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## “March Madness”

By Deacon Bob Cox

Greetings my Brother Knights and families! “March Madness” is upon us... crazy weather, flowers blooming, trees budding, men’s and women’s college basketball tournaments, and we are coming up on the third Sunday of Lent! As you may remember, the Scrutiny’s (for RCIA candidates/catechumens) start on the third Sunday of Lent.

I have a little bit of information for you...this past Ash Wednesday at my home parish of St. Ann, we held two Masses with distribution of ashes and had good turnouts at both Masses. The Friday before, a parishioner that works in the Media department at MUSC Florence, asked if I could come out to the hospital and distribute ashes to their staff in their Chapel. My pastor gave me permission to attend to the needs of the faithful that work at MUSC Florence. (It had never been done at this hospital before.) With the assistance of my wife, we started the service at 2:30pm in the Chapel with 12 staff members in attendance. We stayed until 4:00pm and ministered to another 10-12 people as they took their breaks or were finished working and came to the Chapel for ashes. I was humbled and moved by the opportunity to minister to God’s people. It didn’t matter if they were Catholic, Methodist, Lutheran, or Anglican...they wanted to receive the ashes on their foreheads. God is Good! During this process, I was asked to fill out the paperwork and become one of MUSC Florence volunteer Chaplains! So, I will follow through on this adventure and add this to my journey as a Deacon in the Diocese of Charleston!

We have a couple of other dates in March that are noteworthy, March 17<sup>th</sup>. is St. Patrick’s Day and March 19<sup>th</sup>. is St. Joseph’s Day! In fact, March is considered the month of Joseph! Some

parishes have a Novena in March for St. Joseph, after all he is the earthly Father of Jesus! If you really are interested in learning more about St. Joseph, contact Father Stan Smolenski at the Shrine of Our Lady of South Carolina in Kingstree, as he is a “student” and scholar on St. Joseph. He has written many articles on him and loves to share his knowledge about St. Joseph.

My Brothers, try your very best to keep your Lenten commitments of fasting, abstaining from meat on Fridays, attending your parish’s Stations/Way of the Cross, remembering the things you gave up for Lent or doing more good things for Lent (extra praying, almsgiving, being more charitable), and going to confession. These things are all good for your soul! Lastly, March is an important month, any way you look at it. But most importantly, treat March within a very spiritual way as the Lord has intended us to, after all it is a time to *repent*. As I said to everyone on Ash Wednesday when I applied the ashes to their foreheads, “*Repent, and believe in the Gospel!*” Viva Cristo Rey!



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## SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

### March 2022

- 19 SC District 4th Degree Biennial Meeting 1:00 pm  
Corpus Christi Catholic Church (Parish Hall),  
Lexington
- 29 Founders Day

### April 2022

- 10 Palm Sunday
- 14 Holy Thursday
- 15 Good Friday (Fast & Abstinence)
- 17 Easter
- 22-24 101st Annual SC State Convention, Landmark  
Resort, Myrtle Beach



## From the State Deputy

*Paul Burchell*

My Brother Knights,

As I write this article, we have just begun the season of Lent. A season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. What a great time to really focus on our mission as a Knight of Columbus. I've heard it said that we grow too soon older and too late smarter. For years, as Lent approached, my first thought was, "what am I going to give up for Lent?" Perhaps my focus should have been, how can I really make a difference this Lent? The prophet Isaiah gives us the answer in Chapter 58 verses 6-8 when he talks about the type of fasting the Lord desires. When we see Christ in our neighbor, that is when we know we are on the right track.

I recall a few years ago attending daily Mass and at the end of his homily, our Deacon reminded us, God doesn't ask us if we are worthy, He asks us if we are willing. I don't remember a lot, but that phrase has remained with me over the years. Isn't that really what being a Knight of Columbus is all about – putting our faith into action? We all have different talents, skills, and abilities. And that is what makes us such a great organization – to pool our individual efforts into a unified body in order to serve God by serving others.

"Leaders in Faith" – as a Knight, this is what we are called to be. We set the example for our families, parishes, and communities. Faith first, then we can truly live our virtues of charity, unity, and fraternity. As the 11<sup>th</sup> century Doctor of the Church, St. Peter Damien, tells us:

If you wish to be a knight of Christ and to fight manfully for him, take up arms against the vices of the flesh... Faith is undoubtedly the foundation of all virtues, and when the foundation is shaken the whole structure of the building soon threatens to fall into ruin.

I am a big fan of the monthly magazine, *The Word Among Us*. In one of his recent articles, President Jeff Smith wrote: "God has placed you wherever you are today so that you can bring him glory in your conversations, in your prayer, and in all your acts of love and service."

