

Knights of Columbus Double Star Council 11402

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Worthy Brothers: community within our parish and in the

The spiritual philosopher David Spangler writes this about the New Year:

> "New Year's is that time when we look back in retrospection and evaluation of where we have been and forward in hope and anticipation of where we may be going. This two-fold vision is reflected in the

name of the new month. January, for Janus was a two-faced god, the god of portals and thresholds, of coming in and going out, of past and future held simultaneously in a single, encompassing perspective.

At New Year's we celebrate the sense that we can ... touch a creative and visionary source within us, and shape the world afresh. ... It only takes a shift of perspective to realize that this moment, as the old saying goes, is the beginning of the rest of our lives."

If you've been watching, maybe you have gotten the sense that

Council 11402 has set out on several new beginnings, and has headed off in several new directions. Sometimes these changes are wonderfully rewarding, sometimes they are extremely disruptive, but at all times they move us forward in a direction toward greater charity, fraternity, and unity.

It's only one man's opinion, but here are some of the events in 2007 that I am most proud of our Council for considering and doing.

Fish Fry 2007: At the same time, the best and the worst of our 11 fish fry events. We broke new records in attendance, we served exciting new entrees, we really grew the sense of

greater community that surrounds us. We also strained the bonds of fraternity on several occasions, a sad situation that cannot be allowed to happen again.

Free Throw Competition: We set new attendance records, and one of our champions made it through the District and won the State Finals in Macon!

> **Lenten Day of Reflection:** Fr. James Behrens, OSCS from the Monastery of the Holy Spirit led us through a preparation for Easter. This was the 4th event in our rejuvenated spiritual development program. Our Summer weekend retreat also was a success, with Deacon Alfred Mitchell of the Archdiocese and Msgr. Joe Corbett in attendance. We still have a long way to go toward reaching our goal of 100 participants, but these initial steps are encouraging!

Hospitality: This year we instituted a "Hospitality Committee" under the leadership of Deacon Ray Egan to more consistently and diligently minister to our Brothers and their families who are "sick and in distress." We also placed a "Prayer Request" board in McGivney Hall to keep the names of our sick in our presence at our meetings.

Charity: We started out more slowly than expected, but by mid-year our Charitable Giving Program was in full swing. Several local charities (including some that were new to our Council) received support. These charities covered a wide-range of services, from pregnancy counseling, persons with intellectual disabilities assistance, the



Grand Knight Greg Crnkovich again charmed the children this year as Santa



Grand Knight's Report (continued)

Interfaith Outreach Home, and many others. I am especially gratified that several of our efforts involved more than just the giving of money—much of our contribution was in the form of labor and assistance that could not be arranged in any other way by these organizations. Our volunteers repaired and renewed the Elaine Clark Center and repainted the "People Making Progress" offices. Our notion of "Knights in Action" became a reality in a very meaningful way.

- For the 1st time ever, Council 11402 entered the "Salute to Dunwoody 4th of July Parade." It was a lot of fun, and our "Santa Maria" float won first prize in one category with a small cash award!!!
- Our Church Director continues to develop monthly "Wear Your Badge" Sundays, and our quarterly Eucharistic Council Recognitions serve as a sign of Fraternity and Unity within our Council. More importantly, our visible presence as Knights are both reminders and welcomes to the men in our parish to come join us.
- We hosted a recognition of all our Past Grand Knights (long overdue), and included Silver and Gold anniversary couples and Father Dan McCormick's 50th priestly anniversary in the celebration last July.
- We served many fine dinner/cookouts for several parish functions including the Pre-School, the Youth Group, the crèche lighting, the Emory Catholic Center, and Habitat for Humanity.
- Our acolyte teams again served on the altar for all funeral Masses and special occasions around fifty times. Our 4th degree Sir Knights provided dozens of honor guards to lend special meaning to ceremonials.
- After a few years absence, our Annual Tootsie Roll fund raiser was brought back with great success!! And we sold thousands of dollars of fudge, fruit cakes, and coffee to raise money for support of the Conyers monks.
- Our Veteran's Appreciation Day picnic set a new standard for excellence, one we'll be hard-put to top for many years to come. We again teamed with All Saints Boy Scout Troop 434 for a flag retirement ceremony.
- Our "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign won first prize in the state among all participating councils.

We provided friends, companions, and mentors to homeless men in community shelters again last year.

