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Faith





Five Virtues of Successful Leaders

Supreme Knight's Leadership Principles

Knights of Columbus leaders serve something greater than themselves: **the spiritual fraternity of the Knights of Columbus.**

Our mission from Father McGivney is to lead Catholic men in lives of faith and fraternity.

As Christian leaders we set the standard by imitating Christ and following Christ.

Imitating Christ:

- ▶ Look at what Christ said and did. Conform to His example.
- ▶ “Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ” (*1 Corinthians 11*).

Following Christ:

- ▶ Follow where the Lord leads. A good leader is a good follower.
- ▶ “Not my will but your will be done” (*Luke 22:42*).



Photo by Michael Collety

Patrick Kelly
Supreme Knight

Five Key Virtues

We imitate and follow Christ in the exercise of five key virtues.

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Humility

- Be a man with humility — it's the most important part of building a strong team.
- Humility is being other-centered, not self-centered.
- The humble leader focuses on others and the mission, not on himself.

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Integrity

- Be a man of integrity — it's how you will earn trust.
- We must be leaders who people can trust.
- We must conduct ourselves in a way that is consistent with the mission.

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Moral Courage

- Be a man of courage, especially moral courage to make tough decisions.
- We must build strong Knights of Columbus teams — not simply enlisting unqualified friends.
- Moral courage helps us have tough conversations and make tough decisions.
- Leaders with moral courage don't say: “We have always done it this way.”

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Unity

- Be a man of unity; unity is the most precious resource we have as Knights.
- Be loyal to the Knights of Columbus mission; loyal to the Supreme Council; loyal to the state council; loyal to brother Knights.
- Keep Knights united with each other.

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Foresight

- Be a man with foresight. Don't focus on yourself, focus on the Order's future.
- Father McGivney built the Knights to last. He built it so Knights are not dependent on any one leader or personality.
- We live and work in the present, but we anticipate the challenges of the future and aren't afraid to innovate.



State Deputy Jeffrey Crouch

Brother Knights,

We have consistently emphasized that every Council program serves as a recruiting opportunity. It is fortunate that each Council program can and should also be considered a Family event. Personally, I feel privileged to serve the Knights of Columbus and the SC State Council alongside my wife and two young daughters. They have had the opportunity to travel and attend Mass in various places, encountering diverse individuals while constantly surrounded by our faith.

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly asserts, “If you get the man right, you get the family right; and if you get the family right, you get everything right!” I wholeheartedly agree, based on numerous examples I have witnessed throughout the Knights of Columbus in South Carolina.

One exemplary couple, Leonel Duque de Cruz and his wife Celia, members of Reverend David J Schiller Council 11910 and parishioners of St. Theresa the Little Flower in Summerville, embody the Supreme Knight’s vision. Alongside their three children—Leonel Jr., Johan, and Heidi—they have undertaken various roles within the parish. These include volunteering for the Taco Sunday food prep committee, teaching RCIA in Spanish, and serving as lectors and Extraordinary Ministers. Additionally, they contribute to SINE, a parish initiative aimed at integrating the Hispanic community with the broader parish through a weeklong family retreat and weekly faith development meetings. The Du-

que de Cruz family exemplifies how to lead with faith in all endeavors.

As fellow Knights, I need not remind you of the numerous families like the Duques who similarly dedicate themselves to their community, Church, and faith. I take great pride in having met so many of these remarkable families. As we embark on a new Fraternal Year, I encourage all Council leaders not only to report their family programs to Supreme but also to recognize outstanding families through Supreme’s Family of the Month program. This approach allows us to showcase our brothers and their families to the wider world.

Remember today to spend an extra five minutes in prayer, and to ask a man to become a Knight. If done in the right order, there is no stopping us!

Semper Fidelis!





State Secretary J. Scott Freidman

I hope this message finds you all in good health and spirits.

During our recent summer organizational meeting, you were informed about changes for our upcoming 2025 State Convention, scheduled to take place in Columbia, SC at the Embassy Suites by Hilton from May 2nd to May 4th.

This convention is not just for delegates and officers but is open to all our brother Knights and their families across South Carolina. Building on the momentum from last year, we are in the early stages of planning and have gathered some excellent ideas to ensure another outstanding convention in 2025.

We are currently working on an online reservation system, delegate registration, and online payment options, with plans to launch these features by September 1st, but no later than September 15th. Additionally, we are considering an early bird discount for conven-

tion registration fees.

This event provides a wonderful opportunity to come together in faith with our fellow brothers across the state of South Carolina, with daily Masses planned throughout the convention. It's a chance to reconnect with old friends and forge new relationships with others who share our values and interests. We will celebrate successes, share what works best, and most importantly, demonstrate our gratitude to all 11,000 Knights across South Carolina for their dedication to the order all while enjoying ourselves.

Let's make this year's convention truly memorable. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

Vivat Jesus

J. Scott Friedman
State Secretary



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District Master Michael Allen

Patriot's Corner
Michael Allen, PSD
Master, South Carolina District
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“We have to defend the country against mediocrity: Mediocrity of soul, mediocrity of ideas, and mediocrity of action. We must also fight against it in ourselves.”

Jules Cambron

Most people will rise to the standards to which they are held. If the standards are low, they will reach or slightly exceed them. If standards are high but reasonable, they will strive to attain them whether publicly stated or not, an Assembly will quickly ascertain a Navigator's standards and expectations. Winners set the standards high and move the goalposts back, realizing that a quality product challenges the Sir Knight, enhances the reputation of the organization, and nurtures a winner's attitude throughout the order.

There's an old Wilson Pickett song “99 ½ won't do - got to have 100.” It says a lot about standards. People want to be a part of a winning team. They want to be challenged.

The Fourth-degree Knight doesn't do things because they are easy, they do things because they are difficult and other people and organizations don't. To paraphrase JFK, “Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger Catholic men.”

My staff and I are in the process of setting next year's schedule of exemplifications. So far, I have one Assembly that has stepped up and agreed to be a host. If your Assembly has a back log of men who would like to become Sir Knights, and I know there are several, please let me know ASAP so we can get the ball rolling.

