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#### **Grand Knight's Report**

Worthy Brothers:

I have been overwhelmed by the success to date of our Lenten Fish Fry efforts.

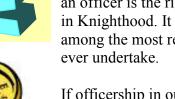
The events have been successful on several fronts, but most especially in the number of Knights, wives, children and friends that are involved in the operation and completion of the events.

I believe more new participants have contributed this year than any time in my memory and the old guard has remained as steady as ever. The blending of the new

and the old has made this year's events a cornerstone in the foundation of our Council's continued growth and success.

Continuing the tradition of excellence and service to the parish and community will soon fall upon the shoulders of a new generation of Council officers. The nominating committee will be approaching members to discuss interest in serving the Council in this critical role.

While the Committee has always done an excellent job filling the roles, I want to personally challenge each of you to reflect on how you can serve the Council, and if being an officer is the right path for your journey in Knighthood. It is a lot of work, but among the most rewarding labors you will ever undertake.



If officership in our Council is not for you next year, I would also like you to consider taking on one of our new team leader roles.

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sure they maintain good communication and involvement.

Knight will have a point of contact to make

As our Council has grown we have tried to create ways to keep members involved. By moving to a team-based organization each

> The team concept will make the work load lighter for our officers, and this is a great opportunity to share your gift of leadership with the Council.

Jim Miranda

As we move towards Spring and Summer the Council will have many opportunities ow together

to serve and grow together. I hope that each Brother Knight will take advantage of the many events that will take place in the next few months to spend some time in service, brotherhood, and spirit with the other members of our Order. We invite

our extended Knights of Columbus family and friends to join us in these efforts as well.

Lastly, in order for our Council to remain strong we still need new members. Lent and Easter are times when many old friends are rediscovered.

Take a moment to ask a Catholic Man if he too might gain from the benefits of Knighthood in our Order. It is one of the greatest gifts we can share with those who share our faith and values.

Vivat Jesus!

### **Organizational Structure of the Knights of Columbus**

It is surprising how many Brothers, even the older ones, are not aware of the hierarchical structure of the Knights' organization from the council level right up to the national level. Many Brothers don't know that we are part of an <u>Assembly</u>, nor do they know the composition and function of one.

We are <u>All Saints Council #11402</u>. Most councils are associated and co-located with a parish, but this is not necessarily true. We are the 11,402nd council formed. There are now over 12,000. You can tell how old a council is relatively by its council number.

Our council is a member of <u>*The Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly #2688*</u> (see <u>*www.kc2688.org*</u>) Fr. Watters was an army chaplain who received the Congressional Medal of Honor in Vietnam. Since our council is fairly new, you have some idea of how many assemblies have been formed so far. Other members of our assembly are St. Andrew, St. Monica, St. Brigid, St. Brendan, and St. Benedict councils. All are in the general vicinity.

An assembly is a <u>parallel</u>, <u>independent</u> organization to its member councils, and only <u>4th</u> degree Sir Knights are accepted as members. Dues of \$25/year are paid and the assembly elects its own officers just like a council, but with differing titles (our own Ernie Spencer leads Watters as "Faithful Navigator", our Ed Krise is the "Faithful Captain", our Al Garofalo is "Faithful Pilot", our Benny Mastrogiovanni is "Inner Sentinel", our Bill Lehman is "Outer Sentinel", and our Andy Diaz is "Trustee One-Year." Other officers and committee chairmen are from other councils.

The Watters Assembly meets monthly on the second Thursday at varying member council sites. The purposes of such meetings are Sir Knight fellowship, the exchange of useful ideas, planning similar events across the member councils, support of unique assembly-fostered charities, and formation and scheduling of the Honor Guards and Color Corps that bring so much dignity and pomp to Catholic ceremonies. Unlike the councils, assemblies lay outside of the K of C organizational hierarchy structure described below.

Councils make up <u>Districts</u> (see <u>www.gakofc.org</u>), and Districts are parts of <u>State</u> Organizations (also see <u>www.gakofc.org</u>) that are part of the <u>National</u> Organization in New Haven, Connecticut (see <u>www.kofc.org</u>). There are 21 Districts in Georgia, each with four or five councils. Our own Brother Guy Stryker is our District #13 Deputy. A good deal of the success of the Knights for 124 years has been its wonderful organization.

