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“The Time is Now”

By Deacon Bob Cox, State Spiritual Director

Greetings my Brother Knights and families! I pray that you are well.

It certainly is nice to be able to get back inside our churches, attend Mass and receive the Holy Eucharist again! Even though we had to miss Holy Week and Easter because of the pandemic, we have been able to celebrate important Feast Days such as, Pentecost, the Most Holy Trinity and the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) since we have been partially allowed back in our churches. And we were still able to bring the Catechumens and Candidates into full union with the Catholic Faith since we have been back to church.

Speaking of faith, we must keep our faith strong! We are experiencing some things that are hard to understand and hard to live with. You know what I mean, the pandemic—lives lost, being hospitalized, guidelines to keep us safe, the stay-at-home orders—all for our good, our health, our lives. Sue and I are following all the guidelines. Those six grandkids of ours need us and want us in their lives and their futures.

Then we have police brutality, murder, racism, bigotry, hatred, and violence. I don't condone any of these. I believe in peaceful demonstrations and marches, dialogue and voting as vehicles to bring justice back in our lives and to put an end to this problem. The time is now! As Knights, we need to help educate our Brothers, neighbors, family, and parish families on the importance of voting. Organize voter registration programs. Most importantly, YOU need to vote to make your voice heard! The time is now!

My Brothers,

“No color, no religion, no nationality should come between

us. We are all children of God.” Saint Mother Teresa.
“Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness.” 1 Jn 2:9.

“Love your neighbor as you love yourself.” Jesus Christ.
Also, Happy Father's Day to all of you Dads, step-Dads, Grandfathers, Great Grandfathers! May you have a family fun-filled day! We have our heavenly Father, God, and we have our earthly fathers. Let us give thanks for that!

My father died back in 2000, and I think of him every day. He showed me what being a caring person was all about, as he would visit his mother routinely in the nursing home (stroke victim) and always asked me to accompany him to visit her. He took us to Mass, introduced us to prayer life by praying the Rosary. His ability to talk to me and make me understand life better was a benefit that will always be with me. It is my desire to always be that kind of Father/Grandfather to my children and grandchildren also!

Brothers, if your Dad is alive, call him today, especially if you haven't spoken to him in a LONG time. You may not get the chance again. It might be the best Father's Day gift you can give him!

SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

May 2020

- 16 Grand Knights Boot Camp, at St John Neumann School beginning 0830
- 21 Holy Day of Obligation - Ascension of Jesus

June 2020

- 26 - 28 State Officers and District Deputies Installation of Officers and DD - (Virtual)

July 2020

- 10 Diocese of Charleston - Rite of Ordination
- 11 Columbus Hope Foundation Meeting (Virtual)
- 11 Diocese of Charleston - Bicentennial Mass
- 25 Grand Knight Organizational Meeting starting at 0830 at St John Neumann School (Virtual)

August 2020

- TBD Regional Meetings (In-person)
- 4 - 6 Supreme Convention - Washington, DC (Pending)
- 15 Holy Day of Obligation - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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From the State Deputy

Daniel Barton

Brother Knights,

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

You are serving as a leader in our great Order at a unique time, marked by the unprecedented challenges of the coronavirus, but also the wonderful opportunity presented by Father McGivney's beatification. Because of these circumstances, your leadership for the remainder of this year and especially next fraternal year is vitally important.

As servant leaders, we must always look for ways to engage and interact with our members as well as those who will become future knights. This is done by continuing to live out the principal virtues of a true knight. Although, COVID-19 has changed much in the way we do business as well as how we bring new members into the Order, what has not changed is our good work through our Faith In Action model and the Leave No Neighbor Behind program. Through both of these we will continue to encourage our brother knights as well as attract others and in so doing impact them for the good.

While some of us might feel as though we hit rock bottom over the past several months, I believe it is from here that we can rebuild a solid foundation that will set us up for much success in the upcoming fraternal year. My brothers, two of my favorite quotes are from Hunter S. Thompson "Anything worth doing, is worthy doing right", and Aristotle "You are what you repeatedly do". Therefore, I would challenge you not to settle for what is good enough if it can be better, or even better if it can be your best. Instead, strive for, and expect excellence as it should be a habit not an act.

