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“Sacred Heart Month”

By Deacon Bob Cox, State Spiritual Advisor

Greetings my Brother Knights and families! Summer is here with school getting out, trips and vacations and family reunions to plan for. Enjoy yourselves and be safe!

When you are planning things for June, don't forget to remember that June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to plan accordingly. During June, we call to mind Christ's love for us, which is seen in a unique way in the image of His pierced Heart, and we pray that our own hearts might be conformed to Jesus', calling us to love and respect all of His people.

Pope Francis announced on June 5th., that he is preparing a document on the Sacred Heart of Jesus to “illuminate the path of ecclesial renewal, but also to say something significant to a world that seems to have lost it's heart.” This document is expected to be released in September of 2024. It will be part of ongoing celebrations marking the 350th. anniversary of the first apparition of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. The celebration began on December 27, 2023, and is scheduled to end on June 27, 2025. This year, we just celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 7th., the Immaculate Heart of Mary on June 8th., and the Most Chaste Heart of St. Joseph on June 12th.

My Brothers, *Our Sunday Visitor* lists five ways to foster devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus: 1.) Make a Morning Offering, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. 2.) Make frequent visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. 3.) Make a First Friday devotion/adoration/benediction. 4.) Make an Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart. 5.) Observe the Feast of the Sacred Heart with great preparation and reverence.

By these five ways, and other ways, the devotion to the Sacred Heart directs our hearts to the love of Jesus' own Heart. We slowly become emissaries of His love and sharers in the work

of reconciliation for the Body of Christ.

My Brothers, hopefully you prayed the Nine Day Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, that started on May 29th. and concluded on June 6th., the day before the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. GOOD NEWS, in case you missed it, you can celebrate this Solemnity's Novena, or any other novena for that matter, at any time.

So, in the month of June, we also celebrate Father's Day. On this special day, we honor our dads, step-dads, father-in-laws, grandfathers, step-grandfathers, and yes, the women who have to stand in as a father in their children's lives! Let us thank them for their love, their compassion, their guidance, and yes, their discipline that we experienced in our lives!

My friends, there is no greater earthly father than St. Joseph, the adopted father of Jesus Christ! Joseph nurtured and raised the child Jesus, taught Jesus his occupation as a carpenter, and was the guardian of Jesus. St. Joseph helped to feed Jesus, and was a teacher to Jesus, leading Him on the path of life. According to Fr. Stan Smolenski, former Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of South Carolina, Our Lady of Joyful Hope, in Kingstree, SC, he said, “Joseph's responsibility was to support Jesus in developing a sound male identity according to natural law. Mary could give Jesus his physical body, but not his manly identity. That had to come through St. Joseph.” In other words, St. Joseph taught Jesus how to be a man, showed Jesus how to love as a man with a heart of love for all. St. Joseph, as head of the Holy Family, fulfilled an altogether special part in the well-being of the Holy Family. We need to

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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

June 2024

- 22 Fourth Degree Exemplification, St. Michaels Catholic Church, Murrells Inlet
- 29 DD Installations/GK Organizational Meeting/ Columbus HOPE Meeting, Cardinal Newman School

July 2024

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

August 2024

- 6-8 142nd Supreme Convention, Quebec City
- 24 Diocesan Men's Conference, The Chancellery, Charleston



From the State Deputy

Jeffrey Crouch

Brother Knights,
As the Fraternal Year comes to a close, I would like to thank all of the Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, District Deputies, Directors, Chairmen and all Knights who have contributed to each Council's participation in this historic year in the Knights of Columbus.

When the dust settles, and the Supreme Knight makes his report at the Supreme Convention, we will hear that this last Fraternal Year has been the biggest year of growth in the Order's history. All of us will forever be a part of that. In addition, this has been the biggest year of growth in South Carolina! Almost 75% of that growth has been the direct efforts of individual Councils. What this translates to is "the best is yet to come!" With such growth, many of our Councils have new Knights eager to get involved and introduce new programs, new outlooks on how to do things, or simply lend a hand to in an already established program.

