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Labor Day Meaning

By Deacon Bob Cox, State Spiritual Director

Greetings my Brother Knights and families! We are in the middle of August with the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary having just occurred on August 15th. and on the 22nd. the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated and on the 29th. we celebrate the Passion of St. John the Baptist. And, in most areas, public and parochial/private schools are back in session, as is evidenced by high school football games beginning!

On Monday, September 5, 2022, there is a national holiday known as Labor Day. This national holiday is always the first Monday in September. My memories of this holiday, growing up in Midland, MI, are memories of parades in the downtown district; softball games at Emerson Park; picnics at Emerson Park; last minute weekend or day trips as the summer was un-officially ending and school started the day after Labor Day. It was also a day to reflect on the impact of the blue-collar workers and the labor unions. My father was a union member, as my father-in-law was. I was a union member when working an hourly position in the retail business, then as I went to work at the Post Office, I joined the National Rural Letter Carriers Association union. They are essential. This holiday was created of and for the labor movement and is a testimonial to the hard working, and economic and social accomplishments of the American worker. It is acknowledgement to the input of workers that have made our country strong, prosperous, healthy, happy, and comfortable. This holiday represents the achievements of the worker and labor as together, they have set the highest standard of living and they have raised the bar for the best production in the world and have given us the realization of our country's traditional

ideals of economic and political democracy.

In the Catholic tradition, we believe that work is more than earning a living; it is a form of continued engagement in the Father's creative action. Catholic teaching indicates to us that workers are due a "just wage" so that they can provide for their family's needs weekly. Workers need opportunities for off days to rest and health benefits for their families. They must be appropriately compensated so that they can actively participate in the economy and society in general.

Catholic teaching tells us that workers should be building solidarity with and among fellow workers, along with promoting the rights and dignity of workers. The Church supports the important role that labor unions provide workers in the effort to protect the needs and rights of workers, especially in situations of injustice and inequality. Perhaps, by prayer and action, we can help to ensure that workplaces are providing family wages and appropriate benefits that Catholic tradition attests should be available for all workers and their families.

In the Catholic tradition, we believe that work is more than a way to earn a livelihood; it is a form of continuing engagement in God's creation. On Labor Day we need to think about the dignity of work and rights of workers. And we can do this by our prayers. Let us pray:

+ "Lord God, Master of the Vineyard, how wonderful that you have invited us who labor by the sweat of our brow to be workers in the vineyard and assist your work to shape the world around us. As we seek to respond to this call, make us attentive to those who seek work but cannot find it. Help us listen to the struggles of those who work hard to provide for their families but still have trouble making ends meet. Open our eyes to the struggles of those exploited and help us speak for just wages and safe conditions, the freedom to organize,

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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

August 2022

1-4 Supreme Council Meeting in Nashville, TN

September 2022

9-10 Spartoferfest Spartanburg

November 2022

19 State Soccer Shootout Columbia



From the State Deputy

Paul Burchell

Greetings Brother Knights,

I just returned from attending our 140th Supreme Convention in Nashville along with the other six delegates from South Carolina. And what a convention it was!

For the first time since 2019 we were able to gather in-person rather than virtually to celebrate the accomplishments of our honored Order. From the welcoming concert on Monday evening at the Grand Ole Opry, to our Worthy Supreme Chaplain's message early on Thursday afternoon, it was filled with fun and excitement. I'm told that it was the largest convention we've had thus far, with approximately 3,000 Brother Knights and family members attending. I hope you were able to catch at least some of it on EWTN or online.

This year we had two of our District Deputies, Eric Cannon and Bill Weiss represent us as delegates and I encourage you to reach out and get their thoughts on the convention. Ask them what they thought of the Opening Mass on Tuesday morning with nine Cardinals, 40-50 Bishops from around the world, and over a hundred priests attending, all dressed in KofC vestments. Ask them about the music provided by the choir from the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC at all our Masses. Ask them about the States Dinner on Tuesday and the emotional celebration that occurred when the State Song of Ukraine was played and over 2800 people stood and waved the Ukrainian Flag. Or, ask them about the Memorial Mass on Thursday celebrated by our Worthy Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William Lori, and the parade of 15-20 first-class relics including Blessed Michael McGivney's. From my observation and talking with them daily they really enjoyed themselves and it was more than they expected.

