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Assembly 3410

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News from the Assembly

by SK Tony Annarelli

Officer Installation

Our July Assembly meeting was canceled and replaced with our Officer Installation. The Officer Installation ceremony was held Thursday, July 18th, at St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church. District Marshall and Newly-appointed District Master Arnie Terrell officiated the installation. The following officers were installed and charged with their duties of office:

Faithful Navigator: SK Mike Miller
Faithful Captain: SK Tony Annarelli
Faithful Friar: Rev Henry Atem
Faithful Comptroller: SK Mark Winsor
Faithful Pilot: SK Frank Montelione
Faithful Purser: SK James Brennan
Faithful Admiral: SK Desmond Donlin

Faithful Scribe: SK Dauda "Jimmi" Koroma
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Please congratulate these Sir Knights and offer them your prayers and support for this fraternal year.

New District Master

The term for our current District Master, Brad Burnett, ends August 30th. Our State and Supreme leaders have been involved in a lengthy and exhaustive search to identify our future District Master. Candidates included our Immediate Past State Deputy Jim Clifford, District 10 District Deputy and District Marshall Arnie Terrell, and District Marshall Mark Miklos.

Supreme made their decision and notified the current and new Masters of their decision on Friday, July 12th. On Saturday, July 13th, District Master Brad Burnett announced the decision at the Council Officer's Meeting (North), and sent the following note to State Leadership Friday July 19th:

"I am pleased to advise you that our Supreme Master, Michael R. McCusker has announced the appointment of our next Master of Georgia, Arnie Terrell.

Arnie's appointment is effective September 1, 2024 and concludes August 31, 2026.

We all wish Arnie well in his new position. I ask you to offer him your full support, as you have supported me throughout the years. I thank each of you for your individual efforts in making Georgia one of the strongest Fourth Degree Districts in the order.

God bless our church, our country, and God bless each one of you! Thanks, Brad"

St Lawrence Council 13052 Update

by SK Terrence Gaines

The St. Lawrence council for the Knights of Columbus awarded \$4000 to three high school students as part of the Vic Egidi Academic Scholarship this year. The applications this year were outstanding. The hard work of our young students was truly amazing as they plan out this next chapter of their lives

Worthy Grand Knight Terrence Gaines had a small presentation with the youth and their families then before the families left the church, everyone joined hands together and the students prayed together. The presentation was held at St. Lawrence Catholic Church on Saturday, July 20, 2024 at 12



1st Place Alexander Coque

2nd Place Maximilian Siry

3rd Chelsea Agalaba



Continued St Lawrence Council 13052 Update



St Matthews Council 13229 Update

by SK Tom Hamberger

1. Our Council is reviewing and considering ways to apply the Council action programs presented and discussed at the recent State Convention.
 - CORE Program - Evaluate and Organize efforts by our Council to lead Bible study and Prayer programs impacting our Parish. SK/ Deacon Chris is leading this effort.
 - Diapers/Sponsor a Child Program - investigating ways to work more closely with CAM Pregnancy Center of Winder offering them support with information from the State Convention. It appears there is only one baby diaper company in the country as identified identified by KOC that does not support abortion. We are going to contact that company and see how we can coordinate Cam purchases from them or our Council supplying diapers from that company.
2. Making plans for a Parish spaghetti dinner to raise funds for support of Unborn Babies Ministry
3. Brother Knights continue to support and work at the "Feeding Frenzy" food stand at the Stripers games. Wages earned go to our Council to support various Parish ministries. Good Fraternity, Unity and Charity. Brother Knights Trent Johnson is leading this effort
4. Council budget approved for 2024/25

Pot of Gold Raffle

The assembly will conduct a 'Pot of Gold' raffle at each meeting. The cost to participate is \$1. Following are the rules:

- Potential winners name will be picked from the 50 plus assembly members.
- Winner must have participated in the raffle and be present at the meeting.
- In the event a non-present member or a non-participating member's name is selected, the prize will roll over to the next meeting until an eligible member is picked.
- Assembly splits the prize with the winner

No drawing was held in July and the pots stands at \$68.

St Oliver Plunkett Council 13440 Update

by SK Todd Morrow

It has been a busy month for St. Oliver Plunkett Council 13440!

