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“No Mass, Big Disappointment”

By Deacon Bob Cox, Spiritual Director

Greetings my Brother Knights and families!

Sue and I hope you had an enjoyable and happy Easter, despite all Masses being cancelled, including the Easter services. Not being able to attend Mass on weekends since March 21st./22nd. has been awful to say the least. Something we could never have imagined. But here it is. For how long, we do not know. According to the Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, it could last 3-5 months. We will have to make do. How can we make do? By watching Mass on the television (EWTN or some local stations), on the internet (YouTube) or on Facebook. These mediums will have to do for now.

Friday night, we watched on EWTN, Pope Francis praying the Stations of the Cross. On Good Saturday night, we watched the Easter Vigil Mass on Facebook from the Chapel of the Holy Family at the Chancery, celebrated by Bishop Guglielmo. On Easter Sunday morning, we watched EWTN again for the Easter Sunday Mass. At 10:30am, we watched on Facebook our daughter’s Church, Transfiguration in Blythewood, celebrate Easter Sunday Mass with Msgr. LeBlanc. We prayed all the time for our parishioners and family and you, my Brothers.

We need to pray. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Pray the Rosary. Pray at your home’s church, the area you have designated as a chapel area (one of my articles from about a year ago). Get on your knees in front of your Crucifix and pray. Pray for an end to the pandemic. Pray for the safety of our senior citizens. Pray for those that are sick from the COVID19, that Jesus will give them His Healing Presence and Healing Touch. Pray for those who have died from the terrible virus, that Jesus will show mercy on their souls.

One way we can ask for Mercy is by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a nine-day Novena and/or praying it on the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday. Hopefully your preparation for the Feast will be a nine-day Novena that you started on Good Friday and ends on the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday. The Novena and the Feast of Divine Mercy are based on two things, Trust and Mercy. Both of these are what Jesus promises us if we believe, if we pray the Way of the Cross everyday at 3:00pm or any other set of prayers or the Divine Mercy Chaplet and ask for His Mercy.

To quote St. John Paul II, “The Church proclaims the truth of God’s mercy revealed in the crucified and Risen Christ, and she professes it in various ways. Furthermore, she seeks to practice mercy towards people through people, and she sees in this an indispensable condition for solicitude for a better and ‘more human’ world, today and tomorrow. However, at no time and in no historical period-especially at a moment as critical as our own-can the Church forget the prayer that is a cry for the mercy of God amid the many forms of evil which weigh upon humanity and threaten it. Precisely this is the fundamental right and duty of the Church in Christ Jesus, her right and duty towards God and towards humanity.” Therefore, pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Everyday.

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

Deacon Bob Cox

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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

April 2020

- 9 Holy Thursday
- 10 Good Friday
- 12 Easter
- 24 - 26 State Convention - **CANCELLED**

May 2020

- 1 - 3 Southeastern Lieutenancy EOHSJ Annual Meeting & Investiture - Atlanta, GA
- 16 Grand Knights Boot Camp, at St John Neumann School beginning 0830
- 21 Holy Day of Obligation - Ascension of Jesus

June 2020

- 7 State Deputy Meeting - New Haven, CT
- 11 Feast of Corpus Christi
- 26 - 28 State Officers and District Deputies Installation of Officers and DD - Charleston, SC
- 25 Grand Knight Organizational Meeting starting at 0830 at St John Neumann School - Columbia, SC



From the State Deputy

Daniel Barton

Brother Knights,

I hope this edition of the Palmetto Bulletin finds you and your family well.

On behalf of the State Officers, I'd like to wish you and yours a very Happy Easter. For us, this Eastertide is a festive season in the liturgical year and lasts for 50 days spanning from Easter to Pentecost Sunday. While the majority of us are unable to participate in person at Mass, we can all make the act of Spiritual Communion at least on Sundays if not more frequently by watching the daily webcast of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

While this might seem to be a challenge for us, it pales in comparison to the true-life story of then Archbishop Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan and the Catholic population of Saigon. Archbishop Thuan was imprisoned for thirteen years of which nine were in solitary confinement. It was only by passing out messages on scraps of paper that the local Catholic population was able to grow in their faith. Further, although they were unable to participate, the local Catholic population knew that the Archbishop was offering Mass for them nightly while in prison. As Catholics, we have faced many adversities and I firmly believe that we will overcome one of the biggest challenges in our lifetime.

