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## “Pray a Novena”

*By Deacon Bob Cox, State Spiritual Director*

Greetings my Brother Knights and families! I hope August was good to you and September will be also. At last, summer ends and fall begins on September 23<sup>rd</sup>., however, we know summer lasts until at least October 31<sup>st</sup>. here in South Carolina. My friends, this month I would like to take the time and discuss a type of prayer, a Novena. What is a Novena? How does it work? What are the benefits of a Novena? Let’s take a look. Before we start, did you that there are 777 Novena prayers and at least 365 Novenas for us to pray? Wow!

A Novena is a form of worship consisting of special prayers or services on nine successive days. Novenas are a form of devotional praying: participants implore favors, or make petitions, or ask for graces by honoring Jesus, or our Mother Mary, or saints who we believe can empower divine intervention.

Why is a Novena nine days? It stems back from the Acts of the Apostles when Jesus told His Apostles to gather together and pray after His ascension into heaven. Catholic tradition tells us that the Apostles, along with Jesus’ mother, Mary, went to the Upper Room and there they joined in prayer for nine days, between the ascension of our Lord Jesus and Pentecost. Another reason for nine days could be because of the nine months that Mary carried our Savior in her womb. Additionally, people in the Middle Ages, as a matter of course, prayed for the nine days leading up to Christmas, to denote the nine months that Christ was in Mary’s womb.

How do you pray a Novena? You, we, simply pray the Novena prayer that corresponds with each day of the Novena that we are celebrating. With some Novenas, the same Novena prayer is prayed each day of the Novena.

So, for the month of September, I would suggest that you

and/or your Council and/or Assembly pray a 9-day Novena to St. Raphael. This particle Novena begins on September 20<sup>th</sup>. with the feast day on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Healing Prayer of St. Raphael:

“Glorious Archangel St. Raphael, great prince of the heavenly court, you are illustrious for your gifts of wisdom and grace. You are a guide of those who journey by land, or sea, or air, consoler of the afflicted, and refuge of sinners. I beg you, assist me in all my needs and in all the sufferings of this life, as once you helped the young Tobias on his travels. Because you are the medicine of God, I humbly pray you heal the many infirmities of my soul and the ills that affect my body. I especially ask of you the favor (request) and the great grace of purity to prepare me to be the temple of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

Pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be.

The Concluding Prayer for the Novena:

“St. Raphael, of the glorious seven who stand before the throne of Him who lives and reigns, Angel of health, the Lord has filled your hand with balm from heaven to soothe or care for our pains. Heal or cure the victim of disease and guide our steps when doubtful of our ways. Amen.”

Repeat these prayers for nine days. Happy praying!



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## SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

### September 2022

9-10 Spartoberfest Spartanburg

### November 2022

19 State Soccer Shootout Columbia  
24 Turkey Day Run Charleston



## From the State Deputy

Paul Burchell

Greetings Brother Knights,

Do you realize as you read this, there are only approximately two weeks left in the first quarter of the 2022-2023 fraternal year? “Tempus Fugit”. So, the question is, “has your council gotten off to the start you expected?” Do not be discouraged if the answer is no. And, above all, don’t give up. There are still two weeks left in the quarter. Build the momentum now that will carry into the second and subsequent quarters and will result in a very successful fraternal year.

In last month’s article, I announced that South Carolina received the Supreme Knight’s Pinnacle Award. I am pleased to report that 14 of our councils earned the “Star Council” award for the past fraternal year as well. This equates to almost 22% of our councils and is the largest number of Star Councils we’ve had in some time. Please take time to congratulate the following councils for this achievement: 1668, 5194, 6629, 6726, 7531, 11028, 11325, 11910, 11991, 12274, 12366, 12472, 15611, & 17760.

