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“Thankful”

By Deacon Bob Cox, State Spiritual Advisor

Greetings my Brother Knights and families! I am thankful to be here with you today as I write my article for your enjoyment! In thanksgiving, we just recently celebrated All Saints Day, All Souls Day along with giving our thanks to all our Knights of Columbus Veterans, to all our other veterans, men and women, retired and active-duty military personnel. May God bless our veterans!

Later this month, we celebrate Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 23rd., as we need to be thankful for our families, friends, and God’s blessings He has bestowed upon us! Thankful for our Savior, Jesus Christ, and the ever-deep Mercy He has given to us!

As the story goes, the earliest Pilgrims that came to the New World on the ship named Mayflower and landed at Plymouth, MA, survived their first extremely severe winter, and then they were able to grow sufficient crops the next spring and summer to provide for their settlement. After harvesting their crops, the 50 or so remaining settlers spent 3 days celebrating by feasting and giving thanks to God for His blessings! They also thanked God for the blessing of the friendship of the Native American people, the Wampanougs, who had been vitally important in helping the settlers make it through the severe conditions of that initial winter in Massachusetts.

Brothers, we need to remember that the holiday is first and foremost meant as a day of giving thanks to God. Of course, it’s a great day for family dinners, outings, watching football, playing euchre, eating and eating and naturally, sleeping! This is a special day for my family, as we get together, do fun things and get pictures taken of us with our grandkids and kids! Family time. Time to give thanks!

This Thanksgiving Day is a golden opportunity for us as

Knights of Columbus to give the Father thanks for His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, but also to help at Soup Kitchens, Food Pantries, etc. If we have an “abundant crop” this year, why not share it with those who are truly in need, especially the children. They hold a special place in the heart of Jesus. He cares about us too, as He gave up His life on the Cross for each of us. Be sure to ‘Thank Him’ in your evening prayers! Here are some Thanksgiving Prayers:

“For each new morning with its light, For rest and shelter of the night, For health and food, For love and friends, For everything thy goodness sends.”-----Ralph Waldo Emerson
ANOTHER GOOD YEAR

“We thank you, Lord, for food and friends, and for all of the joy this holiday lends; It’s Thanksgiving Day and we can see, the blessings you’ve provided our family. Thanks to you, Lord, for another good year; When you watch over us, there’s nothing to fear.”-----Karl Fuchs

FOR APPRECIATING OTHERS

“We thank you, Father, for the gift of Jesus your Son who came to our Earth and lived in a simple home. We have a greater appreciation of the value and dignity of the human family because he loved within its shelter. Bless us this day; may we grow in love for each other in our family and so give thanks to you who are the maker of all human families and our abiding peace.”-----from THE CATHOLIC PRAYER BOOK, compiled by Msgr. Michael Buckley.

My Brother Knights, remember what Thanksgiving Day is for—being thankful—tell your clergy and religious ‘thank you’ for bringing you (us) closer to Jesus! Thank Christ in your nighttime prayers for His sacrifice that He made for you, for your family, for all of us!

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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

November 2023

18 State Soccer Shootout, Columbia, SC

December 2023

8-10 DD Midyear Meeting, Hilton Head Island, SC

16 PSD Luncheon, Summerville, SC

January 2024

6 Proudly Pro-Life March/Rally, Columbia, SC

7 Hispanic Fourth Degree Exemplification, Columbia

February 2024

3 Grand Knight Midyear Meeting, Columbia, SC

10 Fourth Degree Exemplification, Lexington, SC

March 2024

9 State Freethrow Competition, Columbia, SC



From the State Deputy

Jeffrey Crouch

Brother Knights,

As the Thanksgiving Holiday is upon us, we should reflect on all we have to be thankful for. I am thankful for the fraternal Leaders who have been called to lead the Knights of Columbus Councils in South Carolina. I am thankful for the many hours spent in the name of Charity so that we can make an impact, no matter the size, in areas that need our charity most. I am thankful for the freedom of our nation, preserved by the service of all our Veterans, especially those we call Brother Knight. And most importantly, I am thankful for Jesus Christ, who sacrificed all, and through whom, we have and do everything!

At the State Deputy Midyear meeting, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly affirmed that Blessed McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus to “carry out the mission of Jesus himself – to help men love God and serve their neighbors.” He went on to say that our mission is a mission of hope, perfectly suited for these challenging times while referencing the ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and the Holy Land. Our responsibility as Knights is to grow the Order so that we can make a bigger difference; so that we can reach more families and pass our beautiful faith to the next generation. Finally, he underscored that nothing is more powerful than a Brother Knight calling another man to something greater and doing so face to face in the context of friendship.