#### Fresh Fish Fry Facts (say rapidly 3 times)

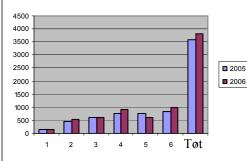
Just when you think the All Saints "Tony Ardagna" Fish Fries couldn't get any more successful, they do.

For six events thus far (the "practice" fry for Knight families only, the Ash Wednesday fry, and four successive Friday frys), we are running 6.5% ahead of last year (which in itself was a very successful year.)

Our official money guru, Gert Kampfer, keeps more detailed statistics than those found in the Official Major League Baseball Handbook. Every entree, take-out, kid's meal, chowder, and expense figure is detailed since the very first year.

From the opening bell, the "practice" fish fry jumped ahead of last year by a margin of 144 to 136. Then Ash Wednesday bested last year by a margin of 543 to 469. Never faltering, the Friday March 3 event edged ahead 623 to 614. Then Friday March 10th saw a substantial **918** to 748 advantage.

Taking a breather, the March 17th event trailed last year 617 to 778. (March 17th, was St. Patrick's Day and that cost us traffic this year, especially since eating meat was allowed.) Then another big blowout, March 24th featured **987** dinners (our second best night ever) versus 854 last year. We ran out of food that night or would surely have set a new record.



With two more Fridays to go, we stand at <u>106.5%</u> of last year (3832 total meals served versus 3599 last year). Raising chowder prices from \$1 to \$2 has helped, since we still sell 93% as much. Kids meals were increased from \$3 to \$4 also without any effect (where else can you feed kids for \$4).

Thanks again for the fantastic teamwork of all the participating Knights.

Even the "*Dunwoody Crier*" has seen fit to feature our Fish Fry at length on page one of their March 22nd edition with a color picture. This actually caused many more people <u>outside</u> the parish to discover us. That's why they're now being called the "*famous*" Knights of Columbus Fish Dinners!

## "God is Love" - First Encyclical of Pope Benedict XVI

On January 25, 2006, feast of the conversion of the Apostle to the Gentiles, Pope Benedict XVI issues his first encyclical, <u>God is Love</u> (**Deus Caritas Est**).

The Holy Father explains the various dimensions of love, and links the Church's charitable work with the love of God as Trinity, noting that the Church must express love through acts of justice and charity. He also points out that charity is an essential element of the Church's activity and discusses the proper relationship between justice and charity.

> GOD IS LOVE DEUS CARITAS EST

> > BENEDICT XVI

NEWCIJCAL LETTER

http://www.usccb.org/pope/ CARITAS-06-eng.pdf

(click on above link

to access actual encyclical and read it)

The encyclical covers the following points:

#### Introduction

#### Part I: The Unity of Love in Creation and in Salvation History

- A Problem of Language
- Eros and Agape Difference and Unity
- The Newness of Biblical Faith
- Love of God and Love of Neighbor

#### Part II: Caritas: The Practice of Love by the Church as a "Community of Love"

- The Church's Charitable Activity as a Manifestation of Trinitarian Love
- Charity as a Responsibility of the Church
- Justice and Charity
- The Multiple Structures of Charitable Service in the Social Context of the Present Day
- The Distinctiveness of the Church's Charitable Activity
- Those Responsible for the Church's Charitable Activity

The above encyclical could have been written for the benefit of the Knights of Columbus. The second part covers **<u>charity</u>** as a responsibility and the structures of charity — our watchword as Knights.

In today's high-tech, fast-paced world, love is often portrayed as being separate from Church teaching. With his first encyclical, Pope Benedict XVI hopes to overturn that perception and describe the essential place of love in the life of the Church. The Holy Father explains the various dimensions of love, highlighting the distinctions between "eros" and "agape," Jesus as the incarnate love of God, and the scriptural law of love.

In part two, he links the Church's charitable work with the love of God as Trinity, noting that the Church must express love through acts of justice and charity. This encyclical is an ideal reflection for religious and civic leaders, those preparing for marriage, and *those engaged in justice and charitable work*.