As we continue in our Lenten journey, let us be aware of the world around us and recognize those situations when God may be calling us to take care of his people. Don't pass up the opportunity. Trust me, the rewards are out of this world. As St. James tells us "Be doers of the word." Vivat Jesu!

## From the Vocations Director

*Jim Weiskircher, Vocations Director*

When we think of vocations, we automatically think of the clergy and religious life. We tend to forget that vocation also refers to our roles as fathers, spouses, children, or single life. The pandemic has taken a toll on my faith life. Most of the activities of my council have been on hold. Growing up, my parents instilled in me the value of service to others. I had been volunteering at Mobile Meals but an injury to my Achilles tendon ended the support six months ago.

In the past, I had attended retreats that helped to renew my faith, but the effects were short term. Last summer, my son had attended the 17<sup>th</sup> Emmaus retreat weekend at Black Mountain near Asheville and had a great experience. I decided to attend the 18<sup>th</sup> Emmaus program last month.

The Gospel of St. Luke relates the story of the Risen Christ appearing to two men walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They are joined by a stranger who explains the Scriptures as they walk, how it was ordained that Christ should suffer and enter his glory. The illuminating climax of the experience was when the stranger took bread, broke it, and gave it to them. The men had their eyes opened and they recognized him as the Risen Lord. They rushed back to Jerusalem to tell the others. From their website [www.emmausofthecarolinas.org](http://www.emmausofthecarolinas.org)

«Emmaus» is a retreat weekend designed for those men who feel they would like to explore a deeper relationship with God. Every one of us has considered the questions, "Does God really exist?" or "How should God's existence affect my life?" Unfortunately, we are all very busy and don't allow ourselves enough time to explore the answers. That's what the Emmaus retreat is for. The men organizing and hosting the Emmaus retreat are regular guys who will not try to convince you of their answers; instead, they will share their own experiences with you and let you draw your own conclusions. We are not men born Holy, and we have each led very different lives. But, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have found our way back to the Lord and would like to tell you about these life-changing experiences. For many of us, it was during an Emmaus Retreat that our hearts were touched by God.

### **Q. What is and who serves this ministry?**

**A. Emmaus of the Carolinas** began holding Emmaus retreats in 2012, initially formed from a men's prayer group established at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Spartanburg, SC. The ministry start-up was assisted significantly by the Emmaus Community of St. Louis Catholic Church in Pinecrest, FL, as well as men from other Emmaus Communities in the US. The men serving our local ministry are from many churches, mostly in the Carolinas.

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### Patriot's Corner

Michael A. Allen, PSD  
Master, South Carolina  
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### From the State Ceremonials Director

Tony Zammarrelli, PGK, DD2  
CHARITY, UNITY, FATHERNITY EXEMPLIFICATION  
BY DISTRICTS AS OF 01/08/2022

*One person trained twelve human beings who went on to so influence the world that time itself is now recorded as being before (B.C) or after (A.D.) his existence. ---Laurie Beth Jones*

Brothers,  
I want to congratulate the thirty new Sir Knights that took place in the 86<sup>th</sup> Exemplification of the fourth degree on February 19. Thanks to Assembly 2655 for their support and hard work that made the day a success. Also, to the staff at Lexington Country Club for another wonderful post exemplification banquet.

The honoree for the day was the former District Secretary Marcel Dube. His wife was presented with his plaque this month.

The next exemplification of the Patriot Degree will be on April 23, in conjunction with the State Convention at the Landmark Resort in Myrtle Beach. Anyone who is interested in the patriotic/visible arm of the order please get a form 4 filled out and to your Grand Knight as soon as you can so we can plan a great day at the beach. The honoree for this event will be South Carolina's own Vice Supreme Master, Tom Monahan. If you're already a Sir Knight, come out and show your support for Tom and the American Catholic way of life. I promise you won't be disappointed.

On March 19, 2022, at Corpus Christi Church in Lexington, SC we will be holding our Biennial meeting. The primary job of this meeting is to send three names to Supreme of nominees for the next District Master. If your interested in this job, please let me know and I will add your name to the list. We will whittle the list down to three by vote. It's your chance to have a voice in the 4<sup>th</sup> degree leadership for the next two years.

I also want to thank the individuals and Assemblies that have sent money and checks to me for the Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund. We have raised close to three thousand dollars for the fund this year. Thank you for all you do for the Catholic Church.

Vivat Jesus  
*Mike*  
Michael A. Allen  
District Master

DISTRICT	QUOTA	COMPLETED
1	4	3
2	4	6
3	4	6
4	4	3
5	4	6
6	4	0
7	4	7
8	4	6
9	4	8
10	4	3
11	4	5
12	4	4
13	4	8
14	4	4
15	4	1
16	4	3
<b>TOTAL'S</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>73</b>

Peace and God Bless.  
Vivat Jesus!

