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“Month of May”

By Deacon Bob Cox, State Spiritual Advisor

Greetings my Brother Knights and families! Can you believe that May is already here, and we are nearly halfway through 2024? And May is the month of Mary! It is also the month to pray the Rosary!

My Brothers, I am going to give you a list of events for May: May 1...Law Day and May Crowning of Mary (or any date in May for the Crowning)

May 12...The Ascension of the Lord and Mother’s Day

May 19...Pentecost Sunday

May 20...The BVM, Mother of the Church

May 26...The Most Holy Trinity

May 27...Memorial Day

May 31...The Visitation of the BVM

This has been a busy year so far, with people coming into the Catholic Faith, First Holy Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Deacon Days of Education, Cursillo Grouping and Ultreya, and the Three Day Cursillo Weekends (men and women) and children getting out of school. Summer is almost here!

As you have already read, this month we celebrate Mary, the Ascension of the Lord, Pentecost, and the Holy Trinity. This month, as Knights of Columbus, let us lead the Rosary before all Masses, if permitted. This is the weapon to fight the devil! Jesus loves the Rosary; the devil hates it. Jesus loves the Hail Mary; the devil hates it. Jesus loves His Mother, Mary; the devil hates her. Jesus will win this battle with His foe, the devil, and good will prevail. But my Brothers do not let your guard down! The devil will tempt you repeatedly! That is why we must pray the Rosary every day! As St. Padre Pio has stated about the Rosary, “With this, one wins the battles. Satan wants to destroy this prayer, but in this he will never succeed. The Rosary is the prayer of those who triumph

over everything and everyone. With the Rosary, we can fight the powers of Satan, which foster sin, hatred, and war. The Rosary is the weapon of the Church in proclaiming unity and peace.” Amen! (It wouldn’t hurt to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, too!)

I also ask you to remember May 27th., Memorial Day. This federal holiday is to honor and mourn and to pray for the U.S. military who have died in the service of our great country, so that we can have the freedoms that we enjoy in our country today and tomorrow! God bless America!



SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

May 2024

- 19 Pentecost Sunday
- 20 The BVM, Mother of the Church
- 26 The Most Holy Trinity
- 27 Memorial Day
- 31 The Visitation of the BVM

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

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From the State Deputy

Jeffrey Crouch

Brother Knights,

What an exciting time to be a Knight in South Carolina!

Halfway through the final quarter of the Fraternal Year, and we already have 23 Councils that have achieved the McGivney Award with several more very close. Now is the time to get your Columbian award applications in and clean up your Safe-Environment compliance. Please do not wait until the last minute! Lastly, Fraternal Benefit Forms can be sent in for the entire year, it does not have to be within seven days of the event as stated on the form. Please do not let your Council miss out on Star Council for an administrative oversight.

Last month, we showcased a strong positive energy coming out of the Supreme Convention. This summer, we wish to keep that energy at the forefront. You should have received an invitation to attend a summer organizational meeting in Columbia. This is especially important for Grand Knights, but all Knights are welcome. During this meeting, we will also have the annual Columbus Hope meeting as well as the installation of District Deputies and State Officers. A representative from Supreme will also be in attendance to speak with us. We are combining the best parts of what used to be three separate summer meetings into one day in hopes that Council leaders can begin the Fraternal Year in the best way possible. The meeting will begin at 9AM at Cardinal Newman School in Columbia, and end by 4PM. Following feedback from the Convention, we encourage you to bring your wife as well!

As we start to put a bow on this Fraternal Year and look to the Year ahead, we hope to involve more Knights at the State level by offering more chairman roles. First, I am pleased to share that we have a complete slate of District Deputies for the next fraternal year. In addition, our State Warden-elect, Patrick Noone, will be serving as Program Director and is looking for volunteers and recommendations for many roles, old and new. If you are considering serving as a District Deputy or State Officer in the future, serving as a State Chairman or Director is a great way to get your feet wet and meet Knights from throughout the State.

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:

COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

The Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator must conduct the meeting in accordance with the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus, supplemented by your council's or assembly's by-laws and according to parliamentary procedure. The standard reference on the subject of procedure is Robert's Rules of Order. The order of business for conducting a council or assembly meeting is outlined in *The Method of Conducting Council Meetings* (#10318) and *The Method of Conducting Assembly Meetings* (10325), both available from knightsgear.com. The only exception to this out line is when the council or the assembly is holding elections.

Presiding officers should control all meetings so that they follow the set agenda by limiting any sidebar discussion.

When a member wishes to speak, he does so by rising from his seat, addressing the chair by saying "Worthy Grand Knight" or "Worthy Faithful Navigator" and renders the salute.

(Representing the tree of the Cross, the member makes a vertical motion, with his arm and vertically opened hand, from Top to bottom). The presiding officer recognizes the speaker by announcing his name and rendering the salute in return. (Representing the arm of the Cross, the presiding officer makes a horizontal motion, with his arm and horizontally open hand, from left to right).

The presiding officer should at all times refer to and address the officers by their proper title. He is thus setting a good example for all members to follow.

