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“The Silver Rose”

By Deacon Bob Cox, State Spiritual Advisor

Greetings my Brother Knights and families! I pray that you all are physically and spiritually well! We need to be because summer is upon us, and we will be travelling and vacationing away from home (more than likely) at some point this summer. Please remember, even if you are on vacation and away from home, you are not on vacation from attending Mass wherever you might be. We always must make time for the Holy Eucharist...45-60 minutes...and worship Jesus at Mass at a Catholic Church in the area where you are staying.

This past week here in Florence, the “Silver Rose” came to town. Monday night at St. Anthony, and Tuesday morning at St. Ann. St. Anthony combined the Silver Rose Prayer Service with their Novena to St. Anthony of Padua and at St. Ann, we celebrated the Silver Rose Prayer Service 30 minutes before noon Mass. This program was received well, and we had good attendance at both Churches.

In case you have not received the “Silver Rose” yet, or have not heard about it, permit me to correspond to you the first paragraph that is read by the Leader, “As Catholics, we are called to be a people of life and a people for life. The challenge before us is to teach the world that the life of each human being, unique and unrepeatable, begins at the moment of conception and ends by natural death. To accomplish this we turn to the Blessed Virgin Mary, through whom the Word was made flesh. Through Mary, under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, we seek the grace and strength to bear witness to the reality that every human life is sacred, a gift from God. We take this opportunity to commend ourselves to our Mother, seeking the strength to proclaim the gospel of life, in season and out of season, until respect for the sanctity of human life is restored throughout the world.” (KofC Silver Rose Prayer Service Booklet, p.3) As the Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson stated, “It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to

end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of ‘One Life, One Rose,’ it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses.” (Introduction of the KofC Silver Rose Prayer Service Booklet, p.1)

Brothers, please plan on attending the Silver Rose Prayer Service with your spouse and families. District Deputies and/or Grand Knights, make arrangements with your Pastor and/or your Deacon to conduct this worthwhile program in your city and district. This is a Faith in Action, Life Program, so make use of it if possible.

Devotion to Mary has always been essential to our Order. Hand out the Our Lady of Guadalupe pledge and prayer card to everyone that attends this special program. All Knights and guests are invited to fill out the Our Lady of Guadalupe pledge card that goes with the “Silver Rose Program,” and by so doing are pledging and consecrating themselves to Mary. By so doing, you are promising to defend human life from conception to natural death. These cards should be collected and sent in as a group from your council to the Supreme Office in New Haven.

Brothers, don’t miss this opportunity to commit yourselves to the Culture of Life through honoring Mary, our Patroness of the Americas, known as Our Lady of Guadalupe!



SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

July 2023

- 8 – Columbus Hope Drive Workshop
- 14-16 – DD Organizational Meeting/State Installations

August 2023

- 12 – Fourth Degree Exemplification – Charleston, SC
- 13 – Blessed Michael McGivney Mass – Charleston, SC

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From the State Deputy

Paul Burchell

Farewell Brother Knights,
Well, this is it – my last article as State Deputy. Words cannot express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you who've worked so diligently over the past two years to bring our jurisdiction to the forefront of

our entire Order. What a great honor and pleasure it has been for Judy and me to travel around the state and visit with many of you and witness first-hand the impact you are having on the lives of those in your councils, parishes, and communities. You are truly a blessing from God!

As I write this article, Jeff Crouch, our State Deputy-Elect and his lovely family are currently in New Haven attending the State Deputy's Organizational Meeting. On Friday, June 9th, he will be installed as the 54th South Carolina State Deputy. I ask you to keep him and all our newly elected state officers in your prayers and give them your full support. Jeff will be looking for dedicated brothers to accept leadership positions for the new fraternal year. Please reach out to him and let him know you not only have his back but want to be part of his team. I am truly excited about his vision for the state, which you will hear in the near future.

This Sunday, June 11th is Corpus Christi Sunday. Parishes throughout the state will be conducting Eucharistic Processions and I hope every brother Knight has an opportunity to take part in a procession in their area and witness to the world that "we believe in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist".

