

# KNIGHTLY NEWS



Knights of Columbus - Archbishop Thomas A. Donnellan Council 7923

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March 2010

## Grand Knight's Report

Steve Brischler

*Grand Knight*

Brother Knights:

The Fish Fry is in full swing and we're doing pretty well. Weeks one and three went very smoothly. Week two, we had an enormous crowd which consumed us, leaving some of our patrons less than delighted with the wait time. Some minor tweaks were implemented and week three went without a hitch, with excellent comments from those polled. Great job to all involved. Please pass along to your family and friends that we'd love to see them out on Friday evening.

If you would like to participate in working the Fry, it is not too late. Please see Br. Mike Clark or myself and your talents will be utilized.

All workers are reminded to park next door to the hall as parking is an issue each week – a good problem to have.

The Council hosted a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification this

past weekend and while attendance from the various Councils was low, the Degree itself was very good and Council 7923 presented a great environment for the Degree and an excellent lunch afterwards. Georgia's State Deputy was in attendance and was impressed with our efforts. A special thanks to Brothers Joe Carroll, Hugh Gardiner and Frank Swider for taking care of the lunch, and to all the Brothers that participated either in the Team or as Observers.

Our Chaplain, Monsignor David Talley also attended the Degree and is now a full member of the Knights – congrats to Msgr. Talley.

Please mark on your calendars, March 28, 2010 as the Sunday that our Council will be attending Mass as a group at SJN. We will be attending the 9:30 AM Mass, as is tradition to attend Mass as a group during Lent. Please come wearing your Sunday best and your name badge. We'll be seated on the left side of the Church, next to the choir area. This is also a time for a focus on recruitment.

On a final note, please help us with identifying sponsors for our upcoming golf tournament supporting the SJN Building Fund, The Missionaries of the Poor and the Council's charity budget. We have several sponsors signed up, but we could use many more. For details on becoming a sponsor please contact brothers Fred Olsen or Mike Clark.

Vivat Jesus!

Steve Brischler

## GKC Report

Brother Knights, on behalf of the GKC Board of Directors, I want to thank you for your heartwarming response to our appeal for money at a time when we

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experienced a serious shortfall. 34 Brother Knights stepped up and contributed \$11,576.00 which allowed us to get current on our bills and pay our property tax.

**How did we get there?** Unfortunately this is not a new problem. In the past, we have taken out loans from Brother Knights and paid them off when we re-financed our mortgage. Because of this practice, our mortgage principal is just under what we originally borrowed to build our Council Home. This time we made a decision to go to you directly in order to a) determine the interest level of our member to continue to maintain this facility and b) to move forward in our goal to reduce the principal until we become mortgage free. Over the years, our income has been flat while our expenses have risen due to inflation and age of the facility.

**What will we do keep this from happening again?** There are two areas that we are attacking to reduce expenses and reward for increasing sales.

One area is the refinance of our Hall. Every 3 to 5 years we have a balloon note coming due and we are forced to obtain a new mortgage. This year in May we are in this position. We believe we will be able to get better an interest rate which will lower our monthly mortgage payment. We need you to step up and act as a guarantor for this new mortgage. I need another \$160,000 in guarantees in order to get a new mortgage. We will consider any amount you are willing to guarantee. Call me for specifics.

The other area is a new contract under negotiations with CF Hosting which will reduce our monthly liability and focus financial rewards on achieving income growth to Killian Hall. Words cannot describe how appreciative we are to Kevin and Ann Lewis for their important contributions of time, talent, and treasure to our Council and Hall over the years. And we look forward to many years of continued relationship with their Company.

**What do we need from you?** We are still short \$20,000 which we would need to setup a cushion for low earning months. So keep the contributions coming. Also, we provide a first class operation for meetings, parties, and weddings. PLEASE consider using our Hall for all of your events and act as a sales person for us when you hear of someone looking to rent a facility. I am always available to answer any questions and listen to any suggestions.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Clark, President GCK Home Co., Inc.

## Golf Tournament

For the first time in years we are having a golf tournament devoting the finances to Charity. We intend to split the proceeds between the Parish of St. John Neumann and the Missionaries of the Poor who have a presence in Haiti. I ask all Brother Knights to please take a copy of the sponsorship letter to your employer and request a donation. The success of our tournament will depend on our sponsorships.

## Business Meeting

Highlights from last month's Business Meeting include:

### Deputy Grand Knight's Report

- DGK Jim McHugh reported:
  - o Need greeters for SJN church office, see DGK Jim McHugh or check the schedule online. (7:45am – 10:00am and 10:00am – 12:15pm)
  - o BK Steve Drzik reported 133 breakfasts served and made ~\$518.
  - o Super Bowl party had about 25 people attend and collected \$405
  - o Pasta Dinner on January 14<sup>th</sup> netted about \$700.
  - o BK Todd Eaton spoke of Pinewood Derby (made \$50), Flag Retirement ceremony on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> (retired 15 flags) and Free Throw Contest (about 20 shooters).
  - o PGK Mike Clark announced Fish Fry events will start on Friday, Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, so please come out and help. BK Trevor Chen will be heading up the desert table (from the Columbiette's) and need Knights to bring desserts.
  - o St. Patrick's Day Party will be chaired by BK Mickey Finnegan. Looking for a keyboard player.
  - o PGK Mike Clark spoke of this coming year's golf tournament and is working on the details for this event coming up April 25<sup>th</sup> at Country Club of Gwinnett. Sponsorship brochure is in the newsletter.

