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“What’s Important?”

By Deacon Bob Cox, State Spiritual Director

Greetings my Brother Knights and families!

I hope and pray that you have your good health and are staying safe in this time of the pandemic. Sue and I are still following the guidelines by staying home, staying safe, social distancing, wearing our masks out in the public and at Church. We wear our masks to protect you and our community of friends and family. I am sorry if this statement offends you. I made a comment online supporting our Mayor with his mandatory face mask wearing proclamation for a period of days to try to slow down the spread of COVID-19. I received some comments for and against and the one comment that really irritated me was this person said for me to go ahead and wear a mask if it makes me feel better, but she said she wouldn't because she DIDN'T CARE! Such a selfish and uncaring answer! As Christ spoke to his people all those years ago and as He spoke to the people through prophets, His prophets today are the doctors, scientists and scholars and we need to listen to them for guidance through this pandemic. Listen to them. Remember, there is not a vaccine yet and we have to do our part.

This COVID-19 pandemic has really made our lives turn upside down. From no Mass to limited attendance at Mass, from not being able to receive the Holy Eucharist to yes, some of us can receive the Holy Eucharist finally! From limitations on everything at Church to allowing the Sacrament of Initiation and Reception into Full Communion (RCIA process), to permitting Baptisms, to allowing First Communion and Reconciliation, to Funerals and even Weddings, on a limited basis. It was such a blessing to be able to satisfy that deep hunger for the spiritual nourishment that came to us when we were able to

receive the Body and Blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. This hunger for the Holy Eucharist also satisfied our desire for Christ in the other sacraments. For example, a month ago, I was able to baptize three little ones on the same day, as they were all cousins! Such a blessing for the families. I have another baptism coming up in the near future. And this past Saturday, I officiated a wedding at my Church that had been postponed for three months because of the pandemic! The happy couple came to Mass on Sunday and expressed their gratitude for a great wedding ceremony, small as it was, not being able to have a large number of guests invited. They came to realize that instead of having a large wedding with 200 guests, they realized that their wedding with only 20 people in attendance was even more special. Maybe something good has come out of this pandemic. I believe it has, in more ways than one.



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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

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

September 2020

- TBD Regional Meetings (In-person)
- TBD Council Soccer Challenge

October 2020

- TBD District Soccer Challenge
- 23-25 Diocese of Charleston, Catholic Camporee Batesburg, SC



From the State Deputy

Daniel Barton

Brother Knights,

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

I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the fraternal leaders who are handing over the reins within their Council or District. It is through your leadership that our programs and growth has been possible especially the last several months with our response to the Coronavirus pandemic. To all our new fraternal leaders, welcome aboard. Please know that the State Officers, District Deputies, and State Directors/Chairmen are here to serve you. If you need any assistance, do not hesitate to contact us.

On July 11, 1820 the Diocese of Charleston was canonically established by Pope Pius VII making it the seventh oldest diocese within the United States. Bishop John England, our first bishop, started his 22 years as our shepherd with only a handful of priests with pockets of Catholics in Charleston, Columbia, Savannah, Augusta, and Fayetteville. Bishop England was known as everyone's friend and pushed for a strong interaction between the clergy and the laity.

Roughly 60 years later, another Roman Catholic Priest, the soon to be Blessed Michael J. McGivney established the Knights of Columbus, it would not be until 1898 that we would begin the journey of the Knights of Columbus in the Carolinas. Our K of C journey in South Carolina began with another priest, Rev. Charles D Wood. His encouragement, along with the leadership of our first Territorial Director through six State Deputies of the Carolinas, eventually led to the establishment of the South Carolina State Council on June 27, 1921.

