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“Examination of Conscience”

By Deacon Bob Cox, Spiritual Director/Faith Director

Greetings my Brother Knights and families! My prayers are that you all are doing well, social distancing, staying safe and healthy. Sue and I are doing our part for your safety and health.

We had a whirlwind journey this past week. We left for Michigan on August 10th., took two of our grandsons with us, as we had a death in the family. My niece and Goddaughter, Heather, only 44 years old, died suddenly at home on the 7th and had to wait for an autopsy to be performed on the 10th. After all is said and done, the funeral was this past Friday the 14th. My sister wanted me to celebrate the funeral for her daughter and I received permission and celebrated the funeral at the Funeral Home, then at the graveside. It was nice to see so many family members, but not under those circumstances, unfortunately. We got back to SC on Sunday, the 16th, me the 17th.

During this time, it hit home that we will never know when our number will be called by God. It can obviously happen at any time. Are you ready? Do you have updated Wills? Checked on your life insurance policy? Have you shared with your spouse all the important and needed information she will need if it is you who passes away first? Be ready for that fateful day. Give your Knights of Columbus Field Agent a call about your policies, maybe increase them if possible. He can give you much needed information. Sue and I have prepared for our futures, I hope you have too.

That brings me to my next point, because of the COVID-19, many Catholics, including Knights, have not been able to attend Mass for quite a while. Maybe you should make an appointment with your Parish Priest for reconciliation. Now

would be a good time. Let me give you a guide for confession/ten commandments:

1. “I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.”
2. “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in Vain.”
3. “Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day.”
4. “Honor your father and your mother.”
5. “You shall not kill.”
6. “You shall not commit adultery.”
7. “You shall not steal.”
8. “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”
9. “You shall not desire your neighbor’s wife.”
10. “You shall not desire your neighbor’s goods.”

The following is an example of a prayer before reconciliation:

“O sweet Jesus, I grieve for my sins; vouchsafe to supply whatever is lacking to my true sorrow and to offer for me to God the Father all the grief which thou hast endured because of my sins and those of the whole world.” (St. Mechtilde... The Catholic Prayer Book)

Please stay safe, be smart, wear a mask, if not for yourself, for others around you, including Sue and I. Viva Cristo Rey!

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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

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

November 2020

- TBD State Soccer Challenge
- TBD State Deputy Mid-Year Meeting
- Nov 1 Holy Day of Obligation - All Saints' Day



From the State Deputy

Daniel Barton

Brother Knights,

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

Earlier this month, the South Carolina Delegates to the 138th ‘Virtual’ Supreme Convention met at the Summerville Hilton in Summerville, SC. During the course of the two-day convention, we were joined by Knights from throughout the United States and from over 20 countries. By far the biggest highlight from the convention was the announcement that the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney will be beatified on October 31, 2020, in Hartford, CT.

In his annual address to the convention, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson gave an overview of the achievements of the Knights over the past two decades. He stated that the Knights of Columbus is much more than a typical service organization. He said that although our dedication to charity and unity is exemplary, what really sets us apart is our commitment to fraternity. Through the foresight of our founder, the Knights of Columbus has become a way for Catholic men to transform casual acquaintances into friends, and friends into brothers.

My brothers, membership in the Order is not another casual commitment. Instead, it is a commitment to be a brother. In response to the economic impact the worldwide Coronavirus pandemic has had, the Supreme Council has taken the extraordinary step of not assessing Supreme Per Capita for the 2020-2021 fraternal year. Furthermore, the State Officers met and agreed to address a number of financial hardships with the strength and wellbeing of your Council being at the forefront of our minds. Therefore, we have decided that our 2020-2021 State Per Capita will be reduced by 50 percent and there will be no charges for the State Council pins for this year. It is our hope that during this challenging time, your council will not drop members for non-payment. Instead, we hope that your council will reach out to all brother knights especially those that you have not seen for a while, and re-

From the Vocations Director

Jim Weiskircher, Vocations Director

As each council considers their budgets for this year, I would ask that they consider sponsoring a seminarian if they have not done so in the past. Councils or assemblies that make a contribution of \$500 or more to an individual seminarian, will receive a rebate. For every \$500 given, Supreme will send a reimbursement of \$100. What are the funds used for? The money is used by seminarians to cover needs such as books, car insurance, phone, emergency expenditures and other living expenses. What kind of moral support is given? Councils are called to aid their “adopted” seminarians and postulants with moral and emotional support as well as with prayers for their vocation and vocations throughout the church.

The need for priests in the diocese is great. We have the same number of priests that we had 50 years ago but the number of Catholic have increase 4-fold. The average age of our priests is 60 and we need to ordain 6 priests a year just to replace the ones that are dying or retiring.

