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“Prayer”

By Deacon Bob Cox, State Faith/Spiritual Director

Greetings My Brother Knights and wives! I pray that you all are feeling well and taking care of yourselves. I pray that you had a deeply spiritual Holy Week and a blessed Easter! For me, it was nice to see so many people back at the church for Mass! All praise be to God!

This month, I am writing about prayer/prayer life/praying. We all pray, right? And yes, we should have a prayer routine for everyday of the week. If you do not, I highly suggest that you develop a prayer routine/regime. While you are at it, be sure to include your wife, your children and/or your grandchildren as well. As you may know, clergy and the religious have prayer routines daily. For example, as a Deacon, we pray the Liturgy of the Hours in the morning and we pray the Liturgy of the Hours in the evening, as part of our prayer life as Deacons. Then for me, there are the bedtime prayers and the waking up prayers and the prayer/blessing before eating a meal. You can also add in praying the Rosary and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet regularly. These prayer examples discussed are only to be of assistance to you in your own prayer life.

While researching for this article, I came across several definitions/examples for prayer/praying that I am going to share with you. Let us begin with a definition of prayer from the Catholic Book of Prayers, “Prayer is the path by which we can enter into intimate communion with God our Father, with Jesus, and with the Holy Spirit, our soul’s most kindly Guest.” According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2590, “Prayer is the raising of one’s mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God.” (St. John Damascene) The CCC #2591 states this about prayer, “God tirelessly

calls each person to this mysterious encounter with Himself. Prayer unfolds throughout the whole history of salvation as a reciprocal call between God and man.”

The CCC, #2596 states, “The Psalms constitute the masterwork of prayer in the Old Testament. They present two inseparable qualities: the personal, and the communal. They extend to all dimensions of history, recalling God’s promises already fulfilled and looking for the coming of the Messiah... (2597) the Psalms are an essential and permanent element of the prayer of the Church, suitable for men of every condition and time.”

My Brothers, I suggest to you that the masterwork of prayer for us, from the New Testament age, is the Rosary. It was given to us by our Heavenly Mother to be prayed unceasingly. “The devotion of the holy Rosary has been treasured in the Church for centuries. It is a summary of Christian faith in language and prayers inspired by the Bible. It calls to mind the most important events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. These events are called Mysteries and tell of the life of Jesus and Mary.” (Catholic Book of PRAYERS) As you know, the Rosary consists of seven prayers---the Sign of the Cross, the Apostles’ Creed, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Glory Be, the Fatima Prayer, and the Hail, Holy Queen prayer.

I will close with these quotes: “Let your prayer be completely simple. For both the publican (tax collector) and the prodigal son were reconciled to God by a single phrase.” (St. John Climacus) and “Prayer is a powerful tool given to us from God.” (My brother Deacon, Deacon John Tempesco”) And “The family that prays together, stays together.” (Father Patrick Peyton) By the way, there is a program that you can watch en-

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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

April 2021

- 16 - 18 100th Annual State Convention - Virtual
- 23 - 25 Southeastern Lieutenancy EOHSJ Annual Meeting & Investiture - Birmingham, AL

May 2021

- 13 Holy Day of Obligation - Ascension of Jesus
- 15 Grand Knight Bootcamp - St. John Neumann School Gym - Columbia, SC

June 2021

- 3 Feast of Corpus Christi
- 3 - 7 State Deputy Meeting - New Haven, CT
- 25 - 27 DD Organizational Meeting & State Officers, District Deputies Installation - TBD



From the State Deputy

Daniel Barton

Brother Knights,

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

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Indeed, the Son of Man has risen from the dead. As I write this, we are still in the Octave of Easter and this weekend will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday. Out of Christ's suffering and death, we receive a path to eternal life through the forgiveness of sin; the institution of the Holy Eucharist, so that Christ can continue to feed us; and the institution of the priesthood, so that we can be nourished by the Word of God and be spiritually enriched.

