



# St. Michael's Message

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**Assembly 3410**

St. Lawrence Catholic Church and St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church



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## Assembly Event Summary

by Faithful Navigator

As we chart our way through this Christmas Season, there are many POINTS OF LIGHT (as one of our Presidents said) along our course. One of those points is the morning reception of the RELIC of St Margaret Mary Alacoque at St Lawrence Church. December 14<sup>th</sup>. I had to look it up. Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque is the patron saint of devotees of the Sacred Heart. The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was formally recognized and approved by Pope Clement XIII. Knights at St Oliver among other endeavors are running blood drives obtaining healing blood for those that need it. Their next blood drive session is on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Knights at St Matthew will be assisting the Monks of the Monastery of the Holy Spirit at the same time they are helping their Parish. A gathering of area Knights on December 16<sup>th</sup> for WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA at Shadowlawn in Lawrenceville will be HONORING our Country's fallen Patriots. Knights will be serving ice cream on December 12<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church festival (also our Patron of the Knights Of Columbus). You may wish to check on events of the season at St Alphonsa, as well.

We look forward to the Solemnities of the birth of Our LORD at our respective Churches. At this time also, it is the beginnings of the brand-new Knights PRO-LIFE BILLBOARD Program which is joining the fight for the dignity of life in the womb. How appropriate. The FIRST "MY HEART IS BEATING, MOM" billboard is now up on Hwy 78, near Between, GA. The first, then the next, then many billboards spreading across Georgia, then NATIONAL, Our Lord willing, and our Knights of Columbus Councils helping. Shining new Points of Light, beginning this Christmas season.



### Next Assembly Meeting

DECEMBER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING WILL BE SOCIAL ... AFTER WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA, 3:00pm at HIBACHI Supreme Buffet. See FLYER sent with November Meeting Agenda. NEXT business meeting will be at 7pm on January 18, 2024 at St Lawrence

### St Lawrence Council 13052 Update

by SK Nelson Rivera

Council 13052 provided over 600 hot dogs to our parishioners who attended this year's Trunk or Treat event at St. Lawrence on Saturday, October 28th. Thanks to the Youth Group who assisted in the distribution. Thanks also to SK Paolo & his wife Imelda, FN Ralph Staunton, and Brother Charlie Busch for their assistance in the preparation of the food. We were also able to provide meals to the Veterans Shelter in Winder after the event.





### **“Carry the Cross” Challenge**

by SK Joe Perez

This years “Carry the Cross” event took place on Saturday Nov. 4 at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Our assembly’s team, “Michaels Messenger’s” participated in the event. Thirteen teams took part for the 5.5 miles journey to benefit the young men who will become the future priests for our parish and the parishes in the north Georgia area. Thanks to all parishes of Assembly 3410 for your support in our Carry the Cross Challenge. Over \$15,800 was donated to support our seminarians. In Service to One. In Service to All



### **Prayer Intention for the Lord’s Grace and Protection**

For the repose of his soul of the **brother in-law** of Faithful Admiral Nelson Rivera



**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DECEMBER 16TH LAWRENCEVILLE****5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Wreaths Across America Ceremony**

Proudly Sponsored by

*Philadelphia Winn Chapter  
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**Saturday, December 16, 2023, at 12:00 Noon**

at

East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens  
87 Scenic Highway, Lawrenceville, GA

Please reach out to your friends and family members to sponsor wreaths as we **REMEMBER** our U.S. fallen veterans, **HONOR** those who serve, and **TEACH** our children the value of freedom.



To sponsor a wreath, pay online with a credit card at [www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/ga0265p](http://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/ga0265p) or use the QR CODE in the bottom right corner of this flyer. The cost to sponsor 1 wreath is \$17.00 each. The most popular option is to sponsor 5 wreaths for \$85.00 total. To pay by check and have your order placed for you, make a check payable to **Philadelphia Winn Chapter NSDAR** and send it to Treasurer Kathy Schmidt, 886 Marbrook Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30044.

For questions or additional information, contact Philadelphia Winn Chapter DAR, Wreaths Across America Committee Co-Chairs:

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## **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DECEMBER 16TH LAWRENCEVILLE**

**ALL 3<sup>RD</sup> DEGREE and 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE KNIGHTS ... WIFES, CHILDREN, FRIENDS ARE INVITED (this includes from ANY COUNCILS ... St Lawrence, St Olivers, St Matthews, St Alphonsa, ... ANY)**

**WHERE: East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens, 87 Scenic Highway, Lawrenceville, 30045**

[www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/ga0265p](http://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/ga0265p)

**11:00 am – 12:00 am ... PARKING and ARRIVAL** (Parking Options: **(1)** Parking will be allowed against sides of the Cemetery internal access roads before the event but the ability to get back out until after the event is difficult **(2)** IF there is NO Funeral at WAGES at the Stop light on Scenic Hwy, there may be some available parking ... walking distance about 300 yards **(3)** RHODES JORDAN PARK entrance is the stop light the other direction. Inside RHODES JORDAN PARK is a large parking area about 2000 feet on the left side. Can drop off your passengers and go park. We are still trying to find a volunteer(s) with maybe an SUV that would be willing to act as a shuttle before and after.