Our Council reached out in the spirit of our motto "In Service to One, In Service to All" and raised sufficient funds to purchase a new vehicle equipped for handicapped accessibility for one of our Brother Knights.

Of course, there are many, many more events and acts of charity in which Council 11402 and its members participated in 2007. Our brothers are ushers, lectors, song leaders, choir members, blood donors, and community leaders. I'm hard pressed to remember all they do. But their acts all have one thing in common:

They were acts of generous Brothers who fulfilled the admonishment of *Matthew 25: 37-40*:

"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?

And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' "

Vivat Jesus, Greg Crnkovich, Proud Grand Knight of All Saints Council #11402

Christmas Reflections from a 13-Year-Old

By Haley Myers, Granddaughter of Sir Knight Don and Dolores Myers

"Even youths will become exhausted and young men will give up. But those who wait on the Lord will find new strength. They will fly on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not feel faint." - Isaiah 40:30-31

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior. He is the Lord of heaven and earth. Jesus was sent to this world to save me by dying for my sins. If that isn't the greatest gift in the world, then I have no idea what is. I believe that without having him in my life, I wouldn't be where I am today. He loves everyone, and will never give up on them.

The world today is such a rough place to live, but with the Lord laying his hands down on us, his blessing is truly a gift from above. My faith for him has grown throughout life. Youth group, Campus Life, and Fellowship Christian Athletes have inspired me to share his word to others, and even as life gets harder, I will always know that Jesus is right there guiding me through everything I pursue in.

Jesus gives me strength to stand up for what I believe in, and is always there to comfort me, love me, and support me. He watches over everyone and everything. He's my best friend, and he is one of the only people in life who are going to always believe in you, and never going to give up on you. I love him for all that I am, and he will always love me even if I do mess up. His forgiveness is what keeps me and all other believers of faith alive today.

Passed and Pending Council Benevolence Actions

At the December meeting, Deputy Grand Knight Lou Hlad reported the recommendations of the **Charity Review Committee** regarding three new requests submitted to the council during the previous month.

Request #1: Brother Mike Will submitted a request for \$3,100 to finish the ceiling of the Sullivan Center on Peachtree Road. Sister Sullivan, who runs the Center, requested our help in making the main room more habitable. It seems that the ceiling has never been closed and the insulation is exposed and falling. The Center is unsightly and somewhat dangerous as a result. The amount requested would complete the unfinished installation. Our Habitat for Humanity expertise would be beneficial in managing it to proper completion. The request was recommended for full Council January vote.

Request #2: Brother Mark Moots requested funds to support the Parish Jamaica Trip scheduled in February. He detailed a need for \$250 for excess baggage weight fees and \$400 for an airline ticket for a female parishioner without means. The total request for **\$650** was recommended for consideration by full Council January vote.

Request #3: Brother Bob Mitchell requested \$4,000 for purchase of new sound system equipment for the All Saints Contemporary Ensemble. The equipment is approximately 8 years old and includes microphones, mixing consoles, cables, and stands. The Committee felt this was the responsibility of the Parish under their annual music budget and should be referred back to the Pastoral Board. Grand Knight Crnkovich did report this issue back to the Board. The request was not recommended for further Council consideration at this time.

"Wheels for Matt" Project: Crnkovich astounded the Council by relaying the fact that the project to raise \$40,000 from the community for a handicapped-equipped van for Brother Matt Dewhurst had reached its goal in less than three weeks. A presentation event for December 16th was scheduled with full Honor Guard ceremonials. Pictures below.



<<<< Matt Dewhurst is flanked by an Honor Guard consisting from left to right of Ernie Spencer, Bob Mitchell, Guy Stryker, Ken Winkler, Lou Hlad, George Foster, Jim Rainsford, Bennie Mastrogiovanni, and Wiley Maloof.

Bottom left. This 2008 Toyota Sienna minivan with special handicapped ramp awaited Brother Matt Dewhurst after Brother Deacon Ray Egan blessed it. Matt expressed his intent on going first to Daytona Beach for a vacation.

Bottom Right: It was a full house at the reception in the Social Hall. Many attendees were from outside the Parish and were very impressed with the contingent of knights in formal regalia.





Full House of New Knights and Dignitaries!!