Saturday June 29, we will all come together to kick off the new Fraternal Year. Our District Deputies have been appointed by the Supreme Knight, and we will install them along with the State Officers. We will renew our partnership with the Columbus Hope Foundation, and discuss integration of the Fourth Degree in everything that we do. We will discuss best practices on a wide range of topics such as recruitment, program engagement, fraternal benefits, and faith formation. Lastly, we will include a sneak peek at some of the exciting new things we will hear about in August during and after the Supreme Convention.

As we embark on a new Fraternal Year, there is no reason to doubt that it will be just as exciting and successful for every Council as this year has been. We have all been called to serve. We find ourselves in key positions, and perhaps situations that we do not completely understand. Now is the time to surrender to Jesus Christ and let him guide our hearts to walk in the steps that have been established for us in our Councils, Parishes, and even at home in our families.

I pray for continued success in all your programs, activities, and efforts. Please reach out to your District Deputy for any assistance. Remember this weekend, 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!



From the State Protocol Chairman

Richard A. Gabriel, PSD

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

GREETING YOUR GUESTS

All guests should be greeted by the Grand Knight or Faithful Navigator. The Grand Knight or Faithful Navigator should be assisted by a committee whose function would be to care for the guests' coats, to introduce them to others in attendance and to answer any questions they may have.

Guests should not be left talking among themselves. They usually do not know many of your council or assembly members, and therefore, should not be left alone for any period of time. Various persons should be altered to converse with and keep company with guests during their visit (not necessarily the same person or persons for the entire visit).

INTRODUCTIONS

Many if not most introductions involve people of unequal or different status or positions. They can differ in rank, in age or in sex, but the result is the same: an introduction usually consists of presenting one person of lesser importance or status to another of greater importance or status.

In introducing a group of people to an individual, avoid running through all the names without a break. It is better to introduce two or three people at a time, so that names can register properly. This is where use of name tags is most effective.

A form of acknowledgement used chiefly when meeting a group is repeating the name of the person to whom you have just been introduced.

Before introducing dignitaries at the head table, be certain names are spelled correctly and proper titles are used. It is a good idea to check the pronunciations of any names to be announced. The order of rank should be observed meticulously.

A person who has been elected but has not yet taken office is called by the title of the office with – "elect" after the title. A Monsignor is not addressed as "Father" and a state officer is not addressed as "Brother." Remember, if you don't announce the name and title to the gathering, how can be expected to know who the person is?

Patriot's Corner

Michael Allen, PSD, DM
Master, South Carolina District,
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“And let us never forget that in honoring our flag, we honor the American men and women who have courageously fought and died for it over the last 200 years, patriots who set an ideal above any consideration of self. Our flag flies free today because of their sacrifice.”

Ronald Reagan.

Most people love their families. Many people love their schools, their homes and their sports teams. All these loves can be appropriate. In making us for himself, God didn't mean to eradicate all other loves. Instead, he wants those loves to be purer and in right proportion to our ultimate Love. God didn't intend for Adam and Eve to be so "spiritual" that they were blind to the goodness of the Garden of Eden around them. In the same way, where there is good in our country or family, it is right to have affection and display affection for those good things. We should pray for service men and women. We should pray for the President. We should pray for the just cause to triumph over the evil one. Catholics are not moral relativists.

God may be on America's side in her endeavors; I love to hear the national anthem and "God Bless America" and "My Country, Tis of Thee," in church where the nation gathers to worship the King of Kings. I love to see the presentation of colors and salute our veterans at Church just as I love to see us honor Jesus at the Memorial Day parade or during a time of remembrance at the cemetery. We must hold to the traditions of the Apostles in our worship, as well as the traditions of American history. The fourth degree of the Knights of Columbus may just be the perfect way to meld the ideal of Patriotism with the with the Worship of our God. After all, the noblest boast of all time is "That I am an American Catholic."