**WANT ADS**

**GET YOUR NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL! -**  
 If you have received this newsletter by U S Mail and you have a computer, please send an email to [tmarasco@bellsouth.net](mailto:tmarasco@bellsouth.net) so we can start sending you the newsletter via email and thus reduce our printing and postage costs.

**DO YOU HAVE AN INTERESTING PICTURE?**  
 –Please contact Todd Eaton at 770-381-9836 or [todd.eaton@comcast.net](mailto:todd.eaton@comcast.net)

**HALL RENTALS** – Hold your next birthday bash, company event, or reception at Killian Hall. Call Kevin Lewis at 770-921-9966.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Date	Event	Location/Time
Mar 5 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Fish Fry</a>	Killian Hall 5:00pm – 8:00pm
Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree	Killian Hall 10:00am – 1:30pm
Mar 7 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Family Breakfast</a>	<a href="#">Killian Hall</a> 9:00am – 12:30pm
Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>	Business Meeting	Killian Hall - 8:00pm (Rosary at 7:30pm)
Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Fish Fry</a>	Killian Hall 5:00pm – 8:00pm
Mar 15 <sup>th</sup>	GKC Meeting	Killian Hall, 7:30pm
Mar 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's Day Party	Killian Hall 5:30pm – 8:30pm
Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Fish Fry</a>	Killian Hall 5:00pm – 8:00pm
Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Social Meeting & First Degree	Killian Hall, 7:30pm (Candidates arrive at 7:00pm)
Mar 26 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Fish Fry</a>	Killian Hall 5:00pm – 8:00pm
Mar 28 <sup>th</sup>	Knight's Mass	SJN Church 9:30am
Mar 29 <sup>th</sup>	Social Meeting	Killian Hall, 7:30pm
Apr 5 <sup>th</sup>	Officer Meeting	Killian Hall, 7:30pm
Apr 11 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Family Breakfast</a>	<a href="#">Killian Hall</a> 9:00am – 12:30pm
Apr 12 <sup>th</sup>	Business Meeting	Killian Hall - 8:00pm (Rosary at 7:30pm)
Apr 15 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Dinner	Killian Hall 5:30pm – 8:00pm
Apr 18 <sup>th</sup>	GKC Meeting	Killian Hall, 7:30pm
Apr 25 <sup>th</sup>	Social Meeting	Killian Hall, 7:30pm

**Council Events**

Brief notes on upcoming events for Council 7923

**Knights of the Month**

During last month's Business Meeting, the following Brother Knights and Family were recognized for their contributions to Council 7923.

- (BK Todd) Eaton as Family of the Month
  - BK Todd, wife Theresa, sons Casey and Danny did a great job with Pinewood Derby, Flag Retirement Ceremony and the Free Throw Contest.
- BK Tom Izzo as Knight of the Month
  - BK Tom did a great job with the Pasta night in addition he donated all the food.

**Joke of the Month**

Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and asks the first man he meets, 'Do you want to go to heaven?'

The man said, 'I do, Father...'

The priest said, 'Then stand over there against the wall.'

Then the priest asked the second man, 'Do you want to go to heaven?'

'Certainly, Father,' the man replied.

'Then stand over there against the wall,' said the priest.

Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and asked, 'Do you want to go to heaven?'

O'Toole said, 'No, I don't Father.'

The priest said, 'I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?'

O'Toole said, 'Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now.'

## Council 7923 Officers

### Chaplain

Msgr. David Talley ..... 770-923-6633

### Grand Knight

Steve Brischler..... 770-978-6422

### Deputy Grand Knight

Jim McHugh..... 770-921-5814

### Chancellor

Ray Tremblay..... 770-985-3417

### Recorder

Todd Eaton..... 770-381-9836

### Treasurer

Tom Marasco ..... 770-978-1207

### Warden

Ted Asher..... 770-923-3641

### Advocate

Ray Sherwood..... 770-972-7987

### Financial Secretary

Ralph Oshinski..... 770-979-5187

### Inside Guard

Tony Colina..... 770-923-2551

### Outside Guard

Jim Ollick..... 770-837-2272

### Lecturer

Warren Thomas..... 770-923-0036

### 1st Year Trustee

Bob Gesuelle ..... 770-717-9321

### 2nd Year Trustee

Brad Burnett..... 770-736-0806

### 3rd Year Trustee

Jim Carroll..... 770-972-6670

### Insurance Field Agent

Michael Sorsdahl..... 770-982-2159



## Happy Birthday Knights

Rev. James P. Fennessy	3/1
John Haley	3/1
Dennis M. Towhey	3/4
John R. Barczykowski	3/6
James A. Basile	3/8
Thomas L. Devlin, Jr.	3/9
Steve E. Duckworth	3/9
Michael Quinlan	3/13
Thomas L. Marasco	3/17
Mark Rowe	3/19
Joseph F Arena	3/22
Kenneth H. Basye, Jr	3/22
Robert C. Shoup	3/23
Michael Mickalonis	3/24
Joesph Hiller	3/25
Peter Montigny	3/26
Michael R. Staffieri	3/26
Paul R. Rossetti	3/28

