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## Advent/Christmas/Synod 2021

By Deacon Bob Cox

State Spiritual and Faith Director

Greetings my Brother Knights and families! A belated Happy Veteran's Day to all of our military personnel, retired and active duty!

As Thanksgiving is quickly approaching, let us say a prayer of thanksgiving: "Almighty God, of all mercies, Father, we, your unworthy servants, give you most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men. We praise you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life. But above all, we thank you for your infinite love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And we pray, give us a due sense of all your mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful, and that we may declare your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives. Amen." (The Catholic Prayer Book)

And then, the Sunday after Thanksgiving is the First Sunday of Advent. Get your Advent Wreaths down out of your attic or purchase a new one with real greenery on it. Have your 3 purple candles, 1 pink candle, and 1 white candle ready for use! You might ask your Deacon to celebrate an Advent Vespers Service each Sunday afternoon in Advent. (We are doing that at St. Ann in Florence!)

And finally, Brothers, I would like to impress upon you how very important it is to take part in the Synod of Bishops, that Pope Francis has instituted for 2023. The theme or topic for this Synod is Synodality itself. The Synod theme is "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission." Brothers and wives, it is imperative that you, we, us, the Knights of Columbus members promote and participate in

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Parish Listening Sessions to discern future direction of the Church. Or participate with the Listening Sessions and other special sessions with your council or on a specified day listed on the website. By participating you will be helping your Parish and the overall Diocese of Charleston ministries.

Brothers, I have watched Bishop Guglielmone's Synod video twice, and then took the survey myself. Nothing to it, but it does make you think about your Parish and its Mission Statement. We know there is much work to be done for our Church/Diocese/Parishes, so please watch Bishop Guglielmone's video and participate in the Survey.

All the resources, including the Bishop's message, can be found at <https://charlestdioecese.org/synod2023/>. You can also contact Sr. Kathy Adamski for more information on the Synod at: [kadamski@charlestdioecese.org](mailto:kadamski@charlestdioecese.org). Or call her at 843-261-0498.

Viva Cristo Rey!



### SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

#### December 2021

- 4 Soccer Shootout, St. John Neumann School, E. Columbia
- 10-12 DD Midwinter Meeting, Westin Resort and Spa, Hilton Head Island, SC

#### February 2022

- 19 4th Degree Exemplification, Corpus Christi Church, Lexington

#### March 2022

- 12 State Free Throw Championship, St. John Neumann Catholic School

#### April 2022

- 22-24 101st Annual SC State Convention, Landmark Resort, Myrtle Beach



## From the State Deputy

*Paul Burchell*

So, what's going on with the South Carolina Knights? I'm glad you asked.

Are you aware that we have a new council in our state? The Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Council 17824 was formed with an initial cadre of 46 members which includes several new Knights, former Knights who reapplied, several Knights living in the area who were members of out-of-state councils, and some transfers from in-state councils as well. The new council is located in the Carolina Forest Catholic Community in Myrtle Beach and is now part of District 3. We congratulate Fr. David Nerbun, Pastor and District Deputy, Tom O'Donnell and their team of council officers led by Grand Knight Louie Ruocco.

Did you know that reverend Norman F. Rockwood Council 9161 in Barnwell has merged with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 6891 in Orangeburg? During their October meeting, the Supreme Board of Directors approved the merger of the two councils. A roundtable is being formed in the Barnwell-Springfield area to continue the support of the local churches. Have you seen and explored the new state website? If not, visit [kofsc.org](http://kofsc.org). Also included on the site are links to the state Facebook and Instagram pages. We will continue to add new information to the site. Plan on making a visit to the site part of your weekly routine.

Did you know that our 2022 State Convention will take place at the Landmark Resort in Myrtle Beach April 22-24, 2022? Did you know that the convention committee is hard at work putting together a fun-filled, family-oriented weekend for all of us? Mark the dates on your calendar and make plans to participate. Keep your eyes open for notices over the next several months – it will be here before we know it.

Are you concerned with the millions of lives that have been lost through abortion since Roe V. Wade? Are you prepared to stand up and say enough is enough and let your voice be heard? Are you willing to stand up like thousands before us and demand that our voices be heard regardless of the cost to yourself? Are you okay with having your tax dollars being used to fund abortions? Will you go that extra mile and write your Senators, Representative, and President and let them

## From the Vocations Director

*Jim Weiskircher, Vocations Director*

When we speak of vocations, we automatically think of priests, deacons, and religious. But we all have a vocation or vocations, it could be as a father, husband, or as a doctor, professor, autoworker, or even a Knight. When it comes to youth, we tend to look at what they will do once they get out of school. But they have a vocation to be a student.

