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“Definitions”

By Deacon Bob Cox, State Spiritual and Faith Director

Greetings my Brother Knights and families! Hope you are all well and enjoying the summer! Can you believe that this is July already?! And that we have had a changing of the guard for the Supreme Council, State Council and all local councils!? One thing is certain, time does not stand still!

Let’s look at the definition of leadership: “The art of motivating a group of people to act toward achieving a common goal.” Leadership is done through the direction of human assistants. As Dwight D. Eisenhower stated, “Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it.”

What is the definition of a leader? A leader is someone who can create an inspiring goal for the future. A leader is someone who motivates and get results for the goal of an organization. A leader is someone who takes charge of delivering that goal for an organization. A leader is someone that is a motivational person, someone who communicates well, someone that is easy to work with, someone who is a hard worker himself and expects the same from his team. As in any team sport, the leader is a coach who builds a team that will reach the goal set before it. The expectation of the leader, the coach, is for his team to accomplish the goals for the group or organization. Reminds me of IPSD Daniel Barton! Sounds like our current SD, Paul Burchell. It definitely reminds me of the Immediate Past Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson! And I am certain that his replacement, Patrick Kelly, will be a very good leader as Supreme Knight as well. And last, but not least, Father Michael J. McGivney.

Here is a list of various characteristics that a good leader

should have a grasp of: self-awareness, respect, learning ability, learning agility, courage, integrity, empathy, honesty, gratitude, influence, and the ability to delegate responsibility. To me, these are all things that a good leader should be aware of and make use of, if he wants his organization, for example, the Knights of Columbus of South Carolina, to be successful. Good leaders need to be able to supervise and direct their staff and members, in the correct direction and destination that is efficient and accessible. Once again, Daniel, Paul and Carl have these characteristics. As did Father Michael McGivney. Pope Francis has all of these characteristics, too!

Who was (and still is) the best leader of all? Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Son of Man, the Second Person of the Trinity, our Savior. He coached and taught the 12 Disciples who came to be known as Apostles. Jesus entrusted these men to spread the message of Him, the Word, throughout the world. He taught them to be humble, to be charitable, to show love to their brothers and sisters that were looked down upon, to keep God in the forefront of their minds. And to live as He did. As Jesus taught the Apostles, He also taught Fr. McGivney and to this day, the Knights of Columbus worldwide: to feed the hungry; to give water to the thirsty; to visit the sick; to shelter the homeless; to bury the dead; to visit the imprisoned; to give alms to the poor. Jesus calls all of us to share and teach the faith. The Catholic Faith. To me, this encompasses what it means to be a Knight of Columbus! Viva Cristo Rey! Amen!

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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

July 2021

24 Grand Knight Organizational Meeting - Florence,

September 2021

11 85th Exemplification of the Fourth Degree -St. John the Beloved Catholic Church, Summerville



From the State Deputy

Paul Burchell

Happy New Year Brothers,

I cannot begin to tell you what an honor and privilege it is for me to serve as the South Carolina State Deputy. I am truly humbled by the opportunity and am looking forward to the year ahead. I recently returned from the State Deputy Organizational Meeting in New Haven where I had the opportunity to meet with State Deputies from all over the country as well as Mexico. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, our brothers from Canada and Europe were not able to join us in person although they did attend virtually.

The highlight of the event was to witness the Installation of our Supreme Knight together with the other first-year Supreme Officers, Directors, and State Deputies. To be in the same church where our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney preached was a surreal experience. To be able to stand by his tomb was something I will treasure forever.

During the course of the five days in New Haven we had the opportunity to hear the message of our new Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly and our Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori as well as hearing from many of the Directors and key members of the Supreme Staff who will be leading us this fraternal year. Throughout the entire event, the mission was clear – we are here in this time and place for a purpose: so what is your purpose? What is your story? What is it that prompted you to become a member of the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world? And more importantly, what is it that keeps you as a member? These are questions that only we ourselves can answer. And it is in answering them that we will be able to invite other men to become part of our brotherhood.

As our churches begin to open and life returns to somewhat normal, we as Knights have an important mission. Our number one priority must be to work with our Pastors and ask how we can help get folks back to church. We have a calling to evangelize and that evangelization must begin within our own parish family.

Brothers, I am excited about the new fraternal year. I am excited about expanding our communication efforts and being able to meet with as many of you as possible. I encourage you to invite all State Officers to as many of your council events

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From the Vocations Director

Jim Weiskircher, Vocations Director

Keep the faith alive by supporting our seminarians and postulants. As the strong right arm of the church, we are committed to providing moral, financial and spiritual support to our future priests and religious at all stages of their formation. The Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) counts for two credits toward the Columbian Award.

We stand in solidarity with our priests and religious. Through this program, council and parish families raise funds to support seminarians. 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.

Your support and prayers provide a life-line to our seminarians. The closest seminary to our diocese is over 400 miles away, so it is difficult for them to get back except on holidays. The contact you provide them reminds them that we are praying for their vocation and they appreciate your cards and letters from the council or assembly.

Supreme made some changes to the RSVP program last year. Councils can receive refunds if the seminarian is an American studying in the US or abroad. Foreign seminarians can be supported if they are studying in the US. Supreme will no longer issue refunds if foreign seminarians are studying in their home country or abroad.

Last year was a strange year for vocations. We started the year with 10 seminarians entering the program. Six men requested a leave of absence and must remain out of the program for at least 12 months. The following have been granted a leave of absence: Pedro Silva, Sebastian Barbosa-Garcia, Nicholas Shiver, Mario Aguilar, Enerson Hernandez, and Mauricio Moreno. Father Rafael Ghattas was ordained last month in the Cathedral in Charleston.

