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“Who Is My Neighbor?”

By Deacon Bob Cox, State Spiritual Director

Greetings Brother Knights and families! Can you believe it is July already? Six months into the year of 2022! In the spirit of Brotherly love, give your total support to your new Council Officers and Assembly Officers, and really work for a successful Fraternal Year!

Last month I talked about many things, but most importantly about the Beatitudes. Well, I would like to finish that discussion with this Gospel message from St. Luke: (Luke 10:25-37) *There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read it?” He replied, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” He replied to him, “You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.” But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise, a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, ‘Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given*

you, I shall repay you on my way back.’

Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers’ victim?” He answered, “The one who treated him with mercy.”

Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

My Brothers, our faith leads us to perform the Beatitudes, just like in the above Gospel: “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy; Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.”

And our faith tells us: “You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul and with all your mind,” And, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” AMEN.



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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

July 2022

15-17 DD Organizational Meeting/Installations –
Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Lexington, SC.

August 2022

1-4 Supreme Council Meeting in Nashville, TN



From the State Deputy

Paul Burchell

Greetings fellow “Knights of the Eucharist”,

Sounds good, doesn't it? “Knights of the Eucharist”. But what does it mean? To me it means that our lives should be centered on the Eucharist, the true presence of Christ. All our programs and events should be Christ-centered. God has put each of us here at a particular time and for a particular reason and we must believe that living our faith makes a difference. Most of us may never know, *this side of heaven*, the difference we have made in someone's life or how many other folks have come back to the Church, or became a Knight, because of something we may have said or what they have witnessed in our behavior and actions. Sound like evangelization and discipleship? Jesus sent out the 72 and, under his guidance, they changed the known world. Can you imagine the positive impact we could have in South Carolina with our 10,150 brother Knights?

Earlier in June, I had the privilege of attending the annual State Deputy Organizational Meeting in New Haven. I can tell you that every workshop and presentation, regardless of the topic, was centered on “faith”. Whether we were talking about membership, insurance, leadership, or our programs, they all involved putting our faith into action. In his remarks at our closing session, our Supreme Knight reminded us to be “Knights of the Eucharist.” During this new fraternal year, Supreme will be launching some new programs to strengthen our faith, families, parishes, and communities. I ask you to embrace and support these new initiatives. I am excited about all of them and believe you will be too.

There is one new program that I want to take time to mention, and that is the “ASAP” (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program. This initiative is being launched to strengthen support for pregnant women, new mothers, and their babies, and is designed similar to our RSVP and Food for Families programs. For every \$500 a council donates to a qualifying pregnancy resource center or maternity home (up to \$2,000), the Supreme Council will donate an additional \$100 to that center or home. The “ASAP” program is effective on July 1st, 2022. Details and resources for this program are available by visiting KofC.org/life and clicking on the “resources” tab at the top of the page.

As I mentioned in last month's article, we have several new

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From the Vocations Director

Larry Papineau, Vocations Director

Brothers,

This is my first column as the new state vocations director in this bulletin. I have just relieved Jim Weiskircher who held this position for over 12 years. While he was in this office, he made many important improvements in the way in which the Knights in SC support our seminarians. In particular, he worked with councils to provide more uniform support for all seminarians so that all would receive a “fair share” of the donations. I will continue to work with you to the same goal, which is to provide support to all seminarian college students from at least three councils and all others from at least four councils.

I will be contacting the Grand Knights of the councils which previously have participated in the RSVP within the next month to ask for your continued support for your seminarians or to advise of changes in their status and request new support. I will also be contacting Grand Knights of councils which have previously not provided support to request that they consider doing so this year.

I know that you are all aware of the great need for priestly vocations in our State. We are considered a “missionary State” with most of our parish priests whose origins are overseas. In addition to whatever monetary support you may provide, please continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the clergy and consecrated religious in South Carolina. Also, encourage vocations locally. If you recognize some young person in your parish whom you think might have a vocation, ask them to consider it.

Peace and Good,

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Patriot's Corner

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the Program Director Keith Kingren, and especially the Vice Supreme Master Tom Monahon, are all here to help you. Don't be afraid to ask for as much as you need.

My Prayer is for each of you to have a successful and enjoyable year, get off to a fast start, stay active and as always, stay Patriotically Proud.

Vivat Jesus,
Mike

"If you want it to be great, you've got to make it great."

---Bart Mahoney, PFN

Brother Knights,

Catholic patriotism is needed now more than any other time in the nation's history and members of the Patriotic Degree must serve as mentors and role models for young Catholic men during these times.

Many of our communities are being torn apart. They've lost their sense of brotherhood, unity, patriotism and what unites us as citizens. Our Mission must be to call all Catholic men to a sense of brotherhood and unity. To me, this is the primary mission of the Fourth Degree.

This is the season of Installations and leadership is changing hands in many of the Assemblies across the state. For a more successful and active fraternal year here are several suggestions that I have to help you throughout the coming year.