With that being said, I truly feel that the first reading from the Prophet Isaiah as well as Psalm 65, of the 15th Sunday of Ordinary time, accurately portrays the ministry of our first Bishop as well as generations of priests, religious, and laity in South Carolina. My brothers, our unique history began

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From the Vocations Director

Jim Weiskircher, Vocations Director

At the end of May, the Bishop, Father Gray and the admissions board met to review and interview new seminarians. We started this fiscal year with 15 seminarians. On Friday July 10th, the diocese ordained Rev. Michael Cellars and Rev. Will Frei. Sadly, Michael Ghattas will be taking a year off and Clemente Torres will be dropping from the program. It looks like we will be having 11-12 new guys entering the program in the fall. We will go from 15 to 22-23 or a 50% increase. The average age of the seminarians in the program has dropped to 26 years old.

This will require moving support from guys that were being supported this year to a new seminarian and recruiting councils that have not supported anyone in the past. I know that once a council begins to support a seminarian that they would like to continue supporting him until he is ordained. I ask each council to please be flexible if you are asked to support a different seminarian.

Priority will be given to a seminarians' home council. I want to make sure that the home council of each seminarian will support a member of their parish. I am hoping that some of our larger councils that have not supported a seminarian in the past will step forward this year and support a seminarian to help us meet the increased number of new seminarians.

Supreme has made some changes to the RSVP program. Councils can receive refunds if the seminarian is an American studying in the US or abroad. Foreign seminarians can be supported if they are studying in the US. Supreme will no longer issue refunds if foreign seminarians are studying in their home country or abroad.

It is important that all support for seminarians be confirmed each year with me even though you may have supported the same seminarian for a few years. In the past, councils have gotten recommendations from their pastor, deacon, or others, only for us to find out when the RSVP is sent in that one seminarian has 5-6 councils supporting him while others, in some cases, with a greater need only has 1. Also, this will be a year of financial challenges for some councils to raise funds for seminarians so we may be losing support for some already in the program. I am keeping a spread sheet so that we can balance out the support. Your help is greatly appreciated. If you ask the vocations office for a seminarian to support, they will refer you to me.

We are fortunate to have so many new seminarians entering the program. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.



Patriot's Corner

Michael A. Allen, PSD
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“Life isn’t worth living, unless it is lived for someone else.”

– Albert Einstein

Brothers,

What a long strange trip it’s been....

It’s been a year like no other, the pandemic has created a void in all our lives and the inability to socialize has put a strain on all of us. We have not been able to live our lives for someone else like we have in the past.

I would like to thank all the fourth degree Sir Knights in South Carolina for sticking in there through this harrowing time. I especially want to thank all the outgoing Assembly officers for your leadership and understanding. For the incoming officers, I want to thank you for stepping up to lead a fantastic group of Catholic Gentlemen.

I wish I could say to you that on September 1st or October 31st or any date that things will be back to normal, but I can’t. Instead it looks like things might get worse before it gets better. We mustn’t let this discourage us! We need, if only for our own sanity, to continue to be the face of Catholicity in our communities.

It looks right now like the Fourth Degree Exemplification on September 26, may be postponed, or cancelled due to social distancing requirements. We are moving forward with the plans in hopes that the COVID virus crisis is over with by then. This may be wishful thinking but being optimistic is one thing that the pandemic can’t take away from me.

As for the new fraternal year, I can’t wait to put the beret back on and provide honor guards for the Bishop, priests and fallen brothers again. Please don’t get down, it will be back, better than ever.

