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“Marian Feast Days”

By Deacon Bob Cox, State Spiritual/Faith Director

Greetings my Brother Knights and families! I pray that you are well and ready to have a great and successful Fraternal Year in and with your Councils! It is my hope that all the DD's, GK's, and Directors learned a lot at the meetings held in June and July here in Florence at St. Ann's Family Life Center, hosted by Council 5194.

My discussion for this month is about two of the Marian Feast Days, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15th.) and the Queenship of Mary, (Queen of Heaven and Earth on August 22nd.).

My goal is to awaken your Catholic memories and to refresh them. And so, as we celebrate the Assumption, we celebrate Mary's bodily assumption into heaven! You can think of it as a “New Beginning” in life! And that is a very good description about the end of Mary's life on earth. A “New Beginning!” This was the beginning of Mary's powerful intercession in heaven for mankind. For all of us! For you and for me! This was indeed the beginning of an era when all generations would refer to Mary as “Blessed.”

While the Church may be reserved, silent, or discreet on whether Mary died (or as the Church of the East says, “fell asleep”), we profess faith that her enjoyment of the eternal presence of God is incarnate. The New Testament has no explicit reference to Mary's Assumption. But since the early days of the Church, the Assumption has been celebrated in the liturgy, in paintings, in preaching, in songs, in poems, and prayer. It is also remembered as the Fourth Glorious Mystery of the Rosary!

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII proclaimed in his

Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, that the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church in these words: “The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven.” This was a truth revealed by God. What we profess about Mary, the Mother of God, is what we ourselves dare to hope for. Eternal life in heaven with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It is meant to be an all-encompassing, tangible experience for women and men. Mary's Assumption shows us the conclusion of a life of fidelity. It is a pledge that full salvation in Jesus Christ is there for all mankind. Where Mary has gone, we hope to follow her.

On August 22nd., we celebrate Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth. Pope Pius XII, in his Papal Encyclical *Ad Coeli Reginam* proposed the traditional doctrine on the Queenship of Mary and made this day a feast for the Church worldwide. Pope Pius XII says this of Mary's Queenship: “Turning her maternal Heart toward us and dealing with the affair of our salvation, she is concerned with the whole human race. Constituted by the Lord Queen of Heaven and earth and exalted above all choirs of Angels and the ranks of Saints in Heaven, standing at the right hand of Her only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, she petitions most powerfully with Her maternal prayers, and she obtains what she seeks.”

So, my Brothers, let us approach this Holy Day of Obligation and this Feast Day with humbleness, sincerity, holiness, and faithfulness. Always remember, that Mary shows us the conclusion of a life of fidelity. It is a pledge that full salvation in Jesus is to come to us.

A “New Beginning!” Amen! **July 2021**

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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

August 2021

28 State Exemplification of Charity Unity Fraternity
St. John Neumann School

September 2021

11 85th Exemplification of the Fourth Degree -St.
John the Beloved Catholic Church, Summerville

November 2021

13 Soccer Shootout, St. John Neumann School

December 2021

10-12 DD Midwinter Meeting, Westin Resort and Spa,
Hilton Head Island, SC



From the State Deputy

Paul Burchell

Lord it is good that we are here..." (Matt 17:4). These words of St. Peter to our Lord on Mt. Tabor could also apply to us as members of the greatest fraternal organization in the world – the Knights of Columbus.

It is good for us to be here so we can help our parishes and communities. It is good for us to be here so we can evangelize and bring our fallen away brothers and sisters back into the Church. And, it is good for us to be here so we can offer the privilege of membership in the Knights to those eligible men around us.

It is amazing how fast time goes ("tempus fugit"). We've completed the first month of the fraternal year and I am happy to report that we are off to a great start and for that I thank you. Several of our councils have been actively involved in their charitable efforts and FIA programs as well as adding new members to their rolls. For those councils who are still in the starting gate, it is not too late to get started.

One of the easiest and most rewarding programs is Supreme's "Family of the Month" program and every council no matter how big or how small can take part in it. Take a few minutes to recognize those families in your parish who are involved, starting with selecting the family of the month for July.