In addition to the Star Council award, Blessed Trinity Council 12274 in Greer, was the winner of the “Council of Champions” award for both the highest percentage gain of new members (933%) and highest net gain of new members (28) for fraternal year 2021-2022. Their achievement demonstrates the positive results that can be achieved when council members are united with their Pastor and parishioners in a common goal. I am confident that similar success stories can be achieved throughout the state. What council is going to walk away with these prestigious awards at the end of this fraternal year? Speaking of awards, have you heard about the new Father McGivney Award and Medal? At the 139<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention, a resolution titled “Celebrating the Beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney” was passed. The resolution concluded with the following:

*FURTHER RESOLVED, that a new award be established and known as the Blessed Michael McGivney Medal, to be accorded annually to a Knights of Columbus chaplain whose priestly zeal and exemplary service are in the finest traditions of our founder, and that, beginning next year, the final candidates for this prestigious international award will be selected from among priests honored by their jurisdictions with a new Blessed Michael McGivney Award in the same manner as other award categories.*

Each council is eligible to nominate their chaplain for this prestigious award and a nomination form has been sent to all **State Deputy continued on page 5**

### Form #100 Belongs in All of These Places

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!

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NEW MEMBER  
TODAY!**

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## Patriot's Corner

Daniel Barton, PSD  
Master, South Carolina  
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Brother Knights,

I am indeed honored and humbled to have been selected to serve as the new Master of the South Carolina District of the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus. Since the founding of the Fourth Degree in South Carolina in 1950, only twenty men have held the position of District Master. As my tenure as District Master begins, I ask for your prayers and kind consideration. Please know that you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

I would like to extend my own words of gratitude and appreciation to Michael A. Allen, PSD, FM. From our years of serving together as District Deputies and as State Officers, to traveling to Supreme Conventions, and the many rounds of golf, I have benefited from your wise counsel, encouragement, and support but more importantly from your friendship. To you, Worthy Sir Knight Michael A. Allen, and Debbie, on behalf of the 10,000 plus brother Knights and 2, 800 Sir Knights in South Carolina, we are grateful for the many years of meritorious service to the State Council and our beloved Order especially over the past three years while serving as District Master. Your leadership during the realities of a worldwide pandemic was exceptional and showed the love both of you have for our Order. Both you and Debbie truly live and perform the duties of being "Religiously Devoted, Patriotically Proud".

Fellow Knights, the duty required of us now is virtue in service of God and others. We must stand by our posts as husbands, fathers, brothers, or male role models to others. We must love and be loved abundantly so that we may be transformed in joy and that our hope remains rooted in the Divine grace that knows no bounds. Relying on God as our anchor and guide, I look forward to seeing how we will continue to band together to defend both the tenants of our Catholic Christian faith as well as to defend the institution of our American government.

To understand the rich Catholic heritage we have in this land, I ask all who have not taken their Fourth Degree to prayerfully consider becoming a Fourth Degree Knight. Additionally, I ask all Sir Knights to recommit themselves to the pledges they took before being knighted.

The next opportunity to become a Fourth Degree Knight will be Saturday, November 12, 2022, at St Philip Neri Catholic Church in Fort Mill, SC. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