Early on Saturday morning July 6. GK Todd Morrow and his wife Diane along with DD 10 Robert Barnard and his sons Ryan, James and Joseph showed up at Brother John Davidson's home in Lawrenceville and removed a nuisance tree that he and his wife Pat wanted removed. With battery operated chainsaws they were able to remove the tree without waking up the neighborhood.

July 7, a Red Cross Blood Drive was held. A total of 32 pints of blood were donated, surpassing our goal of 28 pints of blood.

July 11 and 25 we held our COR "Men of the Word" Bible Study. Our participation grows by 2-3 men every session.

July 15 our Installation of Officers took place. We were blessed to have our State Advocate Mike Basak, State Warden Ladd Rosipal and District 23 Deputy Ken Boone in attendance. The meal following the Installation of Officers was catered by Tacos and Beer in Monroe. Excellent Food. A good time was had by all!

July 18 St. Oliver Plunkett hosted the Assembly 3410 Officer Installation. It was a very successful evening.

Throughout the month Brothers from our council have also volunteered at the "All the Fix'ns" concession stand at the Gwinnett Stripers baseball games. We feel very blessed to have been given this opportunity and would like to thank PGK Nelson Rivera.

UPCOMING FEASTS AND MEMORIALS

8 - 6	TRANSFIGURATIONS of the LORD	F
8 - 7	Sts. Pope Sixtus and Companions	M
8 - 9	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	M
8 - 10	St. Laurence Deacon	M
8 - 13	St. Pope Pontian and Hippolytus	M
8 - 14	St. Maximillian Kolbe	M
8 - 15	ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	S
8 - 24	St. Bartholomew, Apostle	F
8 - 29	Beheading of John the Baptist	

Calendar of Up Coming Color Corps Calls to Service

None to report

Prayer Intention for the Lord's Grace and Protection

None to report

Saint of the Month - St. Kateri Tekakwitha



Continuing on the theme of American born saints, the third and last one is St. Kateri Tekakwitha

St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She was born in 1656, in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon. Her mother was an Algonquin, who was captured by the Mohawks and who took a Mohawk chief for her husband.

She contracted smallpox as a four-year-old child which scarred her skin. The scars were a source of humiliation in her youth. She was commonly seen wearing a blanket to hide her face. Worse, her entire family died during the outbreak. Kateri Tekakwitha was subsequently raised by her uncle, who was the chief of a Mohawk clan.

Kateri was known as a skilled worker, who was diligent and patient. However, she refused to marry. When her adoptive parents proposed a suitor to her, she refused to entertain the proposal. They punished her by giving her more work to do, but she did not give in. Instead, she remained quiet and diligent. Eventually they were forced to relent and accept that she had no interest in marriage.

At age 19, Kateri Tekakwitha converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity and pledging to marry only Jesus Christ. Her decision was very unpopular with her adoptive parents and their neighbors. Some of her neighbors started rumors of sorcery. To avoid persecution, she traveled to a Christian native community south of Montreal.

According to legend, Kateri was very devout and would put thorns on her sleeping mat. She often prayed for the conversion of her fellow Mohawks. According to the Jesuit missionaries that served the community where Kateri lived, she often fasted and when she would eat, she would taint her food to diminish its flavor. On at least one occasion, she burned herself. Such self-mortification was common among the Mohawk.

Kateri was very devout and was known for her steadfast devotion. She was also very sickly. Her practices of self-mortification and denial may not have helped her health. Sadly, just five years after her conversion to Catholicism, she became ill and passed away at age 24, on April 17, 1680.

Her name, Kateri, is the Mohawk form of Catherine, which she took from St. Catherine of Siena.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 21, 2012. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile and Native Americans.

Upcoming Exemplifications

During the state organizational meeting last weekend District Master Brad Burnett announced the tentative dates for exemplifications for the upcoming fraternal year. He emphasized that since his term will end at the end of August, the incoming Master may make changes and these dates and locations are tentative.

August 24 –	Savannah
September ? –	Columbus (date TBD)
November 9 -	Kennesaw
February 8 –	Grovetown (Augusta)
April 26 –	Warner Robins
June 7 –	Lilburn

Assembly Website

Have you visited our website? If not (and even if you have), take a moment now and click on over to michaelthearchangel.org and look around!

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