# Knights of Columbus

## **Council 11402**

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### Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brothers:

We are now in the Octave of Christmas, which begins with the first Mass on Christmas Day and continues thru the first Mass of New Year's Day. This is a special time of the year, and I hope that each of you and your families are enjoying and will continue to enjoy good health, prosperity, and peace in the love of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

December saw several successful events for Council 11402. The month began with our annual Desserts with Santa program, chaired by Brother John Buchholz who did his usual, outstanding job. (Of course, Brother John's wife Karleen is an indispensable asset to this program, too!) Over 250 children and their parents visited with Santa, enjoyed arts and crafts workshops, and munched on cookies, cakes, and other dessert items. A special note of appreciation to Brother Knights Dave Webster and Tom Burleigh who are largely responsible for all the donated cakes and desserts, and to Brother Jim Knapp who served as photographer. Thanks to Molly Portis, wife of Brother Knight Sam Portis, for making the Arts and Crafts program work. Thank You to all the Brother Knights who assisted in setting up and tearing down the sets that transform the Social Hall into a winter wonderland for the occasion.

The annual *Council Christmas* party was held in the Social Hall on December 10 and was another successful event, with approximately 90 Knights and their spouses in attendance. Family Director and Brother Knight Steve Kapusta and his volunteers did a wonderful job of providing the setting and beverages for the dinner. While the Council donated the meat courses, individual council members brought either an appetizer/salad or dessert. Thank you for all who participated.

The annual *Lighting of the Crèche* followed the Christmas program put on by the All Saints music ministry. The Set-up of the Crèche was coordinated by Church Director Tom Scherrer. The Knights host a small post-program reception, again coordinated by Brother Steve Kapusta with help from our Warden Lou Hlad and Brother Knight Ken Gregg.

And no Christmas season would be complete without the hard work and dedication of our Financial Secretary Gert Kampfer and Brother Knight Bill Lehman who manned the Christmas cards sales again this year to help *Keep Christ in Christmas*.

January's calendar includes a major youth program, our annual "Free Throw Contest." Youth Director Brother Knight Pat Duncan promises a fun-filled and exciting event this season. This is the first time Pat has run this program, and I'm sure he would appreciate the help and support of his Brother Knights. Please be responsive to his requests for help.

If the New Year is here, can the Fish Fry be far behind? No! It's just around the corner. January is usually the preparation month for the Fish Fry. We'll have our first of three preparatory meetings the week of January 15. All those interested in helping with the fish fry are invited to attend. Brother Knight Ray "Da Bull" Gustin has informally announced his retirement at the end of this year's event, so we're especially interested in finding a replacement to carry on in his footsteps. They're big footsteps to fill, to be sure! And speaking of retirement, we can't forget our beloved golf cart!!! We've about worn the old beast out, and the Council is entertaining a motion to repair or replace the unit. This is a critical need for this year's fish fry.

We are saying "Good-Bye" to four members who are leaving Council 11402 because they are moving. Brothers Bill Barry, Tom Scherrer, Fred Schlitt and Walt Williams all bid us "Adieu" at the December business meeting. Brothers Tom and Walt are moving to different parishes in the Atlanta area, while Bill, Fred and their wives are packing up and are moving down to the Promised Land in Florida. We wish these outstanding members of the Council all the best in their new environs!!!

Membership growth is a critical aspect of any Council's health. Council 11402 will be holding a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification this month on Saturday, January 21. We've moved the exemplification to a Saturday as an outreach to potential members who simply can't schedule a weeknight for this activity. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to encourage a candidate to fill-out a Form-100 and attend this exemplification. More details will be announced at our January business meeting on January 3.

Finally, many of us know that the winter season and the holidays can be times of significant stress on those who are suffering from serious illness or advancing years. Our Council is no exception to this, as several of our Brothers

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and their family members are dealing with very difficult issues during this time. I ask each and every one of you to keep our sick and distressed Brothers in your prayers. May God look kindly on each and every one of these, and give them and their loved ones strength!

Vivat Jesus! Greg Crnkovich (Acting Grand Knight)

### Advanced Degrees - You're wanted

Each knight who has taken the First, or Membership Degree, is considered a member in good standing. However, to reach full Knighthood, members must also take the Second and Third Degrees. Only Third Degree Members can be elected to Council offices; an important factor to the growth and success of All Saints Council. To continue the fast pace our Council has experienced, we need to develop and utilize the talents of all of our members, primarily as officers, so that they can be involved in the decision making process of the organization.

At present, there are 70 Brothers, a little more than one third of our membership, who have not yet advanced to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees, Unity and Brotherhood. We strongly urge each of these members to avail themselves of the opportunity to reach full Knighthood. The Induction ceremonies into the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2006, at St. Brigid Church, located in Alpharetta. The proximity of this exemplification presents an ideal time for all first degree members to advance to Full Knighthood. Several members have already agreed to attend this ceremony, and we advocate your participation if you are a First Degree Knight. Please notify acting Grand Knight Greg Crnkovich at (770-390-0480 or greg-c@mindspring.com) or Gert Kampfer at (770-698-8269 or kofc11402@mindspring.com) of your intent to join this group. We plan to meet in front of the McGivney Hall at 8:15 AM on the morning of the exemplification, to car pool to St. Brigid's.