So why am I telling you all of this? You too can be a delegate to the Supreme Convention. Any third-degree Knight in good standing can serve as a delegate to the Supreme Convention and although every year we encourage folks to apply, we seldom get any takers from our councils. In just a few short months we will be reaching out to councils requesting candidates for State Officer positions as well as delegates to the 141st Supreme Convention scheduled for August 1-3, 2023 at the World Marriott in Orlando, Florida. One final note concerning the Supreme Convention: you don't have to be a delegate to attend. Just like our state convention, all Knights and family members can attend and partake in the events and excitement of the Supreme Convention and since the next one is almost

From the Vocations Director

Larry Papineau, Vocations Director

Brothers,

In my previous article I stated that I would be contacting Grand Knights of the councils which previously have participated in the RSVP within the month to ask for coordinate continued support for your seminarians. Unfortunately, due to the heavy workload in the diocesan Vocations Office at this time of year, I have not been able to get a current list of seminarians from them; and the diocesan website is not updated for this year. I expect to receive this list in the coming week.

It would facilitate the process of contacting councils if the current GK or Vocations Director could contact me via email at the gmail address below. That way I can get the list to you as soon as I get it. Otherwise, I will have to send it to GK from last fraternal year.

There may be those who are not familiar with the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). Briefly, it provides a way for councils to provide financial and moral support to our seminarians. When a council sends one or more checks totaling \$500 or more to a single seminarian, they are eligible to get a refund from Supreme of \$100. In addition, councils are expected to contact their "adopted" seminarians to provide moral support in the way of cards, letters, copying them on your council newsletters, etc. For details of this program consult Knights of Columbus Vocations Handbook which can be downloaded in pdf format from the Supreme Website. If you have problems with downloading from the site, contact me and I can send it to you via email.

Peace and Good,

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Patriot's Corner

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Province



“The world will offer you comfort. You are not made for comfort. You are made for greatness.”

-Pope Benedict XVI
Brother Knights,

I believe that Patriotism is our Christian duty. The obligations of patriotism are embodied in a single word – **service**.

Service to God, to neighbor, and to country. The Christian will serve his country best by serving God first because God is the Author of liberty.

There has always been a tendency to put religion and patriotism into fellowship. Samuel Francis Smith acknowledged God as the Author of liberty in the beloved patriotic song “America” (“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”)....

Our fathers’ God, to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright
With freedom’s holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!

I also believe that nowhere on earth does love of God and love of Country come together more closely and more passionately than being a fourth degree Knight of Columbus. Sir Knights are not ashamed to put their beliefs on display and to declare that I am a Catholic Patriot whose ideals and principles are non-negotiable.

And nowhere is that more visible than our support of the Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund and our continued support of the VA/VS volunteers. For more information and ideas on how you can be of service to those served, you can reach out to the South Carolina VA/VS chairman SK Art Sotek: sotak@bellsouth.net or 803-648-8002.

God bless America.

Vivat Jesus,

Mike

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and time for renewal. For work was made for humankind and not humankind for work. Let it not be a vehicle for exploitation but a radiant expression of our human dignity. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that you might work through us to let your just reign. Amen.” (USCCB)

Council 724 Presents Check

Bishop England Council #724 conducted our annual school supplies drive setting a new record for total collections from St. Peter’s parishioners and businesses. We collected \$4,000 in donations and presented a check to the school’s administrators and teachers who were delighted!!