Last year, we started the year with 17 seminarians. Fathers Will Frei and Michael Cellars were ordained, Michael Ghattas is taking a year off to discern, and Clemente Torres is dropping out of the program, so we ended the year with 13. We are fortunate to have 10 seminarians joining the program. Alex Foley and Paul Lacombe are rejoining the program after time off to discern. Colin Doering, Michael Kane, Chris Loester, Mauricio Moreno, Trenton Redmond, Blake Schuman, Paul Sizemore, and Michael Tracy are new to the diocese this year. We will be starting the school year with 23 seminarians. The average age of the new seminarians is 26. We are blessed to have a young incoming class that will be able to serve the diocese for years to come once ordained. I can remember when I first started as vocation chair that several of our new priests that were being ordained were close to 60. These young men need our support and prayers.

I will need to have everyone’s help to make sure that all of the guys are covered. Please confirm with me who you would like to support. I will make sure that all are covered equally. Thank you for supporting our seminarians.





Patriot's Corner

Michael A. Allen, PSD
Master, South Carolina
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Patriotism VS Nationalism

*"Those who cannot remember the past are
condemned to repeat it,"*

George Santayana.

Brothers,

The rise of nationalism across the world, especially in the US, the UK, Russia, China, Germany, France, Hungary, and Italy is alarming. What's the difference? It's easy to confuse nationalism and patriotism, especially because they once meant the same thing. Nationalism is a poisonous idea for it is a feeling of superiority over others and hostility towards other nations. It naturally leads to interventionism, conflicts, and wars. Nationalism breeds cockiness, which is a false confidence and is abusive. It puts others down to feel good. Nationalism was the primary factor that kept Europe for centuries in conflicts, leading to WWI and WWII. We all recognize that it was the German nationalism that empowered Hitler and afterward brought shame to the Germans. Nationalism was also the factor in the 1990s that led the Serbs to massacre Muslims in Bosnia and Kosovo, which was globally televised. Nationalism is destructive

Nationalism, as it is expressed in Europe and the US, is harming our democratic values and ruining our rule of law. The rise of nationalism in Europe and the US threatens global security. If left unchallenged it will leave us all morally bankrupt and economically depleted. Unintentionally, it could also lead to WWII.

In contrast, patriotism is productive. Patriotism is being proud of one's own people or nation for its accomplishments, ready to cooperate with others towards doing good deeds, and willing to defend it against any foreign aggressor. It breeds confidence, which comes from pure and genuine feelings. It produces positive energy to nurture growth.

According to the dictionary, nationalism is identification with one's own nation and support for its interests, even to the exclusion of the interests of other nations. The definition of patriotism is devotion to and vigorous support for one's country. Which do you think is healthier for a nation?

Is burning the flag or kneeling for the national anthem patriotic? I think not.

One of the reasons why people love this country is because

we believe in and fiercely protect our freedoms.

Even some of America's harshest critics still loved this country's ideals: Frederick Douglas, a former slave and famous abolitionist, once described this nation as "A Government founded upon justice and recognizing the equal rights of all men, ... steadily refusing to put its sword or purse in the service of any religious creed or family, is a standing offense to most of the Governments of the world, and to some narrow and bigoted people among ourselves."

Today, yet another more sinister sentiment has risen to the boiling point. It is neither nationalism nor patriotism. It began with peaceful protesting against historical and present actions of government resulting in disengagement and the feeling that things will never be just under the present system. This element believes that things will not change, and voting does not matter because all government leaders and law enforcement are against them. This quickly led to rioting and is the ideology that is burning flags, destroying statues, and defacing and removing national and religious icons like Fr. Junipero Serra, Christopher Columbus and St. Damien of Molokai. If we are to truly become one America. It will take much more than hope and wishful thinking.

It will take a Brotherhood. And we, as a Fraternal Patriotic Catholic Order, can make a positive change—especially with prayer -- a whole lot of prayer. Remember that even Frederick Douglas, despite his criticism of our nation's faults, was a patriot to the very end.

Vivat Jesus,
Mike Allen



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engage them. If a member is a victim of financial hardship, please let our State Treasurer know,

As Fraternal leaders, we need to ensure that all of our councils are active just not in programs but also in membership growth. This year, the Supreme Council has set the total membership goal for South Carolina at 410 new members. Over the past several years the total membership in our state has declined slightly. While some find this alarming, I would look at it as an opportunity to succeed as well as to reach a total state-wide membership of 10,000 during our 100th anniversary.

