

## Knights of Columbus raise nearly \$3,100 for Prince of Peace Capital Campaign



**Pictured from left to right: Fr. Luis Alvarez, Pastor Eric Hill, KofC Chairman Robert Lloyd, Carrie Rebisa, Jeff Stampfli, and Maximus during the presentation of fundraiser proceeds on ice**

With a new “Forward in Faith” Capital Campaign in full swing at Prince of Peace in Flowery Branch, Ga., The Knights of Columbus Council 13457 looked for a way to show support for their Pastor, Fr. Eric Hill. When the opportunity arose to partner with Gwinnett Gladiators Hockey, the Knights sprang into action. Over the next several months, they successfully raised nearly \$3,100 to be donated to the Parish Capital Campaign by taking part in the Peggy Slappey Fund Raising program.

The Knights first learned of Fr. Eric’s intention to sing the national anthem while researching the possibility of fundraising with the Gladiators. Although the January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 date had already been set to sing, the Knights knew that they had a unique opportunity to engage a greater portion of the Prince of Peace community. By partnering with Carrie Rebisa, a parishioner for over 22 years, the Knights were able to man and coordinate all aspects of parish ticket sales. “This will be a great family event”, Carrie declared, during an initial meeting with the Knights in September 2014.

Over the next several months, the Knights sold 562 tickets after weekend masses. When combined with online ticket sales, a total of 628 group seating tickets were sold. "This is the largest group that we have ever hosted in our 12 year history at the Arena", stated Jim Hall, Director of Community Relations with the Gwinnett Gladiators. "The incredible response is a testament to the strong support that Fr. Eric enjoys at Prince of Peace, and a visible demonstration of the Knight's ability to rally both manpower and organization skills in support of their Parish". Overcome with emotion the night of the event, pastor Eric Hill stated "As nice as the \$3,100 donation is to the Capital Campaign, I am really thankful for this opportunity to gather as a catholic community and publically celebrate our faith in such large numbers." Fr. Eric Hill, Fr. Luis Alvarez, and Deacon Nicholas Johnson comprised the harmonious voices of "The Three Clergy" while signing the Star Spangled Banner.

The Knights of Columbus held their ten year Gala on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Last year, the council celebrated a banner year in which over 786 Teddy Bears were collected for children affected by traumatic events, 121 coats were donated to their parish St. Vincent de Paul society, and the council presented Persons with Intellectual Disabilities donations totaling \$8,500 to Challenged Child in Gainesville, Ga. "I am gratified by the way the membership and our parish family have rallied in support of Fr. Eric and the Capital Campaign", stated Michael Krafick, Grand Knight of Council 13457. "We look forward to the phase II construction that begins in March, and the exciting opportunities that the campus expansion offers to our growing Prince of Peace community".

To learn more about Prince of Peace, please visit [www.popcathoocchurch.org](http://www.popcathoocchurch.org)

To learn more about fundraising opportunities with the Gwinnett Gladiators, contact [jhall@gwinnettgladiators.com](mailto:jhall@gwinnettgladiators.com)

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