All members who are not officers should be recognized by name as "Brother....." or "Sir Knight....." All questions or comments must be directed to the chair (the presiding officer), for example "Worthy Grand Knight or Worthy Faithful Navigator may I ask the previous speaker to explain....." The presiding officer always speaks in the third person such as "The chair rules that....." Or "Your Grand Knight or Faithful Navigator reports that....." Members should speak of the chair in the third person: "Worthy Grand Knight or Worthy Faithful Navigator will the chair please explain the effect of the pending motion?"

Patriot's Corner

Michael Allen, PSD, DM
Master, South Carolina District,
DeSoto Province



“Your individuality is important, but so is belonging. Recognize the parts of your culture that have shaped your past, and the parts you want to carry with you into the future.” — Sol Peralta

Brothers,

On May 4th, we did something **historical** in South Carolina. We welcomed 15 new Sir Knights into our order in an exemplification done entirely in Spanish. Led by our State Warden Lupe’ Jimenez and our Hispanic 4th degree team captain, Omar Belligue, the degree was done beautifully and accurately.

I can’t say enough about the men that put on this degree, it was done with short preparation time and all the Knights put on a fantastic show which edified our new Sir Knights.

The Spanish Degree Team consists of Sir Knights:

Lupe’ Jimenez, Gary Hart, Omar Belligue, Raul Ruiz, Ferdy Lemus, Isabel Lazo, Hector Burgos, Fr. Robert Higgins, and Rony Melidor.

I can’t thank these men enough for what they have accomplished in such a short time. If anyone is bilingual and would like to help this ministry grow, please contact me and I’ll get you in touch with Omar so that you can join the team, Also if your Assembly is interested in hosting an all-Spanish degree, please let me know ASAP so we can get one scheduled.

Don’t forget the Degree team is back at the beach in June. On June 22, we will have an exemplification at St. Michaels in Garden City. This will have an early start time so that we can include Fr. Ed who says 8:00 am Mass on Saturdays.

We’re looking for a large turnout so please register early. Also, June at the Beach will be a tough time to find a room at a reasonable rate, we have a few reserved so the sooner the better.

See you there!

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Columbus HOPE Foundation

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“We can’t look at the crucifix without knowing that God takes us very seriously.” –Rev. Christopher Beyuo.

Most people with an intellectual disability (ID) need life-long support in one or more areas of life. This support is, for a significant part, in South Carolina, provided by care givers who are supported by Columbus HOPE Foundation. They fulfill a broad range of needs in the lives of people with ID. For example, care providers are a source of emotional and practical support, can increase possibilities for choice and independence, manage situations of social participation and social roles, and expand and strengthen social networks of people with ID. Thus, care providers are key agents in the lives of individuals with ID and the quality of the support they provide is important.

Studies have demonstrated that the quality-of-care provider’s support can be affected by stigmatization or prejudice of the group of clients involved. For example, stigmatization by professionals in mental health care has been shown to affect service delivery, the recovery of patients, and the accuracy of diagnoses. Stigma and prejudice are overarching terms that refer to problems of knowledge (ignorance), attitude (prejudice), and behavior (discrimination).

Increased help by organizations like the Knights of Columbus continues to show improvement in the prevalence of stigma and exclusion for people with ID and their families. As a result, there does appear to be a positive trend towards more strengths-based approaches for promoting acceptance and belonging for people with ID.

Additionally, studies show more social involvement of people with ID in research, which is an encouraging direction, as regardless of the approach, people with ID need to be included in developing interventions, recognizing their expertise, and respecting their choices and priorities.

New, alternative methods to anti-stigma interventions are also showing promise; however, further research is needed particularly with people with profound ID to understand and promote belonging and acceptance. The Knights of Columbus will continue to support charities that strive to be culturally and contextually responsible by meeting the needs of individuals, families, and communities. As our Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson puts it “we must bring a Culture of Life to the Communities we serve.” I want to thank you all for what you do to bring dignity to the peripheries of our society by supporting Columbus HOPE.

*Mike Allen, PSD, DM
President CHF*

Board Members Wanted

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

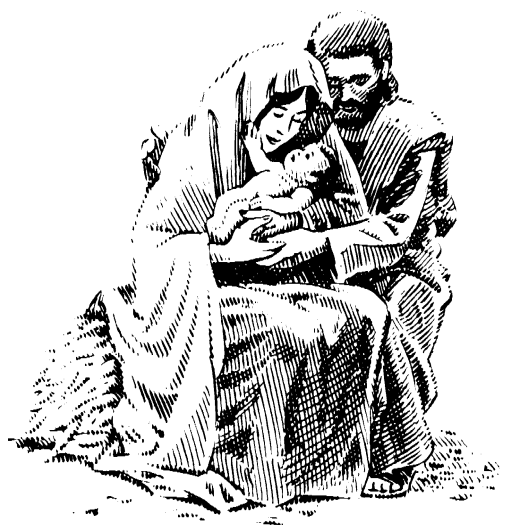
Looking for Knights from the following Deaneries.

Myrtle Beach Columbia Beaufort/Hilton Head

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.

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