My brothers, let me ask, how many of our councils could use an influx of 4 to 6 men this year that are eager and willing to serve? How many of us could use men with young families to bring our Faith in Action programs in the categories of Life and Family to the forefront of our council and local parish?

Therefore, we ask that you use all options available to bring men into the Order including online membership. Furthermore, we strongly encourage your council to schedule the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on a regular basis as well as take advantage of Supremes' On-Demand exemplification. If need be, in order to ensure a timely exemplification for a new brother knight, please check with your local District Deputy as we have asked them to ensure at least one exemplification is held within the district each month.

Since our Order's founding in 1882, the Knights of Columbus has been serving and protecting Catholic families. Our Order takes the responsibility of protecting minors and vulnerable persons seriously. Therefore, our goal is to ensure 100% Safe Environment compliance by the end of the 2020 calendar year.

In closing, since mid-March, we have reacted positively as issues arose, and I expect South Carolina to continue to show that we can adapt to and overcome any challenge that may come our way.

Fraternally Yours,
Daniel Barton



From the State Protocol Chairman

Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM

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

INVITATIONS

Guests should be sent proper invitations in writing well in advance. Invitations should be mailed at least six weeks before an event. This will afford ample time to respond to the invitation.

All invitations should be sent in the name of and signed by the Grand Knight or Faithful Navigator, although he may request that replies be directed to a chairman or committee member. The District Deputy, as the special representative of the Supreme Knight and the State Deputy, should be invited to special Council or Assembly functions. It should be understood that his schedule may not permit him to attend every affair, in which case he would respond in ample time. Never give a blanket invitation to anyone. Always send each guest a personal invitation. If tickets are being used for a function, they should be forwarded, suitably marked, along with the invitation.

Invitations should be in the form of a letter when addressed to a specific person. Printed cards or general invitation notices may be used if the occasion warrants. A bulletin or flyer may be enclosed with the invitation if it gives more detailed information. It should not be used in lieu of an invitation. Such bulletins should never show the name of the person invited unless he has agreed to be present.

When an invitation is extended to anyone it should contain all details such as dress, extent of participation, etc. It is embarrassing for a guest to appear and find that he is the only one at the head table not in a tuxedo, or the only one present wearing one.

Remember to keep social Distance and wear your mask at all functions of your council or assembly. Some Churches are requiring you to wear your mask while on Church property.



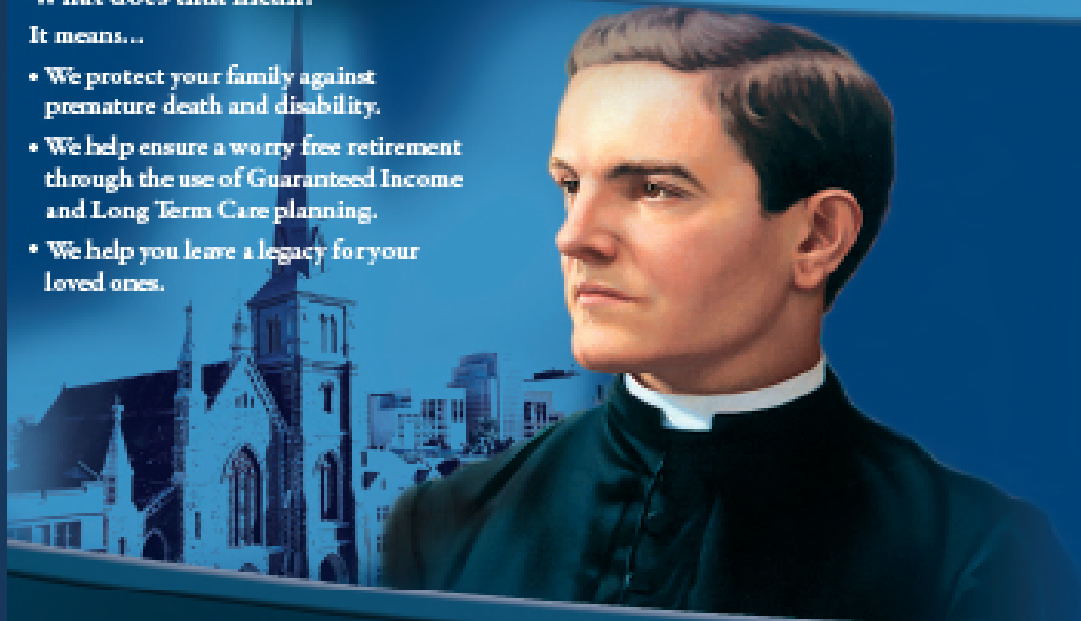
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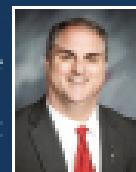
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