Fraternally Yours,

Daniel Barton

From the Vocations Director

Jim Weiskircher, Vocations Director

Leave No Neighbor Behind

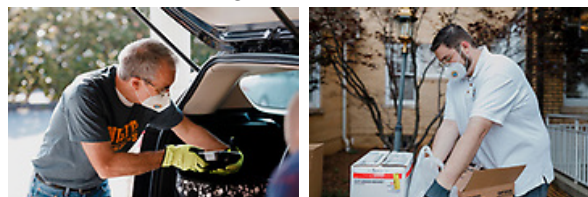
Supreme Council has been providing financial support for large metropolitan areas to support the needy during the pandemic. Local councils are supporting the needy in their communities.

Mobile Meals in Spartanburg faced a crisis of how to reach their 1,500 clients daily across the county. Normally volunteer drivers would come into Mobile Meals to pick up their meals, take them to their cars and deliver them. With COVID19, they lost about 60% of their drivers and could not allow the drivers into the building for fear that if one person got the virus, they would have to shut down delivery of meals to the needy of Spartanburg.

Vivian Tanner, Director of Volunteer Services at Mobile Meals, a member of Jesus Our Risen Savior in Spartanburg, called Ben Weiskircher, a Knight, for help in developing a plan to continue serving their clients while protecting their drivers. Instead of sending out meals every day, a plan was devised to deliver every other day but with one frozen and one hot meal. To keep the drivers safe, they would stay in their cars while the knights would give them masks, sanitize their hands, provide them with gloves, and load the meals into their cars. Ben approached Grand Knight Mike Lukridge with the plan and they lined up Knights to work every other day to load meals. Knights Chris Giadina, Pete Crandall, and John Schmidt are volunteering by delivering meals. Additional Knights volunteering loading meals are Bill and Jenn Warden, Jim Weiskircher, Steve Butler, and Mike Ruby.

South Carolina ETV has been running a segment on public broadcasting stations throughout the state on "Mobile Meals under COVID19" which outlines the changes that had to be made. It is available for viewing from Youtube. In the 7.5 minute video you can see the Knights Leaving No Neighbors Behind.

Council 9575 presented a \$500 check to Mobile Meals on the day that Supreme had sent a film crew to document the Knights in Action. The Knights video should be available shortly.





Patriot's Corner

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



Brothers,

HAPPY FATHERS DAY.

June is the Month of the Sacred Heart, our spiritual proof of how much God really loves us. The Church is by nature missionary and its primary task is evangelization. So, as we begin a new fraternal year the Church is filled with renewed strength that Christ's missionary mandate is more important than ever. You and I are the way the Church makes her witness to others and this can well be the way we form ourselves to be missionaries for Christ. Isn't this a wonderful role for the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus?

I am still looking at a one-day September 26th exemplification, which I hope can be held in Myrtle Beach.

This will of course be contingent on the rules of the day per COVID 19.

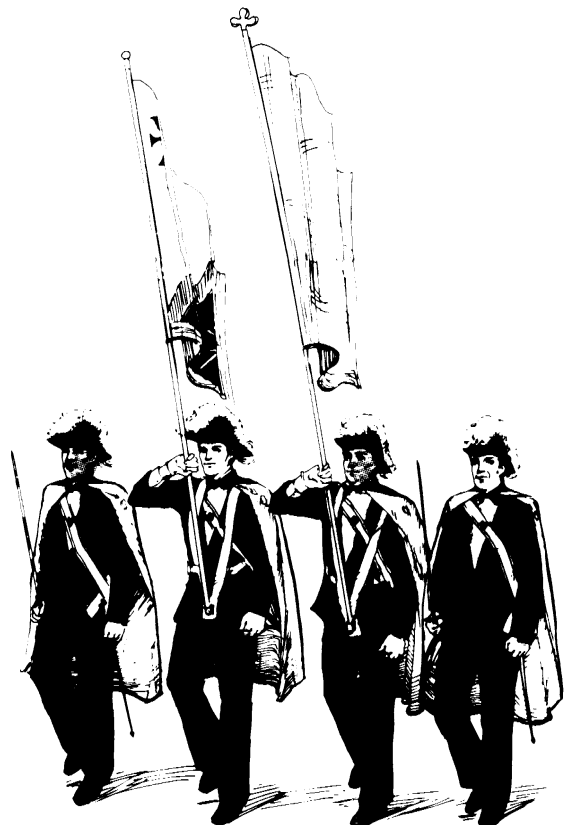
An Announcement will be forth coming, and changes will be made accordingly.