In this spirit, I would like to recognize the Micheal O’Conner Council 5026. While visiting a Brother Knight at Sprenger Healthcare Facility in Port Royal, Brother Reulito “Gonz” Gonzalez was introduced to a few other Catholic men who were not Knights. They all expressed interest in joining the Knights of Columbus. Brother Gonz rallied his Council and they overwhelmingly agreed to hold an exemplification at the healthcare facility. It is important to note, that the Council knows these men will not be attending Council meetings, working on projects at the Parish, or most likely not even paying dues. However, Brother Gonz and the Knights of Council 5026 offer these men at the end of their life, an invitation to become Knights, enhancing yet again the image of Council 5026 to the Parish of St. Peter’s Catholic Church. Thank you Brother Gonz, Grand Knight Butch Alvarez, and Micheal O’Conner Council 5026 for setting a high bar for the rest of South Carolina to follow!

As we enter the Advent season, 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!

Columbus HOPE Foundation

Mike Allen, PSD, DM

“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” -Francis of Assisi

Many people with disabilities rely on a range of public programs, such as Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare, Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Programs (SNAP), and others that support their daily needs, health, and independence. They also benefit from programs that provide housing assistance, job training, special education, childcare, and developmental disability programs for support and services. What’s more, many federal agencies enforce critical laws against disability discrimination, including the Americans with Disabilities Act. Here’s what we want you to know. Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments will continue during a shutdown. While these critical needs will continue to be met, a prolonged shutdown could exacerbate ongoing customer service issues created by the underfunding of the Social Security Administration (SSA). Many people with disabilities need SSA’s support in navigating benefits and already endure long wait times for disability determinations. Many of the other programs that people with disabilities rely on are administered by state governments, with critical oversight and administration conducted by the federal government. The lack of this critical federal oversight could result in many more people with disabilities unjustly losing their Medicaid benefits.

There is also considerable concern about the impact of the childcare funding crisis resulting in tens of thousands of childcare centers potentially closing and millions of kids potentially losing this critical avenue for early development. This is happening because of the expiration of pandemic emergency relief funds that were used to support struggling daycare centers. Families already experience significant hardship finding childcare options for kids with disabilities, which could worsen without action by Congress.

Looking to the future, a government shutdown raises the potential for additional cuts to an already strained system. The Social Security Administration, for example, is facing a customer service crisis and programs like the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which ensures students with a disability are given a free appropriate public education, have never been fully funded.

The reality is that funding for programs for people with disabilities needs to be significantly expanded, not cut. A government shutdown creates the political environment for cuts, going in the wrong direction for people with disabilities and their families.

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Patriot's Corner

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DeSoto Province



Religiosamente devoto; Patrioticamente orgulloso

*A Man's Country is Not a Certain Area
of Land, of Mountains, of Rivers, or Woods, but it is
a principle.*

Patriotism is Loyalty to that Principle.

The life of a Sir Knight is meant to exemplify the truest sense of that Principle.

Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country; we believe in standing up for both as a joy-filled duty. Whether it's in public or private, Sir Caballeros remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are among the most loyal citizens.

Upcoming Exemplification

Show your love for your Church and Country by becoming a Sir Knight through membership in the Fourth Degree. **The first ever all Spanish fourth degree exemplification** will be held on Sunday January 7, at St John Neumann Catholic Church, and School

Church:100 Polo Rd. Columbia, SC 29223

School:721 Polo Rd. Columbia, SC 29223

Spanish Mass starts at 2:00pm

What is the Fourth Degree?


STANDING FIRM IN SUPPORT OF THE ORDER



The primary purpose of this degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large and to encourage active Catholic citizenship. Knights of the Patriotic Degree are dedicated to the personal development and continued honor of brother Knights. We are there to offer leadership, guidance, and encouragement to our brothers and to fellow Catholics.

PROUDLY SERVING THE COUNTRY

The Fourth Degree imparts a lesson on the virtue of patriotism. Knights of the Patriotic Degree glorify God by serving our communities and nations as though Christ were the one being served.

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From the State Protocol Chairman

Richard A. Gabriel, PSD

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CEREMONY FOR THE DISPOSAL OF UNSERVICEABLE FLAGS

(All assemble near flagpole or other suitable location)
(If music is used), (National Anthem) Honor Guard/Members salute/present swords.

Faithful Commander: Faithful Navigator, we wish to present a number of unserviceable Flags of our Country for inspection and disposal.

Faithful Navigator: Faithful Commander advance with your detail and present the Flags for disposal and inspection.

(Faithful Commander calls his detail to attention. They form at the Post of the Commander then march with two of the Flags which are to be inspected to the Faithful Pilot. The Faithful Commander steps one pace forward and salutes with sword).

Faithful Commander: Faithful Pilot, we present these unserviceable

Flags for your inspection.

Faithful Pilot: Is the present condition of these Flags the result of their usual service as the Emblem of our Country.