Front Row: John Delvac (St. Brigid Council), Bill Schmitz, Tom Sheeran, Matt Filla, Kevin Flagg
Back Row: Membership Director Frank Callan, John Heneghan, Jon Van Duyne, Geoff Sperback,
Pat Casey, Jr., Andrew Jedlicka, Mike Fess, District Deputy Dan Baker, Grand Knight Greg Crnkovich

The most successful 1st Degree Exemplification thus far in the history of McGivney Hall took place on November 29th. Eleven new members were sworn into the Order. Ten will join All Saints and one brother will join our sister St. Brigid Council in Alpharetta.

Dignitaries were present in force. The number one Knight in Georgia, State Deputy Dan Baker, watched the proceedings before a very full house. He was joined by Rick Sisko (State Advocate), Thomas Gissy (State Regional Advisor), Thomas Frizzi (District 10 Deputy), our Brother Guy Stryker (District 13 Deputy), and John Baker (District 13 Warden).

The ceremony went very well and the guests were quite impressed with our Hall and our degree team.



Just before the ceremony, we positioned the above guests in prominent seats to view the ceremonials. They were impressed with the fact that McGivney Hall was specifically designed for the enactment of the 1st degree ceremony. All spotlights are positioned to enhance aspects of the degree.

<u>From Left:</u> Guy Stryker, Dan Baker, Rick Sisko (one of our own former Grand Knights), Thomas Gissy, Thomas Frizzi, and John Baker).

Also in the audience were Grand Knight Brad Burnett of Council 7923 in Lilburn, Grand Knight Ben Bryant of Council 4358 in Decatur, and Ken Lucier, 3rd Degree Team Leader and a former Grand Knight in Snellville himself.

Brother Seggerson Regales December Men's Club

By Joe Kane

John Seggerson is a 3rd degree brother and fellow parishioner who spent 39 years as an employee and 5 years as a consultant with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). He was not a doctor or a scientist, but a manager.

When John graduated from St. John's College in Rensselaer, Indiana, he was interviewed by the CDC for his excellent academics. He was the oldest of 9 siblings and grew up poor, so accepting this job seemed the best way to start making money.

He was assigned to start working on the South side of Chicago as part of a venereal disease (VD) task force. He worked nights going to bars to trace the spread of VD from prostitutes and clients. He interviewed people who had syphilis and tried to educate people on how to avoid sexual diseases.

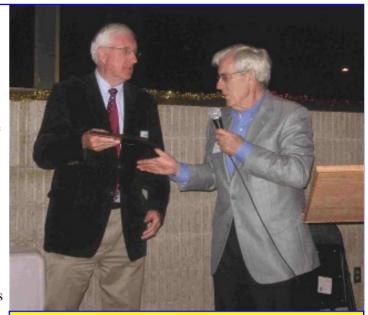
He met with tough characters, vicious dogs, and mafia characters. He later became the Cook County VD Program Director. As he likes to say, "he was responsible for all the VD in the Mid-Atlantic states."

John was later sent to Philadelphia to work on tuberculosis (TB). While there he was one of the CDC persons who worked on the infectious disease outbreak in 1976 that became known as

"Legionnaires Disease." The Belleview Strafford Hotel, where the outbreak started, was exceptionally clean, but was forced to close because of bad publicity. The actual cause of the outbreak was never found.

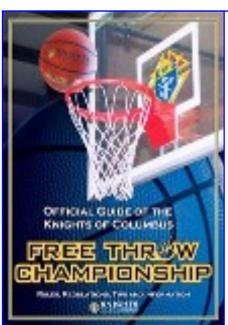
He eventually was sent to Atlanta to continue work on tuberculosis. In the early 80's, there was an increase in the incidence of TB in NYC and Florida. The people involved were intravenous drug users that also had a high incidence of AIDS. In Africa much of the population is infected with TB. The TB in Africa and Asia is related to AIDS. John remains an expert on TB, and happily the CDC has developed a new test for TB.

The CDC came to Atlanta during WWII to work on the eradication of Malaria for our troops and allies. There are now 8,000 dedicated employees on 9 different Atlanta campuses.



Brother John Seggerson (left) is handed a remembrance plaque by Brother Joe Kane of the Men's Club for speaking at their December meeting. John was the second Knight to speak this year after Sir Knight Judge Harvey Moskowitz.

KofC Free Throw Contest at All Saints Again



The All Saints Council #11402 Annual Free Throw competition will be held on Sunday, January 13, 2008 from 10:00 am to Noon in the parish gym. The contest is for all boys and girls, ages 10 to 14.