I want to thank all the Knights of South Carolina that helped make this a banner year for the Fourth degree in the DeSoto Province, and especially for the leadership of our new Supreme Master, Michael McCusker, and our Vice Supreme Master, Daniel Barton. Together we achieved over 100% of our goals and formed a new Assembly in Carolina Forest.

Expect some earth-shattering news about the Patriotic arm of the order in the near future, and remember that February 22, 2025, is the 125th anniversary of the degree. We are planning something big; I hope that the plans work out. More on that in the next edition. Thank you for all you do.

Vivat Jesus
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Spiritual Director Deacon Bob Cox

“Do You have Faith?”

Greetings my Brothers and wives! I hope you are fine and enjoying the summer, despite the heat and humidity and lack of rain! We are so dry in the South Florence area, only about 1.25 inches of rain in the past month or so, and not much of a chance of rain anytime soon! We just have to keep the faith and pray that the Lord will provide us with the needed rain before too long!

That brings us to my article on Faith. So, according to the Oxford Dictionary, faith is a noun, and they show two meanings: 1.) complete trust or confidence in someone or something; 2) strong belief in God or in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual apprehension rather than proof.

So, we can believe that faith can be considered a belief and trust in God, based on evidence but without total proof. Sometimes we ‘take of leap of faith’ and believe what we are taught through the Bible, even though the actions and words occurred over 2000 years ago! We should remember that faith holds a common theme: trust.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, In Brief #176, it states: “Faith is a personal adherence of the whole man to God who reveals himself. It involves an assent of the intellect and will to the self-revelation God has made through his deeds and words.” #179 states: “Faith is a supernatural gift from God. In order to believe, man needs the interior helps of the Holy Spirit.” #183

states, “Faith is necessary for salvation. The Lord himself affirms, ‘He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.’” (Mk 16:16) And finally, in #184, St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us: ‘Faith is a foretaste of the knowledge that will make us blessed in the life to come.’”

In his address at the Vatican, Pope Francis reminds us that not everyone has faith. Even Christians can discover they lack faith. Even Catholics lack faith...look at the percentages of Catholics that **DO NOT BELIEVE THAT CHRIST IS IN THE BREAD AND WINE AFTER CONSECRATION!** They lack the faith and trust that Jesus Christ **IS** the Body and Blood after the consecration, that He **IS** the **EUCCHARIST!** They believe that it is only a symbol.

According to the Pope, “Faith is the happiest gift, the only virtue we are permitted to envy, precisely because it triggers grace in us and opens the mind to the mystery of God. Faith is first the gift of Christian life. Faith is the act by which the human being freely commits himself to God. It is faith that makes the Christian, because to be Christian is not first and foremost about accepting a culture, but **ABOUT A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD!**”

Pope Francis says that fear is the enemy of faith. Fear of the unknown. Fear of accepting something that has not or cannot be seen. He says, “This is why faith is the first gift to welcome in Christian life, the gift parents ask for their children at Baptism. They

realize that they have received a gift which they want for their children, knowing that even in the trials of life, their child will not drown in fear.”

I will include for you some examples of faith: 1.) Abraham, 2.) Moses, and 3.) Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mother, to name a few. There are more examples, and you can find them on your own time as you see fit. The Bible is a great read! Also, you can jump start or keep your faith going by attending Mass, going to confession, receiving the Holy Eucharist with FAITH!! You can also help yourself out by Praying with Body, Mind, and Voice! You can do this during Mass by Standing, Kneeling, Sitting, Processing In and Out of Church, Making the Sign of the Cross, Bowing, Genuflecting, Singing, Praying in Unison, and Being Silent. When we stand, kneel, sit, bow, and sign ourselves in common action, we give unambiguous witness that we are indeed the Body of Christ, united in body, mind, and voice. THIS IS OUR FAITH!

As Knights of Columbus, our goal is to strengthen men and their families in the faith. When we entered the Order, we were reminded to constantly form ourselves in the Catholic faith. This formation goes beyond

mere facts or religious practice to an authentic connection with a loving God and His Son, Jesus Christ! (Faith in Action, P. 11)


I will close with these scripture quotes: (Hebrews 11:6) “And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” Let us not be like Jesus’ Disciples and be told, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” (Mt 14:30-33) Keep your faith, your Catholic faith! Do your best to make certain that your children and grandchildren keep their Catholic faith! Let us ask as His disciples asked, “Lord, increase our faith!”

My friends, I pray that this article will help you with your faith. Your Catholic faith! Live it!!

Remember what Jesus said to Martha in John 11:40, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” LET US BELIEVE!

God is Good...All the Time!

Blessings,
Deacon Bob Cox



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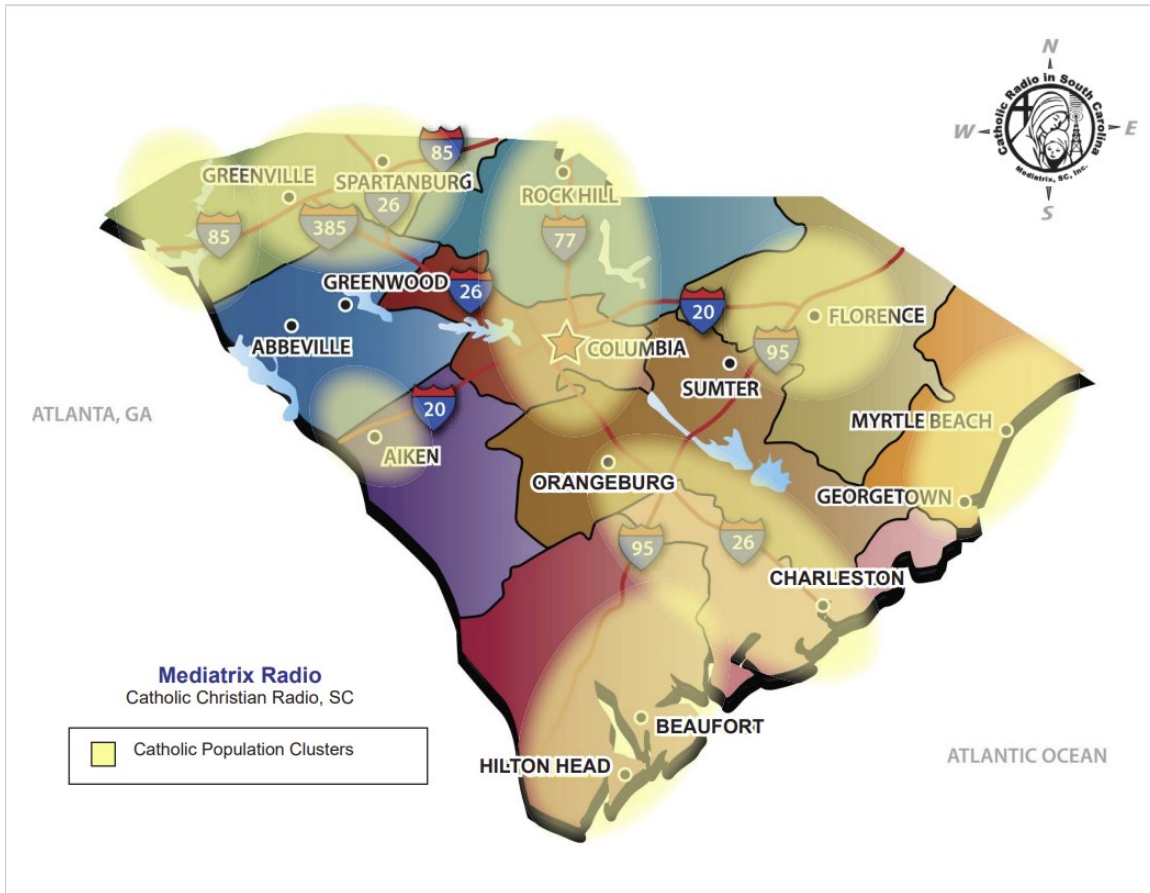
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Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation Chris Ryder, PGK

