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“Share Christmas”

By Deacon Bob Cox, State Spiritual Director

Greetings my Brother Knights and families! Christmas is almost here! Excitement reigns supreme in most households, especially where there are little ones! Share your Christmas with your loved ones, your friends, your neighbors, your parish family! Just remember what this Season is all about. Pope Francis says this about Christmas, “Bethlehem: the name means house of bread. Bethlehem is the turning point that alters the course of history. Then God, in the house of bread, is born in a manger. It is as if he wanted to say: ‘Here I am, as your food! He does not take but gives us to eat; he does not give us a mere thing, but his very self. In Bethlehem, we discover that God does not take life, but gives it. Standing before the manger, we understand that the food of life is not material riches but love, not gluttony but charity, not ostentation but simplicity. At Christmas, we on earth receive Jesus, the bread from heaven. It is a bread that never grows stale but enables us even now to have a foretaste of eternal life.”

What a great Christmas message! Another thought is that Christmas is the time to share our faith, to wish everyone a joyful, peaceful, hopeful, and a loving Merry Christmas! That has been the theme for Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love! So, today we need to stop and reflect on how the Christ child entered the human community, a small, helpless child in a dark night, bringing light that we long to experience again and again. The small body of the Child of Bethlehem introduces us to a new way to live our lives, by sharing and giving.

My friends, gift giving at Christmas is a wonderful thing! Being with family at Christmas is a wonderful thing! Sharing laughter, love, and the Spirit of Christmas with family and friends is a wonderful thing! Sharing yourself, being a good

steward, helping at a homeless shelter, a soup kitchen, or just being a friend, a listening person to someone who is lonely, or visiting lonely senior citizens, is a wonderful thing! If you can do this type of sharing, you have the Christmas Spirit in you! Wishing you a blessed Christmas and therefore I say MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Deacon Bob and Sue Cox



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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

January 2023

- 7 Proudly Pro Life Rally, Columbia
- 20 National Right to Life March, Washington, DC

February 2023

- 4 Grand Knight Midyear Meeting – Columbia, SC
- 18 Fourth Degree Exemplification – Aiken, SC

March 2023

- 11 State Free-throw Shoot – Columbia, SC

April 2023

- 14-16 State Convention – Columbia, SC

May 2023

- 20 Fourth Degree Exemplification – Pawleys Island, SC



From the State Deputy

Paul Burchell

Happy Advent Brother Knights, "God Bless us Every One." These are the words of Tiny Tim and how Charles Dickens ends his classic, *A Christmas Carol*. Thankfully there aren't any Ebenezer Scrooges amongst us, and we are quick to wish everyone we meet a "Merry Christmas" rather than a "Happy Holidays" or even worse, "Bah! Humbug!" We don't have to be visited by ghosts of Christmas past, present, or future to know the true meaning of Christmas – and that is to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Advent gives us that time to wait and prepare for His coming, and this year we have four full weeks to do so. My hope is that we will take at least some time for ourselves this advent, to sit and reflect on how truly blessed we really are. Yes, we will be busy with shopping, decorating, baking and cooking, planning, etc. And, while these are all important and, I dare say, necessary, it is also necessary to prepare our hearts to celebrate the Birth of the child Jesus. Spending only a few hours each week can make a world of difference.

Brothers, I know I talked about this in my November article, but it is so important that I am once again reminding everyone of South Carolina's annual Proudly Pro-Life Weekend taking place January 6-7, 2023 in Columbia. The march will be led by the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, and I hope you will join me and all the other State Officers to march for those who cannot stand for themselves. I would dearly love to see every one of our councils represented. The National Right to Life March will be held January 20, 2023 and I hope many of you will join Judy and I in our Nations Capital to spread the message of life.

In case you haven't heard, the Affiliate Membership Initiative opportunity will be available in January 2023. Hopefully all Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries attended the December 7th webinar and are prepared to take advantage of this if needed. If you were unable to attend, I strongly encourage you to go online and view it as it provided all the program details. The window of opportunity closes on January 31, 2023.