Earlier this week, I was privileged to attend an "Into the Breach" session hosted by Rev. Paul D. O'Toole Council 10819 at St. Mary Magdalene in Simpsonville. The council has been conducting these sessions, facilitated by Brother Scott Schweitzer, FA on a regular basis throughout the year and they have been well attended by council members and parishioners. There were approximately 70 men who attended the session this week. Supreme is so impressed with this initiative that they sent a film crew to film the session and interview several attendees. This is, without a doubt, an initiative that could benefit every council in the State. I recommend that every council reach out to Scott or GK Paul Pimentel for program details and see how you can conduct a similar program in your parish.

I wish I had the opportunity to meet with each of your councils personally to thank you for your dedication and support. I want to thank all our District Deputies, Grand Knights, Chairmen and Directors, your families, and our Clergy for keeping Blessed McGivney's vision alive and well in South Carolina. To steal a quote from our Worthy State Chaplain, Father Higgins: "thank you, thank you, thank you. Thank you

for all the work you have done, all the work you are currently doing, and all the work you will do in the future". This has truly been a memorable experience for me.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe and Blessed Michael McGivney watch over you and your families.

Vivat Jesu!

Paul

Columbus HOPE Foundation

Mike Allen, PSD, FDM

Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up. --Thomas Edison

Discrimination against people with Down syndrome starts in the womb!

Brothers,

For the last six months I have been writing about the correlation between Intellectual Disabilities and abortion. Since I have been made aware of the laws in Denmark that have made it possible to eradicate their citizens with Down's Syndrome through prenatal testing and abortion, I was afraid that the topic would not be missed in other countries around the world. And true to form, the debate has heated up here in America where at least 13 states either have introduced bills in their congress' supporting the ban of abortions or reinforcing abortion rights solely because a baby has a disability, especially Down's Syndrome.

As Catholic Gentleman and Knights of Columbus we need to stand firm against this form of eugenics, a barbaric practice of genetic cleansing much like that practiced in Nazi Germany in the 1930's and 40's.

A textbook meant to teach medical professionals how to "counsel" women considering abortion discourages "non-directive" counseling when a child is disabled. Instead, it encouraged "counselors" to directly advise abortion:

"When counselling, the aim of the health professional involved would normally be to support a decision-making process but not to influence it. There has recently been lively debate whether a non-directive approach is possible or even ideal when fetal abnormality has been discovered..."

By receiving non-directive counselling, the couple are urged to make their own impossible decision at a time when they are grief stricken and in emotional turmoil. Couples in this kind of situation are often desperate to be advised what to do, and being able to say "the doctor advised us to have a termination" can sometimes be a blessed relief...."

Joanna Brien, Ida Fairbairn "Pregnancy and Abortion

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Patriot's Corner

Daniel Barton, PSD
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Brothers,





Twelve of the thirty Assemblies within the state had candidates for the 90th Exemplification held in Pawleys Island, SC. Therefore, I am pleased to announce the addition of forty-nine new Sir Knights to the Fourth Degree of our Order. The South Carolina Degree Staff, led by Sir Knight Bob Rooney, did an outstanding job. The Class Honoree is the Reverend Sir Knight Paul MacNeil, and we raised \$590.00 for the Knights of Columbus Father McGivney Military Chaplains scholarship program. Our most profound appreciation goes to Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church staff and parishioners, Council 11028, Assembly 3272, and their families for hosting this Exemplification.

Plans are well underway with the planning of the 91st South Carolina Exemplification. The next opportunity for a brother knight to become a Fourth Degree Knight will be Saturday, August 12, 2023, at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Charleston, SC. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Over the past Fartnerl Year, 109 members have become a Fourth Degree Sir Knight in South Carolina, and we have raised over \$2,700.00 for the Father McGivney Military Chaplains scholarship program. While that is impressive and is 30.45% of the South Carolina State Council intake goal of 358 new members, many more Third Degree Knights within South Carolina would benefit from membership in a local Assembly.

The question is whether we will be like the Apostles behind locked doors before Pentecost, or will we be like them, after receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit, to boldly go out into the world? I pray it is the latter and we live out the New Evangelization transformed by the Holy Spirit. Just turn on the news to see how much humanity has moved away from God. As a Fourth Degree Knight, we are charged to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large. Are we content with how the world is today? If not, we must be like the Asptoles by proclaiming our Faith and instilling the spirit of patriotism. As Knights and as Sir Knight, we can do this.

Fraternally Yours,
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It has never been more important for us to stand against abortion and support Intellectually Disabled **PEOPLE** than it is right now, the longer we wait the more difficult the educational process gets.

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