As I mentioned earlier, time flies. Be aware of upcoming activities and events so you are not caught off guard and have to scramble at the last minute to get organized. For example, do you know that on August 25th, our General Agent, Brother Robert Boni is sponsoring a virtual "Long-Term Care Planning Seminar"? What a great opportunity to share a very important message with our parish community and at the same time, complete one of the two requirements for the Founder's Award (two Fraternal Benefit Nights).

Another key program to start planning for is a fall Church Recruiting Drive (ideally conducted in October). This is one event that takes detailed planning, starting with meeting with the Pastor to receive his approval and identify dates that are agreeable to him.

Is your council going to host a "soccer challenge"? Are you scheduling any special events or activities for "Columbus Day"? The point is that all of the many programs take plan-

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 contributions 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 Catholics 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.

I would ask that each council confirm their support of their seminarian for the coming year. If your seminarian requested a leave of absence or was ordained and are in need of a replacement let me know. All support is being documented in one place to make sure that we support the seminarians equally. The vocation office will not release the names and addresses of the seminarians until they report to the seminaries. I should have a complete list by the end of this month.

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.

I have just gotten the list of seminarians for the 2021-22 school year. We will have two new seminarians with Michael Ghattas rejoining the program. Sadly Trenton Redmond will be joining Pedro Silva, Sebastian Barbosa Garcia, Nicholas Shiver, Mario Aguilar, Enerson Hernandez, and Mauricio Moreno in requesting a leave of absence from the program. Please email if you need a replacement for one of the seminarians leaving the program.



Patriot's Corner

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“Christian living has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried.”

G.K. Chesterton

Brothers:

Have you ever wondered how to judge the success of a Religion? A Diocese? or a Parish? It's got to be more than just how many people show up for Mass on Sunday. It must be more than the size of the collection plate. Is it even possible to measure concretely how successful a parish is? Is it some intangible measurement like the attitude of the parishioners? Or could it be a trickle-down effect from the Church to the basic building block of all parishes, the Domestic Church that all Knights of Columbus head up? For the past 139 years, the Knights of Columbus have been known as the strong right arm of the Catholic Church, even Saint Pope John Paul the Great recognized this. Now it's time to ask ourselves "is our Knights of Columbus council the "strong right arm of our parish?" Does my local council or assembly motivate me to go back home and strengthen my family's devotion to the Church? Do I leave my meetings longing to go to Mass and wanting for the Eucharist? If not, why? Many people may disagree with me, but I feel like the Knights of Columbus at the local level, have the key to success for the Catholic Church. I also believe that your pastor, like him or not, encouraging or not, needs our organization to be his loyal and steadfast supporter more than ever.

If you've ever wondered how, you can get more out of your experience as a Knight you might want to consider taking your involvement to the next level. Become a fourth-degree member. Patriotism, by all the current polls is fading at an alarming rate. **We can do something about this.** On September 11, 2021, the twentieth anniversary of the attack on the world trade towers, you can become a Fourth Degree Sir Knight and show the community, the state, and the world what you stand for. Ask your Grand Knight how you can sign up today. **Vivat Jesus!**

Now is the time to rise to the challenge.

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Thank you and God bless you this Year!

Faith in Action - Family

John Olson, GK, State Family Director

My Brothers in Christ, I pray you, our Brothers and families are doing well. Father McGivney sought to strengthen the bonds of families in his parish and the Knights of Columbus. These programs, created for families by families, help us to live this call. As the Fraternal year moves by, my role as family director for the state is to listen and support our program directors, Brothers and families throughout the state. What's the first step? I would love to hear from you with ideas, needs and life at your parish and your council. As a Grand Knight, I'm in the trenches day-to-day with our Brothers, their families and our parish family. What's next? I'll be reaching out to each council asap to see how I can be of assistance. Do you want to help with state family faith in action direction or have questions or thoughts before I can talk to each council? Here's my contact info. (phone, email or text) 864-354-5680 or gk.kofc9184@gmail.com.

Also, a great way to get started with your family programs for FIA is by choosing a family each month, submitting it to Supreme by the 15th of each month and preparing a certificate to present preferably following the mass if allowed by your pastor. This is a great way to recognize families in our parish communities and showcase one of the things we do as Knights of Columbus. Visit www.kofc.org for information on this program or use this link that will take you directly to the resources for this program as well as other Family programs the Knights of Columbus recommends and provides. <http://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/resources/index.html?1tab=1tab2>. Also, never cease in encouraging programs such as a Family Rosary Night. Spending time as a family in an Adoration chapel or the church following the mass in prayer will help our brother knights grow in their faith and give them strength to help carry out the mission of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney and all of our Faith in Action programs.