The winners of the All Saints competition will be eligible to compete in the District Championships in early February, also to be held at All Saints. Winners of the district competitions will vie for the title of State Champion at the State tournament to be held at Phillips Arena in March.

Last year, Bobby Perez of St. Thomas Aquinas parish was crowned an international champion for his efforts. This title earned him the privilege of representing the Atlanta Hawks as a honorary captain for a game early this season where he was able to watch the game courtside.

Please spread the word on the upcoming competition and I look forward to seeing you Knights at the competition too!.

Vivat Jesus, Mark Moots

(<u>Note:</u> This year all volunteers working directly with youth must fill out a long form survey questionnaire and file it with the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Copies upon request.

"Desserts with Santa" Breaks All Records

Our 2007 "Desserts with Santa" was teeming with humanity from the opening to closing bells. At the end, a very tired (but with dry legs this year) Santa happily took his very first break from his child-chatting duties.

This year our Santa had a lot of helpers (from the entire body of parishioners) remaking the Social Hall into a Winter Wonderland Postcard. New signs, candy cane stanchions, and electric snow globes added to the atmosphere. Cookies, cakes, and assorted treats and beverages ensured that every person got their sweet tooth soothed. We set a new record for the number of Polaroid pictures taken. These pictures tell the story of a happy time had by all:



December Means Social, Social, Social

Council 11402 made very good use of the parish Social Hall again this December with the above "Desserts with Santa," and then the Knight Christmas Party, and then the Crèche Lighting Reception. Our thanks to the volunteers that helped set up, plan the food, host the events, and clean up the aftermath. Here are some people having fun highlights:



New Outdoor Crèche Donated by Council

You may have noticed an upgrade in the quality and size of the All Saints outdoor crèche figurines this year in Mary's Garden.

The Council opted to replace the old plastic pieces and purchase solid characters that are much more detailed and colorful. The lighting was reworked and improved, since the new pieces lack internal bulbs. The old picket fencing was replaced with substantial gate-like fencing that is much more attractive.

Like every year, the official lighting of the crèche took place at the end of the parish Festival of Carols on Tuesday, December 11th. After that brief ceremony, the parishioners were invited to enter the Church Social Hall for light refreshments provided by the Council. This year's reception featured a much larger crowd that provided excellent exposure to the Knights' involvement.



Help Still Needed for Two "Homeless Shelter Sundays"

Sir Knight John Buchholz STILL NEEDS HELP at the Homeless Men's Shelters for the two Sunday Nights that our Council has agreed to host. The shelters are at the **Immaculate Conception Catholic Church** and **Central Presbyterian**, just across from Underground Atlanta. The dates are the nights of Sunday, January 13th and then also Sunday, February 3rd.

We signed up a good number of volunteers at the December meeting but still need MORE.

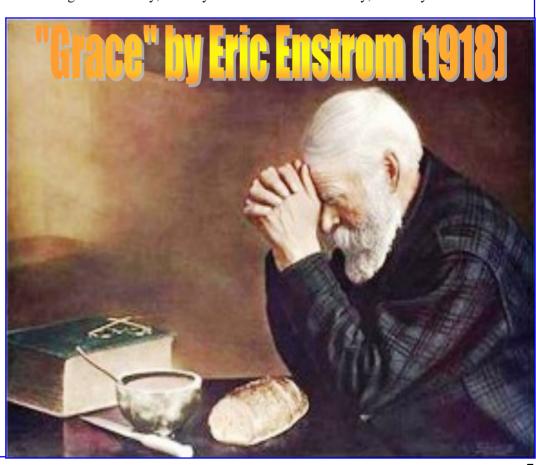
Knights serve food, monitor activities, and host the 100 destitute men who sleep in those two adjacent facilities during the winter months.

Separate sleeping quarters for Knights allow for a partial nights sleep for all attending Brothers. Knights will be back at All Saints by 7:00 AM on Monday, January 14 or Feb 4.

John can be reached at email JKBUCH@ AOL.COM or at 770-458-5670.

Please volunteer your time for this deserving cause. It has become one of our council's finest traditions.

You will come away much RICHER for the experience and then wish to perform such charity acts yearly.