As you are aware of by now, we will be holding our virtual State Convention on Sunday, April 26, 2020, from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. This will be a telephone-based convention. If your council has not submitted their two delegates to our State Secretary, it is imperative that you do so by April 19th. While the business portion of the convention is being streamlined for time's sake, we look forward to the next time we get to meet in person. At that time, we will recognize council accomplishments as well as honor several of our brother knights. As always, please remember that your District Deputy, as well as your State Officers, are here to assist you. I know that with your leadership we can make this a stellar year for the South Carolina State Council.

Fraternally Yours,

From the Vocations Director

James P. Weiskircher, Vocations Director

The coronavirus has affected all of our lives. Several of the seminaries have closed. The North American Pontifical College in Rome as well as the seminaries in Texas and The Catholic University of America have closed. When sending checks to the men, please check with them for their current address. Checks for the following seminarians Deacons Michael Cellars and William Frei, Raphael Ghattas, Michael Ghattas, Erik Roman, Nick Shivers and Justin Damask, can be sent to 941 Orange Grove Road, Charleston, SC 29407.

Please keep all of our seminarians in your prayers.





Patriot's Corner

Michael A. Allen, PSD
Master, South Carolina
District, DeSoto



Brothers,

Never in my life have I ever been on the front lines of a real battle where life and death decisions are being made on the spot. A battle where real people are both being affected and making a difference. That's where I find myself today-- on the front lines, as a health care worker, every procedure I perform could be the one where I get infected. As a person in a high risk group, the infection could be real and could be fatal. Whenever I'm faced with the decision to enter a room with a patient with high degree of suspicion or positive for COVID-19, I think of my Dad sitting in the back of a Jeep manning a 50 cal. cannon during the Battle of the Bulge. He was guarding gasoline tankers while German airplanes were strafing the train station. He thought for sure that was going to be his last night on earth, and had one of the planes hit the tankers, it would have been. My decision may not be quite as dramatic, but the outcome could surely be the same. And, like my Dad, I think more about the next generations and how much better life will be for them because of my sacrifice. Now I'm being told by the Veterans Administration and the President of the United States, that there has been a striking increase in the amount of depression and the number of suicides among Americans, particularly our Veterans. How can we, brother Knights, make a difference? I am asking you all to get involved. Take a few minutes while you're on the internet and pay a little attention to a Facebook page **WeArePrevents** or a twitter feed **@WeArePrevents**, use hastag **#MoreThanEverBefore**. The More Than Ever Before message campaign is to respond specifically to the COVID-19 crisis and is designed to help veterans deal with the stress and anxiety caused by the pandemic. By encouraging these Vets, we show that we care for their mental health and help them to support the ones they love-every day.

Remember that more than ever before:

We must pay attention to our emotional well-being and the well being of our loved ones. This isn't an option-**it's a necessity.**

Just as washing our hands, disinfecting surfaces and maintaining physical distance is required to minimize the impact of this pandemic, so too is caring for our mental health and the mental health of those around us.

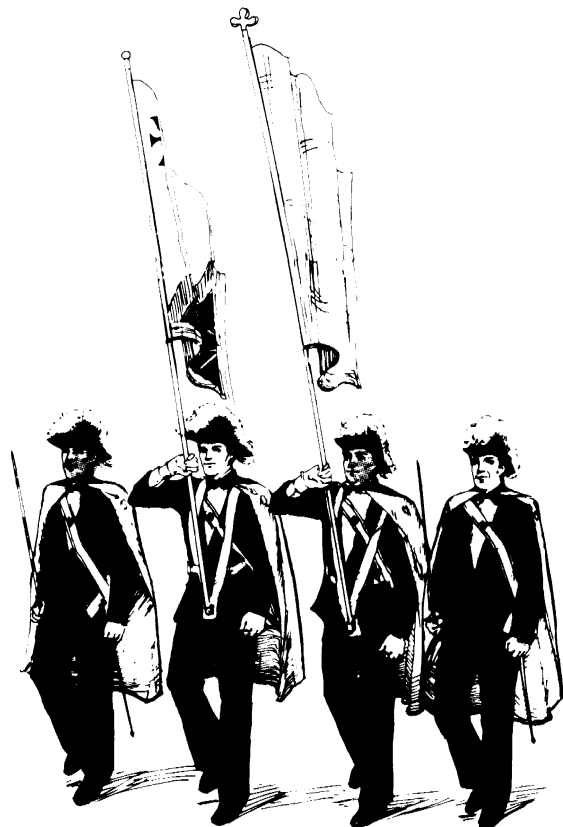
Let's do what we can to minimize the psychological damage done to our families and communities during this challenging time-**show you care**, it goes a long way!