First, I would like to tell you, my Brother Knights of South Carolina, how excited I am to work with you in spreading the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, within our Councils and Parishes and beyond.

Many of you are aware that season four of the celebrated television show, “The Chosen,” just completed its run, and all episodes are now streaming on Amazon Prime, Peacock and Netflix. There have been dozens of movie and TV depictions of the life of Jesus Christ, but what makes “The Chosen” different from the others is the focus on show’s namesakes. While the scenes of the episodes depict the events of Jesus’s public life, Jesus, played by Brother Knight Jonathan Roumie, is not the real protagonist. The principals are many: Simon (now Peter), Big James, John, Andrew, Little James, “Z” (Simon the Zealot), Matthew, Philip, but also the women in Jesus’s ministry: Mary of Magdala, Martha, Mary of Bethany, Ramah, Tamar. The real protagonists are The Chosen, those to whom Jesus told, “It was I who chose you. Follow me.”

As brother Knights of Columbus, we should consider ourselves fortunate to consider ourselves among The Chosen. You may ask, “how are we chosen?” For one, we remained faithful Catholics while millions of men of our generations left the faith. We engaged in healthy and faithful marriages while passing on our faith to our children. We all experienced those moments when we prayed, not because we wanted to, but were compelled to

do so. And of course, we were all told that God looks after His Knights. How can we not be among The Chosen?

Of course there are challenges required of The Chosen! We are asked to “stand into the breach” to defend our family, our Church and ourselves against the works of Satan, and we are also asked to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who have not only fallen from their faith, but also to practicing Catholic brothers who are parts of our Parish Communities. The New Evangelization requires this of us! But before going about to change the world, it is best that we start by evangelizing ourselves. This is the objective of Cor – A Christ-centered Brotherhood.

The K of C Cor website provides an excellent statement of **“Why Cor”**?

Why? Because families need strong husbands and fathers, and the world needs courageous witnesses to Jesus Christ. Through Cor, men will be formed and sharpened as disciples of Jesus, who are committed to serving Him and willing to boldly live and share their faith. It is the mandate of every Catholic man to bring Jesus to a broken world. To live his faith and engage in this mission, every Catholic man needs a strong relationship with God that is rooted in prayer and the sacraments. Catholic men need to proactively invest in their ongoing faith formation, to be a part of a dynamic brotherhood that supports, sharpens, and strengthens them

to be holy men, husbands, and fathers, and to engage in the mission of the Church.

The mission of Cor is to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to prayer, formation, and fraternity.

When I first read about Cor in the June 2023 edition of Columbia magazine, I thought that the initiative would be another “Faith” project to bolster our Councils’ Faith in Action program. I thought that Cor would be a great addition to the Faith projects that Councils do: Holy Hours, Monthly Rosaries, support for vocations, and special events such as the Silver Rose and the Saint Joseph Pilgrim Icon. I had no clue at that time of how different Cor would be. Not a program, but an initiative of evangelization and faith formation. My first revelation was when I watched the three-day training for State Council Chaplains and Directors for Evangelization and Faith Formation (DEFF). I was a mere Council EFF, and I watched the recorded edition of the training over a week’s time; I was most impressed at not only the initiative’s strategic plan and the media available to the individual Parish men’s ministries, but also by the investment that our order made to invite chaplains and DEFFs from all over the world to attend the training at Supreme Headquarters. Now is the time to achieve a return on our Order’s investment by building up Cor as part of a Catholic Men’s Ministry in the Parishes of South Carolina. It is time to join the New Evangelization with not only for our Brother Knights but with all our Catholic brothers who are not Knights.

To you Grand Knights who have not yet started up Cor in your Parish, I know that you are embarking on a challenge to build up your Council that includes not only enhancing your Faith in Action programs for Faith, Family, Community and Life, but also meet

your Council’s membership objectives to achieve Star Council. You may (correctly) think that Cor is not a part of Faith in Action. It is not a Knights of Columbus program, so why bother with it? The simple answer is that you are among The Chosen, and evangelization is what The Chosen do!

Let me tell you what my job is as your DEFF. I work for you! In conjunction with your District Deputies, I will help you do whatever it takes to get Cor going in your Parish, but you must take the first step. One of the first orders of business for every Grand Knight is to meet with your Pastor to confirm that your Council will do everything it can to support him in his role as your spiritual shepherd. In all likelihood, Father also serves as your Council Chaplain, so let him know what the Council will need from him to support your Council Faith program. At this meeting, introduce him to Cor and how it will invigorate the men of the Parish.