We are looking for candidates so if you have any members who have completed the new exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity please contact them ASAP. Candidate Fees are still a non-refundable \$70.00. There will, of course, be a fun day planned for the ladies.

An incredibly wise man once told me "Success is only a Reality with your help"

Have a safe and fun Summer,
Your faithful servant,

Mike Allen



From the State Ceremonials

Chairman

Richard A. Gabriel, PSD

Brother Knights,

I hope that you and your family are safe and healthy.

It's June and the fraternal year is coming to an end. We can say that the fraternal year of 2019-2020 has been very different and challenging. It is time to reflect on just what the council was able to accomplish in this extremely difficult time. As the closure restrictions continue to ease, it is time to see how the council can safely get back to recruiting and supporting all those in need. Let us give every catholic gentleman the opportunity to become a brother knight.

Any council that has a candidate desiring to join the Knights can do so by scheduling an online exemplification. The council can contact the Director of Ceremonials, Tom Hamling at ceremonials@kofc.org for additional information and suggestions. Additionally, the candidate can participate in the Supreme Council frequent on line exemplification. 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. Remember to wash your hands, wear your mask and keep a safe distance from others as the Covid-19 Virus has not gone away.

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%
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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.	6884	DD # 6	13	4	30.8%
		Seneca	5	2	40.0%
		Anderson	4	2	50.0%
		Pickens	4	0	0.0%
Peter LaPierre	6891	DD # 7	14	7	50.0%
		Orangeburg	3	0	0.0%
		Lexington	4	6	150%
		Columbia	4	1	25.0%
		Manning/Santee	3	0	0.0%
James O. Alford	8182	DD # 8	21	6	28.6%
		Greenville	5	0	0.0%
		Mauldin	4	0	0.0%
		Simpsonville	5	3	60.0%
		Greenville	4	2	50.0%
James Daugomah	704	** 15960	3	1	33.3%
		DD # 9	21	5	23.8%
		Charleston	5	0	0.0%
		James Island	4	2	50.0%
		Mt. Pleasant	5	1	20.0%
		Charleston	3	1	33.3%
		Charleston	4	1	25.0%
Claire N. Buckley, Jr.	6756	DD # 10	14	3	21.4%
		Rock Hill	5	3	60.0%
		Lancaster	3	0	0.0%
		York	3	0	0.0%
		Rock Hill	3	0	0.0%
Ronald E. Gilbert	3067	DD # 11	13	2	15.4%
		Georgetown	3	0	0.0%
		Garden City	5	1	20.0%
		Pawleys Island	5	1	20.0%
Frank Love	5194	DD # 12	13	1	7.7%
		Florence	4	0	0.0%
		Hartsville	3	1	33.3%
		Marion/Dillon	3	0	0.0%
		Cheraw	3	0	0.0%
Mike Cousino	6900	DD # 13	16	8	50.0%
		Hanahan/Goose Creek	4	1	25.0%
		Citadel	4	0	0.0%
		Moncks Corner	3	3	100.0%
		Goose Creek	5	4	80.0%
Jim Steffey	6076	DD # 14	23	3	13.0%
		Spartanburg	5	0	0.0%
		Taylors	4	0	0.0%
		Spartanburg	5	3	60.0%
		Greer	3	0	0.0%
		Gaffney	3	0	0.0%
		Greer	3	0	0.0%
James D. Walters	12366	DD # 15	14	3	21.4%
		Fort Mill	5	2	40.0%
		Lake Wylie	5	1	20.0%
		Indian Land	4	0	0.0%
		Indian Land	4	0	0.0%
Thomas Armel	724	DD # 16	16	2	12.5%
		Columbia	5	0	0.0%
		Irmo	4	1	25.0%
		Greenwood	4	0	0.0%
		Chapin	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:

Councils and Assembly Meetings

During this time of change it is important to keep social distance and wear your face mask. COVID-19 has changed how are meetings are being conducted, via. Video, zoom, email and phone, and soon by face to face meetings in our halls. It is important to remember Protocol during the meeting, no matter the type being held. It is also important to remember your Church and Pastor need help during Mass and on Church grounds as well as donations because of decreased attendance as well as no attendance for several weeks of no in person Mass. Please step forward and ask your Pastor and Chaplin/Faithful Friar how he needs help as well as considering making a donation to him and the Church.