The key is for everyone to become part of the solution and

focus daily on caring for the emotional well being of those we love.

American veterans are being dramatically affected by this psychological challenge. The loss of income, savings, and jobs compounded with constant information overload and uncertainty causes hopelessness and despair for many.

We must protect one of our most precious national resources—the American Veteran.



From the State Ceremonials

Chairman

Richard A. Gabriel, PSD

Brother Knights,

Hope that you and your family had a Happy Easter and are healthy and safe. These are very trying times as we are not able to carry on with our normal daily routines. It is very challenging for all of us and especially for those on the front lines of the pandemic. Many of the council leaders have found ways of helping those in need while remaining safe. I encourage you to help in any way that you can.

If any of the councils have candidates that desire to join the Knights there a couple of ways that you can get them in. One: Schedule a virtual degree. Two: Have them join on line. Remember you have given him the opportunity of becoming a Knight and getting him the benefits. The council can get him through a degree after the pandemic is over.

Please review the degree report and let me know if your council has received credit for all the degrees you have conducted this year. If there are any discrepancies please provide me with the correct information at ceremonialssc@gmail.com.

Vivat Jesus

Admissions Degree Standings (FY 18-19)

DISTRICT	COUNCIL	CITY	GOAL	ACTUAL	%of GOAL
Edward Kamenski	DD #1	5026	4	0	0.0%
		7289	3	1	33.3%
		10668	5	1	20.0%
		12263	5	3	60.0%
		13713	4	2	50.0%
Christopher Hilditch	DD # 2	2207	4	2	50.0%
		6847	5	3	60.0%
		9672	3	0	0.0%
		13713	4	2	50.0%
		13713	4	2	50.0%
V. Patrick Eagan	DD # 3	5086	4	0	0.0%
		7122	5	1	20.0%
		7531	4	0	0.0%
		14892	3	0	0.0%
		14892	3	0	0.0%
Sherrill Wilcox (Ed)	DD # 4	3684	5	1	20.0%
		7062	4	1	25.0%
		9161	3	0	0.0%
		9161	3	0	0.0%
Joe Friend	DD # 5	6629	5	0	0.0%
		8502	3	1	33.3%
		8900	4	0	0.0%
		11910	4	1	25.0%

DISTRICT	COUNCIL	CITY	GOAL	ACTUAL	%of GOAL
Donald Thurlow, Jr.	DD # 6	6884	5	2	40.0%
		8295	4	2	50.0%
		9576	4	0	0.0%
		9576	4	0	0.0%
Peter LaPierre	DD # 7	6891	3	0	0.0%
		11325	4	6	150%
		12554	4	1	25.0%
		15223	3	0	0.0%
		15223	3	0	0.0%
James O. Alford	DD # 8	1668	5	0	0.0%
		8182	4	0	0.0%
		10819	5	3	60.0%
		13112	4	2	50.0%
		15960	3	1	33.3%
James Daugomah	DD # 9	704	5	0	0.0%
		6250	4	2	50.0%
		9475	5	1	20.0%
		10334	3	1	33.3%
		12472	4	1	25.0%
Claire N. Buckley, Jr.	DD # 10	6756	5	3	60.0%
		10066	3	0	0.0%
		12268	3	0	0.0%
		15611	3	0	0.0%
Ronald E. Gilbert	DD # 11	3067	3	0	0.0%
		8980	5	1	20.0%
		11028	5	1	20.0%
		11028	5	1	20.0%
Frank Love	DD # 12	5194	4	0	0.0%
		8123	3	1	33.3%
		8790	3	0	0.0%
		10867	3	0	0.0%
		10867	3	0	0.0%
Mike Cousino	DD # 13	6726	4	1	25.0%
		6900	4	0	0.0%
		11471	3	3	100.0%
		11991	5	4	80.0%
		11991	5	4	80.0%
Jim Steffey	DD # 14	6076	5	0	0.0%
		9184	4	0	0.0%
		9575	5	3	60.0%
		12274	3	0	0.0%
		12995	3	0	0.0%
		15519	3	0	0.0%
James D. Walters	DD # 15	12366	5	2	40.0%
		14475	5	1	20.0%
		14765	4	0	0.0%
		14765	4	0	0.0%
Thomas Armel	DD # 16	724	5	0	0.0%
		6892	4	1	25.0%
		7129	4	0	0.0%
		16903	3	1	33.3%
Totals			255	61	23.9%