Thanks for all you do. I look forward to talking to you soon!

*St. Joseph, pray for us
Blessed McGivney, pray for us
Holy Family, pray for us
Pray for Vocations*

Vivat Jesus!

From the State Protocol Chairman

Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM

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

I know you are not having any or very few guests, but this is a reminder of how to treat them for when things open back up. Please be safe and wear your mask and remember social distancing when out and at meetings.

STATE DEPUTY OR HIGH RANKING OFFICER VISIT

When the State Deputy, District Master or other high ranking officer is scheduled to attend a Council or Assembly function, always be sure that he is advised of the date, time, place, purpose, type of affair, and other individuals on the program – including their function, and other pertinent data.

If women are to be present, the State Deputy's wife should be invited. Advise her of the appropriate dress for the occasion and arrange for a ladies' committee to greet and welcome her. Always advise the State Deputy and head table guests of the proper dress for the affair.

Offer to arrange hotel facilities for the State Deputy or inform the State Deputy or guest of the most convenient hotel accommodations. Determine his time of arrival and arrange to greet him. If the affair is not a banquet, arrange for someone to offer to take the State Deputy or high-ranking officer to dinner. Arrangements also should be made for travel to the site of the affair and return to the hotel.

On arrival at the site of the affair, the Grand Knight or faithful Navigator and his committee should again greet the high-ranking officer. He should be properly introduced to the other dignitaries in attendance.

In recognition of his high office, special appreciation should always be expressed to him for his visit to the function. Arrange proper speaking facilities, including podium, podium light and microphone.

The State Deputy is the highest elected official in the jurisdiction and proper attention must be given to seating arrangements. Other high ranking officers need to be seated according to protocol.

If there is additional entertainment after the banquet, a special table for the high-ranking officers should be arranged so that they will be with the Grand Knight or faithful Navigator and other dignitaries.

The master of ceremonies should be provided with a resume of the State Deputy and other head table guests so that he can make proper introductions. If glossy photographs are required for publicity purposes, they should be requested directly from the guest.

If some other high-ranking official, not a Knight of Columbus member or member of a different council, is invited to attend a Council or Assembly function, the sponsoring organization

should extend the same courtesies as those suggested for use with the State Deputy and high-ranking officers of the Order.

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ning. Fortunately, we have a great resource in the "Fraternal Planning Guide" which identifies on a monthly basis upcoming activities, due dates, etc. Another great resource is the Fraternal Leader Advisory that is sent by Fraternal Mission to all Council Leaders on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. One final note: it takes a team effort to plan and conduct the many activities. We all have individual talents and abilities and that is what makes us such a great organization. We have to work together to accomplish our goals. Wow! Unity and fraternity. Where have I heard that before?

Vivat Jesu.

Paul

Hurricane Season

Greg Scheuer, State Disaster Response Coordinator

As we continue through hurricane season (June 1st to Nov 30th) the key to negotiating named storms with humor and good grace is still preparation.

I stole the following checklist below from Ready.gov. The first preparation goal is to be able to get by without any public utilities for three days.

The most basic emergency supply kit should include the following recommended items:

- [Water](#) (one gallon per person per day for several days, for drinking and sanitation)
- [Food](#) (at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food)
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle (to signal for help)
- Dust mask (to help filter contaminated air)
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape (to [shelter in place](#))
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties (for personal sanitation)
- Wrench or pliers (to [turn off utilities](#))
- Manual can opener (for food)
- Local maps (for evacuation routes)
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

Here is the tip of the month. A Sawyer MINI water filtration system is about \$ 20 and can even be ordered on line. It's small and cheap insurance if you get one today. If you don't let it freeze, it should be good indefinitely. Prior to the arrival of a named storm fill your bathtub with water. If you need the water after the storm, you will have it available in the tub. If it turns out that the water supply wasn't necessary just pull the drain plug. Too easy. Be safe and may God bless you.

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