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“February Things”

By Deacon Bob Cox, State Spiritual Director

Greetings Brother Knights and families! We are moving right along and its already February! We had a successful and informative Grand Knight Midyear Meeting on February 4th. and a fun “Charley Richitelli Charity Ball” dinner and dance! It was nice to see everyone at the Meeting and at the dinner and dance!

My Brothers, there are a lot of things happening this month, such as, the completed Midyear Meeting on the 4th., Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day on the 11th., St. Valentine’s Day on the 14th., President’s Day on the 20th., Ash Wednesday on the 22nd., and for me, the Men’s Cursillo Weekend on the 23rd. through the 26th., and there is the Deacons Retreat and Convocation on the 24th., through the 26th.

Brothers, with Lent starting on Ash Wednesday, as Father Mark Toups stated in his message that we watched at the Midyear Meeting, Lent is more than giving up something. We tend to give up the same thing(s) every year. Fr. Toups states, “If you do what you have always done, you will get what you always got.”

As Fr. Mark Toups says, “Many of us are familiar with the phrase Lenten sacrifice. When we hear the word ‘sacrifice,’ most of us think about giving up something. However, the word ‘sacrifice’ has less to do with giving something up than with giving something to. Sacrifice is more about what we offer than about what we give up.” (The Ascension LENTEN COMPANION, year A, page 3.)

Fr. Toups reminds us that The Father wants us. He desires our hearts. The Father wants us to give Him all that is in our hearts this Lenten season. The good stuff along with the bad stuff. So, let’s have a good Lent this year and let it start with

our hearts. Because you know that by the end of Lent, Jesus is going to give up His body for us on the Cross. Jesus will be giving us His whole heart. Can we do the same for Him? Brothers, can we offer up to Jesus our prayer life during Lent? We should live by the Corporal Works of Mercy and the Beatitudes, and we should really offer up the Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy from our hearts as well. Perhaps we can offer prayer from our hearts. Prayer is one of the most powerful ways we can support ourselves and others. Through prayer, we can entrust our cares and concerns for those around us to Jesus. My Brothers in Christ, I would ask that you give from your hearts and offer up for Lent praying the Liturgy of the Hours, prayers with your children and grandchildren at bedtime, participating in novenas, praying the Rosary, and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. (By the way, the Chaplet is a great intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist, especially when prayed at the 3 o’clock hour...recalling the time of Jesus’ death on the Cross.)

I want you to remember that it is the Heart that prays. Prayer is expressed in words or gestures, and it is the whole person who prays through his Heart. Whether your prayer is vocal, meditative, or contemplative, prayer is a tireless fervor that can only come from a heart filled with love.

Viva Cristo Rey! Deacon Bob Cox



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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

- February 2023**
- 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

Greetings Brother Knights,
I pray this finds you and your families well. We just completed our Grand Knight Midyear meeting and I want to personally thank the officers and members of Msgr. Martin C.

Murphy Council 6847 for their support and hospitality. I want to thank the District Deputies and Grand Knights from the many councils who participated and to all the presenters as well. The meeting was designed to allow for active participation and, based on the feedback we received, we achieved our objective. A special thank you to our State Spiritual Advisor, Deacon Robert Cox, who facilitated a very inspirational and moving Holy Hour to help prepare us for Lent as well as reminding us of the “power of prayer” and God’s Devine Mercy.

[I also want to acknowledge Brother Woody Berzins, Membership Director from St Michael Council 8980, who shared with us details of his very effective “Living Poll” program. I invite all to view a recent pulpit announcement Woody used. The video starts at 1:03:13 and runs for only a couple of minutes. <https://www.facebook.com/SaintMichaelSC/videos/sunday-mass/768827340996322>](#)

At the beginning of our meeting we had the privilege of presenting awards to some of our councils for their accomplishments. Precious Blood of Christ Council 11028 won the ‘fast start’ incentive for being the first in the state to bring in three new members during July. The Council was presented with a tent canopy personalized with the council name. On September 12th, Peter T. Villano Sr. Council 9576 became the first council in the state to reach their annual intake goal and received a set of council jewels for their efforts. St. Michael Council 8980 received a personalized banner for being the first council in the state to reach their annual membership and fraternal benefit nights goals.

