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## “Some Normalcy”

By Deacon Bob Cox, State Spiritual/Faith Director

Greetings my Brother Knights and families! I trust you are well! Hopefully, you are vaccinated by now and attend Mass regularly, health permitting. I still recommend social distancing as much as possible and wearing a mask while indoors. That is what my family does. We still recommend to our parishioners to wear a mask while attending Mass at our little church, St. Ann in Florence.

Because of my role as a deacon, from my position on the altar, I can see the whole congregation and I have noticed an increase in Mass attendance since Palm Sunday. Easter Sunday was quite full and so was this past Sunday, Mother’s Day. Maybe as people have become vaccinated, more of them now feel more comfortable about attending Mass in person and be in a holy place of worship...the Church! I believe that they are happy and excited to be with Christ, worshipping Him and receiving Him in the Holy Eucharist! And this I believe makes Jesus happy, too! Everything is better in person!

Now, maybe we can get back to some ‘normalcy’ and be faithful stewards of Christ and His Church! As a matter of fact, might I suggest that part of our ‘normalcy’ should be attending our monthly Council meetings and get involved again with our Brother Knights! Give your Council full support for their programs that are set in place for the remainder of this fraternal year, be aware of and involved in the selection of and voting process for your Council’s slate of new officers for the next fraternal year. In the coming new fraternal year, be a voice, be a person of conviction, be a positive influence for your Council, it’s new officers and it’s new programs for the upcoming year. There are four main activities you can be involved with in your Council: Faith, Family, Life,

and Community, along with Fraternal Commitments: visits to the sick; visits to the bereaved; number blood donations; hours of Fraternal Service to the sick/disabled and members of their families. Get involved in your Council’s ‘tootsie roll’ drive, too!

May I boldly suggest that you contact the KofC Insurance Agent that is assigned to your Council or talk to him when he attends your monthly meeting. Let him help you upgrade your insurance policies, your annuities or long-term care. Not many people want to talk about death, but it is a cold, hard, fact of life. It is the end of the body (but not the soul). As you get older, you start to think more about your wife (and children under-age) and that you need to take care of them after you leave this world. A life insurance policy from the Knights will do that. Now listen, I am not an insurance agent, but my wife and I are policy holders, and it makes sense to be prepared.

One last thing I feel needs to be mentioned is the end of your life, death. The death of your body, but not your soul. Death is the end of your earthly life, but not the end of life. We must remember that the soul was breathed into the natural body at conception, animates the body until physical death, and then the soul continues its life journey to eternity, Heaven. Death is a necessary tunnel through which we must travel on our way home to Jesus! Please, plan ahead! Plan now for your funeral and burial! For your spouse’s funeral and burial! As a Deacon, I just finished my Funeral and Burial Form for the Diocese (a copy will go to my local Church and my family gets a copy). If you need assistance with these forms, contact your Deacon at your Church, or contact me and I can send

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### SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

#### 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.

As you know, last month on April 17th, we held our 100th Anniversary State Convention. While all of us wished it would have been in person, we pray that it will be our last virtual state meeting. During the course of the day, we remembered our brothers we lost this year, announced our state charity drive winners and recognized our state program winners as well as our individual award winners. Our State Award Winners are Charity Award, Bill Williamson (Council 6629); Catholicity Award, John Starzyk (Council 6629); Youth of the Year, Thomas Regan; Family of the Year, James and Jane Ridge (Council 5026); Golden Knight of the Year, Bob Brohm (Council 6884); and, Knight of the Year, Don Peterson (Council 10066). Our State Council Program Award Winners are Life Program, Council 6629 (Ultrasound Machine); Community Program, Council 6629 (Habitat for Humanity); Family Program, Council 11910 (Domestic Church); and, Faith Program, Council 10819 (Rosary Program).

During the business portion of our meeting, we approved our state budget, and resolutions as well as elected our state officers for 2021/2022. Our State Officers for the 2021/2022 Fraternal Year are State Deputy, Paul V. Burchell; State Secretary, Jeffrey M. Crouch; State Treasurer, Patrick A. Davis, State Advocate, Keith A. Kingren, and State Warden, Sherrill E. "Ed" Wilcox. I ask that you keep our State Officers Elect as well as all fraternal leaders in your thoughts and prayers so that they may continue to guide and grow our Order.

Throughout this year, the State Council has reacted positively as we continued to operate under a worldwide pandemic. We would like to thank those councils that continued to embrace technology in order to keep their members connected. 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, let us re-double our efforts and look for new ways to truly be a servant leader.