1. Stay optimistic, as Billy Joel says in his song "Keeping the Faith" The good old days weren't always good, and tomorrow ain't as bad as it seems. Every generation since the dawn of man has thought that the world was tanking and couldn't last much longer, yet here we are still trudging along. This is even more reason for the Knights of Columbus to be a strong, positive influence on the younger Catholics.
2. Follow the protocol manual. This guide is a fool proof way for Sir Knights to earn respect for their positions and to pass that respect along to the leadership of your Council, Assembly, and State Officers. Just follow the guide!
3. It's been five years since the new uniform has been implemented by Supreme, case closed. Don't get suckered into a discussion or argument about how bad you miss the old-style regalia; it only breeds negativity and resentment. I think by now we all know that each of us has an opinion and pretty much what that opinion is. Successful people take the high road.
4. Fraternity should be mostly fun. While you're leading the strong right arm of the Catholic Church, take time to smell the roses and enjoy the ride, believe me, one day you'll miss it.
5. Remember that the leadership of the fourth degree, myself, my secretary Peter LaPierre, the District Marshall Gary Hart, and all the regional Marshalls,



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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:

Speakers and Speeches

Whoever sets up the program should decide who he wants as speakers and the length of the speech desired. He should give ample notice to those selected that they are expected to speak. He should never ask an invited guest to speak unless the person has been forewarned. Nor should he ever ask a guest at an affair if he wants to speak. So many times a Grand Knight or master of ceremonies will approach a guest during the program and ask if he wants to speak, giving the impression that they would prefer he did not. There should be only one main speaker – normally the last speaker on the program. Remarks from others should be limited to two minutes each. The State Deputy or his official representative whether a current state officer, Past State Deputy or District Deputy should always be given an opportunity to speak whenever he appears in an official capacity at a function or meeting. The same scenario applies in the Fourth Degree for the District Master, but in all cases the State Deputy is accorded the use of the floor. When several are present it might be necessary to call on the senior ranking officer to speak. In any case, all should be recognized and accorded proper respect.

A general agent or field agent also should be accorded the opportunity to speak, particularly when he is present at official meetings of the state or a local council. If several general agents are present, one should be invited to speak for the group.

The main etiquette problem posed by councils is that of handling speakers and speeches. When the speaker is not a member of the Knights of Columbus or a personal friend, the chairman owes it to him to:

- 1) Give complete information about his audience.
- 2) Give him a definite time limit.
- 3) Provide adequate acoustical facilities and, if possible, give the speaker the choice of whether or not he wishes to use a microphone.
- 4) Show interest in the speaker before and after the speechmaking.
- 5) If the speaker is a woman or if the main speaker's wife attends, she usually is presented with flowers.
- 6) Thank the speaker at least three times:
 - a. In public from the podium
 - b. In private before his departure

c. In a letter from the council the following day.

- 7) Presiding officers and masters of ceremonies should familiarize themselves with Knights of Columbus titles and protocol.
- 8) Appropriate salutation to those present should always be used before speaking.
- 9) Jokes or comments that relate to ethnic groups must never be used.

Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM

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directors and chairmen this year. Please review the directory later in this bulletin and do not hesitate to reach out to them with questions you may have. They are here to help and welcome your questions.

In my January newsletter article, I gave you a snapshot of where we stood in reference to our 2021-2022 Circle of Honor requirements at the halfway point of the year. It is now my pleasure to let you know our year-end results.

Membership Intake Quota – 400/505 (7th place in Order)

New Council Development – 2/1

Exemplifications – 64/106

Holy Hours – 3/3

During this past year, Judy and I have had the opportunity to travel around the state and visit with many of your councils to attend installations, exemplifications, social events, anniversary celebrations, etc. It has been a true joy to meet many of you and witness all the wonderful work you are doing in your parishes and communities. I thank you so much for your hospitality and look forward to continuing working with you during this new fraternal year.

Brothers, I thank you all for your contributions during this past year and ask that you continue your efforts this year and the years to come. Take every opportunity to spread the love of Christ to all your brothers and sisters and do not hesitate to offer the gift of membership to every Catholic man you encounter. Working together, we can make the 2022-2023 fraternal year even more successful than this past one.

Vivat Jesu!

75th Anniversary Celebration of Knights of Columbus Joseph M. Ros Sr. Council 3067

Submitted by: Colin S. Peterson- Financial Secretary, Council 3067

Georgetown’s Joseph Miguel Ros Sr. Council 3067 celebrated its 75th Anniversary on June 28, 2022, with a catered dinner at St. Mary Lady of Ransom Parish Hall, preceded by a special Mass celebrated by Council Chaplain Father James F. Touzeau and a new council officer installation for 2022-23 by District 11 Deputy John Luse. Also featured at the dinner were historical memorabilia from 1947 to 2022, including a copy of the original Georgetown Council Charter, with the names of the original 54 knights who started the Council; the Charter for the Georgetown Council’s original Columbia Squires Youth Group in 1949; various Supreme Office Columbian and Star Council Awards over the years; pictures of past Grand Knights (including the 1st- Greg R. Duffy and our “only” SC State Deputy Frank L. Davis); a number of pictures of knights and family members at various knight’s functions and activities over the years; and most recent Council Awards- including the 2022 SC State Columbus Hope Platinum Award for the highest achievement over their fund raising target! Adding further to this display, which was left up for the next week for everyone in the Parish to spend more time to perusal, was added a Letter of Congratulations for the Council 3067’s 75th Anniversary from new Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly, as presented that night by SC State Deputy Paul Burchell to Grand Knight Bob McMahan.

The Georgetown Council- the 5th K of C Council to be formed in South Carolina- first met in 1947 at the brothers Kelly and Louis Khoury’s restaurant located at the time at the NE corner of Front and Fraser Streets in Georgetown. Further recognized that night at the 75th Anniversary Celebration was the final member of that charter member group to most recently pass away- Peter A. Thomas on September 8, 2016; and the wife of Kelly Khoury (Angel) who passed away in 2021. Thanks to all those who were able to participate in this very special night!



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