I know this is a little off the normal Protocol input but I feel it needs to be said. Also check members of you Council/Assembly that are in harm's way such as doctors, nurses aid workers and anyone else that is dealing with the COVID-19 in hospitals, nursing homes and other medical fields. Help them and their families in any way that they need.



Guidance for In-Person Meetings

Councils may hold in-person meetings and Installation of Officers (IoO) provided they comply with all Diocese, Parish, State, and local government guidelines concerning the number of people who may attend, social distancing requirements, wearing of masks, food preparation/serving, and any other CDC guidelines.

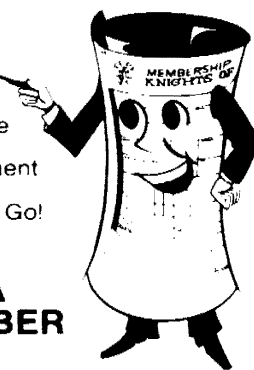
Additionally, when considering holding an IoO, councils should not overlook the possibility of holding them outdoors where it may be easier to comply with social distancing requirements.

New State Pin



Form #100 Belongs in All of These Places

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!



**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10819, SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL & BOY SCOUTS LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND FOOD DRIVE



On May 16, 2020 the Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church Knights of Columbus partnered with the St. Vincent De Paul Society and the Boy Scouts troop to refill the food pantry shelves that have been depleted by the recent COVID19 pandemic needs for food to the needy. The purpose was to "LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND", a recent USA Knights of Columbus initiative.

The effort was supported by over 50 volunteers from these three groups, working together to collect, sort and stock shelves of food brought in by parishioners over a four-hour period. Over 4,500 non-perishable food items were graciously donated that day, filling up the Saint Vincent De Paul storage shelves.



Knights collecting food from drive-thru vehicles



Saint Vincent De Paul and Boy Scout volunteers sorting collected food for proper storage

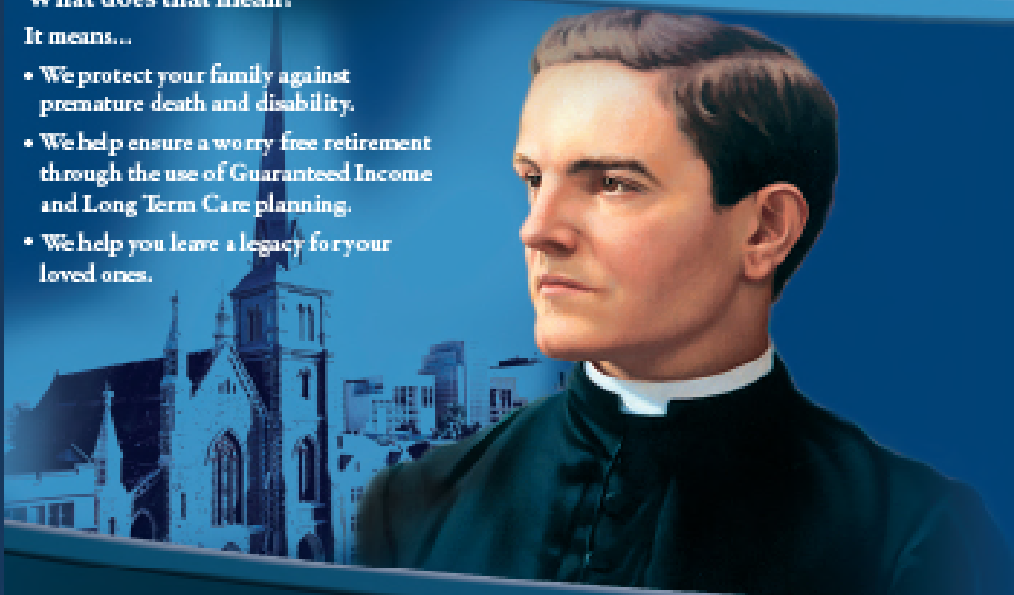
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