Vivat Jesus,
Your faithful servant,

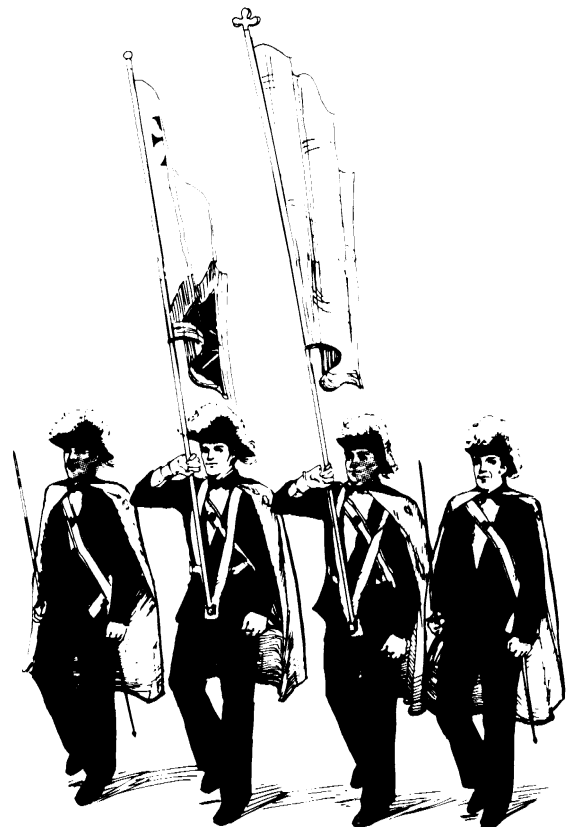
Mike Allen

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with three members of the Clergy has seen many changes as well as challenges. Despite the bumps there have been many achievements and successes. As Saint John Paul II said: “the Knights of Columbus are an excellent example of the contribution which the laity can make by working together.” However, in order for us to do so, we must continue to grow both in programs as well as in membership.

My Brothers, while our programs have been strong, our membership within the state has declined. While some would find this alarming, I would categorize it as an opportunity to improve. Yes, I understand that the current covid-19 situation has put a damper on membership recruitment in ways we haven’t been used to; however, I would encourage everyone to think outside the box. As many of you know, the Order’s online membership can be used as a gateway to a potential knight joining your council. I strongly encourage you, as a fraternal leader, to ask the members of your council to reach out to all Catholic gentlemen they know and offer the gift of membership. In case you are unaware, the Order has a special promotion going on for the next two weeks in honor of our founder. The order is offering free online membership for the first year, and the discount code is MCGIVNEY2020.

Fraternally Yours,
Daniel Barton



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ATTACKS ON COLUMBUS/CATHOLICS



July 21, 2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Columbus Messaging

There have been recent attacks on statues of historical figures such as Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass and our Order's namesake, Christopher Columbus. Statues of saints have also been vandalized, including those honoring St. Junipero Serra, St. Louis and even the Blessed Virgin Mary, and houses of worship and other religious symbols have been attacked.

- The Knights of Columbus took its name at a time of intense anti-Catholicism wanting to show that Catholics played an essential role in the exploration and development of America and that a Catholic could be both a good citizen and a good Catholic.
- These are not merely attacks on statues and history, they are increasingly attacks on Catholics and people of faith.
- While our Catholic faith calls us to be respectful of different perspectives, acts of vandalism are crimes against all who cherish democracy and mutual respect.
- The Knights of Columbus remains firm in its condemnation of all forms of racism and violence, including political violence.
- Our organization has called upon elected officials and leaders at every level to defend the religious freedom of all.

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The Knights of Columbus is a fraternity of Catholic men striving to better ourselves and our world by helping and protecting those who are not able to do so for themselves--whether they are next door or around the world.

The Knights of Columbus is one of the world's leading Catholic volunteer and charitable organizations. Over the past year, Knights around the world donated more than 76 million service hours and \$185 million for charitable causes in their communities. The organization also provides financial services to groups and individuals, resulting in more than \$100 billion of life insurance in force and, through its money management firm, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, invests in accordance with Catholic social teachings. From helping children in need, to providing wheelchairs for the disabled, to helping stock food banks, to offering top-rated and affordable life insurance to its members, nearly 16,000 local councils and two million members, Knights have been at the service of the community for more than 130 years.

Knights of Columbus provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church Parish family, the community and families, and young people. We share a commitment to investing our time, efforts and resources into activities that assist our parishes and reflect our faith and our values. For more information, visit www.kofc.org

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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

The Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator must conduct their meetings in accordance with the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus, supplemented by your Councils or Assembly's by-laws and according to parliamentary procedure. The standard reference on the subject of procedure is Robert's Rules of Order. The order of business for conducting a Council or Assembly meeting is outlined in *The Method of Conducting Council Meetings* (#10318) and *The Method of Conducting Assembly Meetings* (#10325), both available from "knightsgear.com." Presiding officers should control all meetings so that they follow the set agenda by limiting any sidebar discussion.

