inviting people of faith throughout our city to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion
- **Peaceful Vigil:** standing for life through a 40-day peaceful public witness outside the local abortion facility at 1924 Cliff Valley Way, Atlanta, Georgia.
- **Community Outreach:** taking a positive, upbeat pro-life message to every corner of our city through media efforts, church presentations, petition drives, and public visibility

Learn how you can “speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves” here in greater Atlanta by contacting the campaign at 770.547.8493 or by e-mail at atlanta40days@gmail.com.

www.40daysforlife.com/atlanta

WE NEED TOOLS

(Contact: Art Senecal - 770-205-7969 Ext.40 or
 asenecal@stbrendansatl.com)

Our Parish Workshop is up and running full swing. The Knights of Columbus have repaired 80 wooden chairs from Church. They have glued, restained and cleaned the fabric of these chairs for savings of \$8,000 to our parish. They also have cleaned 70 fabric chairs from our Social Hall. We are in need of donations of hand tools and power hand tools to continue in this type of work. Your help is appreciated.



Knights & Friends



Spring Golf Outing

Warm up your clubs!!!

Our first outing of 2010 has been scheduled for March 30, 2010. This is a social event and is open to Brother Knights, prospective Knights and friends of Knights. It will be held at the Manor Golf and Country Club in Milton. It will start at 12:30 with early arrivals able to use the driving range to sharpen their skills.

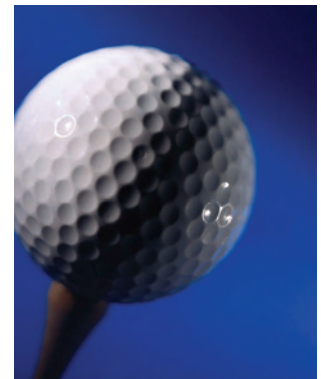


We will play a scramble with all skill levels welcome.

We received a great discounted rate of \$50 for greens fees, carts and all taxes. The new Manor Clubhouse will be available for post round refreshments.

Please contact either Curtis Weeks
 (curtisweeks@bellsouth.net or 407-301-0645) or Randy
 DeBolt (randydebolt@comcast.net or 770-880-3506) to
 sign up or with questions.

We are limited to 32 golfers so make your reservations early.



Pastor: "Do you say prayers before meals?"

Boy: "No Father, I don't have to. Mother is a good cook."

Pastor: "Why was Adam created before Eve?"

Psychologist: "To give men one opportunity on earth to say something without being contradicted!"

Sunday School Teacher: "How many wives or husbands can a Catholic have?"

Little girl: "Sixteen. Four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer."

Sunday School Teacher: "What must you do before you can expect the forgiveness of sin?"

Little boy: "Commit sin."

A Request from Brother Dan Jozwiak

I am a member of the Class of 2010 of Leadership Forsyth. The purpose of Leadership Forsyth is to provide leadership training and inspire a network of emerging leaders thru an educational experience that increases all participants' knowledge, awareness of community institutions and involvement with community leaders and resources. Each year, the class chooses a project that is designed to benefit the community while building class participation and leadership skills.

For 2010, our class has chosen to work with SAFFT (Supporting Adoption & Foster Families Together) SAFFT.org, a local non-profit foster children/family support group, in creating a community center for foster families of Forsyth County. This project is endorsed by the Forsyth County Commissioners, Juvenile Court of Forsyth County, the Forsyth County Department of Family and Children Services, and the City of Cumming. Safft was given a small ranch home near the intersection of Hwy 9 and Hwy 20 in Cumming. We need to gut the home and make it so that the foster children can visit with their birth parent or parents in a supervised environment. We are fortunate to have a classmate that has an architectural firm that will be providing the design and blueprints that will be needed to submit for permitting. We also have a classmate that is a licensed contractor that will be our project manager to assure that the project is organized. The estimated cost of the project is \$40,000. We already have materials being donated by Home Depot. We also have donations from our class members and several of the alumni of Leadership Forsyth. In addition to our financial donations our class will be providing the manpower to do whatever we can to help defray some of the costs involved.

Needless to say we still need financial assistance. We are in the process of selling raffle tickets for \$20 per ticket. We have several left if you or anyone you know would like to purchase a ticket. We will be selling only 500 tickets. There is only one prize 500 lottery scratch off tickets. We hope to sell enough tickets to raise \$9500, \$500 going to the purchase of the tickets. The raffle will be on St Patty's Day. Therefore we need to sell all tickets prior.

We also need other financial donors that would be able to give what they can to help this great cause in our community.

You can go to our project web site to learn more at <http://leadershipforsyth2010.info/>

I would appreciate it if our Brother Knight would review this to see if anyone would be able to help or direct us to people you know that may be able to help. All checks should be made out to Leadership Forsyth. We are a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization. All donations are 100 % tax deductible.

Thank you in advance for your help. I look forward to hear from you.

Sincerely

Dan Jozwiak

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Cumming Ga. 30040

678-327-6621



Vocation Information Night

Want more information about Religious Life?

Do you have what it takes for
the priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life?

**Come to the Vocation Information Night at:
Thursday, March 4th, 7:00PM
In the Chapel**





Vocation Awareness Ministry Contact: Bill Kelly billkellyusa@gmail.com



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