With 7 men leaving the program this year and 2-3 coming in, it will be important to check with me before committing to supporting a seminarian. The vocation office normally does not release the names of seminarians until the end of August after the new seminarians have started classes. I will keep track of your support so that we can make sure that the seminarians that need the support the most are getting it. Your support is greatly appreciated by the vocation office, seminarians and me.



Patriot's Corner

Michael A. Allen, PSD
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Moral principles do not depend on a majority vote. Wrong is wrong, even if everybody is wrong. Right is right, even if nobody is right.

[Fulton J. Sheen](#)

Brothers:

We Knights are proud of our devotion to God and country and believe in standing up for both. Whether in the public arena or private sector, Sir Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nation and have supported our Armed Forces from the beginning and continue to do so. It is this support that inspires us to pray that Patriot Day events will encourage and pay back those who have and continue to protect and defend us every day.

In 2017, President Donald Trump proclaimed September 8–10 as National Days of Prayer and Remembrance and proclaimed September 11 as Patriot Day. I can think of no better way to pray and honor the Patriots of this great land than to urge all Knights of Columbus to raise themselves to the next level and become Sir Knights. On the twentieth anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade towers, the 85th Exemplification of the Fourth Degree in South Carolina will be held at St. John the Beloved Catholic Church in Summerville. I challenge each Sir Knight to invite one like-minded, patriotic member to this life changing experience. Contact your Faithful Navigator for the registration packet today!

Vivat Jesus!

Now is the time to rise to the challenge and take yourself to the next level.

Michael A. Allen, PSD, DM
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Thank you and God bless you this Year!

From the State Program Director

Christopher Hilditch, PGK, FDD

Brothers,

I don't know about you, but I can honestly say that I am glad that 2020 is behind us. We had a particularly challenging time this past fraternal year. Many of our councils here in South Carolina lost members due to COVID 19 and other illnesses. Many of our councils struggled to gain any new members or have any programs completed. I am proud to say that several of our councils pressed on despite this pandemic and had a positive growth in membership and were able to continue to plan and implement a successful Faith in Action program. Having successful programs is key to a council's survival and growth. It is when we conduct an effective Faith in Action program throughout the fraternal year that others in our church communities will see what the Knights of Columbus is all about and want to become part of us. We have strong State Faith in Action Directors this year to help guide your program directors to conduct effective programs. Our State Family Director is John Olson, GK, State Faith Director is Deacon Robert Cox, PGK, FDD, State Community Director is Joe Mule, PGK, and our State Life Director is Chris Carter, DW. These brother knights are dedicated to ensuring that the councils within our state have a strong understanding of the Faith in Action programs, where to find resources, and how to implement them. We plan on having quarterly FIA programs on the state level for councils to participate in and State FIA directors want to form good communication with the FIA directors in your councils. Your council FIA directors should be carefully picked just as the state FIA directors have been. Make sure that you complete and submit Form 365 by August 1st to Supreme. Ensure that appropriate copies are submitted to the State Deputy, and District Deputy. My team and I are hopeful that this form is submitted in a timely manner so that we can more adequately communicate directly with the FIA directors in each council about upcoming programs.

I look forward to working with all brother knights within the South Carolina State Council this fraternal year. My hope for you is that planning begins now, that you start strong and end strong.

Vivat Jesus!

Christopher R. Hilditch, PGK, FDD
State Program Director

From the State Protocol Chairman

PROTOCOL

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

INVITATIONS

Guests should be sent proper invitations in writing well in advance. Invitations should be mailed at least six weeks before an event. This will afford ample time to respond to the invitation.

All invitations should be sent in the name of and signed by the Grand Knight or Faithful Navigator, although he may request that replies be directed to a chairman or committee member. The District Deputy, as the special representative of the Supreme Knight and the State Deputy, should be invited to special Council or Assembly functions. It should be understood that his schedule may not permit him to attend every affair, in which case he would respond in ample time. Never give a blanket invitation to anyone. Always send each guest a personal invitation. If tickets are being used for a function, they should be forwarded, suitably marked, along with the invitation.

Invitations should be in the form of a letter when addressed to a specific person. Printed cards or general invitation notices may be used if the occasion warrants. A bulletin or flyer may be enclosed with the invitation if it gives more detailed information. It should not be used in lieu of an invitation. Such bulletins should never show the name of the person invited unless he has agreed to be present.

When an invitation is extended to anyone it should contain all details such as dress, extent of participation, etc. It is embarrassing for a guest to appear and find that he is the only one at the head table not in a tuxedo, or the only one present wearing one.

*Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM
Protocol Chairman*



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as possible. We will not be able to attend them all but we are committed to be as visible as possible. It is the goal of your State Council to help all councils become successful. Can we count on your help as well?

Vivat Jesu!
Paul

From the Desk of the State Ceremonials Director

Tony Zammarrelli

District 5 held an exemplification on July 10th. Host council was 6629 with 3 new members. Right now Council 16903 from District 16 will be holding and Exemplification on August 3rd. Congratulations to Council 6629 for moving forward and Council 16903 for following. As a reminder, each District needs to have at least 1 Exemplification per quarter. Also, our Worthy State Deputy Paul Burchell wants to hold a State Exemplification each quarter. Their 1st one will be on August 28th at SJN Church in Columbia beginning at 9 am sharp. Candidate>s to register at 8:30 am. Looking forward to a great fraternal year!



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