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“Virtues”

By Deacon Bob Cox
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Greetings my Brother Knights and families! I pray you are all doing well and enjoying your summer and your summer vacation(s)! I am. We are. We got back from a 12-day vacation in Michigan as we went back to visit our families a couple of weeks ago and went to my wife’s High School Reunion. I have to ask myself, where has the summer gone? Four of our grandkids are back in school already and the other two go back next week. High school football starts this Friday and college football in 18 days. WOW.

Today (Tuesday, August 15, 2023) we celebrated the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Catholic News Agency reflects on the Assumption by recalling the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God. Venerable Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950, invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, “that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.” To me, this is a virtue... gratitude, the Church’s way of saying ‘thank you’ to Mary for her role in religious history as being the Virgin Mother of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

I have come across a couple of definitions of virtue from the Catechism of the Catholic Church that I would like to share with you. From the CCC #1803: “A virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do good. It allows the person not only to perform good acts, but to give the best of himself.” An effective moral life demands the practice of both human and theological virtues. The CCC #1833 defines virtue as

“habitual and firm disposition to do good. They are building blocks for Christian moral living.”

St. Paul’s list of virtues are Compassion, Kindness, Humility, Gentleness, Patience, Forgiveness, Love, Peace, and Gratitude.

My Brothers, a few months ago I read a great article in Our Sunday Visitor concerning virtue, to clothe ourselves in the virtues of Christ! One of those that I especially liked in the article was about LOVE. Susan Erschen writes that “Love is not an optional accessory garment for us. Jesus commands that we always wear love. He says, ‘You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself’” (Mt 22:37-39)

She goes on to write, “Love of God and love of others are forever intertwined since God dwells in all of us. With every person we meet, God is silently asking us, ‘Can you love me in this one?’ Modern theologian Karl Rahner calls love of others ‘the one convincing’ part of Christianity. We give witness to the existence of an all-loving God when we show a gentle love for other people. It is the attire that sets us apart as Christians. People can more easily believe God exists when they experience our love rather than our criticism.”

Susan Erschen goes on to say, “Yet, love is perhaps the most delicate of all the virtues. It is like fine lace. It can so easily be destroyed. To maintain it, we need quiet time to feel God loving us. That love from God will give us the strength to love others.”

I will end with this old and venerable prayer, as we ask our Lord to help us live St. Paul’s virtues daily:

“Dear Lord, May I be compassionate. May I be kind. May I be humble. May I be gentle. May I be patient. May I be forgiving. May I be loving. May I be at peace. May I be thankful. Amen.”

Brothers, immerse yourselves in the virtues of St. Paul and live them out in your life. People will notice! God is Good... All the Time!

Blessings,
Deacon Bob Cox

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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED



From the State Deputy

Jeffrey Crouch

Brother Knights,

What a month! We began with the Organizational Meeting and Installation of District Deputies and State Officers and ended with an outstanding Fourth Degree Exemplification and Mass with our Bishop honoring Blessed Michael McGivney. Somehow the elected delegates found time to travel to Orlando and attend the Supreme Convention! I assure you that South Carolina was well represented and cannot wait to share more details at the next opportunity.

In his annual address, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly stated: “The challenges we face are many and serious. In this new era, forming Catholic men must be our top priority. I have said it before and I will say it again: If we get the man right, we get everything right — the marriage, the family, the parish, the community. We need men who say “yes” to their God-given vocation. And we know what happens when men respond in faith.”

He went on to announce a new bible study called “Men of the Word.” Additionally, he announced there would be a new video series that follows the format of the Into the Breach video series. This new series will focus on love and marriage. All these new resources are designed to help your Council implement COR, which is a means to focus fully on faith formation and evangelization. More details about COR will be shared separately over the next few weeks.

Our goal this year for South Carolina is “to foster growth of the order; to ensure the Councils of our Jurisdiction are offering to all Catholic men the chance to fulfill the innate desire that we were created with to have communion with God which can be found through membership in the Knights of Columbus.” To that end, we wish to recognize St. Michael’s Council 8980 in Garden City for recruiting five new members in July. Additionally, we had four total councils qualify for the Fast Start Incentive drawing recruiting at least three new members in July. Congratulations to Msgr. Richard C. Madden Council 6629 in Summerville for being drawn as the winner. Both Councils will receive an incentive prize. Lastly, congratulations to Saint Fynbar Council 17760 for being the first Council to achieve 100% of their intake objective this Fraternal Year.

From what I have seen, all our Councils are off to an outstanding start. We wish you 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!

Columbus HOPE Foundation

Mike Allen, PSD, FDM

All people, regardless of disability, deserve the opportunity for a full life in their community where they can live, learn, work, and play alongside each other through all stages of life. People with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities need varying degrees of support to reach personal goals and establish a sense of satisfaction with their lives.

An intellectual disability is a disability characterized by significant limitations both in intellectual functioning and in adaptive behavior that affect many everyday social and practical skills. An individual is generally diagnosed as having an intellectual disability when:

- (1) the person’s intellectual functioning level (IQ) is below 70-75.
- (2) the person has significant limitations in adaptive skill areas as expressed in conceptual, social, and practical skills; and
- (3) the disability originated before the age of 18. “Adaptive skill areas” refer to basic skills needed for everyday life. They include communication, self-care, home living, social skills, leisure, health and safety, self-direction, functional academics (reading, writing, basic math), and work.

An estimated 2.5 million Americans have an intellectual disability. Most adults with an intellectual disability are either unemployed or underemployed, despite their ability, desire, and willingness to engage in meaningful work in the community.

The question remains, what can the Knights of Columbus do to help those individuals with intellectual disabilities? Columbus HOPE Foundation is an ongoing program supported by the Knights of Columbus for over forty years. Supporting the Charities that assist people with intellectual disabilities. This program unites Knights throughout South Carolina in charity and love of our brothers and sisters.