When a member wishes to speak, he does so by rising from his seat, addressing the chair by saying "Worthy Grand Knight" or *Worthy Faithful Navigator*" and renders the salute. (Representing the tree of the Cross, the member makes a vertical motion, with his arm and vertically opened hand, from top to bottom). The presiding officer recognizes the speaker by announcing his name and rendering the salute in return. (Representing the arms of the Cross, the presiding officer makes a horizontal motion, with his arm and horizontally open hand, from left to right).

The presiding officer should at all times refer to and address the offices by their proper title. He is thus setting a good example for all members to follow.

All members who are not officers should be recognized by name as "Brother _____" or "Sir Knight _____" All questions or comments must be directed to the chair (the presiding officer), for example: "Worthy Grand Knight or Worthy Faithful Navigator may I ask the previous speaker to explain....."

The presiding officer always speaks in the third person such as "The chair rules that ..." or Your Grand Knight or Faithful Navigator reports that"

Members should speak of the chair in the third person: "Worthy Grand Knight or Worthy Faithful Navigator will the chair please explain the effect of the pending motion?"

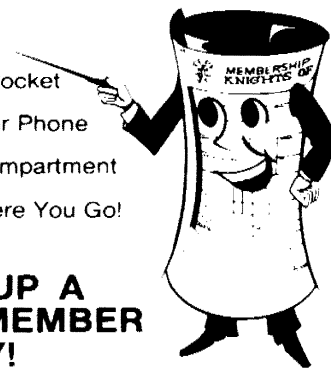


New State Pin



Form #100 Belongs in All of These Places

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



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NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**


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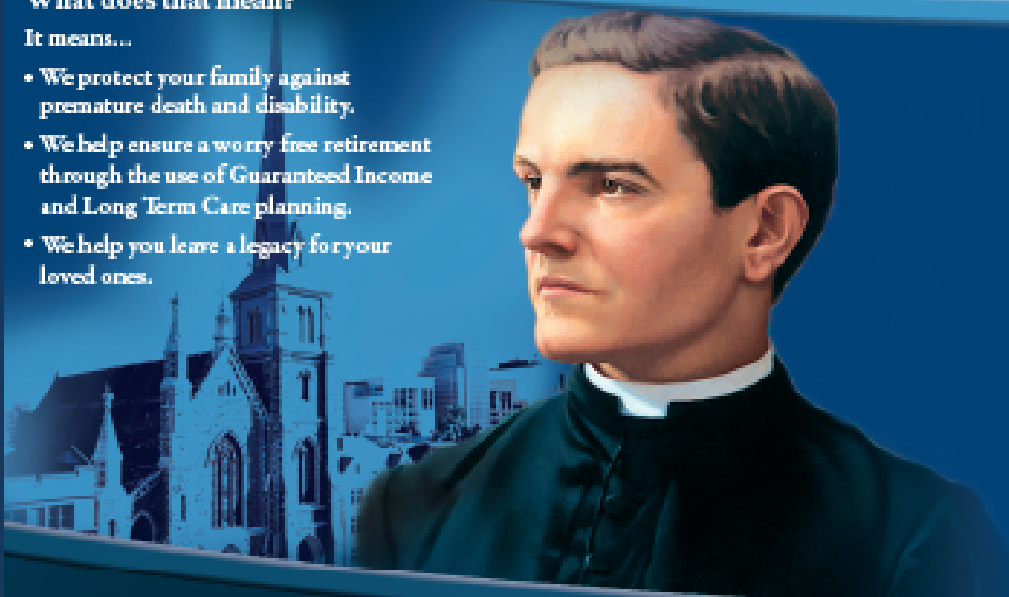
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