As we have done at previous Grand Knight midyear meetings, the Nomination Committee Chairman presented the slate of state officers that were nominated for the 2023-2024 fraternal year. I am pleased to report the nominees as follows:

State Deputy – Jeffrey M. Crouch

State Secretary – J. Scott Friedman
State Treasurer – Sherrill “Ed” Wilcox
State Advocate – Dr. Richard W. Swain
State Warden – Lupe R. Jimenez

These nominees will be presented and voted on at our 102nd State Convention in Columbia April 15, 2023. Delegates to the 141st Supreme Convention to be held in Orlando will also be voted upon. Each jurisdiction has two automatic delegates, the State Deputy and the Immediate Past State Deputy. The following Brother Knights have been nominated for the five remaining delegate positions:

Insurance Delegate – J. Scott Friedman
Insurance Delegate – Brandon Chambers
Associate Delegate – Thomas W. O’Donnell Sr.
Associate Delegate – Daniel E. Barton
Associate Delegate – Richard W. Swain
Alternate Delegates: Deacon Robert L. Cox, William A. Allen, Sherrill “Ed” Wilcox, Patrick Noone, and Paul F. Setti, Jr.

Congratulations to all the nominees.

Brothers, as a gentle reminder, it is not too early to start identifying and preparing the slate of officers who will lead your council in the coming fraternal year. Ideally, you should hold your council elections in May to allow time for effective changeover discussions, preparing calendars, and developing budgets, so that with the new fraternal year, the council will be able to hit the ground running on July 1.

Finally Brothers, remember Ash Wednesday will soon be here – February 22nd. What is it that you are going to focus on this Lent? As we were reminded during our Holy Hour mentioned above, Lent is about our hearts, and if we always do what we’ve always done, we will always get what we’ve always got! Hear more at <https://youtu.be/ukoKnoSb30w>

Vivat Jesu!

Paul

Patriot's Corner



Daniel Barton, PSD
Master, South Carolina District, DeSoto
Province

Brothers,

Earlier this month, we held a District Meeting in conjunction with the State Council's Grand Knight Midyear meeting. On behalf of the Sir Knights who attend the District meeting, we want to thank Monsignor Martin C. Murphy Council 6847 and Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Assembly 2902 for their hospitality.

While at the meeting, Knights from throughout the state donated \$900.00 toward the Knights of Columbus Michael J. McGivney Military Chaplain Scholarship Program. This program is a collaborative effort between the Knights of Columbus and the Archdiocese for Military Service in the USA. This scholarship program helps fund the education of seminarians preparing to become Catholic chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces. We encourage every Knight to prayerfully consider giving to this worthy cause.

This month we will hold the 89th South Carolina Exemplification in Aiken, SC, on February 18, 2023. Future Exemplifications are planned for May 20, 2023, at Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church in Pawleys Island, SC, and August 12, 2023, at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Charleston, SC. Any Third Degree Knight of Columbus member in good standing is eligible to become a Sir Knight of the Order. If you are ready and willing to take the final step in your journey and learn the last lesson of our Order, Patriotism, we look forward to hailing you as a brother Sir Knight.

At the end of this month, Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard will officially retire after faithfully serving the Knights of Columbus as our Supreme Master for 13 years. That said, earlier this month, the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors held their quarterly meeting. At this meeting, Michael McCusker, Supreme Director and Past State Deputy of Tennessee, was elected to lead the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus as Supreme Master. I ask that you keep Michael, his family, and the Stoddard's in your prayers.

Shortly, we will begin our Lent. I pray that we all are willing to open our hearts and listen to what God asks of us. As the Very Rev. Mark Toups, V.G. stated in his Lenten Companion, "what if there was more for us this Lent?" "Do you want more with your relationship with God, then welcome to Lent"? Lent is for those who need a savior, forgiveness, and mercy. It's a chance to grow in our most important relationship with the God of all creation.

Lastly, I ask that we keep Joseph F. Gubeli Jr., PSD, FM, his wife Consuelo, and the entire Gubeli family in your thoughts

and prayers. Joe was hospitalized before the Grand Knight Midyear meeting.

Fraternally Yours,
Daniel




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From the State Protocol Chairman

Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM

PROTOCOL

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

From the State Protocol Chairman Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM

Dress for Meetings

The presiding officer, in keeping with the dignity of his office, should be neatly and properly dressed. He should request that other officers do likewise to set the proper dress code for the membership to follow. All council or assembly officers should wear some form of identifying tag or name plate. Every effort should be made to visit with those who have not attended meetings for some time. In addition, new members and those who seem to feel uneasy should be approached by the officers and made to feel at home and welcome.