Your Parish may already have an established Men’s Ministry that may include a bible study group. If this is the case, let Father know that Cor complements the ministry with volumes of print and audio/ visual media and learning resources provided by the Knights of Columbus to support this vital ministry. If your Parish does not have an established Men’s Ministry, propose Cor as its new ministry, open to all the men of the Parish. It will also be good to tell Father and the non-Knights that Cor Gatherings are “recruiting-free zones.” I know well that there are men in our Parishes who, for one reason or another, do not want to be Knights. Nonetheless, invite those men to join Cor, participate in and even lead the ministry and the Gatherings. You can place K of C literature on a table in the corner of the room. Leave the Knights of Columbus business, including recruiting, outside the Gathering room. You may surprise these men of the deep faith that we have as Knights that is not always visible outside our

Council family. You may find out that these men will eventually come to you and say, “It’s time to become a Knight.”

The hardest part about starting up Cor is just that – the organizing. Fortunately, our Supreme Council has all the information you need on its Cor website to begin your Parish’s initiative for evangelization, faith formation and fraternity. You will find additional information in the State Council website’s Cor section. If you have any questions that are not addressed in those forums, contact me. I may not know the answer, but I’ll find out. Remember, I work for you!

Once you get started, the continued operations for your ministry – organizing gatherings, providing logistics (media and yes, food and beverages) and executing your study program – is the fun part. You’ll find out how beneficial small-group, table-top discussions are to the enhancement of your own faith, and

you will discover how a fraternity of Catholic men can, however slowly, change the world. For whenever two or more Catholic men “step into the breach” together to confront Satan, be assured that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be standing right beside us.

To my Brothers reading this who are not Grand Knights, please partake in the New Evangelization as Cor participants. I close with a reference to State Deputy Jeffrey. He refers to the Knights of Columbus as a vehicle for us to get to heaven. Consider the Holy Catholic Church as the highway on which our vehicle travels. Consider Cor, the immersion of ourselves with the Word of God, as the fuel that will get our vehicle to the end of the road, the throne of God Father along with the Holy Spirit and His divine Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. After all, we are among The Chosen!

Council Websites

1668 [Msgr. Andrew K. Gwynn - 1668 Council #1668 \(uknight.org\)](http://uknight.org)

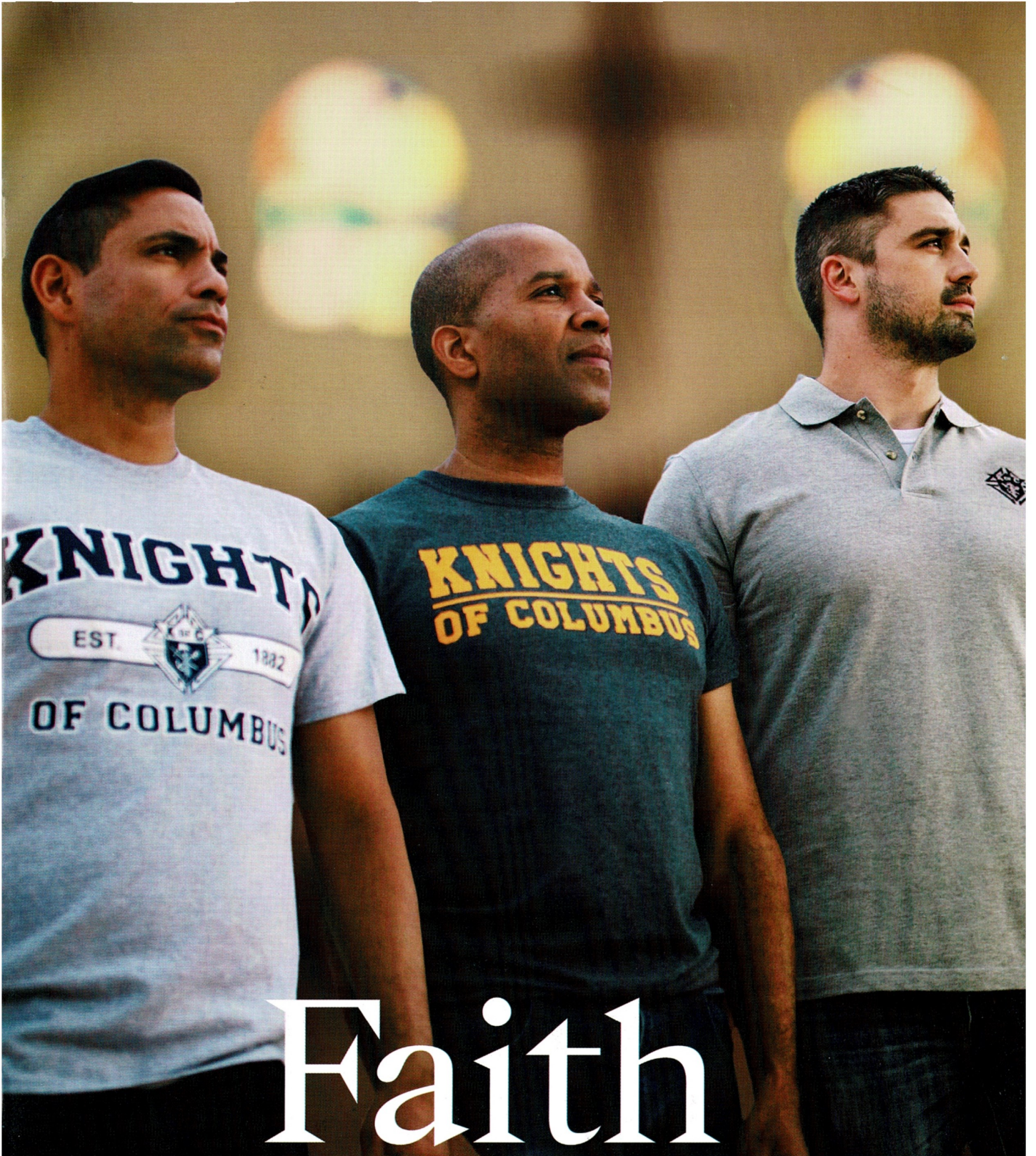
5086 [Fr. Anthony Montesinos Council #5086 \(uknight.org\)](http://uknight.org)

9475 [Council 9475 - Serving Charleston's East Cooper Catholic Communities - Home \(kofc9475.org\)](http://kofc9475.org)

11991 [Immaculate Conception Council #11991 \(uknight.org\)](http://uknight.org)

12472 [KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #12472 CHARLESTON, SC - Home \(blessedsacramentknights.com\)](http://blessedsacramentknights.com)

You can get your council website listed here too by sending a link for it to the State Webmaster!