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

Fraternally Yours,  
Daniel



## From the State Protocol Chairman

*Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM*

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

Rules for Displaying the Flag of the United States

- If the flag is displayed from a staff projecting from a building, the union should be at the peak, unless flown at half-mast. When flown from a halyard over a sidewalk from a building pole, the flag should be hoisted union first from the building.
- The National Flag should be placed in the center, and higher, when displayed with a group of state, local or organizational flags flown from staffs.
- If the flag is displayed flat on a speaker's platform, it should be placed behind and above the speaker with the union to the speaker's right.
- When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street or to the east in a north and south street.
- When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, the flag should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience and in the position of honor at the priest's or speaker's right as he faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the priest or speaker or to the right of the audience.
- When displaying the flag against the wall with another flag, the U.S. Flag will be on its right (the viewer's left) with its staff crossing over the staff of the other flag.
- During rendition of the national anthem when the flag is displayed, all present except those in uniform should stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. Men not in uniform should remove their head-covering with their right hand and hold at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should render the military salute at the first note of the anthem and retain this position until the last note. When the flag is not displayed, those present should face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed there.
- When flags of states, cities or localities, or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States, the latter should always be at the peak. When flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last. No such flag or pennant may be placed above the National Flag or to its right.
- When carried in procession with other flags, the National Flag should be on the marching right. If there is a line of other flags, it should be center of the line. The U.S. Flag should always be staffed when carried on a float.
- When the flag covers a casket, the union should be at the head over the left shoulder. During burial, the flag must not touch the ground nor be lowered into the grave. To fly at half-staff, the flag should be hoisted to the peak, and then lowered. The opposite applies when lowering the flag from half-staff.
- When the flag is passing in parade, being hoisted or lowered, all present should face it, stand at attention and salute; uniformed persons render the military salute; women and uncovered men place their right hand over their hearts. Men should remove their hats, holding them over their hearts with their right hands.
- No flag or pennant will be flown above or to the right of the U.S. Flag at the same level, except the church pennant. This pennant may be flow above the flag during religious services at sea.
- When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they should be the same size and flown from separate staffs. Customs forbids the flag of one nation to fly over another in peacetime.
- Although the flag should be a distinctive feature at an unveiling of a statue or monument, it should never be used as the covering or veil.





## Columbus HOPE Foundation News

I'm tempted to say that *Columbus HOPE* is back, but in fact it never went away.

The board of directors have been frantically searching for a new Drive Chairman since Tom DeMars picked up camp and moved to Utah. We thank Tom for his years of dedicated service to the Intellectually Disabled community in South Carolina. We also would like to welcome Jim Carswell as our new Drive Chairman. Some of you may know Jim as District Deputy #15 from the Rock Hill area, others will soon get to know Jim as a Knight who is committed to the vision of the South Carolina Knights of Columbus Charitable endeavors; not only to the intellectually disabled, but to all the charitable arms of the Order.

You can contact Jim at [redcast109a@aol.com](mailto:redcast109a@aol.com) or (516)-851-3675.

Now that we have all the players in position we are planning some exciting changes for the new fraternal year including an updated website, new bylaws that reflect the way we actually do business, and increased c c

Whether we hold a Drive Workshop or not this year will depend on many factors, either way, the goal for each council will remain at \$37.50 per billable member of each council. As soon as we get access to the roster numbers, we will publish those amounts. Look for more information in the State Bulletin each month from now on.

As you know it is the policy for our checks to be sent only to the Financial Secretary of each council.

If you're a Grand Knight or FS please shoot an email advising me who is your bonded representative and their address so we can get you your checks in a timely manner. [president@columbushope.org](mailto:president@columbushope.org)

Lastly, I want to thank you all for your patience and support for the intellectually disabled community in our state, many of whom would have nowhere to turn without your Christian love.

Mike Allen, PSD, FDM  
President CHF

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Grand Knights. One chaplain will be selected from the entries received from the councils and will be honored during our State Convention in April and will be submitted to Supreme as the jurisdiction's nominee. We have many deserving Chaplains throughout our state. Let's give them the recognition they deserve. Nomination packages must be sent to the State Deputy by December 1, 2022.

News Flash: As I was wrapping up this article, I was notified that SK Daniel E. Barton, IPSD has been appointed as District Master for South Carolina. This is a two-year appointment with the term starting on September 1, 2022. Please join me in congratulating Brother Daniel and let him know he can count on our full support. We also need to recognize and thank SK Mike Allen, PSD for his dedication and service as District Master over the past three years, during which time the patriotic arm of the Order continued to grow in our State. Brother Knights, if you have not already done so, I invite you to visit [KofC.org/ASAP](http://KofC.org/ASAP) and [KofC.org/Eucharist](http://KofC.org/Eucharist) for information on these very important initiatives. Check with your council on how you can support the ASAP program and check with your Pastor on how the council can support and even lead parish Eucharistic revival activities. It is truly great to bring more men into our Knights of Columbus family; however, it is even greater to bring more families back into the Church! Vivat Jesu!

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