



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ATLANTA COUNCIL 660

MARCH NEWSLETTER

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## Reminders:

- CBA and Council Business Meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month. CBA starts at 6:30 PM and the Council Business meeting starts at 7:30 PM. The Meetings are followed by a light supper.
- The council will host Friday Fish Fry's on the 12th and the 19th of March.
- The council will continue to host a First and Second Degree Exemplification on the Third Wednesday of each month. Contact Brother Gordon Calley for more information

## Message from the Grand Knight



Grand Knight

Brothers,

I hope that everyone can attend our third Friday dinner on March 19th. This will be our last night of the four Lenten Fish Fry Fridays that we have had. Invite your family and friends to help enjoy our last night of fish fry dinners. The third Friday dinners are a great event to invite prospective Knights, friends and families. The Friday fish dinners are a great value at \$8 per plate and \$5 kid's meal.

The council hall will be open for every Friday through April for an early evening start. The bar will open about 5:00 and stay open until at least 8:00, so arrive early and force Martin to stay late! Stop in on your way home from work or on your way out for the night and help support the hall.

If Friday night doesn't work, stop over on Thursday nights. There is bingo every Thursday night. Pizza and burgers are on the menu. Shoot some pool, darts or play a game of bingo. If everyone stopped in on just one Thursday or Friday a month, it would go a long way to helping us achieve our financial requirements for the hall.

We have many activities on our calendar that need your help, so I am asking everyone to sign up to help on one of the upcoming projects. We have clean up projects at the hall that need support, help is needed in the kitchen for meeting and dinner nights, landscaping during the summer needs help and there are many activities supporting the Parishes we support that need help. Please contact myself, our Deputy Grand Knight or one of the officers to find out more information on what we need.

I am sorry to report the passing of Ruth O'Brien. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, March 6 at the Council hall. The "Pig Roasts" on the O'Brien farm have special memories for the "more seasoned" 660 council members. Also, please put our Past Grand Knight Gilbert Delgado in your prayers. He is recovering from back surgery. We look forward to seeing Gil back at bingo soon.

## New Members and those on the Move

Gordon Calley of the Membership Committee has reported that we have two new brothers in 660: Ronald Speights sponsored by Brother Will Dempsey and Steven Grubenhoff sponsored by PGK Matt Schuh. Ronald and Steven went through there first degree on the 17th of February

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In addition to the new members, William Brust took his third degree on the 20th of February. Please extend a warm welcome to all our new members and congratulations to those brothers increasing their commitment to our order.

The 1st and 2nd on the Third Wednesday is continuing, and as third Wednesday of March is St. Patrick's Day, we are expecting a significant turnout for those exemplifications. There will be an additional first degree ceremony on March 30th. The next third degree exemplification will occur on March 13th. If you are interested in attending any of these exemplifications (either as a brother being exemplified or as an observer, please contact Brother Gordon Calley.

Our thanks goes out to the membership committee for their hard work in working to increase and appreciate our order.

## Council 660 Polo Shirts

As was announced at the February meeting we have engaged a local company to create custom embroidered polo shirts with the Knights of Columbus logo and our council number and name. The shirts come in either 100% cotton or dryfit (moisture lock) material. As many of you know shirts customized with the council number from one of the KofC supply companies have an average price of \$35.00 plus shipping and handling. The shirts we are purchasing are priced \$24.00 for sizes S-XL and \$25.00 for 2XL-4XL. The primary colors are navy blue and black (other colors are available so feel free to ask). Brothers that have not prepaid will need to bring check or cash in the amount due to the March meeting or bring the payment to the hall and deliver it to Brother Joe Ayers prior to the meeting.

If you are interested in purchasing a shirt please contact Rob Cochran (at [rob-coch@mindspring.com](mailto:rob-coch@mindspring.com)) with your choice of color, material, size and quantity.

## Ladies' Auxiliary Spaghetti Supper

Although the attendance was less than anticipated because of our beautiful Friday afternoon snow, the Knights of Columbus 660 Ladies Auxiliary Spaghetti Supper benefiting *My Sister's House* was a success! Our Ladies raised \$303 for *My Sister's House*, in addition to collecting several clothing and other donations. The Ladies Auxiliary would like to extend their great appreciation to those Knights who helped cook and eat!

## Lenten Fish Fries at 660

The Fish Fries will continue for the next two Fridays in March: the 12th and 19th. We will be serving up baked and fried fish with french fries, hush puppies and coleslaw. The Ladies Auxiliary will be selling deserts separately. Cost is \$8.00 per plate, \$5.00 per child. Maximum family cost is \$25.00.