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## From the Vocations Director

*Jim Weiskircher, Vocations Director*

We are very fortunate to have a seminarian being ordained to the priesthood next month. Deacon Rafael Ghattas will be ordained on June 12th at 10am in the Cathedral in Charleston. I know that several of our councils have supported Deacon Rafael over the years and it would be great to have representatives of those councils at the ordination. Thank you for your continued support of our seminarians.

On a sad note, Pedro Siva, 3<sup>rd</sup> year Theology, has taken a leave of absence. Enerson Hernandez, 2<sup>nd</sup> year college, will be taking a leave of absence stating June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please keep them in your prayers as they discern their vocation.

Some councils wait until the end of the fiscal year to send checks to their seminarian. If you are planning on sending one before June 30th, I would recommend that you contact them to make sure where they will be. Most seminarians are taking finals this week and will be returning home. Please remember to submit your RSVP as soon as possible to Supreme. The later that you wait the longer the time to get your check.





### Patriot's Corner

Michael A. Allen, PSD  
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Vivat Jesus!

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

Thank you and God bless you this Year!

**“A love for tradition has never weakened a nation, indeed it has strengthened nations in their hour of peril.” — Winston S. Churchill**

Brothers:

#### Spring 2021 is finally here!

After over a year of shutdowns, mandatory mask wearing, social distancing and staying at home due to the global Covid19 pandemic we are now turning the corner and getting back to “normal”. While we cannot forget so many of our friends and family who have been affected by this severe and too often deadly virus, we are thankful that the vaccine is now available to everyone over the age of 16. God provides every time!

If you, as so many of us, are ready to get back together with your brother Knights please join in the next Patriotic Exemplification coming up on Saturday, May 22,2021 at Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church in Irmo/ Columbia, SC. All brother Knights having completed the new membership degree are eligible to become 4th Degree/Patriotic Degree Knights on that day. This is the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus. Fourth Degree Knights are instrumental in leading the community in the Right to Life March, Patriotic Flag Ceremonies, St. Patrick's Day, Christmas and other parades and we are the Knights who support the Bishop at Confirmations, Ordinations, and other events at the Bishop's request.

In the “More good news” section. We finally have a District Secretary to help around here.

Welcome Marcel Dube to the District. If you need to contact Marcel, give him a call at 843-399-2845 or email at [dubemj48@gmail.com](mailto:dubemj48@gmail.com)

Also, you can now buy the Fourth-degree uniform by the piece, just got to [www.knightsgear.com](http://www.knightsgear.com) select Fraternal and councils on the far right scroll down to fourth degree and follow the directions to buy the trousers, jacket, overcoat, and accessories individually. This makes the total investment a little easier to handle, and if you can read between the lines, a Fourth Degree Knight is resourceful as well as Patriotic.



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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?"

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you a form. Please get this done and let your family know your wishes, that you want a Wake Service, a Funeral Mass in Church (if possible) or at least a Funeral Service Outside of Mass that a Deacon can celebrate! Yes, there is a lot to doing this, but you are special, and your spouse/family are special too. I know of too many Catholics that have died, their children have left the Church and these children do not allow a rosary to be prayed at the funeral home, a wake service or even a funeral Mass for their parent(s). It is so sad...Please do not let this happen! Plan! Talk with your wife, your children, your Deacon, and your Priest. It is best to be prepared and you can have peace of mind knowing your family is taken care of (insurance) and your soul is taken care of. God bless!

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For 139 years, the Knights of Columbus has continued to grow both internationally and within our State. From our humble beginning dating back to the Spanish American War with only one member, the Rev Charles D Wood, to the establishment of our first council in 1902, to the creation of the State Council of the Carolinas in 1911, to the Supreme Board of Directors voting to allow both North and South Carolina to form their own State Council on June 27, 1921, we have continued to grow. After a century of service, the South Carolina State Council has roughly 9,800 knights in 64 councils. However, while this is impressive there is much more work that needs to be done.

St John Paul II stated in his address to the Supreme Council that the Church today feels a particular urgency to emphasize the vocation and mission of the laity. How true his words are today, as 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 build upon the solid foundation that past generations of knights within our state have built, we must inspire other men to begin their journey as a Knight of Columbus.

Last month, I stated that with the revised guidelines for the Star Council award all councils within the state are still eligible to achieve this high distinction. Yes, that holds true today even with only 45 days left in the fraternal year. It is our hope that you leave a legacy that your council will remember for years to come. As fraternal leaders, we must always remember that the inspiration to continue moving forward begins with each one of us.

May our founder, and brother, the Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!

Fraternally Yours,

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