Faith in Action





Program Director Patrick Noone

Dear Brothers,

Isaiah 6:8 reads, "And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: Whom shall I send? And who shall go for us? And I said: Lo, here am I, send me."

Several years ago, I established a daily morning ritual centered around coffee, prayer to Jesus, and the recitation of the holy rosary. During these moments, I earnestly seek God's guidance on how best to serve Him, offering prayers in honor of our blessed mother.

Through steadfast prayer, God has graciously revealed His path for me, leading me to serve as a Knight in our Faith in Action Programs. These initiatives provide opportunities to feed the hungry, clothe children, strengthen my faith, and uplift my family and community through acts of charity.

Looking ahead, we aspire to enhance our programs by appointing a chairman for each Faith in Action Program. Additionally, we are seeking four Knights to serve as Assistant Directors to support our Directors of Faith (Joe Schepisi), Family (Omar Billigue), Community (Eric Cannon), and Life (Malcolm Brennan).

I invite you to consider an idea that could invigorate our programs: embracing a week-long series of activities rather than approaching them individually. This approach was successfully implemented at St. Anne's in Rock Hill, where they hosted a Family Week featur-

ing events across all four categories of Faith in Action Programs. This included a variety of activities such as a Fish Fry, Exemplification for Spanish brothers, Mass of Consecration to the Holy Family, multicultural Rosary, Family Prayer Nights, Holy Hour with Eucharistic Procession, Family Movie Night, and more. Throughout this week, they completed multiple Faith in Action Programs that would typically span several months. This innovative approach not only generated enthusiasm for each event but also served as a catalyst for ongoing parish activities.

None of this would have been possible without the dedicated support of our priests, Father Joe Pearce and Father Louis Pham, and the tireless efforts of Brother Juan Nieto and his wife, Gloria.

I encourage you to join us in our Faith in Action journey this year in South Carolina. Our state is experiencing tremendous growth, fueled by the Holy Spirit and the potential for more innovative ideas and leadership. We are in need of dedicated Chairmen for all our Faith in Action Programs.

Will you answer the call? Who shall go for us?

May God bless each of you abundantly for your continued service!

Vivat Jesus!
Patrick Noone



Faith Director Joe Schepisi, PGK

Faith: Not Understanding What is Impossible and Accepting the Will of God

There is no other religion and there is no other spirituality that can be the equal of Christianity; there is only one. Only Christianity transcends the impossible and is only believable because of Faith. Christians' Faith is a gift and is a necessary preamble to what the Lord means for us all..., and it goes beyond virgin birth, it goes beyond the Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) as three persons in one, it even goes beyond rising from the dead. Because of Faith, we have a God that wants to be inside of us; he dwells within us. We are his body, he created us and our soul to be like him, we are to be his temple.

Forget that sin cannot be in the presence of the Lord, the Lord can be anywhere God wants. He has provided the Sacrament of Reconciliation to make us a holy dwelling place.

Reconstruct the Lord's plan as it has been outlined for us all and understand what Faith we must have:

1. Remember that from the time of creation, we were built by God in God's own image (GENESIS 5:1-3);
2. Try as you may, you may not disregard the MATTHEW 1:18-25 and the Virgin Birth.... Then, you cannot
3. Skip past 2 Corinthians 13:14 calling for the "... Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. ..."

- literal meaning of three persons of God or go to MATTHEW 28: 19, outlining our Triune God... to yet another impossible miracle from
4. Acts 3::15 "... but put to death the Prince of life, the one whom God raised from the dead, a fact to which we are witnesses ...".
 5. And the inevitable: Romans 8:11 "... But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Jesus Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you ..."
 6. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit ...". That takes us transitionally to Ephesians 2:22, "... and in Him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God in his Spirit ..."

We are being built to be the carrying place of the Lord himself... a temple of and to the Lord.

I am not worthy, I am most certainly unworthy, but... not by my will—by the will of the Lord.

Joe Schepisi, PGK
Faith Director



Christ On Main



We are open!



Many thanks to our Bishop Jacques Fabre for blessing Christ On Main on June 4, 2024. Our Grand Opening was a tremendous success, and we encourage you come visit us!



Our summer activities are:

Weekly Prayer

- July 10 at noon - Angelus and tour of COM
- July 17 at noon - Rosary
- July 24 at noon - Liturgy of the Hours

Monthly Speaker Series

July 17 at 6:00pm

Registration Required

Fr. Stephen Dyas: The Life of Mary Magdalen and its Significance Today



Life Director Malcom Brennan

Worthy Brothers,

My name is Malcolm Brennan and I am the SC State Life Director for the Knights of Columbus. The State Life Director is responsible for encouraging greater participation in the many and various ways that we can counter the Culture of Death, and build a Culture of Life. Below are some of the ways that the Knights of Columbus are currently accomplishing this work.

Life Action Items

- The annual SC March for Life - Show public support for the right to life.
 - Special Olympics - Celebrate the worth and dignity of every human being through the Special Olympics.
 - Ultrasound Initiative - Save lives by helping women choose life by giving them the opportunity to view their preborn children and hear their heartbeats on ultrasound machines.
 - Pregnancy Center Support - Change hearts and minds about abortion by showing that the Knights of Columbus loves both mother and child before and after birth.
 - -Christian Refugee Relief - Help persecuted and at-risk Christians facing genocide all over the world, particularly in the Middle East.
 - Silver Rose - Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage.
 - Mass for People with Special Needs. - Welcome individuals and families who might not feel comfortable participating in a regularly scheduled Mass.
 - Novena For Life - Lead your community in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life.
- The above are a great start but we must go further. The Culture of Death tends to seek victims that have no voice. In addition to the pre-born child in the womb, they include the elderly, the disabled, and the mentally ill.
- Neglect of the sick and the elderly is a great waste of grace, because God draws very close to us as we approach the conclusion of our earthly lives. If we neglect the elderly, we miss the opportunities to share in this grace. Action items include:
- Begin with prayer. Include intentions for the elderly, the disabled, and the mentally ill in our daily prayers for Life.
 - We already have two Life programs directed toward the disabled.
 - Life Action Item # 7 Offering Masses for people with Special Needs.
 - Life Action Item #2 Special Olympics
 - Ask your Pastor for a list of parishioners who are homebound or are in nursing homes. Let them know that they are not forgotten. Visit them and find ways to assist them.
 - Because the victims of the Culture of Death have no voice, I would like to revive and expand the Pro-Life Billboard Initiative and create additional billboards to

raise awareness of the challenges facing the elderly, the disabled, and the mentally ill.