As we prepare for our State convention this year, we are going to be using the Supreme Council-sponsored program of GotoWebinar. If any votes are needed/required, we will use Election Buddy. The voting can be done on a computer, tablet, or smartphone. These two programs work seamlessly together and are very user-friendly. Additionally, we will use our State GoToMeeting platform for an open session. Final details will be sent out shortly to all Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and all registered delegates.

Last month I asked each of us if we believed enough in ourselves and in our principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity to invite others to become a Knight of Columbus. The question I have for you is, did you extend that invitation? If so, great and thank you. If not, why not? As fraternal leaders, we must set an example for others to follow. Yes, for some of us, this might be a challenge as we may not be an extrovert or loquacious. However, when we took on our respective leadership roles we by default became a motivator, mentor, learner, communicator, and navigator.

The reason I stress this is that our members look to us for guidance. Shortly we will be back to a new sense of normal, especially since all South Carolinians over the age of 16 are now eligible for vaccination coupled with the loosening of restrictions in our local communities and parishes. Over the next several months, as we transition back to full capacity,

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From the Vocations Director

Jim Weiskircher, Vocations Director

When we look at the CARA study for the past 10 years, which is done with the latest class of ordained priests each year, we see that the second highest indicator behind enrollment in Catholic schools, is that 30 percent are involved in scouting as a youth. We can see it in our own diocese with men like Eagle Scout Andrew Fryml or Eagle Scout seminarian Alex Foley who said that the first time that he ever thought of being a priest was when he heard a vocation talk at his religious emblems retreat in Scouting. There are very few leadership development programs available for youth today and we are blessed to have so many Knights actively involved with our youth in our parishes.

Many years ago, I met a Scoutmaster named Chuck Swoope from Troop 277 from St. Anne's in Rock Hill at the North Carolina Catholic Camporee. He was sad that he needed to take his troop to NC because there wasn't a camporee in SC. South Carolina did not have a diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting so there was no SC Catholic Camporee. We started the Committee in the diocese with a small group of other concerned leaders and the programs have been growing ever since. Today there is a Catholic Camporee, Scout retreat, Bishop England Trek, Trail of Churches, Scout Convocation, scouts earning religious emblems increased 7 fold, and many opportunities for Catholic Scouts to grow in their faith.

Sadly, Chuck passed away at the beginning of the month. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Anne's but also involved in several other ministries. A wise man once told me that if you want to get something done right ask a busy man because he will get it done, Chuck led by example and was always there when I needed something done for Catholic Scouts. It is Knights like Chuck that are training the next generation of leaders in our diocese.

In my troop we ended our meetings with "May the great Scoutmaster of all Scouts be with us until we meet again". But Chuck had appropriately added an additional 7 words for his troop, "May the great Scoutmaster of all Scouts be with us until we meet again, and may our footsteps lead unto Him."





Patriot's Corner

Michael A. Allen, PSD
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“The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard but must be felt with the heart.” - Helen Keller

Brothers:

I hope you all had a great and meaningful Easter. This past month has been wonderful. First, Easter Mass with unrestricted occupancy in the Church, and then attending a Knights of Columbus meeting live and in person. I say this with my fingers crossed, but it looks like life may be returning to a sense of normalcy.

Not sure about the future of masks yet but things are looking up.

As things get back to this sense of normal, I'm happy to announce a Fourth-Degree exemplification coming next month to the Irmo area. May 22, 2021 we will exemplify new Sir Knights into the Patriotic arm of the order. Please start recruiting now. If anyone needs a packet for the 84th exemplification, get with your Faithful Navigator, or have him get a copy from your Grand Knight or call me and I will send you a copy. The fourth Degree has had a good fraternal year due the leadership of our Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard and our Vice Supreme Master Tom Monahan. I hope we can keep this momentum going and finish in style. We are still in need of a District Secretary, if you're interested in a position at the state level, please contact me. I'm looking for someone organized with good communication skills. Also, if you think your council would like to start an Assembly get in touch with me, don't think of it as breaking off from an existing Assembly, just getting closer to Fr. McGivney's goals.