First Degree Standings Notes

NOTE: Councils Indicated with an *, Team Has Been Re-certified

** Indicates Team Has Not Been Certified

Goal for FY 18-19

Degrees Per Council

Div I -1-99 - 3 Div II -100-199 - 4

Div III -200-above - 5

From the State Protocol Chairman

Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM

Worthy Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators and Members of the State Council:

DIGNITARIES AT MEETINGS

When Priests, State Officers, District Masters, District Deputies, or special guests are present at a meeting they should be accorded due recognition for the office or position they hold. They should always be seated in a place of honor.

If a Priest, State Officer, District Master, District Deputy, or special guest should arrive while a meeting is in progress; the presiding officer raps the gavel three times for all to stand and instructs the Warden to escort the guest to the station of the presiding officer. The presiding officer then offers a seat of honor to the guest.

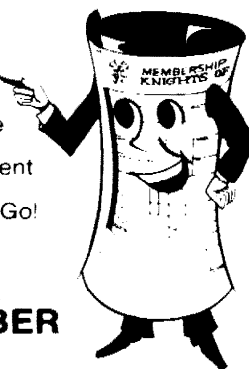
However, a State Officer, Vice Supreme Master or District Master or District Deputy, when present at his home council or assembly, need not be specifically recognized unless he has been invited to attend in his official capacity or requests to be so recognized. This will allow the officer to engage in the regular business of his home council or assembly without involving the position he holds.

When a General Agent or Field Agent is present at a meeting, he should be treated as a guest. He should be seated and introduced with the dignitaries.



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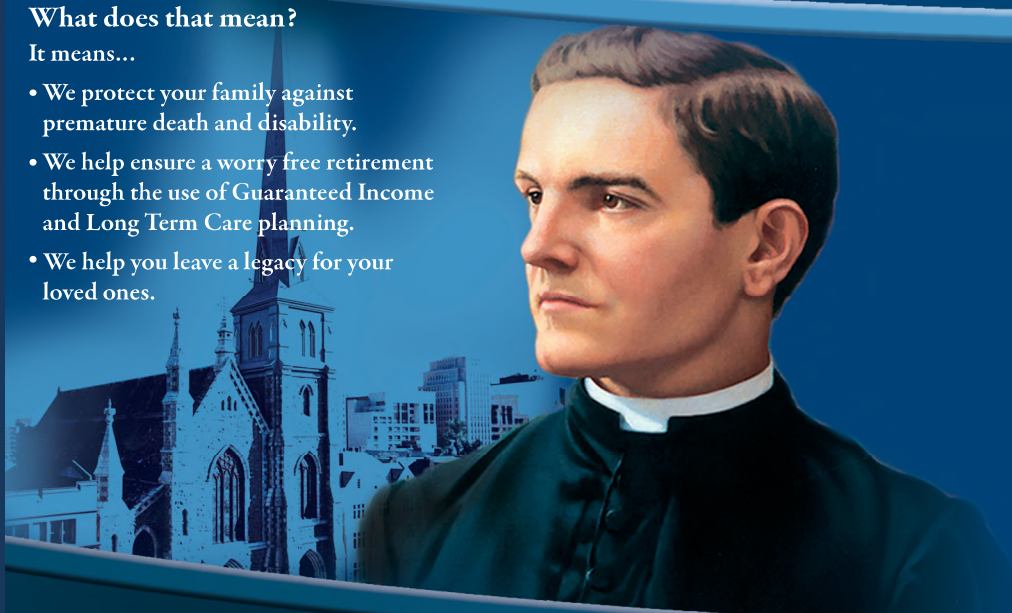
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