Relationship between the District Deputy and the Grand Knight

District Deputies are the representatives of the Supreme Knight and the State Deputy, and as such, Grand Knights and Council officers should familiarize themselves with the respect due to the position the District Deputy holds. District Deputies should be neatly and properly dressed when attending meetings or functions. When a District Deputy visits a Council or attends a function in his district, he should always be seated in front, near the Grand Knight. The District Deputy should notify the Grand Knight in his district, either through email or in writing and in advance (one week to ten days) when making an official visit so that all officers will be present with their books and records. District Deputies should instruct the Grand Knight and warden, if necessary, on proper chamber setup for Council meetings. The District Deputy may also need to advise officers on the proper protocol for members during meetings. The District Deputy should always be called upon to speak and all members should rise when he is introduced

Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM



Columbus HOPE

Mike Allen, PSD, FDM

“Intellectual disabilities at its core is a pro-life issue and the Knights of Columbus must be front and center leading the cause” – Michael Allen

There's so much information about intellectual disabilities that I decided to try and put our beliefs into a concise form. Not easy to do but here goes.....

What do Knights believe about persons with Intellectual and/or developmental disabilities?

- People with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities have the same basic legal, civil, and human rights as other citizens. They may need accommodation, protection, and support to enable them to exercise these rights. Their rights should never be limited or restricted without due process.
- Advocacy on the individual or systems level is acting with or on behalf of an individual or group to resolve an issue, obtain a needed support or service or promote a change in the practices, policies and/or behaviors of third parties. Advocacy is essential for promoting and protecting the civil and human rights of people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and for establishing, maintaining, or improving their quality of life.
- *All individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) have the right to recognition as persons before the law and to enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with individuals who do not have disabilities in all aspects of life (United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD), 2006).* The personal autonomy, liberty, freedom, and dignity of everyone with IDD must be respected and supported. Legally, each individual adult or emancipated minor is presumed competent to make decisions for himself or herself, and everyone with IDD should receive the preparation, opportunities, and decision-making supports to develop as a decision-maker over the course of his or her lifetime.
- People with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) have the right to justice and fair treatment in all areas of the criminal justice system and must be afforded the supports and accommodations required to make justice and fair treatment a reality.

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- The human and civil rights of all people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities must be honored, protected, communicated, enforced and thus be central to all advocacy on their behalf.
- All people benefit when citizens with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities are fully included in community life.
- Physician-assisted suicide must be prohibited for people with intellectual disability (ID) due to the inherent risk of undue influence.
- People with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities must be free from abuse, neglect, or any kind of mistreatment.
- People with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) have the right to advocate and/or be supported to act as self-advocates. Self-advocates exercise their rights as citizens by communicating for and representing themselves and others, with whatever supports they need. Self-advocates must have a meaningful role in decision-making in all areas of their daily lives and in public policy decisions that affect people with IDD.
- People with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) have the same right to, and responsibilities that accompany, self-determination as everyone else. They are entitled to opportunities, respectful support, and the authority to exert control in their lives, to direct their services, and to act on their own behalf.

Mike Allen, PSD, FDM, President CHF

Council 10819 Holds Free Throw Competition

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Simpsonville, South Carolina, was the site on Sunday, February 5th, for the 2023 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship hosted by Council 10819. This was an outstanding event for boys and girls ages 9 to 14 within our Parish and community to provide a fun, safe, athletic outlet and encourage the values of good Christian sportsmanship and healthy competition. Father Ray Nacino from our Parish delivered the opening prayer and blessing. A total of 27 participants came to compete within their own gender and age in nine of the twelve available divisions giving our Council the largest turn out for youth activities to date. These local winners received the official Knights of Columbus prize basketball and Championship Certificate as their prize. Nine winners from our local Council competition went on to compete and win in District 17 competition immediately following our local competition

with those winners receiving a Knights of Columbus Champion Medal from District Deputy, James Alford, along with an invitation to attend the State competition in March. The official Knights of Columbus Participation Certificate along with Free hot dogs, chips and a drink were provided free of charge to all those participants attending and their families. We had 24 fellow Knights attending to volunteer and share in this fun experience with our youth at the event which provided an excellent way to introduce the Order and the values of Fraternity. Below are pictures showing some of the highlights.

Submitted by Jeff Klopfenstein, Council 10819 Event Chairman.

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Council 10819 officers in attendance (from left to right) Lisa Guestaferro with Grand Knight, Paul Pimentel, and David Gerhard. High point girls champion, Lisa Guestaferro with Grand Knight, Paul Pimentel, and Event Chairman, Jeff Klopfenstein.



High point boys champion, Anthony Berardi with Grand Knight, Paul Pimentel, and Event Chairman, Jeff Klopfenstein



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