#### The Good of the Order

	This month we ask your mo	st devout prayers for our brothers and	relatives in need of special prayers:
	<ul> <li>Mark Balmes</li> <li>Matt Dewhurst</li> <li>Mike Manning</li> <li>William O'Connor</li> <li>Bob Mohalley</li> <li>Richard Steiner</li> <li>Frank Welter (hip replation of the second s</li></ul>	Sal D'Ambrosio (past State Deputy) Frank Welter's wife, Margaret Tom Simon's brother, Jack Don Myers' wife, Delores Ralph Stinson's wife, Mary Jane Wiley Maloof acement) ers are asked for our recently dea	Ken Winkler's wife, Patsy Joe Cavallaro's sister, Carol Reither John DaRin's wife, Charlotte Guy Stryker's Daughter, Pamela Moss Benny Mastrogiovanni's son
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in		ber Pat, his wife Adrienne, and new day	
Pace"	John w. Lynch III — 1999 decease	ed Knight (son of Knight John/Eleanor	Lynch on their 50th anniversary.)

### John and Eleanor Lynch — Golden Wedding Anniversary



John and Eleanor on the day he became a 4th degree Knight

This year Good Friday, April 14th, will be especially good for our beloved Sir Knight John Lynch and his Lady Eleanor. It will mark the fiftieth wedding anniversary for this couple. John is a long time member of All Saints Council 11402 and Assembly 2688. Here is their own story as remembered and composed by Eleanor herself:

"John and Eleanor met on a Holy Year pilgrimage to Europe in 1950 after graduating from college. John, a native of Hammond, Indiana, attended St. Joseph College; and Eleanor, from Somerset, Massachusetts, attended the College of New Rochelle in New York.

John served in the U.S. Navy in the Philippines during World War II. He later worked for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co, for most of his career. They relocated many times and spent several years in Brussels, Belgium. He retired as Assistant to the Vice-President for Customer Brands.

They are the parents of John W. Lynch III, a former Knight, who went to his eternal reward in 1999. Their second son, Michael Lynch, lives in Blue Springs, Missouri with his wife and son. Their daughter, Cecelia Bercher, lives in Alpharetta with her husband and three young children.

In recent years, John has been unable to participate in the Knights' activities. He is a 4th Degree Knight, and has many warm memories of all the good friends among his brother Knights."

<u>Additional Notes:</u> John continues a valuable link to Council 11402 by the frequent reception of the Eucharist in his home from our own Brother Knight Ed Konopka, an All Saints Eucharistic Minister, and good friend of the couple. Their son, John Lynch III, is remembered in McGivney Hall on the plaque commemorating deceased Council 11402 brothers. All congratulatory notes may be sent to their current address at 3125 Orchard Ridge Circle, Duluth, Ga. 30096.

#### Why You Should Make a Retreat

At our last business meeting we discussed the reasons why Knights need to periodically make a retreat to refresh their spiritual lives. As we discussed, there are always a hundred reason that get in the way, but here are excerpts from a pamphlet that accentuates the positive:

- A spiritual retreat offers a place where seekers are seeking God and God is seeking seekers.
- It's an opportunity to "retreat" from the noise of our daily lives and to enjoy just "being" with God.
- It provides the environment to rest one's body, mind, and soul; it's an invitation from God to "come to me, all of you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."
- A retreat provides a focused opportunity to evaluate our relationships with God and others, as well as to learn and strengthen practices that may lead us to change or improve these relationships.
- The regularity of conferences, prayers, liturgy, meals, and rest offered by a spiritual retreat helps to keep one spiritually and physically healthy.
- Medical doctors could easily recommend that individuals take several days every year for a spiritual retreat, simply to recharge their batteries and to survive the intensity of their stress levels of daily lives.

#### **Days of Retreat and Reflection for Knights**



Our first <u>single day of reflection</u> entitled "Forgiveness and Reconciliation" will be held at Marist High School Chapel on Sunday April 2nd at 8:30 AM, and then conclude with mass at 2:00 PM (note that this will fulfill your Sunday Mass obligation). There is no charge. Parking is available behind the Rectory.