Please email me if you would like to be part of this team.

To address these various Action Items in a meaningful way, it is my intention to recruit a team of dynamic knights, who are truly devoted to Life, and willing to take responsibility for one or two of the Life Action Items above.

Vivat Jesus!
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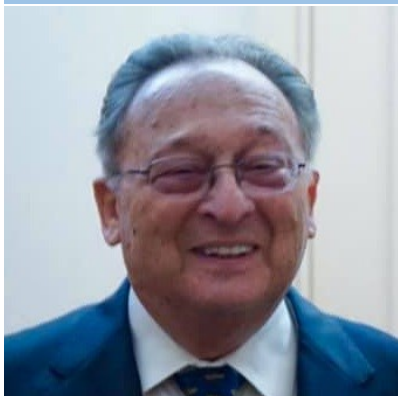


We're Growing!

As of June 29th, 2024

Council 17760	260%
Council 11471	200%
Council 6900	400%
Council 6891	272%
Council 6756	300%
Council 6726	343%
Council 3067	200%
Council 1668	260%

Our newest Council, Council 18507, is being formed on Johns Island at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. This council will be part of District 9.



Protocol Chairman
Richard Gabriel, PSD

Protocol and the District Deputy and Grand Knight Relationship

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

By definition, protocol is a system of rules that explain the correct conduct and procedures to be followed in formal situations. We can add further that it covers anything that is proper and in good taste.

While it's impossible to cite every rule governing all situations, by applying formal courtesy, you will never go wrong in those situations not covered in the Protocol booklet. We should always display proper consideration for the office represented by the person. In no way should we let dislike for a person influence our respect for the office he holds.

Council and Assembly Meetings

District Deputies are the personal representatives of the Supreme Knight and the State

Deputy, and as such, the Grand Knights and Council officers should familiarize themselves with the respect due to the important position that the District Deputy holds. District Deputies should be neatly and properly dressed when attending meetings or functions. When a District Deputy visits a Council or attends a function in his district, he should always be seated in front, near the Grand Knight.

The District Deputy should notify the Grand Knight of his councils in writing or by phone and in advance (one week to ten days) when making an official visit so that all officers will be present with their books and records.

District Deputies should instruct the Grand Knight and Warden, if necessary, on proper chamber setup for council meetings. The District Deputy may also need to advise officers on the proper protocol for members during meetings. The District Deputy should always be called upon to speak and all members should rise when he is introduced.



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Columbus Hope Foundation



Columbus H.O.P.E. Foundation

Helping Other People Everyday

Summer 2024

“It’s important to understand that disability is a natural part of the human experience and that people with disabilities deserve equal rights, opportunities, and respect.” —Dr. Yvette Pegues, Ed.D.,

The answer to the current Intellectual Disability health crisis is one that will require a wide range of solutions implemented and supported by partnerships with many organizations within our local communities and across the country. The five major areas that Columbus HOPE is continuing to assess and attempt to address include: **awareness and de-stigmatization** of mental health needs, **developing partnerships** for early interventions for individuals, **increased training and education opportunities** for behavioral health providers, **easier access for patients** to attain the care they need and funding to provide for those four other groups of work.

The attention brought by the current **crisis** in this country is finally shining the light on the number of people who struggle. Still, there is much work to be done on the national and local community levels with various social and racial groups who still struggle with the stigma of IDD health care and concerns about healthcare in general. As a concerned Catholic fraternity, we need to invest in stabilizing some current mental health challenges and investing in the future.

As you would expect, a wide range of solutions will require a lot of money to implement. Also, as you would expect, the **Knights of Columbus** are committed to helping advance the cause of practice providers, doctors, nurses, therapists, social workers, and other mental health workers so these qualified individuals can meet the future demands. The healthcare system continues to leverage technology to better increase access in both rural and urban areas where it is difficult and cost ineffective to have enough qualified providers. Finally, despite multiple attempts at federal mental health parity laws, behavioral health insurance coverage for care and funding continues to fall short of the cost of high-quality care.

This is the 4-foot blanket that we are using to cover the 6-foot bed Governor McMaster talks about. The **Knights of Columbus** in South Carolina realize that the extra 2-foot of blanket needed to cover the Intellectual Disability & Special Needs bed will need to come from us.

Where there is disparity and need, the **Knights** will always come through. Your donations are just that important to these people. Keep up the good work!

Vivat Jesus,
Mike Allen, PSD, DM
President CHF



Membership Director Brandon Chambers

Worthy grand knights and my brothers all.

It was great to see you all at the state organizational meeting this past month. For those unable to attend, I've attached a step by step outreach process that has helped me in recruiting over 200 men this past year and is a tried and true method. Lupe Jimenez and I helped develop in terms our large scale recruit-

ing. Please implement this program into your councils as our goal is for all councils to use this method going forward. Please note that everything is to be done at 1 mass including the speech. Thanks!

Yours in Christ
Brandon Chambers

Announcements Speech

Good afternoon brothers, my name is (your name) _____ a member of the Knights of Columbus for approximately _____ years, my family and my brother Knights, have come today to invite the men of this beautiful parish of (name of your parish) _____, to become Knights of Columbus.

We develop charitable activities favoring our Catholic Church, our Community, our Family, our Youth, and the Culture of Life. We are the largest Catholic Lay organization in the world.

Our four principles are Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, and all the charitable works we carry out are guided by these four virtues.

Our goal is to help men, their families, and their parishes come closer to Christ. Our programs and resources provide opportunities to live and spread the Catholic faith.

All men over 18 years old, please stand up. (give them a few seconds to get up) Brothers, can you imagine the positive effect of all these men working together in brotherhood, helping and protecting this community of (Name of the church)

Together, we empower Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work, and community.