## Picture of the Month



PGK Mike White and Msgr. David Talley at this year's Super Bowl Party

If you have a picture of a Knight in Action for the newsletter, please send it to [todd.eaton@comcast.net](mailto:todd.eaton@comcast.net)

## WELCOME TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY - 2010 EDITION

### ADULT DINNERS

(2 sides)

FRIED FISH \$7.50  
GRILLED MAHI \$7.50  
BAKED TILAPIA \$7.50  
BAKED SALMON \$8.00  
TUNA BOAT \$6.50  
CHEESE PIZZA \$5.00  
SHRIMP DINNER \$8.00

### CHILDREN'S DINNERS

(1 side)

FRIED FISH \$4.00  
MAC & CHEESE \$4.00  
CHEESE PIZZA \$3.00

**ALL DINNERS INCLUDE HUSH  
PUPPIES PLUS CHOICE OF**

**SIDES:**

FRENCH FRIES  
COLE SLAW  
MAC & CHEESE  
SIDE SALAD



### EXTRAS

SHRIMP SKEWER \$3.50  
CLAM CHOWDER \$3.50  
FRENCH FRIES \$1.50  
COLE SLAW \$1.50  
MAC & CHEESE \$1.50  
SIDE SALAD \$2.00  
EXTRA FISH \$3.50  
(FRIED ONLY)  
CHEESE PIZZA SLICE \$2.00  
EXTRA HUSH PUPPIES  
(4) \$1.50

### **BEVERAGES AVAILABLE AT BAR**

**MEALS AND DESSERTS  
PROVIDED BY  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**PIZZA COURTESY OF  
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Knights of Columbus  
Georgia Council 7923  
Lilburn Georgia

January 25, 2010

Dear Sponsor

The new year brings new optimism and a new focus on our efforts to improve our Faith, Family, and Human Relations. In our efforts to provide improvements we will be holding a Golf Tournament at Country Club of Gwinnett on Sunday April 25, 2010. We need your financial help to achieve our objectives. Our objective is to provide financial assistance to St. John Neumann Parish Lilburn Georgia and to provide much needed revenues for the Missionaries of the Poor in Haiti.

First let me tell you about the Knights of Columbus. The Knight was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works. Founded in 1882, the Knights of Columbus has grown from a few members at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Ct to over 1.7 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan.



Missionaries of the Poor:

Since their founding in Jamaica in 1981, the Missionaries of the Poor have established nine missions around the world. They now serve the Lord among the poorest of the poor in Jamaica, Africa, Haiti, India, the Philippines and the United States.



St. John Neumann Parish:

St. John Neumann Parish services over 2,000 families in the Lilburn area. In addition to Church activities, SJN has a pre-school and supports a grade school next door serving children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. SJN is in the process of building a new Church to accommodate its growing membership. With the recent flooding SJN has experienced time delays and financial losses and is in need financial assistance.

Sponsorships needed:

Platinum Sponsorship: \$500 sponsors a hole with program advertising & signs for both Tee box and green. \_\_\_\_\_

Platinum sponsorship includes 4-some

Gold Sponsorship: \$250 sponsors a Tee Box or Green with program advertising & sign on tee box or green \_\_\_\_\_

Gold sponsorship includes 2-some

Silver Sponsorship: Cash Donation: Provides acknowledgement in our program as a sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Merchant Sponsorship: Provide Services or merchandise for prizes valued at \_\_\_\_\_

I want to thank you in advance for your support. *Fred Olsen, Chairman (770) 978-8568*

# St. Patrick's Day Dinner

**Wednesday, March 17th  
5:30 - 8:30 at Killian Hall**

770.921.9966

[www.killianhall.com](http://www.killianhall.com)

Join us for traditional corned beef, cabbage, red potatoes and Steve & Bill's famous salad extravaganza.

Available extras will include Irish Coffee, Irish Soda Bread and our full-service fully stocked bar. Desserts too!

**Adult Dinner \$10.00**

**Children's Dinner \$6.00**

Presented by the Knights of Columbus  
council 7923 and Killian Hall.

*Join and help us serve  
our community.*



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## Business Meeting Sponsor of the Month

One of GK Brad Burnett's initiatives is to have a local business sponsor the monthly business meeting. The sponsor donates money to the council and has the opportunity to tell the members about their business. Because of this sponsorship, the council will provide free drinks and snacks after the meeting.

The February business meeting was sponsored by DD Brad Burnett of Freedom Financial Services.



Thank you DD Brad Burnett for your generous sponsorship. If any Brother Knight has a need for financial advice, please consider DD Brad Burnett at Freedom Financial Services for your needs.

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