8:30 AM Opening prayer and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

9:00 AM to 9:45 AM Talk 9:45 AM to 10:15 AM Meditation time 10:15 AM to 10:30 AM Break. 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM Talk 11:15 AM to 11:45 AM Meditation time 11:45 AM to 12:30 PM Lunch 12:30 PM to 1:15 PM Talk 1:15 PM to 2:00 PM Small Groups 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM Mass

Warning: Clocks move <u>forward</u> on April 2nd. Make sure you're not one hour late !! Go to bed an hour earlier.

There will be opportunities for confession during the day.

### Vidalia Onions -- Making Dollars and Scents



It's that time of the year again to plan for the arrival and sale of our Vidalia Onions. We are probably looking at a few more weeks in this growing season, which means we will see the onions sometime in the last two weeks of April.

We have received quite a bit of interest from other councils about this type of a successful revenue project, and one or more councils may ask us to provide onions to them as well for their parishes.

Just as last year, we will count on everyone's participation to assist in the sale. We need to cover all doors at all Masses in order to completely sell out as we have in the past.

We will also offer pre-sale before each mass, so manpower is extremely critical.

A sign-up sheet will be presented at our next council meeting, so that you can select the mass time that best fits you. This is a good one-day money maker for us, so we look for everyone to help.

#### **Annual Priest Appreciation Dinner**

Every Spring the Knights of Columbus Tara Council #6352 of Jonesboro, Georgia holds a "*Priest Appreciation Dinner*" to honor priests throughout the Archdiocese for their devotion to their parishes. Each Council is invited to select a priest that they wish to honor and escort him to the dinner. One of the priests is then selected for a special award. This year's eighth annual event is on Friday April 21st at the parish associated with Tara Council, St. Philip Benizi.

It is customary for the Grand Knight of each invited council and his lady to accompany the honoree to this formal affair. This year our council selected Father Dan McCormick as our honoree for his tireless work at All Saints. He visits just about every sick person in the parish and is extremely active for a man of his years (and gets less kudos then he should).

You will recall at our February business meeting that we voted to finance the cost of the dinners for Jim Miranda and wife Aimee. We wish the three of them have a wonderful time at the dinner. More on this later.

### Frank Welter — Getting Ready to Go Another 100,000 Miles

After an arduous operation, our council's original Grand Knight, Frank Welter, again has his hip bone connected to his thigh bone. Frank underwent a procedure on March 7th at Northside Hospital to replace a worn hip joint with plastic and steel to restore mobility and ease his chronic pain. In fact, he had his other hip replaced similarly about seven years ago.

Our 84-year-old Brother was recuperating at home after a week and enjoying the company of Brother Knights Kampfer, Moeller, and Williams when his new hip joint came undone. They dialed 911 and sent him right back to the repair shop at Northside. Fortunately, there was much more pain than damage and his second stay lasted only one day.



The Hipster resides in Dunwoody at 4914 Heatherdale Lane (phone 770-457-1015.) He appreciates visitors, especially Brother Knights that might help with basic household affairs. Frank's wife, Margaret, is now also confined to a walker and has been included in our council prayer intentions. Their daughter Monica lives with her parents and cares for them unselfishly, but she works and could use a break from time to time.

The good news is that Frank is back to being as contentious as ever. Sadly, he recently had to end his participation in the Assembly Honor Guard because he could no longer stand for extended periods. His recuperation time is spent making rosaries for missions.

Frank is undergoing regular therapy sessions and may not drive until he completes them. Amazingly enough, this feisty octogenarian expects to play his beloved golf again in the future. We all know that good golf is dependent on a swing with lots of good <u>hip action</u>.

Poker night is just not the same without him. Get well soon, Frank!

# **Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Journal**

News for 4th Degree Knights and their Ladies

#### **Recent Requests for Honor Guard Teams**

- 3/17/2006 St. Patrick's Day Mass at Cathedral with Archbishop Gregory
- 3/22/2006 Confirmation at All Saints
- 3/27/2006 in Duluth for the Notre Dame Academy
- 4/01/2006 Fourth Degree Exemplification at Airport Westin Hotel
- 4/28/2006 Very special event!!—details to follow
- 4/29/2006 All Saints First Holy Communion ceremony

Any fourth degree Assembly member is eligible to participate in Honor Guard activities. Even if you are not in possession of regalia, the Assembly now has three full spare sets. Have fun. March with us.