We would like to make a strong showing at the ceremony, and urgently request your participation, either as an inductee into the advanced degree, or as a spectator. If there are any questions regarding what will be required, please contact either of the above listed officers, or Al Garofalo at 770-441-1215.

### Before the Council

There is a motion before the Council that we must vote upon during our January business meeting on January 3. This motion, made by Brother Harvey Moskowitz, seconded by Brother Guy Stryker and amended by Brother Andy Diaz, to wit:

"Be it resolved that, in support of the All Saints Lenten Fish Fry the replacement or repair of our defunct golf cart, that is utilized as transportation vehicle for food and equipment is essential and \$2,000.00 shall be allocated for the fulfillment of this requirement."

Additional Information: We obtained our golf cart about seven years ago as a donation to our council. We invested about \$1000 for customization (cabinet and gallery) and maintenance (new batteries in 2002). A repair (at least replacing the wiring harness) is only economical with free labor. A replacement vehicle should utilize the existing cabinet and gallery.

#### Homeless Shelter

Mark your Calendars, on **January 15 and 29** we will man the men's night shelter in downtown Atlanta. Please volunteer for either or both Sunday nights. **Men only** stay overnight for various light duties throughout the evening. We meet at All Saints Sunday at 4:30PM in the activities building. Here we prepare sandwiches for distribution the next morning to our overnight shelter guests. We leave for the shelter about 5:30PM.

Once at the shelter, the men see that cots are set up and help the ladies serve the prepared dinner. The balance of the night will be spent on various small tasks in the shelter as well as sleeping in shifts. Our sleeping quarters are in a separate area from our quests, it is not the Ritz Carlton but it's safe and secure.

Anyone who has done this in the past knows how rewarding it is, as without your help the shelter cannot be opened and the men stay on the street. Please contact Tom Begley at 770-446-8857 to let him know your night(s) choice.

#### Free Throw Contest

On Sunday, **January 15th**, we will handle our annual Free Throw Contest from 10 am till noon.

If you're looking for a way to interact with the youth of this community, come out and help. Also, many of these children's fathers may be potential candidates for K of C membership. What better way to reflect what being a Knight is all about than to support this family event.

### Keep Christ in Christmas

Thank y'all for your purchases of Christmas cards. Your support of this program yielded a profit check for \$750 that we presented to the Interfaith Outreach Home in Doraville.

#### 2006 Membership Dues

Please submit your membership dues before January 15 and save 10 % as outlined in the membership billing that I forwarded to you in mid-December.

Gert Kampfer

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### Keep In Your Prayers

Our Council cares about Brother Knights and their family members who are having health problems, but we need your help to keep us informed. If you know of a Brother Knight's family needing our prayers and support, please contact the acting Grand Knight, Greg Crnkovich or Financial Secretary, Gert Kampfer.

Please remember in your prayers:

Brother Knight	<u>Family Members</u>
Tony Ardagna	John DaRin's wife, Charlotte
Sal De Pace	Bill Schlich's wife, Mary Agnes
Matt Dewhurst	Maurice Turcotte's wife, Joan
Bob Mohalley	Frank Welter's wife, Margaret
Bill O'Connor	Ų G

#### Also, pray for:

Officers

- Sal D'Ambrosio, Past State Deputy
- Victims of Hurricane Katrina, Rita and Wilma.

As always, please pray for our Armed Forces, especially those standing in harm's way.

# Dates to Celebrate January Birthdays

Euse	Duruh	$1^{st}$
Mike	Klimshuk	$4^{th}$
Mark	McCabe	8 <sup>th</sup>
John	O'Shea	$8^{th}$
Bernie	Santa Maria	$8^{th}$
Larry	Cullen	$10^{th}$
Mike	Petrik	$13^{th}$
Bryan	Schmall	$13^{th}$
Tom	Scherrer	14 <sup>th</sup>
Tony	Ardagna	$22^{\rm nd}$
Vince	Flynn	$22^{\text{nd}}$
Curly	O'Neill	$24^{th}$
Oskar	Pereyra	$25^{th}$
Chris	Callison	$27^{\text{th}}$
Chris	Ferris	$28^{th}$
Dave	Ascher	29 <sup>th</sup>
Dom	Libro	29 <sup>th</sup>

## January Anniversaries Ed & Carole Krise 40

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Year!	2	3 Officer's Mtg. 6:00 pm Business Mtg. 7:30-9:00 pm	4 Eucharistic Adoration	5	6 Eucharistic Adoration	7 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree at St. Brigid
8	9	10	11 Eucharistic Adoration	12 Poker Night 7:00 pm	13 Submit Membership Dues	14
15 Free Throw Contest 10:00 am Men's Night at Homeless Shelter	16	17 Social Meeting 7:30-10:00 pm	18 Eucharistic Adoration	19	20	21 First Degree Exemplification 7:00 pm
22	23	24	25 Eucharistic Adoration	26 Newsletter Articles Due	27	28
29 Men's Night at Homeless Shelter	30	31				

## God Bless America

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