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“A Month for Thanksgiving”

By Deacon Bob Cox, State Spiritual/Faith Director

Happy November to my Brother Knights and families! The end of the year is quickly approaching, and November is the time we remember to give thanks.

With the Coronavirus, you might be asking yourself, “Thanks for what?” Maybe the answer is: for life; for your life; for your families life; for the efforts of the Knights to promote ‘life’ by installing ultra-sound machines in certified clinics; for the women who have used the ultra-sound machine and decided to keep their babies; for the men and women who were and still are on the ‘front line’ fighting the Coronavirus and giving care to those who contracted the virus and needed to be hospitalized; for the medical and scientific community that gave us guidelines to follow in order to stay as healthy as possible during this pandemic; for the people who have remained vigilant and are still following those recommended guidelines by social distancing and wearing face masks; for our Diocese by its issuing its own guidelines (in keeping with CDC guidelines) for Mass attendance; for the Priests that carry out those guidelines as directed; for our military that fight for our freedoms in wartime; for our country; for our Catholic faith; for the angel Gabriel announcing to Mary that she would give birth to a Son; and for Mary in accepting the Good News from Gabriel.

Let us give thanks to Mary. She gave the re-birth of light, so that this Light could take away the darkness of sin and be our Salvation! Let us thank God because of His Grace and Power, that He preserved Mary from original sin so that she could give birth to a son, our Lord and Redeemer!

We give thanks for our military personnel, living and deceased. We are thankful for their commitment to our country and for protecting our freedoms and liberties in time of peace and war. May God always bless them.

And finally, though our Thanksgiving Day this year may have a few less people gathered together because of Covid-19, let us give thanks to God for hearing our prayers and answering them. I am thankful each day to our Lord Jesus for our miracle, Elizabeth, as He saved this special granddaughter’s life by blessing her with a very skilled pediatric thoracic cardio surgeon that, with God guiding his hands, performed a life saving operation on her little 5 day old heart on October 10, 2018. Thank you, Jesus! She is as normal as any other two year old! Of course, God does not always answer our prayers as we would anticipate. However, He has His Plan. But we still need to give thanks to God. For everything! God is Good....All the Time!



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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

October 2020

- TBD District Soccer Challenge
- 23-25 Diocese of Charleston, Catholic Camporee
Batesburg, SC

November 2020

- 1 Holy Day of Obligation - All Saints’ Day
- 14 State Soccer Challenge - St John Neuman
School soccer field (Tentative)
- 21 SC District Fourth Degree 82nd Exemplification
(no banquet, social distancing, candidates and
Sir Knights only) - St Andrew Catholic Church
- Myrtle Beach, SC

December 2020

- 8 Holy Day of Obligation - The Immaculate
Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary
- 11 - 13 District Deputies Mid-Year Meeting* - Westin
Hotel & Resort, Hilton Head, SC



From the State Deputy

Daniel Barton

Brother Knights,

I hope this edition of the Palmetto Bulletin finds you and your family well.

Next month, on November 3rd, all of us have the right and duty to vote in the General Election. And while this is of vital importance, many of us may believe that we find ourselves as part of a society that is staring into the abyss. Additionally, we might think that depending upon how our nation votes on November 3rd it will determine if we take a step back from the edge or step off of it.

As Catholics, we should vote with a well-formed conscience. As our Bishops have said, a well-formed conscience is formed under the guidance of the Holy Spirit through prayer, scripture, reflecting and informing oneself about the moral teachings of the Catholic Church as guided by faithful citizenship. It is our responsibility as informed Catholics that “we bring the richness of our faith to the public square. We draw from both faith and reason as we seek to affirm the dignity of the human person and the common good of all.”

On a different topic, we have had 57 members join our Order since July 1, 2020. At first, that may seem low while to others it may seem amazing, especially during a pandemic. However, what is encouraging is that our growth has been only in a few councils and districts. At present, there are 47 councils that have not yet recruited one (1) new member this year. I bring this to your attention now as we are in the first month of the 2nd quarter of this fraternal year. As a fraternal leader, this is a perfect time to evaluate the goals your council set at the beginning of this fraternal year especially when it comes to membership and our programs.