**NOON: EVENT PROGRAM (Hosted by the SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION) BEGINS**

COLOR CORPS (Sons of the American Revolution) Flag Presentation

BLACK MUSKET RIFLE SALUTES

8 SPECIAL WREATHS PRESENTATIONS (Army, AirForce, all services, POW/MIA, etc) (likely by JROTC Berkmar with VETERAN Representatives to each stand)

Attendees that wish to attend to a specific grave will proceed first

**ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS TRAINING:** (Those that wish to learn how to RESPECTFULLY LAY A WREATH)

**LAYING OF WREATHS:** Approximately 400 VETERAN Graves will be pre-marked with small flags.

**3:00 pm (15:00 for you VETERANS)** Flexible arrival time to HIBACHI Supreme Buffet

### **KNIGHTS AND FAMILIES BREAKING BREAD**

**WHERE: 1.5 mi to HIBACHI Grill & Supreme Buffet, 419 Pike Blvd, Lawrenceville**

HIBACHI SUPREME BUFFET: PRIVATE ROOM just inside to the RIGHT. SELF Serve at the extensive BUFFETT, and/or SUSHI Counter, and/or CHOP/CHOP individual selection grill. No set program ... just show up. [www.gahibachi.com](http://www.gahibachi.com) ANY Assembly or Council KNIGHTS AND FAMILIES WELCOME.

It is anticipated that this SOCIAL Time will replace the ASSEMBLY # 3410 December Meeting. Might even be a CHRISTMAS DISCOUNT. You do not need to attend WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA to join your Catholic Brothers at HIBACHI SUPREME BUFFET.

## **USO Airport Assistance**

The assembly USO airport assistance is scheduled for Thursday December 21 during the Christmas season. Sign up will be forwarded shortly for two time slots, 9 am to 3pm and 2:30 pm to 8 pm. Sir Knights that already know which slot they would like ( 4 slots 9AM to 3PM)(4 slots 2:30PM to 8PM) can email Faithful Purser Desmond Donlin at [desmond.donlin@gmail.com](mailto:desmond.donlin@gmail.com)

### 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Uniform

by SK Paolo Palmas

For those interested in purchasing a uniform, they can be purchased on line or directly at the facility in Oxford Alabama. It's about a two-hour drive from Lawrenceville. At the facility, Jim Craig the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Uniform Director, will measure you to ensure you get a proper fitting uniform. An appointment is needed. Cost of the uniform is \$449, taxes not included. You will also need a baldric and gloves. The total cost with tax comes to about \$513. Note the sword is not included. Attached below is the contact information.



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### **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

Member’s Name DRAWN for November was SK Thomas Quinn ,, NOT present so the POT CONTINUES TO GROW

### **UPCOMING FEASTS AND MEMORIALS**

• DECEMBER 3	ST. FRANCIS XAVIER	M
• DECEMBER 7	ST. AMBROSE	M
• DECEMBER 8	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	S
• DECEMBER 12	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE	T
• DECEMBER 13	ST. LUCY, V and Martyr	M
• DECEMBER 14	JOHN of the CROSS	M
• DECEMBER 25	CHRISTMAS, Birth of Jesus	S
• DECEMBER 26	ST. STEPHEN, DEACON / 1 <sup>ST</sup> Martyr	F
• DECEMBER 27	ST. JOHN, APOSTLE	F
• DECEMBER 28	HOLY INNOCENTS	F
• HOLY FAMILY	Sunday within the octave of Christmas or if there is no Sunday within the octave, DECEMBER 30	

### **Calendar of Up Coming Color Corps Calls to Service**

**December 12, 2023**

**St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church  
3200 Brooks Drive Snellville, Georgia 30078**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession**

**Arrive at 6:30p.m.**

**Procession at 7:30p.m.**

**(Weather Permitting)**

**Dress Code:**

**New Uniform with white gloves and swords or  
Black Tuxedo with Social Baldric.**



### **4th Degree Exemplification**

by SK James Brennan

The most recent 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification was held on SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 11, 2023 (Veterans Day). This was quite appropriate given the 4<sup>th</sup> degree stands for "Patriotism".

The event was a complete success with a large attendance of both candidates, honor / color guards, officers, and the Georgia degree team. Hosted by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Assembly 2475, Lilburn Georgia, the event was very well planned and executed with a military approach. It was both Solemn and Reverent emphasizing the close link between the Catholic Religion and our American Values as brought out by the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution. A lot of time was spent reminding Knights the importance our role is in supporting and maintaining this linkage through our families and communities.

The Exemplification took place at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 801 Tom Smith Rd. S.W., Lilburn Ga. 30047. St. Lawrence Council #13052 sent two candidates to this Exemplification, SK Gregory Nah, and SK James Brennan.



### **Announcement's**

- Our lady of Guadalupe festival at St Lawrence on Dec 12
- St Oliver's is having a blood drive on Jan 4, 2023

### **Assembly Information**

Faithful Navigator: SK Ralph Staunton, Faithful Captain: Mike Miller, Faithful Friar: Rev Henry Atem, Faithful Comptroller: SK Mark Winsor, Faithful Pilot: SK Paolo Palmas, Faithful Purser: SK Desmond Donlin, Faithful Admiral: SK Nelson Rivera, Faithful Scribe: SK Joe Perez, Inner Sentinel: SK Ken Dalton, Outer Sentinel: SK Ken Jacobi, One Year Trustee: Dcn Edward Wilson, Two Year Trustee: SK Dan Dant, Three Year Trustee: SK Anthony Annarelli, Color Corp Commander: Todd Morrow