Faithful Commander: These Flags have become faded and worn over the graves of our departed comrades and the soldier, sailor and airmen dead of all our nation's wars. (Pilot opens and inspects one or two flags).

Faithful Pilot: Present these Flags to the Faithful Admiral for his inspection. (The Faithful Commander salutes with sword, about faces, commands the detail) About Face, (crosses behind the detail and takes his post at its left, commands) Forward March. (The detail marches to within two paces of the Faithful Admiral, halts and proceeds as before.)

Faithful Commander: Faithful Admiral, we present these Flags which have been inspected by the Faithful Pilot, for your further inspection. (Admiral opens and inspects one or two flags).

Faithful Admiral: Have any of these Flags served any other purpose?

Faithful Commander: Some of these Flags have been displayed in various public places.

Faithful Admiral: Present them to the Faithful Navigator for final inspection and fitting disposal.

(The Faithful Commander salutes with sword, about faces, commands the detail), About Face, (Crosses behind the detail and takes position on its left commands), Forward March. (The detail marches to center, turns right, halts within two paces of the Faithful Navigator, Faithful Commander steps one pace forward and salutes with sword.)

Faithful Commander: Faithful Navigator, we have the honor

to present for final inspection and proper disposal these Flags of our Country.

Faithful Navigator: Have these Flags been inspected by the Faithful Pilot and Faithful Admiral?

Faithful Commander: They Have.

Faithful Navigator: Faithful Pilot, what does your inspection show and what do you recommend?

Faithful Pilot: Faithful Navigator, I have inspected these flags and all the flags on the table. Since these Flags have become unserviceable in a worthy cause, I recommend that they be honorably retired from further Service.

Faithful Navigator: Faithful Admiral, what does your inspection show and what do you recommend?

Faithful Admiral: Faithful Navigator, I too have inspected all these flags. Since these Flags have become faded and worn in a tribute of service and love, I also recommend that they be fittingly destroyed.

Faithful Navigator: Sir Knights, we have presented here these Flags of our Country which have been inspected and condemned as unserviceable. They have reached their present state in a proper service of tribute, memory and love.

A Flag may be a flimsy bit of printed gauze, or a beautiful banner of finest silk. Its intrinsic value may be trifling or great; but its real value is beyond price, for it is a precious symbol of all that we and our comrades have worked for and lived for, and died for a free Nation of free men, true to the faith of the past, devoted to the ideals and practice of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.

Let these faded Flags of our Country be retired and destroyed with respectful and honorable rites and their places, be taken by bright new Flags of the same size and kind, and let no grave of our soldier, sailor or airman dead be un-honored or unmarked. Faithful Commander, assembles the Color Guard, escort the detail bearing the Flags and destroy these Flags by burning. The members shall stand at attention.

Faithful Navigator: The Commander (or Chaplain) will offer prayer.

Commander (or Chaplain): Almighty God, Captain of all hosts and Commander over all, bless and consecrate this present hour. We thank Thee for our Country and its Flag, and for the liberty for which it stands. To clean and purging flame we commit these Flags, worn-out in worthy Service. As they yield their substance to the fire, may Thy Holy Light spread Country. Amen.

Faithful Navigator: Hand salute / Present Swords.

(Color Guards present arms. All officers and members except those on the flag detail salute. Members of the Flag detail dips two or three of the condemned Flags in kerosene and place them on the rack over the fire).

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God is Good...All the Time! All the Time...God is Good!
Happy Thanksgiving! Deacon Bob

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All this to say how vitally important your donation dollars are to the Intellectually Disabled in South Carolina. So many of these Citizens rely on your efforts much more than you'll ever know!

Thank you for all you do.

Mike Allen, PSD, DM

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UNWAVERING SUPPORT OF THE FAITH

Knights of the Patriotic Degree are dedicated to the service of their Church, their country, and our Order. These men are unified in the Fourth Degree to support religious, civic, and charitable causes. Most importantly Sir Caballeros unwaveringly to what is right and honorable, working to keep God in the civic arena, serving the life of the Church, and defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious liberty.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF KNIGHTHOOD

The Color Corps is an elective division of the Patriotic Degree that presents a visible reminder of our service to the community. These members regularly take part in civic events such as parades and wreath-laying ceremonies, and at ecclesial functions of Catholic churches.

Michael A. Allen, PSD, DM

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Thank you and God bless you!

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(Music: To the Colors)

Faithful Navigator: (at conclusion of "To the Colors") Two / Return Swords.

All remaining Flags are brought forward and added to the fire. Then when all are burned or are burning lowly:

Followed by: Music (God Bless America).

Faithful Navigator: Will the Commander please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands One Nation, Under God, with liberty and justice for all.

Faithful Navigator: I thank all for attending this Flag Disposal Ceremony. Dismissed.

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- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
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