This month the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministers puts on the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. Several councils in the state have helped to raise funds for their youth groups. This year, because of covid restrictions, there will be 12,000 in attendance with another 2,000 attending virtually. It is a three-day experience for the high school aged young adults that is a high energy event that helps them to grow in their faith. This event has been held every other year but will go to an annual event with it alternating between the west coast and the Midwest or east coast. The youth get a chance to see many of the latest musical artists and high powered Catholic motivational speakers. It is also great for the youth from our state see that high energy students from around the country and see that it is OK to be Catholic and be proud of it.

I was honored to attend two years ago as an exhibitor in the National Catholic Committee on Scouting booth. Without covid restrictions, there were 20,000 super charged youth. I was so impressed at the outpouring of love that this year, the NCCS will be the title sponsor under the title of Catholic Scouting. I am looking forward to attending.





### Patriot's Corner

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



State Convention in Myrtle Beach on the weekend of April 22-24, 2022. We're trying something new so look for more information coming your way.

Vivat Jesus!

*"The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him."*

— G.K. Chesterton

### Ceremonials

CHARITY, UNITY, FATERNITY EXEMPLIFICATION SCORESHEET:



CHARITY, UNITY, FATERNITY EXEMPLIFICATION BY DISTRICTS AS OF 11/10/2021

DISTRICT	QUOTA	COMPLETED
1	4	2
2	4	3
3	4	3
4	4	0
5	4	2
6	4	0
7	4	1
8	4	2
9	4	6
10	4	3
11	4	0
12	4	1
13	4	3
14	4	1
15	4	1
16	4	1

Brothers,

If things seem out of sorts lately in the 4th degree, I apologize. If you've gotten an email about forms that weren't received or not recorded, I apologize. The secretary to the Master for the past year was a great man, well organized, kind, a devoted Catholic, father and husband. Marcel Dube' lost his battle with Cancer this past week and left a giant void in my life. All the Knights in South Carolina will miss Marcel. Peter LaPierre will be taking over as Secretary. You can contact Peter and I at our email address, districtmastersc@gmail.com. If you have been trying to contact Marcel or I without success, again I apologize, please try again. The ball should be rolling again, thank you for your patience.

Peace and God Bless.

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A little housekeeping for the remainder of the fraternal year:

The agenda is out for the proudly pro-life weekend, look for more information in the State bulletin.

By the time you read this, Veteran's Day will be officially over, however we should thank our Vets for their service 365 days a year

The next 4th degree exemplification is set for February 19th, 2022, at Corpus Christi Church in Lexington, we will again have a great meal and presentation at the Lexington Country Club. The registration packets will be out soon. Remember that every new Knight is now eligible for the 4th degree.

After that, we are planning to hold an exemplification at **the**

## From the State Protocol Chairman

Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM

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

Marks of Respect for the Flag of the United States

- The National Flag should be flown daily from sunrise to sunset in good weather from public buildings, schools, permanent staffs in the open and near polling places on election days. The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed. The flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.
- The flag should always be flown on national and state holidays and on those occasions proclaimed by the President. On Memorial Day, the Ensign shall be half staffed until noon.
- The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously. It should never be dipped to any person or thing nor should it ever be displayed with the union down except as a signal of dire distress.
- The flag should never be allowed to touch anything beneath it, nor should it ever be carried flat or horizontally –always aloft and free.
- It should never be used as drapery or decoration, for carrying or holding anything, or stored in such a manner that it will be damaged or soiled.
- The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever, nor should any picture, drawing, insignia or other decoration be placed upon or attached to the flag, its staff or halyard. The flag should not be embroidered on personal items nor printed on anything designed for temporary use and then discarded.
- When the flag is so worn or soiled that it is no longer suitable for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified manner, preferably by burning.
- For rules on Posting the Colors, please refer to the Patriotic Degree ceremonial book.



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know that abortion is murder regardless what they chose to call it (i.e. women reproductive health, etc.)? Are you ready to gather your family and join us for the Proudly Pro Life March and Rally in Columbia on January 8, 2022 regardless of the weather?

Brothers, it saddens to see the diminishing number of people who participate in this most basic protest against this horrendous crime. Let's turn the tide now. I challenge every council in the state to be represented at the march with a minimum of 10 individuals (Knights and family members). If the Knights are not going to help turn the tide, then who will? Who will stand for those who cannot stand for themselves and who will let the world know that all life is sacred from conception till natural death? "Where there is a need, there is a Knight"; and Brothers, there is definitely a need.