There are many ways in which Councils can get involved in this worthy Program. Whether it is through Tootsie Roll Drives, hosting and or financing Fun Nights at your Parish, or working with organizations such as Special Olympics or the myriad of Charities that work with these citizens. You can find ideas and programs at columbushope.org. As always, all collected funds should be sent to Columbus HOPE through your local council, just ask your local HOPE chairman.

Mike Allen, PSD, DM
President CHF

Patriot's Corner



Daniel Barton, PSD
Master, South Carolina District, DeSoto Province

Brothers,





On August 12, more than seventy men stood to take their Fourth Degree as part of the 91st Exemplification class in South Carolina History. I want to thank the Charleston Exemplification Team for their many hours of practice and the outstanding job they did. The highlights of the Exemplification were that this was the first time in our history, as the South Carolina District, that the degree was held in the Cathedral of St John the Baptist and only the second time that our current Bishop became a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus. The Class Honoree was The Most Reverend Jacques E. Fabre-Jeune, C.S., Bishop Charleston. To the men who became Sir Knights, I offer our deepest congratulations and look forward to the great work you will contribute to your Assemblies and local communities in the coming months and years.

Like your Council, your Assembly is not restricted to any particular charity or cause. Therefore, we strongly encourage all of you to find a program that speaks to your heart and suggest it to the officers of your Assembly. Keep going even if the program does not go as well as you hoped. In his address to the Knights of Columbus, St. Pope Paul VI said, "Tell your sons, your nephews, your grandsons; tell the people that the pope loves the Knights of Columbus." He added: "The glory of the Knights of Columbus is not based on humanitarian works alone. Even more admirable have been your insistence upon the supremacy of God and your fidelity to the Vicar of Christ. In truth you can call yourselves 'brothers' because you call God your Father and have declared yourselves ready to do his will and serve his cause. . . the Knights of Columbus an immense force for good."

I sincerely thank every Sir Knight throughout South Carolina for how they have served this past year. To the officers of the Assemblies, words cannot express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you that worked to make the South Carolina District one of the best Districts Order-wide. It has been a great honor and pleasure to see your impact on the lives of those in your local communities, your Assembly, and most importantly, your Parish. I encourage you to continue to build the bounds with your local Council(s) and foster an atmosphere of cooperation leading to more men becoming Sir Knights.

As most have heard, I will take over as Vice Supreme Master of the DeSoto Province on September 1, 2023. As my time as District Master ends at the end of this month, I would like to thank Thomas M. Monahan for his four years of service as

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From the State Protocol Chairman

Richard A. Gabriel, PSD

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

Protocol

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.

Councils and Assembly Meetings

The Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator must conduct their meetings in accordance with the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus, supplemented by your Councils 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."

Presiding office 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 arms 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 offices 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.

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our Vice Supreme Master. I will forever cherish his mentorship, counsel, and friendship. Additionally, I would like to express my complete support of Michael A. Allen, PSD, who will fill the one-year vacancy and again be our District Master on September 1, 2023. I ask that everyone please support our new District Master.

May our founder and brother knight, the Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!

Daniel

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NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COUNCIL 11991 JUNE 2023 MILESTONES -- OUR MONTH OF 5K ACHEIVEMENTS

Submitted by SK Tony Zammarrelli,

Some councils are late developers, but all councils will provide fruit in the labor of Love for the Lord. Just as the previous 2-3 week's Gospels proclaim, fruit for those that labor for the Lord provide a harvest. Such was the case for June 2023 from IC Council 11991 for Fraternal Year 2022-2023. While we busied ourselves with Installation of our Officers in the presence of our newly elected Sate Deputy, we were harvesting for the Lord. In the attached photos, we the Knights of IC Council were happy to reap the Lord's Harvest in what I'm referring to as a month of 5000 points of Excellence; please consider:

1. In photo1, BK Nate Burris (our Director for Family) and I (Joseph "joe" Schepisi) presented a check for \$5000.00 to the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center (LPC). The funds were collected from Mother's Day through Father's Day as a part of an extended Baby Bottle Drive as a part of the IC Council 11991 ASAP initiatives.
2. In photos 2&3 we find SK Joe O'Saben; he has been the only lead for the IC Council 11991 with the Red Cross. In June we collected the 5000^h pint of blood provided by the Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. These parish-community "gifts of life" are a part of an on-going ministry of Love. Photo 2 shows SK Joe O'Saben with SK Marty Kozakiewicz our 5000^h donor. Photo 3 is SK Joe O'Saben accepting an award of Klingon Wine (SK O'Saben is a major Star Trek fan). Special note: this is a ministry that was begun in September 1997 by SK Joe O'Saben! The KofC/Red Cross initiative is a part of the Community Directorate that has BK Nick Bogart as its Director.
3. Photo 4 is the IC Council 11991 Columbus Hope Lead and IC Council 11991 Chancellor, SK Mickey Tezza. He is pictured receiving our 2022-2023 Columbus Hope Award. Under SK Tezza tutelage IC Council achieved 106% of our 2022-2023 Goal; over \$5000.00 donated to the Columbus Hope charities. Columbus Hope is a part of the Life Directorate and celebrates BK Brian Glynn.
4. Special note: BK Nate Burriss, BK Nick Bogart, and BK Brian Glynn are all "new" members of the KofC (none of them has more than three years as a member

Knight of Columbus in IC Council 11991) and all three are requesting Fourth Degree Exemplification this August in Charleston, SC.

It took a year of labor for IC Council 11991 to provide the harvest to the Lord. Also notable, IC Council 11991 achieved 256% of its recruitment goal; a truly memorable year of service to the Glory of the Lord!



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