Our Council Birthdays and Anniversaries

January Birthdays	(date)
Euse Duruh	1st
Mike Klimshuk	4th
Mark McCabe	8th
John O'Shea	8th
Bernie Santa Maria	8th
Larry Cullen	10th

Mike Petrik	13th
Fr. Bryan Small	13th
Mark Daniel	15th
Sean O'Neill	24th
Oscar Pereyra	25th
Chris Callison	27th
Chris Ferris	28th



Pray for Vocations

	January Wedding Anniversaries	
Date	<u>Years</u>	
l 1th	Bennie & Bridget Mastrogiovanni	43
9th	Fred & Shirley Dyer	42
9th	Ed & Carole Krise	41
1st	Don & Karen Converse	47
6th	Antonio & Antonina Baes	39
28th	Kevin & Sherry Flagg	17



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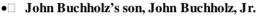
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- •□ Joe Carragher's wife, Elaine
- •□ Joe Cavallaro's sister, Carol Reither
- •□ Greg Crnkovich's aunt, Frances Wrobleski, 84
- Pat Fahey's wife, Jackie
- •□ Fred Frerich's wife, Eileen
- •□ Ed Harries' brother-in-law, Fr. Joseph McCarthy
- •□ Ed Krise's father-in-law, Al Fustine
- •□ Bill Lehman's wife, Mary Anne
- •□ Don Myers' sister, Juanita Edwards
- •□ Edgar Pierson's classmate, Doris Jean McClain
- •□ Kent Polzin's brother-in-law, Scott
- •□ Jim Rainsford's brother, Billy
- •□ Tom Simon's brother, Jack
- •□ Ernie Spencer's daughter, Mary Minska
- •□ Ralph Stinson's wife, Mary Jane
- □ Guy Stryker's sister-in-law, Joyce Becker
- •□ Frank Welter's wife, Margaret
- Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory

Daily prayers for Brothers:

- •□ Rod Austin
- Mark Balmes
- Walter Bieszak
- Matt Dewhurst
- •□ Mike Klimshuk
- •□ John Lynch, Jr.
- •□ Mike Manning
- •□ Dave Moeller
- •□ Bob Mohalley
- •□ Bob Morell
- •□ William O'Connor
- •□ John O'Shea
- •□ Mike Paolozzi
- Kent Polzin
- Dave Webster

"Requiescat in Pace"

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them"

Your special prayers are asked for our dearly-departed

Happily, no Council-related deaths were reported this month.

21 Deceased Brother Knights of All Saints Council 11402

Thomas M. Scherrer April 10, 2007 Richard Steiner * March 17, 2006 Sal De Pace * **January 16, 2006** Anthony C. Ardagna * December 28, 2005 July 29, 2005 Jerome E. Travers * John P. Stojka July 21, 2005 Paul G. Horan June 2, 2005 Edwin L. Woerner May 21, 2005 Thomas J. Byrne, Jr. January 13, 2005 James J. McCabe October 22, 2004 Robert J. Lescher May 17, 2003

Brad M. Scranton *
Phillip A. Haluska
Joseph A. Miller *
James R. Fraser *
Kenneth E. Smith *
Elias M. Mualem
John W. Lynch III *
Ronald S. Kurtzer
Kenneth C. McIntosh
William J. Batdorf *

May 14, 2003 December 18, 2002 December 2, 2002 September 21, 2002 June 2, 2000 March 27, 2000 December 15, 1999 December 12, 1999 November 25, 1998 March 23, 1998



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(Christmas Party, Desserts with Santa, Veterans Day Cookout, Tootsie Roll Drive, Pre-School Cookout, Habitat House Workday, Emory Center Cookout)



Watters Assembly Photo Journal at http://watters.shutterfly.com (Officer Initiation 2007, Founder's Day Ball, New Sir Knight Welcome Dinner, Breakfast with St. Nick, Veterans Day Parade, Museum of Patriotism)

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		January Business Mtg 6 PM Officers 7 PM Rosary 7:30 Mtg	Eucharistic Adoration	4th Degree Assembly Mtg St. Brigid 6:30 social 7:30 meeting		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Free Throw Contest 10AM-noon All Saints Gym			Eucharistic Adoration			Day of Reflection Fr. Bryan Emory
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Eucharistic Adoration		Newsletter Articles Due	
Council Recognition Mass w/ Acolytes	28	29	30 Eucharistic Adoration	31	February 1st Practice Fish Fry (already)	

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