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'Tis the Season

By Deacon Bob Cox
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Greetings my Brother Knights and families! Hope all is well with each of you! By now, we are in the middle of Advent and preparing the way of the LORD! Advent is the time to prepare for the coming of the LORD....His birth and His second coming!

Brothers, as we gather today and each Sunday of Advent as a family, let us pray for the grace we need to live as children of God and of hope and light. Let us remember that the Advent Wreath is a symbol of our growth in hope, peace, joy, love, and anticipation that Jesus Christ will enter into our lives more completely. As we light the candles on the Wreath, let's pray that this light of the Wreath will be like the light of Jesus as it enlightens our hearts and souls and helps to eliminate the darkness in our world.

Let us pray, "Loving God, You are the source of our hope, peace, joy, and love. The source of life and of all that is good. As Knights of Columbus, as Catholic faithful, we look forward to the coming of the light of Jesus on Christmas day. Let us share the joy and happiness of this day with our brothers and sisters who are in need...financially, spiritually, physically, who are homeless, who are hungry, who need to see the light of Christ in their lives. Grant that we can live our lives as Blessed Fr. McGivney was able to...in charity and love. Amen." As Knights of Columbus, and with Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney interceding for us, may we be men and women of peace and justice and prayer and be a light to the world, a beacon for those who are living in darkness.

My Brothers, in these last hours of Advent, read Luke 1:41-

43, and contemplate those words of Elizabeth that she speaks to the Virgin Mother Mary. Form those words into a prayer. Maybe you should ask yourselves, "How does it happen that God sent His Only Begotten Son into the world for my sake?" God really does love you, my Brothers and Sisters!

"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled...So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up...to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her first-born son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was not room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:1,3-7)

So, my Brother Knights, as Joseph took Mary out of Nazareth and went to Bethlehem (which means "house of bread") this fulfilled the prophecy of Micah that said the Messiah would come from Bethlehem. While there in Bethlehem, Mary gave painful birth to her Son, as Joseph named him Jesus. The stories tell it that He was born in a stable, in a manger. Probably the truth is that Jesus was born in a stable in a cave, a place carved out of the side of a hill, that had a manger in it and that led to Him being kept warm by having the animals around him to help protect and keep Him warm throughout the night as His Mother recuperated from childbirth with Joseph guarding them all.

My friends, have a Blessed Christmas, a Merry Christmas, a Christmas filled with good feelings and love, as Jesus came to save us by His Love!

Happy New Year, too!

Deacon Bob and Sue Cox

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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

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

"She gave birth to her first-born Son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the place where travelers lodged" (Luke 2:7)

Worthy Brothers,

As I write this article, we have just begun the Advent Season – a time of waiting, a time of reflecting, and a time of asking ourselves, are we ready to welcome the Savior into our world once again. By the time this is published we will be just a short two weeks before Christmas.

I recall all the hullabaloo that was raised when Prince Charles and Diana were expecting the birth of their son, an heir to the throne. Contrast this to the birth of Jesus – our true King and our Lord.

God chose to have his Son born in a cave rather than some royal palace. From the time of his birth until his death on the cross, Jesus' life was one of service. He told us that he came to serve rather than to "be served". He told us that whatever we do or we don't do for our brothers and sisters we do (or don't do) for Him.

Two months before his assassination, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during a speech in Atlanta said, "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's theory of relativity to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love, and you can be that servant."

Brother Knights, I thank you for your service this year and for all you do for our honored Order. My prayer for you this Christmas Season is that you take some time to spend with your family and friends and enjoy all the gifts that God has blessed you with.

A most Blessed and Merry Christmas to all of you from Judy and myself.

Vivat Jesu!



From the Vocations Director

Jim Weiskircher, Vocations Director

As Christmas approaches, please keep our seminarians in your prayers as they go into their finals this week. Please welcome them back into your parish during the holidays and encourage them in their vocation. It is important that our seminarians feel a close bond with the diocese.

I often speak of priestly vocations in this column but we also should remember our deacons who help to provide needed help to the thin ranks of priests in the diocese. When was the last time that you invited a deacon from your parish to come and give his vocation story to the council? Possibly his story may open a door for other members of your council to consider the permanent diaconate. Father Bruce Barnett felt a calling to the diaconate several years ago then switched to the seminary and became a priest.

Does your parish have a chalice program to pray for vocations? Perhaps your council could start one in the parish. The purpose of the *chalice program* is to encourage families to pray and promote vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. The consecrated Chalice is a tangible reminder of this special intention for the Church. The Second Vatican Council highlights the responsibility of the laity to pray for and support vocations. This urgent call has been strongly affirmed in the writings and addresses of both Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI.