Call our **Faithful Commander**, Joe Noa, at 770-595-7393 or email him at *jnoa@bellsouth.net*. He can provide your with information on how you can participate in the Assembly Honor Guard. Activities.

### "Welcome to the 4th Degree" Social & Dinner

On Thursday, April 20th, our *Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688* will host at *Rivermont Golf & Country Club* a social and dinner to welcome all our Assembly's freshly-minted 4th degree knights from the April 1st exemplification ceremony. Six to nine new members are slated to join our Assembly.

All current Assembly members and their ladies are welcome to attend for the cost of \$25 per person. Recentlyapproved new members are Frank Callan, George Foster, and Douglas Birkbeck of Council 11402 and also Richard McKenzie of St. Brigid's Council 13204. Other late inductees were not known at press time.

When: Thursday, April 20, 2006
6:30 PM to 7:00 PM Social
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Buffet Dinner
8:30 PM to 9:00 PM Monsignor Marren "Words of Wisdom"

- Where: Rivermont Golf and Country Club 3130 Rivermont Parkway, Alpharetta, GA. 30022
- **Cost:** \$25 per person (includes wine on the table) Cash bar available
- Send checks to: Sir Knight Robert W. Heald 8740 South Mount Drive Alpharetta, GA. 30022

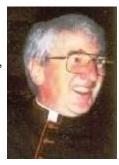
(checks must be received by Bob by April 17th)

Dress: Men—coat and tie (tuxedo not required) Ladies– It's your decision All—wear your official Assembly (or Council) K of C name tags if you have them

Seating: We are limited to <u>72 persons</u>, so please register early.

This event was very much enjoyed by all who attended last year. It is a very good opportunity to meet fellow Sir Knights and their Ladies (as well as the new Sir Knights and their Ladies). Our Assembly is comprised of six councils and you are sure to make new friends.

The venue is most impressive and the evening will be one to be remembered. Please join us on this special evening, April 20th, for an enjoyable social with your 148 fellow Fr. Charles J. Watters Assembly members.



(Our Faithful Friar will regale us—as is his custom—with his usual Irish wit, humor, and charm.)





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John Vail	11th	<u>(9)</u>		30th Phil & Carol McGonegal	46	
Don Converse	15th			15th John & Sue Barranco	45	
John Muenchen	16th			8th Tony & Carol Joyce	45	
Bob Mitchell	17th		<u>(Date)</u>	8th Tom & Arthurlyn Burleigh		82
Brian Mitchell	19th	Mania Manin	204	17th Mario & Sandra Commito	36	
Tom Simon	21st	Mario Marin	30th	4th John & Marie Lacava	36	
Thomas King	25th	Jerry Santillo	30th	4th Charles & Susan Lynch	36 21 Secret photo taken	
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Bob Dallas	29th			21st Pat & Adrienne Duncan	5	_
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2 Day of Reflection - Marist Chapel from 8:30AM to 3:00PM	3	4 April Business Meeting (7PM Rosary- 7:30PM mtg)	5	6	7 Last Fish Fry 5:00PM to 8:00PM	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Good Friday John/Eleanor Lynch's 50th Anniversary!!	15
16 Easter Sunday	17	18 New 1st Degree Team Dress Rehearsal w/ music Social Meeting 7:30PM	19	20 4th Degree Assembly Welcome New Members at Rivermont \$25 per person (72 people max) Poker night McGivney	21 Priest Appreciation Dinner \$30 per person	22
23 Possible Vidalia Onion sale weekend	24 Deadline for May newsletter articles to Lou Hlad	25 New 1st degree team certification session w/ music	26	27	28 Special event to be announced! Need Honor Guard!	29 All Saints First Communion! Need Honor Guard!
30 -or- Possible Vidalia Onion sale weekend		Giddess Men Lung Cancer the event to b	orial Golf Tou Caring Ambas e held at St. M	ay 15th at 1 PM, the Kr <i>urnament</i> benefiting Lu sadors Program. Fellow ario Country Club. Ad ponsorships and raffle/s	ng Cancer Patients Knight Tom Simo ditional information	and the on is chairing n will be sent

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