You might think you don't have the time to become a Knight, but the Knights of Columbus do not seek to take time from you or your family, but rather offer you quality time. Together by helping others, and by being with people who share your Catholic faith.

Brothers, at the entrance you were given some brochures, inside those brochures comes a card, so you can fill it out with your information and hand it out to our brothers as you are exiting the church.

Many thanks to Father-_____ (Name of your priest) for giving us this time to invite the men of this parish to become Knights of Columbus.

Have a great and blessed week! And as we say in the Knights of Columbus. VIVAT JESUS!

Steps to an Outreach Membership Drive

1. Locate one of your parishes with growth opportunity. Use the Charleston Diocese website to look for registered households in the parish. As an example, St John Neumann Parish has 2064 households and the council has 209 members. That is an estimated growth opportunity of 1855 families.

2. Speak with Father and get his permission. Explain the benefits of more Knights for him and the Parish. If he has any issues please refer him to the State Chaplain Father Higgins for guidance and counsel.

3. Get the support of your Council. You will need people to cover every door to the church.

4. Gather your materials. You will need:
The following pamphlets

- 10100 WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME A KNIGHT
- 10209 WHY WE OFFER INSURANCE
- 10099 24 HOURS TO BE A KNIGHT
- 4862 HERE TODAY HERE TOMORROW.

Paperclip them together and attach a pen so that there are no excuses. Include the Online Membership Information Card.

5. Man every door and see that every man entering gets a packet. If they ask what the packet is for explain to them that its for the Knights of Columbus and that an announce-

ment will be made during mass. Please stand outside of the doors, not inside the church.


6. Give the provided speech during during the Announcements. The speech is prewritten and can be adjusted for your parish

7. Stand Outside after Mass and collect the information cards. Make sure you check inside after mass for packets left behind so you don't leave a mess in the church but also so you can collect filled out cards.

8. Thank Father Again.

9. Start to call the men on the information cards and invite them to become Knights. If all the information is provided on the card then pre-fill out the Online Invite at WWW.KOFC.ORG/JOINUS and email it to them. If they say yes when you call instruct them to confirm membership and tell them a welcome Degree Ceremony will be scheduled for them and their families. If they say No, tell them no harm has been done and they can just delete the email. Do not let them off the phone without at least signing up online. Tell them they will receive informational emails when they sign up online. If after a year they still don't have time or are not interested then their membership will expire.

10. Track your progress with a spreadsheet so you can see how effective your membership drive has been..



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ONLINE MEMBERSHIP

Yes! Please sign me up for free membership (a \$30 value)!
 Yes! I am a baptized Catholic!
 Yes! I am a practicing Catholic!

Full Name: _____
 Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Date of Birth: _____ Preferred Language: _____
 Parish: _____ Former Member of the KofC? Yes NO
 Signature _____

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Agent of the Quarter



Alejandro Silva

I was born in Guadalajara, Mexico and migrated to the US in 2013. Then I settled in Columbia, South Carolina in 2016 where I have lived since with my wife and two children.

One day during a church social event, I found out what the Knights of Columbus does to help Catholic men live their faith in their community, parish, home, and at work and I decided to join them.

I have been in the Knights of Columbus for two years and today I help my brother Knights as a Field Agent, helping them to protect their family with financial and insurance solutions.

In my free time I like to hike with my family. I find that being outdoors is a way for me to connect with nature.

If you need help on any of the many Knights of Columbus financial services, feel free to contact me.

Vivat Jesus.

Nací en Guadalajara, México y emigré a Estados Unidos en 2013 en busca del sueño americano. Después de vivir en algunas ciudades en Estados Unidos, finalmente me instalé en Columbia, Carolina del Sur en 2016 donde vivo desde entonces con mi esposa y mis dos hijos.

Un día, durante un evento social de la iglesia, descubrí lo que hacen Caballeros de Colón para ayudar a los hombres católicos a vivir su fe en su comunidad, parroquia, hogar y trabajo y decidí unirme a ellos.

He estado en Caballeros de Colón durante dos años y hoy ayudo a mis hermanos Caballeros como agente de campo, ayudándolos a proteger a su familia con soluciones financieras y de seguros.

En mi tiempo libre me gusta hacer caminatas con mi familia, encuentro que estar al aire libre es una forma de conectarme con la naturaleza.

Si necesita ayuda con cualquiera de los servicios financieros de Caballeros de Colón, no dude en ponerse en contacto conmigo.

Viva Jesús.



WE'RE SAVING A SEAT FOR YOU.

We are a full service retreat center. Not only can we accommodate your group, but we also serve individuals, couples, and families seeking some time away. OR Join us at one of our Heart Ridge Ministry sponsored events.

Upcoming Events

FAMILY CAMPS

Going on until Aug 4th.



Women's Retreat

Oct. 4-6



Father/Son Retreat

Nov. 16-17



Family of the Month/Year

Overview

Each month, the council Family of the Month committee selects one parish family that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day. Once a year, each participating council also selects one of the previous twelve Family of the Month winners to represent the council/parish as the potential international Family of the Year. The Knights of Columbus Family of the Year is chosen by the Supreme Council and recognized each year at the annual Supreme Convention. For Family of the Month/Year resources, visit www.kofc.org/familyofthemonth.

Featured Program Requirements

- *For two program credits toward the Columbian Award* – Recognize twelve families throughout the fraternal year (one each month) and submit a Family of the Year to the jurisdiction. Report activity using the [Fraternal Programs Report Form](#) (#10784) each month and a [Family of the Year Entry Form](#) (#10680) by the jurisdiction due date.