Praying for vocations is the most powerful way to support vocations. A vocation is a call from the Holy Spirit, a gift from God that is nurtured in prayer. When we pray for vocations, we lift up to our Father those men and women whom He is calling to follow Him in a very special way. We hope that those who bring the cup home will continue to pray daily for vocations.

I hope that you and your family have a Blessed Christmas.





Patriot's Corner

Michael A. Allen, PSD
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just begun to plan, and the sign-up packet should be out soon.

Until next month, have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New year.

“The brightest Christmas ever was lit by a single star and swaddled in the most drab colors but offered mankind the greatest gift of all...true and lasting love.” -Toni Sorenson

The holiday season is upon us, so, I want to take this opportunity once again to remind all our Sir Knights of the importance of our Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund. A recent interview of Archbishop Broglio of the Archdiocese of the Military Service revealed that the military chaplaincy has hit an all-time low census. America has just 157 Catholic Chaplains to service all branches of the military. That totals, with veterans, reservists, and families around 1.8 Million Catholics. Again, at all Statewide functions, the once famous pass the helmet mission will be renewed so that South Carolina can do its part to help alleviate this disparity.

Another way to share in the Holiday spirit is to give generously to those who have had losses this year. None more so than the brothers in the Midwest, many of who lost everything in a matter of minutes from a series of Tornadoes that devastated Maysville and surrounding towns in Kentucky. You can send checks to KofC charities or Directly to the Knights in Kentucky at:

Knights of Columbus Charities of KY, Inc (KY Tornado relief in the memo line)
Cameron Peck, PSD
796 Wellington Way
Lexington, KY 40503

On a brighter note, we are planning another large fourth degree exemplification at Corpus Christi church in Lexington, on February 19th. The Knights in South Carolina are excited about getting back to “normal” and reviving the Mass – Exemplification - Banquet order that we had become used to in the past. Remember that ALL Knights who have gone through the new initiation degree are eligible to become “Sir Knights”. Recruiting this year has been abundant and so should the fourth-degree class. Thank you all for asking new Knights to be Patriotic and visible.

The Honoree for this degree will be the former District Secretary Marcel Dube’.

Also, we will be having our first annual exemplification at the State convention in Myrtle Beach this Spring. We have



Ceremonials

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

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

Peace and God Bless.
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From the State Protocol Chairman

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

Protocol Chairman,

Protocol

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 officers 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?"

Human Relations

1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.

2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown — only 14 to smile.

3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name.

4. Be friendly and helpful. If you would have friends be friendly.

5. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do were a genuine pleasure.

6. Be genuinely interested in people.

7. Be generous with praise — cautious with criticism.

8. Be considerate with the feelings of others, it will be appreciated.

9. Be thoughtful of the opinions of others. There are three sides to a controversy; yours, the other fellows and the right one.

10. Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.



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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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As the sun rises on my old Kentucky home this morning, the Kentucky Knights of Columbus is embarking on our most critical mission ever. Friday night and early Saturday morning, much of our commonwealth was impacted by historical tornadoes. We have confirmed devastation in three of our four Dioceses. In many areas, the loss of human lives and economic impact is truly devastating. Many of our neighbors are left to face the coming winter in dire need of our assistance. I have received reports of people escaping their destroyed homes barefoot and in pajamas to be left standing in a cold, pounding rain. Our first responders are doing all they can to treat the injured and mitigate the further loss of human life. Please pray for these men and women, for the strength to accomplish this daunting task.

I called the Kentucky State Council into session Saturday evening via Zoom, to gather information and identify those areas most in need of our assistance, and to determine what is the best way to assist at this moment. I have charged our councils to activate in their area to assist their brother knights, their fellow Catholic neighbors, and their communities. The councils have been instructed to contact me as State Deputy and let me know what they need from the State Council regarding contributions. Right now, physical presence in affected areas is not an option for most of us. Our State Police have restricted access to these areas to first responders and residents. For now, what is needed the most is prayers and monetary contributions. The Kentucky State Council will run our efforts through our Charities board. In some instances, we will send money to local councils to purchase food, clothing, etc. as needed. We may also be called upon to load trucks with specific supplies and deliver these items to specific locations. We will do what is necessary to help as many Kentuckians as we can, for as long as the mission takes.

The Kentucky jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus is not large. We have approximately 12,000 members. Our resources are limited, and without contributions we will exhaust these resources within days, as the need is so desperate. If you wish to contribute, please send to the contact below.

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Vivat Jesus,
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Steve Zanone, Kentucky State Deputy

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