Please invite your friends and family to join us. Also, help give us a head count for dinner by either sending an email to [KofCol660@bellsouth.net](mailto:KofCol660@bellsouth.net) or calling Joe Ayres at [404.636.9237](tel:404.636.9237)

## A Message from Our Field Agent

### *Momentous Milestones*

This past year was a momentous one for the Knights of Columbus Insurance program. Let me just highlight a few of the many milestones.

- The Order issued more life insurance than ever before in our history: \$7.57 billion.
- Our total insurance in force reached a new high of \$74 billion. To put this remarkable number in perspective, consider that at the end of 1999, just 10 years ago, we stood at \$38 billion.
- Our field force continues to grow, and we finished the year with a net gain of new agents.
- In July, we held our first ever Field Agent Sales Conference in St. Louis, MO, an event that gathered nearly half our field force for presentations on how to better serve their members and their families.
- During 2009, we celebrated an extraordinary nine months that were in the “best ever” category. Records were set in February, April, May, June, July, August, September, October and November.
- Our annuity business saw record growth from 2008 to 2009. The number of annuity plans issued in 2009 more than doubled from those issued in 2008, with over 19,000 new annuities issued to our members and their families.
- Our AAA (Extremely Strong) rating from Standard and Poor’s was reaffirmed for the 17th consecutive year and our A++ (Superior) rating from A.M. Best was reaffirmed for the 34th consecutive year. Additionally, we were again certified by the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA) for our ethical business and marketing practices. At the close of 2009, we were among only three U.S. insurers with all three of these distinctions. In Canada, we were the only insurer with these three.
- 2009 marked the ninth consecutive year our issued life insurance increased over the previous year.
- Our number of associate members becoming insured members also grew, showing more of our brothers availed themselves and their families to our products. When the 2009 totals are included, we can claim that during the past five years, more than 103,000 members of the Knights of Columbus joined the ranks of our insured members by whether purchasing life insurance, long-term care or a retirement product.

What does all of this mean to you? First, it means that you can take great pride in the success your organization is having in fulfilling the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney by caring for the financial security of our members and their families. Second, in case you haven’t already, this would be a great time to get on the bandwagon and have a discussion with me.

Fraternally,  
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## In Memoriam

The Memorial Service for Ruth O’Brian was held Saturday, March 6, at 2 p.m. at the Council Home. Ruth passed away Feb. 21 at a hospice in Florida. A rosary was said for Ruth and lunch was prepared by Jim and Kay Hollison. We continue to pray for her and her family.

## Let Us Hear from You

Is there something you would like to share with the council? Do you know of a brother sick or in distress? Comments about the newsletter? Let us know by emailing us at [robert.hale@gatech.edu](mailto:robert.hale@gatech.edu). All the news that’s fit we print.

# MARCH 2010

| Sun            | Mon | Tue                             | Wed                             | Thu                     | Fri                | Sat |
|----------------|-----|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----|
|                | 1   | 2 Weekly Rosary Club - 7:00 PM  | 3                               | 4 Bingo Club - 7:30 PM  | 5 Lenten Fish Fry  | 6   |
| 7              | 8   | 9 Weekly Rosary Club - 7:00 PM  | 10 CBA/Council Business meeting | 11 Bingo Club - 7:30 PM | 12 Lenten Fish Fry | 13  |
| 14             | 15  | 16 Weekly Rosary Club - 7:00 PM | 17 1st & 2nd on the 3rd         | 18 Bingo Club - 7:30 PM | 19 Lenten Fish Fry | 20  |
| 21             | 22  | 23 Weekly Rosary Club - 7:00 PM | 24                              | 25 Bingo Club - 7:30 PM | 26                 | 27  |
| 28 PALM SUNDAY | 29  | 30 Weekly Rosary Club - 7:00 PM | 31                              |                         |                    |     |

# APRIL 2010

| Sun      | Mon | Tue                             | Wed                             | Thu                     | Fri                    | Sat |
|----------|-----|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----|
|          |     |                                 |                                 | 1 Bingo Club - 7:30 PM  | 2 GOOD FRIDAY          | 3   |
| 4 EASTER | 5   | 6 Weekly Rosary Club - 7:00 PM  | 7                               | 8 Bingo Club - 7:30 PM  | 9                      | 10  |
| 11       | 12  | 13 Weekly Rosary Club - 7:00 PM | 14 CBA/Council Business meeting | 15 Bingo Club - 7:30 PM | 16 Third Friday Supper | 17  |
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| 25       | 26  | 27 Weekly Rosary Club - 7:00 PM | 28                              | 29 Bingo Club - 7:30 PM | 30                     |     |