Action Steps

1. Identify a program chairman to oversee all action steps and delegates tasks as needed. If coordinating with the parish, confirm pastor approval with the grand knight, and then set up subsequent parish ministry collaboration meetings.
2. Working with your pastor, put together a committee of council and parish leaders to serve as that year's Family of the Month Committee.
3. Contact your grand knight, financial secretary, or program director to order the *Family of the Month* resources through Supplies Online via [Officers Online](#).
4. Each month, hold a committee meeting to select the Family of the Month. To be selected as Family of the Month, each family should stand out as an exemplary model to others in the parish. They should meet the following criteria:
 - Is the family tight-knit? Does the family spend quality time together?
 - Does the family attend weekly Mass together? Does the family pray together outside of Mass?
 - Has the family made significant contributions to the parish and church community?
 - Does the family serve as a model of Catholic family values?
5. Once the Family of the Month has been selected, formally present the [Family of the Month Certificate](#) (#1843) to them. Make sure that they are duly recognized! This could be after a Mass, at a Knights of Columbus event, or at another parish event. Enlist a fellow Knight or community member to photograph the event.
6. Use the Family of the Month sample [News Release](#) (#10667) as a model to create and distribute a tailored release to local media.



Faith in Action**Family**

7. Recognize the Family of the Month in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:
 - Bulletin announcements
 - Pulpit announcements
 - Posting on your council and parish website / social media pages
8. At the end of the fraternal year, prior to your state convention, select one of the previous twelve monthly winning families to represent your council and parish as Family of the Year. Use the [*Family of the Year Entry Form*](#) (#10680) to submit your entry to your jurisdiction. Make sure to contact your state family director to stay informed of deadlines and where to send entries.
9. To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms.
 - By the 15th day of the month following recognition, complete and submit the [*Fraternal Programs Report Form*](#) (#10784). For example, the Report Forms for the September Family of the Month should be submitted by October 15.
 - At the end of the fraternal year, complete the [*Columbian Award Application*](#) (#SP-7)

Resources

1. #1993- [*Guidebook*](#)
2. #1843- [*Family of the Month Certificate*](#)
3. #10680- [*Family of the Year Entry Form*](#)
4. #1843A- [*Family of the Year Certificate*](#)
5. #10667- [*News Release*](#)

Program resources can be ordered by your grand knight, financial secretary and/or program director on Supplies Online via [Officers Online](#).

Link

www.kofc.org/familyofthemonth

Saturday November 16, 2024

Traces Golf Course

The Tournament will be a four man Captain's Choice format with a **9:30 am-Shotgun Start**. Check-in will begin at **8:30 am**.

Range balls

available at 8:30 am

Lunch

will be served after you complete your round, and prizes will be awarded during lunch.

Entry deadline :

November 2, 2024

The beverage cart is free to golfers, please generously tip the drivers.

A 50-50 drawing to benefit the Columbus HOPE Campaign will be available at check-in and during lunch.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$250. Your sponsorship will generate a handsome sign posted at the course, a listing in the rule sheet given to all golfers and discussed at Knight's and Men's Club meetings.

Please use the entry form on the reverse side to enter the tournament.

For forms, information, tournament rules and any other questions, please contact any of the gentlemen listed on the reverse side.

Cost per golfer is \$75.00 in cash or check, or \$80 .00 Using Credit Cards or Debit Cards.

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Phone_____

Address_____

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St Anthony Men's Club
Golf Tournament
November 16, 2024**



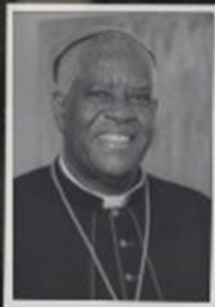
Traces Golf Course

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the **LORD YOUR GOD** goes with you, he will never leave you or forsake you. DEUT 31:6

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Dr. Ian Murphy
Paul George
featuring Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS



St. Finbar Hall
900 Orange Grove Road in Charleston

august 24

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

- \$75** Early Bird Registration *ends Aug. 3*
- \$90** Regular Registration *ends Aug. 20*
- \$15** Livestream Registration *ends Aug. 20*

register

<https://bit.ly/sccmc2024>

schedule

- am**
- 8:00 Adoration, Confessions
- 9:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 Welcome
- 10:20 **Speaker - Paul George**
- 11:15 Break
- 11:35 **Speaker - Dr. Ian Murphy**
- pm**
- 12:30 Lunch, Confessions
- 2:00 **Speaker - Paul George**
- 2:55 Break
- 3:15 Closing Remarks & Evaluations
- 3:40 Break
- 4:00 **Closing Mass - Bishop Fabre**

SCGMC24

speakers



paul george

Paul has spent the past 27 years helping people know, understand, and live in the true and authentic freedom for which they were created. He has served in various capacities including president of a nonprofit, speaker, mentor, consultant, coach and author. He cherishes his role as a husband and father the most. His first book, *Rethink Happiness: Dare to Embrace God and Experience True Joy*, was released in May 2018 by Ave Maria Press. His most recent book, *Holy Grit: A Sainly Guide to Becoming a Man of Virtue*, was released in 2023 also by Ave Maria Press. Paul received an undergraduate degree in education and a Master in Theological Studies from the University of Dallas. He is a former college baseball and football player and an avid lover of the outdoors. He serves as founder and director of Art of Living Inc. Paul and his wife Gretchen have been married for 25 years and are the proud parents of five — Marie (and husband Matt), Jacob, Sarah, Clare and Addie.



dr. ian murphy

Ian Murphy experienced a stirring journey into Christianity out of agnosticism. His subsequent ministry to reach other skeptics with the Gospel unexpectedly rocketed to public attention when his valedictorian speech about Jesus made headlines nationwide, inspiring a congressional law. This momentum landed him in the position of head pastor at a Baptist church in Texas, where his ministry remained until his decision to enter the Catholic Church. He became a professor of theology, teaching at Duquesne, Pennsylvania State and Divine Mercy universities, Rosemont College and most recently Avila Institute. His autobiography entitled *Dying to Live: From Agnostic to Baptist to Catholic*, which includes a foreword by Scott Hahn, was published by Ignatius Press. His latest book from Sophia Institute Press is entitled *The Road to Self-Awareness: A Therapy Book for Christians*. A fulltime Catholic writer and speaker, Ian resides near Charleston with his wife Rachel.

*Our Next Retreat,
the 23rd Emmaus of the Carolinas
Retreat for Men:
August 9th – 11th, 2024
at YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly
Center, Black Mountain, NC*

"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.

The food is abundant, the place is calm and peaceful, and we know it will be a weekend that you will NEVER forget. Your time invested will pay huge dividends!


Invest a bit of your time. Rethink, refocus, reflect, and find your way. If you don't have time to make a retreat like this, it means you NEED a retreat like this!

Click this link if you want to attend

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