Additionally, we all know our Founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney is advancing one step closer towards sainthood when he is beatified on October 31st. To recognize this milestone, I would request that you encourage all your council officers to invite just one (1) Catholic gentleman to join our Order. If you haven't heard, the Order is offering free membership for new online members using the promo code MCGIVNEY2020 through December 31st. Furthermore, the Supreme Council has released a new series of ceremonial certificates featuring

From the Vocations Director

Jim Weiskircher, Vocations Director

I need your help. This year the number of seminarians has jumped to 23 a net increase of 8 men. I know that it is a struggle to raise funds, with the pandemic, and any help that you can give the vocation department would be appreciated. Our goal is to make sure that every college student has the support of 3 councils and those in pre-Theology and Theology have the support of 4 councils. We are in need of support for 6 seminarians to ensure that all are fully covered. Please consider sponsoring another seminarian if you can. Please let me know if you can help and I will supply you with a needy seminarian. My email address is jim.weiskircher1@gmail.com.

At our last council meeting, a member asked, what do the seminarians use the money for? Since the seminarians are unable to hold a job while in the seminary because of schooling and summer assignments, they have little to no spending money. Expenses like a cell phone, gas or insurance for their car if they have one, money to go out for a meal with other seminarians, clothing, computer, a movie, or a cup of coffee at Starbucks are not covered. Most families help the seminarians where they can but some are struggling to make ends meet. Your financial and spiritual support is needed to help the seminarians feel a connection to the diocese. Thank you for all that you are doing for them.

The Supreme's web site states “Keep the faith alive by supporting our seminarians and postulants. As the strong right arm of the church, Knights of Columbus are committed to providing moral, financial and spiritual support to our future priests and religious at all stages of their formation. A featured program, RSVP counts for two credits toward the Columbian Award.

Knights of Columbus stand in solidarity with our priests and religious. Through this program, council and parish families will raise funds to support seminarians in their area. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the council or assembly \$100. The maximum refund a council or assembly can receive is \$400 per individual supported. Though financial support is vitally important, it is not the only aspect of the RSVP. Councils are also called to provide their “adopted” seminarian or religious aspirant with moral support and prayers for their success.”



Patriot's Corner

Michael A. Allen, PSD
Master, South Carolina
District, DeSoto



“Catholics too often stay silent out of a misguided sense of good manners. Some of us can seem more concerned with discretion and diplomacy than speaking plainly and acting clearly”

Charles J Chaput, OFM, Bishop of Denver

Brothers,

Bishop Chaput, in his new book “Render Under Caesar” tells us that there is no such thing as a “Catholic Party.” “Party loyalty,” he tells us “is a dead end. It’s a lethal form of laziness. Issues matter. Character matters. Acting on principle matters. The sound bite and slogan do not matter. They belong to the vocabulary of the herd, and human beings deserve better. Real freedom demands an ability to think, and a great deal of modern life seems deliberately designed to discourage that.”