If you're interested in knowing more about membership in the fourth degree, please contact your Grand Knight, Navigator, or call me directly.

Thank you for all you do.

Vivat Jesus

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Columbus HOPE Foundation

Mike Allen, PSD, FDM
President CHF

The smallest act of charity can ignite a fire of hope. – Leo Evans

Charity is a beautiful act of giving without expecting anything in return. It's a simple yet powerful gesture that can make a world of difference to those in need. It can unite people and communities, alleviate suffering, and bring hope to those who have lost it. In a world where greed and self-interest often reign supreme, charity reminds us of our shared humanity and collective responsibility to care for one another.

Why give to Columbus HOPE Foundation?

People give to Columbus HOPE for a variety of reasons, driven by their unique motivations and values. Here are some common reasons:

Meaning and Connection: Humans seek meaning in life, and giving provides a sense of purpose and connection. [Whether it's supporting family or contributing to a broader community, giving helps people find meaning.](#)

Self-Actualization: Once basic needs are met, people desire self-actualization. [Philanthropy allows them to embrace reality, solve problems, and appreciate life—traits akin to the best philanthropists.](#)

Brain Chemistry: Research suggests our brains chemically reward us for acts of giving, similar to how we're rewarded for eating or falling in love. [It's a fundamental part of our survival and well-being¹.](#)

Desire to Make a Difference: Empathy and a desire to positively impact others motivate charitable giving. [People favor appeals focused on solvable problems³.](#)

Personal Connection: Donors often have a personal link to a cause, whether through shared experiences or relationships.

Being Part of Something Meaningful: Giving allows individuals to be part of a larger purpose, contributing to positive change.

Tax Benefits: While not the primary motivation, some appreciate the tax benefits associated with charitable donations.

Ultimately, giving is a complex interplay of altruism, personal fulfillment, and societal well-being. [It's a beautiful cycle where what benefits our community also benefits each of us.](#) It's one of the best things that you can do for you!

Mike Allen, PSD, DM
President CHF

Board Members Wanted

Board members needed for **Columbus HOPE Foundation**.

Looking for Knights from the following Deaneries.
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If you're passionate about helping those citizens with intellectual disabilities and working with brother Knights to achieve their goals, prayerfully consider a position on the board.

please call: Mike Allen

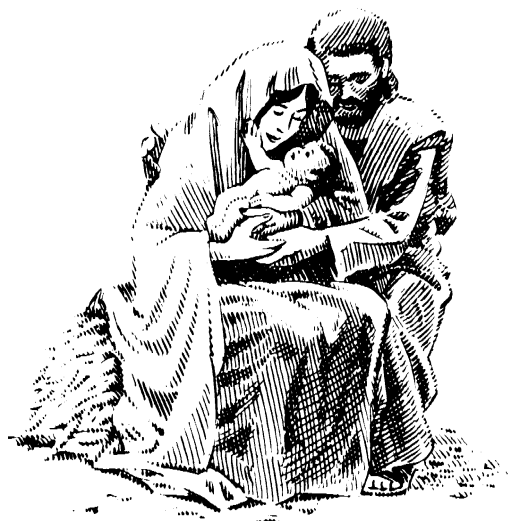
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appreciate everything Josph did as a father for Jesus and for Mary, his wife. He was always there for them. My brothers, I pray that your children, grandchildren and wives are grateful to you for all you do for them, too!

We must not forget the greatest Father of all, GOD! We must continually give Him praise, our prayers, our petitions, our love and our gratitude! Give GOD thanks daily for the many blessings He has bestowed upon you and be prepared to receive His Mercy, Love, and Grace! My brothers, enjoy your special day! Happy Father's Day!

God is Good...All the Time! Blessings to all!! Deacon Bob



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