From the State Protocol Chairman

Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM

PROTOCOL

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

Head Table

At any gathering of the Knights of Columbus, the cardinals, bishops, priests, religious brothers, Supreme Officers, Supreme Directors, State Officers, Supreme Directors, State Officers, State Directors and Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Vice Supreme Masters, Faithful Navigators and visiting Grand Knights always are honored guests and as such should occupy a seat of honor. (Sometimes because of the large number of dignitaries in attendance it is impossible to seat everyone at the head table. In cases such as this, only the top ranking officials should be seated at the head table. Other dignitaries should sit at designated seats in the audience and should be introduced at an appropriate time by the master of ceremonies.)

Seating is arranged by rank from the middle out to either end – with the highest ranking official seated at the middle of the head table. Guests are introduced from the master of ceremonies right toward the middle, then from left toward the middle, excluding speaking members of the head table. All should rise when said members enter and remain standing until they are seated.

Procession

In all cases, the wishes of the celebrant are to be followed. Knights of Columbus are first to enter the church in a Liturgical celebration, and follow the celebrant out of the Church. The order of precedence for Knights of Columbus processional into the church is from lowest rank to highest. The highest ranking would be first to follow the celebrant out of the church and would follow the “Order of Precedence”. The color corps, when used at the celebration of Mass or a Knights of Columbus function, is to be lead into the church by the District Marshal or Color Corps Commander and follow by the highest ranking in colors.

Council and Assembly Degree Order of Precedence

- Supreme Knight
- State Deputy
- Supreme Officers
- Supreme Master
- Supreme Directors
- Former Supreme Officers and Directors
- Vice Supreme Master
- State Officers
- District Master

- Past State Deputies
- Former Vice Supreme Masters
- District Deputies
- Former Masters
- State Directors
- General Agents
- Chapter Presidents
- Grand Knights
- District Marshal
- Faithful Navigators
- Council Officers
- Assembly Officers
- District Warden
- Field Agent

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in our back door, why not take advantage of the opportunity? For me personally, one of the highlights of this convention was South Carolina receiving the Supreme Knight’s Pinnacle Award and finishing seventh in the Order in Membership growth with 141.46% of our intake quota for the fraternal year. Thank you for making that happen.

I am also pleased to report that we are off to a great start to this fraternal year as well. As of August 5th, we were number two in the Order having achieved 10.75% of our annual goal and only Mindanao ahead of us at 11.74%. Wouldn’t it be great if we could overtake them? Do you feel the same sense of pride that I do? I am truly excited with all the things that the Knights in South Carolina are doing. And, the more members we can bring on board, the more we can do. Last fraternal year we brought in 505 new members. I believe we can beat that this year and so far, we are ahead of schedule. I remember from years ago, the Jerry Lewis Labor Day telethon for Muscular Dystrophy. Each year he would tell us he just wanted one more dollar than the previous year. I would like to borrow that approach and request just one more new member than last year.

Last year we had 11 councils that failed to recruit anyone. Let’s make a concentrated effort not to repeat this. If your council needs help in recruiting members, reach out to our state Membership team for assistance. There is no reason why every council in the state cannot bring in at least one new member.

Finally, as we go through the year, keep in mind the importance of openly practicing our faith in everything we do, supporting our Pastors, and praying for and encouraging vocations. Also, do not forget we are in a three-year period of Eucharistic revival, and let the “Real Presence” of our Risen Savior in the Eucharistic be your source of inspiration and strength.

Vivat Jesu!
Paul

St. Clare's Home Project

Rev. Paul Donald O'Toole Council 10819 from Simpsonville recently donated and installed Stations of the Cross in the Prayer Garden at the home. The St. Clare's Home is a safe place for pregnant women to live while they are pregnant and for a period after the child is born. There other children are also welcome at St. Clare's Home.

This was a great opportunity for our Council to institute the new Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program which just went into effect this Fraternal Year.

Paul Pimentel
Grand Knight, Council 10819



SC Delegates at Supreme Convention



State Deputy Paul Burchell accepts the Knights Car Cup from Tennessee State Deputy Fred Laufenerg (last years winner). The trophy is earned by the Jurisdiction with the most consistent membership intake utilizing a NASCAR point system.



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