*"First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out – because I was not a socialist.*

*Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out – because I was not a trade unionist.*

*Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out – because I was not a Jew.*

*Then they came for me – and there was no one left to speak for me."*

Martin Niemoller (1892 – 1984)

Martin Niemoller was a prominent Lutheran pastor in Germany. He emerged as an outspoken public foe of Adolph Hitler and spent the last seven years of Nazi rule in concentration camps. There are different versions of what classes he actually mentioned; however, the important thing to remember is that if we continue to do nothing, it will be too late for all of us! I heard a report on the news the other day that for the first time in our history, we have more jobs available than people to fill them even if every able-bodied eligible person worked. This should not surprise us since we've eliminated over a generation of our future workers through abortion. **TAKE ACTION NOW!**

Pro Choice = Pro Abortion  
Vivat Jesu!

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PROUDLY PRO-LIFE WEEKEND

# NEVER GIVE UP.

LET US NOT BECOME WEARY IN DOING GOOD  
FOR AT THE PROPER TIME WE WILL REAP THE HARVEST  
IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP. GALATIANS 6:9



### SPECIAL REMARKS FEATURING MISSISSIPPI A.G. LYNN FITCH



On December 1, 2021, Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch will argue before the U.S. Supreme Court in favor of upholding the Mississippi law that outlaws abortion at 15 week gestational age. The sole question before the court is whether abortion can be outlawed before "viability" and the Court's decision could have wide ramifications for every state's ability to protect unborn children at the earliest stages

of Life. General Fitch was sworn in as Mississippi's 40th Attorney General and first ever woman Attorney General on August 9, 2020. Before becoming the State's chief legal officer, General Fitch served as Mississippi's elected State Treasurer for eight years, from January 2012 to January 2020.

### GUEST ARTIST THE 3 HEATH BROTHERS



The 3 Heath Brothers are teenagers, Nicholas, Clayton, & Christian Heath from Thomasville, NC. People are consistently shocked by their tight harmony, powerful vocals, and acapella arrangements.

They were voted Best Breakthrough Artist of 2018. In 2018 they won the Grand Champion Trophy at the NC State Annual Singing Convention. They recently performed at Dollywood, Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove, and were MainStage artists at Singing in the Sun 2019 and the Gatlinburg Gathering 2019. You won't want to miss their tight harmony, passion for God, and youthful energy. They love God and their goal is to promote Christ and demonstrate that you are never too young to give all you have to God!

## JANUARY 7-8, 2022

COLUMBIA, SC

### DINNER - \$45/TICKET

### FRIDAY - JAN. 7, 2022

Seawells 1125 Rosewood Dr. Columbia, SC 29201

Doors open	5:30 PM
Buffet Begins	5:45 PM
Program Begins	6:45 PM

### MARCH & RALLY

### SATURDAY - JAN. 8, 2022

Line up for the March USC Russell House on Greene St.	11:00 AM
March Begins Led by Knights of Columbus	11:30 AM
Rally Begins State House plaza, Gervais St. side	12:00 PM

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## Faith in Action - Family

My Brothers in Christ, I pray you, our Brothers and families are doing well,

Father McGivney sought to strengthen the bonds of families in his parish and the Knights of Columbus. These programs, created for families by families, help us to live this call. As the Fraternal year moves by, my role as family director for the state is to listen and support our program directors, Brothers and families throughout the state as well as promote the programs that the Supreme Council has provided us.

**What's the first step?** I would love to hear from you with any ideas you may have as well as the needs of your parish and council. Please let me know of what Family programs have worked in your council and which ones have not. If you don't have a family director, please ask the Faith in Action director from your council to answer to the best of their availability. As a Grand Knight, I'm in the trenches day-to-day with our Brothers, their families and our parish family. I understand the challenges that councils face in planning and implementing programs and would like to provide any assistance I can

to make your jobs as leaders in your council easier in any way I can.

**What's next?** I'll be reaching out to each council ASAP after the form found in the link below is completed and returned. For now, please ask each Family Director to fill out this form to collect their information to help me understand the status of family programs at the council level and build a council by council director by the end of November.

[Here's the form https://forms.gle/6aKiUda6XDhfBLJ6.](https://forms.gle/6aKiUda6XDhfBLJ6)

Contact me any time (phone, email or text) 864-354-5680 or [gk.kofc9184@gmail.com](mailto:gk.kofc9184@gmail.com).

Thanks for all you do.

St. Joseph, pray for us  
 Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us  
 Holy Family, pray for us.  
 Vivat Jesus!

John Olson, GK

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