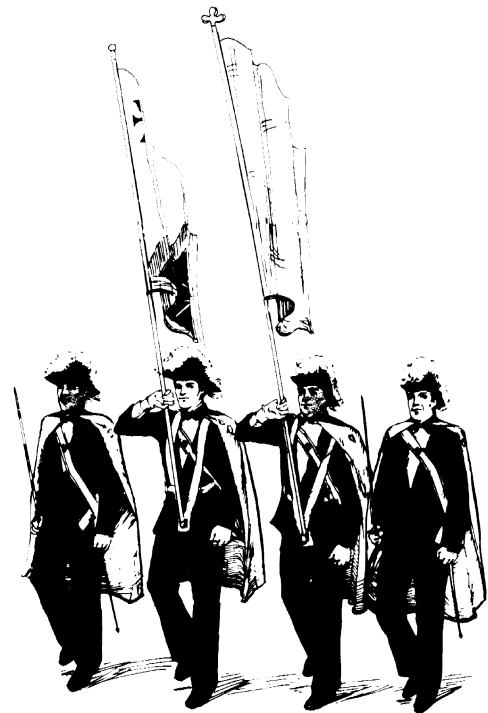
I believe that Bishop Chaput’s words are spot on and display the wisdom of a man that has walked the tightrope between the two worlds his whole life. I also believe that he highlights the need for a Catholic Patriotic fraternal organization in this world we live in. As Knights of Columbus, we must strive to be a source of unity in our Church and society, and we must do this in a way consistent with our commitment to our Order. “Patriotism”, within the framework of the Gospel, is a sure guarantee of responsible citizenship in American civic affairs. It is our responsibility as 4th degree Sir Knights to ensure this message gets out to everyone in our circle of influence. If we fail to do our part in this ethical climate change the losers will be those who are elderly, poor, disabled and politically marginalized. None of these pass the utility test; and yet, they at least have a presence. *Those who are unborn, intellectually challenged, and terminally ill have no such advantage.* They have no “utility,” and worse, **they have no voice.**

Fortunately, now is the perfect time to share your commitment to freedom and love of your country by inviting your brother Knights to get involved in the Patriotic arm of the Order. On Saturday, November 21st, the first exemplification since the pandemic shutdown will be held at St. Andrews Catholic Church, Myrtle Beach, SC. We

will follow the CDC, SC state and diocesan guidelines to ensure a safe event. While there will not be a ladies event or formal, indoor banquet, the “Grill of Your Dreams” food truck will provide a crabcake sandwich, Philly cheesesteak or gyro along with fries and a drink. Knights and ladies can eat picnic style, tailgate style, or choose to take their food “to go”. Please make your reservation and encourage candidates to take part in this opportunity to show their commitment to patriotism and real freedom.

And remember, between now and then, please become informed on the issues, display your Catholic character and act on principle matters and VOTE on Tuesday, November 3rd.

Vivat Jesus,
Mike



From the State Protocol Chairman

Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM

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 they be expected to know who the person is?

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an image of our founder.

Lastly, it is with great sadness that I pass along the news that Past State Deputy, Raymond Hock has passed away. I ask that you keep Ray, Trudy and the entire Hock family in your thoughts and prayers.

Fraternally Yours,



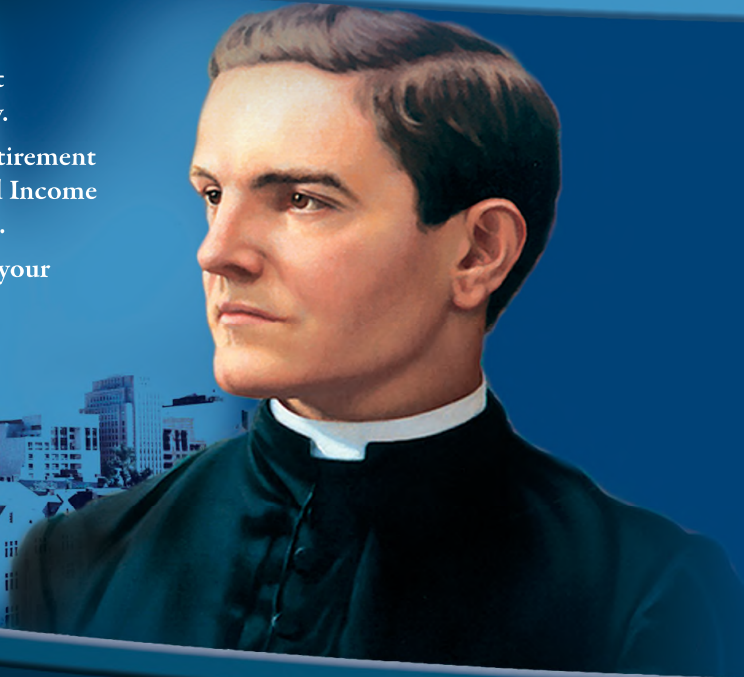
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