Now is the time to rise to the challenge and take the Fourth Degree to the next level.



Human Relations

1. **Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.**
2. **Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown — only 14 to smile.**
3. **Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name.**
4. **Be friendly and helpful. If you would have friends be friendly.**
5. **Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do were a genuine pleasure.**
6. **Be genuinely interested in people.**
7. **Be generous with praise — cautious with criticism.**
8. **Be considerate with the feelings of others, it will be appreciated.**
9. **Be thoughtful of the opinions of others. There are three sides to a controversy; yours, the other fellows and the right one.**
10. **Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.**

From the State Protocol Chairman

Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM

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

During this time of change it is important to keep social distance and wear your face mask when away from your home. COVID-19 has changed how meetings are being conducted, and how fund raising and projects are being done with less people because of worrying about contracting the COVID-19. 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 our help during Mass and on Church grounds as well as donations because of decreased attendance for several months 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 from council funds.

GREETING YOUR GUESTS

All guests should be greeted by the Grand Knight or Faithful Navigator. The Grand Knight or Faithful Navigator should be assisted by a committee whose function would be to care for the guests' coats, to introduce them to others in attendance and to answer any questions they may have.

Guests should not be left talking among themselves. They usually do not know many of your council or assembly members, and therefore should not be left alone for any period of time. Various persons should be altered to converse with and keep company with guests during their visit (*not necessarily the same person or persons for the entire visit*).

INTRODUCTIONS

Many if not most introductions involve people of unequal or different status or positions. They can differ in rank, in age or in sex, but the result is the same: an introduction usually consists of presenting one person of lesser importance or status to another of greater importance or status.

In introducing a group of people to an individual, avoid running through all the names without a break. It is better to introduce two or three people at a time, so that names can register properly. This is where use of name tags is most effective.

A form of acknowledgement used chiefly when meeting a group is repeating the name of the person to whom you have just been introduced.

Before introducing dignitaries at the head table, be certain names are spelled correctly and proper titles are used. It is a

good idea to check the pronunciations of any names to be announced. The order of rank should be observed meticulously. A person who has been elected but has not yet taken office is called by the title of the office with – “elect” after the title. A Monsignor is not addressed as “Father” and a state officer is not addressed as “Brother.” Remember, if you don’t announce the name and title to the gathering, how can they be expected to know who the person is?

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titled, “PRAY: The Story of Patrick Peyton” which is available to stream: Apr 24, 7 pm – Apr 26, 7 am at <http://watch.showandtell.film/watch/charleston-pray-2021-04-24>. This program is sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Kathy Schmutge, the Diocese of Charleston.

All I am asking you to do is sit quietly in your favorite place, in your favorite chair, and listen. Listen for God. Listen to God. Answer God. If you are outdoors, sit, and listen for the wind, feel the wind, as it may be the Holy Spirit talking to you. Just breathe it all in and talk to the Lord. Amen.

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let us re-double our efforts and look for new ways to truly be a servant leader. One suggestion is to reach out to your local Pastor/Administrator to see how the council can assist him and the parish.

That said, with the revised guidelines for the Star Council award all councils within the state are still eligible to achieve this high distinction. As for new members, remember that Supreme has offered free membership for one year until June 30, 2021, using the promo code MCGIVNEY2020. We strongly encourage you to leave a legacy that your council will remember for years to come.

Lastly, we would like to thank each of you for your outstanding leadership during this pandemic. Our works of charity being accomplished in local parishes and communities is truly an outstanding witness of the love we have for neighbors. Shortly, we will be back to in-person statewide meetings, and as you lead your council throughout the remainder of this fraternal year, please know that your District Deputy and State Officers are here to assist you and your councils. It is our goal that every council within the state is fully ready for when we can implement all of our programs in a post-pandemic world.

Wishing you and yours have a Very Blessed and Holy Easter season.

Fraternally Yours,
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