Brother Knights, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your dedicated and selfless service over the past year and for the outstanding success we've been able to achieve. You are keeping the vision of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney alive just by doing the things you do. It is an

honor and privilege to serve as State Deputy and on behalf of Judy and myself I wish you and your families a very Blessed and Merry Christmas.

Vivat Jesu!

Paul

Passing of Brother Donald Bellefeuil

I have just been notified of the passing of Brother Don Bellefeuil this past Saturday. I have included a link to his obituary. Brother Donald was a FDD (District 12), PGK and FFS of #5194 and PFN (#1574). Don had been Council 5194's Columbus Hope Chairman for years (back in the early 2000's). Please Include his family in your prayers.

<https://www.stoudenmiredowling.com/obituary/donald-bellefeuil>

May his soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace!

Fraternally,

Paul



Patriot's Corner



Daniel Barton, PSD
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Brothers

This past weekend, we celebrated Gaudete Sunday. The Introit for the Mass begins with "Gaudete in Domino Semper: interun dico, Gaudete." which means "Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice." Pope Benedict stated in his Sunday Angelus in 2007, "some people ask: but is this joy still possible today?" He pointed to the saints for the key to unlocking Christian Joy. In particular, he pointed out the witness of St. Teresa of Calcutta, who gave God's smile to the weak, the poor, and the dying daily.



This Joy can be seen by those we feed as Assembly 3149 did for the soldiers at the Fort Mill Armory, knights who will assist in soup kitchens on Christmas, and the Sir Knights who will place Christmas Wreaths on the graves of our deceased military this month. "God abides in those who love like this, and their souls rejoice."

In the Christmas Classic, It's a Wonderful Life, George Bailey would always help those in need no matter who they were and thought everyone should be treated equally. Although he was a fictional character, we should all emulate his core beliefs. If we call ourselves Knights, we must recall the first lesson of our Order, Charity.

As a reminder, the 89th South Carolina Exemplification will be on February 18, 2023, and we encourage you to start promoting attendance now. Additionally, all knights should plan to attend South Carolina Citizens for Life March. The March is on Saturday, January 7, 2023, in Columbia, SC. The Fourth Degree will lead the March from the USC Russell House to the State Capital. The March steps off at 11:30 AM.

May God bless all of us as we continue this Advent season. I wish you and yours a Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Fraternally Yours,
Daniel**

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From the State Protocol Chairman

Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM

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

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?"

Columbus Hope

every infirm person is "the child" whom Joseph continues to protect.

Pope Francis - Patris Corde, Section 5: A creatively Courageous Father

Members of the Knights of Columbus in South Carolina do a great deal to assist people with intellectual disabilities. As your council works to improve the quality of life for people with intellectual disabilities, please remember that your everyday speech, council bulletins, committee reports, posters, and flyers should be accurate and considerate when referring to people with disabilities.

DO talk or write about people with intellectual disabilities (do NOT use other terms to describe them).

DO treat adults with intellectual disabilities as adults (NOT as children).

Use positive language. **MOST IMPORTANTLY**, speak or write about these individuals with the respect all human beings deserve. Keep in mind that how you refer to people can have a great impact on the way others perceive them.

The Supreme Council has asked us to remind councils that the Knights of Columbus has no official tie to Tootsie Rolls or their manufacturer. In fact, many councils participate in this same fundraising drive, but distribute other items. References to this program should highlight the good the money does, not advertise a candy. For these reasons, it is strongly recommended that this project be promoted as the "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities" or "Columbus HOPE fund drive" rather than the "Tootsie Roll Drive."

Knights are the special type of people who change lives, lift people up, and make the world a better place. Thank you for all you do for our communities and your association with Columbus HOPE.

Have a Wonderful Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

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