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## Bones

The membership of any organization is made up of four bones. There are the WISH BONES, who spend their time wishing that someone else will do the work. There are the JAW BONES, who do all the talking but very little else. Next there are the KNUCKLE BONES, who knock everything that everyone does. Finally there are the BACKBONES, who get under the load and do the work.

Wishbones, Jawbones, Knucklebones, Backbones. What kind of bone are you? I wonder how many knights ever bother to ask themselves this question? If you happen to be one of the first three bones, why not pick up the phone and spend some time time talking to a Knights of Columbus backbone. Maybe that is all you need to get going.

## 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



## Vocations continued from page 2

### Q. How do these retreats work?

A. You will hear a series of talks by other men concerning their own experiences. You will have a chance to reflect, pray, and consider the bigger, really meaningful questions of life in a place that is far enough away to separate you from the distractions of everyday life, but close enough that you could be home in a matter of minutes.

### Q. What about God?

A. One way, among many, you can help answer that question is with this Emmaus Retreat, led by men, like you, who have struggled with the same questions about life that you have. The Emmaus Retreat is designed to be low-key and not “preachy.” You will listen to other men like yourself talk about their journey to know more about God.

### Q. How long does the weekend last?

A. You’ll need to arrive at the retreat location on the grounds of the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly Center; 84 Blue Ridge Circle, Black Mountain, NC 28711, Friday, August 12th, 2022 between 6:00 PM and 6:30 PM. The weekend will conclude no later than 5:00 PM on Sunday, August 14th, 2022.

Consider surrendering control of your life to the Holy Spirit and jump-starting your faith in a walk with other men that

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- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!



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NEW MEMBER  
TODAY!**



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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:

### Correspondence

With Council and Assembly installations coming up the following is provided as guidance for you to follow.

When corresponding with others, email is the most effective and efficient means of communication. However, e-mail may not be the most appropriate means of communication in all circumstances. Sometimes typed memos or letters, on letterhead, should be utilized and care should be taken to ensure that the letter writer uses proper letter writing techniques.

E-mails also need to be handled with care. Officers need to make certain that their e-mail address is appropriate along with the content contained within the e-mail. Sending an e-mail does not ensure delivery to the intended recipient. E-mail is cost effective and can be an easy way for councils or assemblies to communicate, but it is not a guarantee of participation at an event. E-mail, as with letters, need to be clearly stated and have the main points separated. Make certain that e-mails that contain confidential information are not broadcast to a large group. E-mails cannot replace the personal contact of a phone call or personal conversation.

Modern means of social communications provide members of the Knights of Columbus with powerful tools that can build up your council by promoting its charitable mission and by encouraging members to live out their Catholic faith. The term "social communications" refers to, among other things, the internet, the World Wide Web, and social media. The term "social media" includes blogs and microblogs, social networking sites, and picture and video sharing sites, such as Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Flickr, and YouTube.

Social communications should be used in a manner consistent with Catholic values and principles of the Order. Members who use social communications should carefully review and at all times observe the Order's Social Communications Guidelines and Policy, which can be found under the Social Communications tab on the Officer's Desk Reference located in the Officer's Online at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). The Guidelines and Policy apply to members and subordinate units of the Order when they choose to identify themselves as members of the Knights of Columbus or to discuss the work of the Knights of Columbus using social communications. Members should be aware that the Laws and official policies of the Knights of Columbus apply to fraternal social communications as they would in any other setting. The reputation of the Order depends upon how members conduct themselves, both online and in person. Accordingly, members using social commu-

nications should remember that they are expected to conduct themselves as Catholic gentlemen, which at a minimum requires that any material posted online respect human dignity and maintains a culture of respectful dialogue and friendship. Correspondence should be addressed to the individual, using his full, proper name (not his nickname), followed by his proper title, whether he be a Knight of Columbus, a Priest or a businessperson. If an individual has more than one title, the highest ranking title is always used. Names of civic and religious individuals are prefixed by such forms as His Excellency, The Honorable, Reverend Father, etc. Prefix titles of Mr., and Mrs. or Ms. Are omitted when the individual has another official title. If he has no title, Mr., Mrs., or Ms. Should always be used as a prefix to his or her name. When addressing an individual as an official of an organization, the name of the organization should always be shown on the next line.

In the event that you have a close working relationship with any officer, your letter need not be so formal. However you first must acknowledge the office he holds. The salutation would then be "Worthy Grand Knight and dear Brother Bill." The individual's full proper name and title are always shown on both the letter and the envelope.



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