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“Lent is Upon Us.”

By Deacon Bob Cox, State Spiritual Advisor

Greetings my Brother Knights and families! In less than a month, we will celebrate Easter—the Resurrection of Christ Jesus! I pray that your Lenten practice has been fruitful and that you and your families are prepared for the Coming of Our Lord on Easter Sunday, April 9th.

If you open your heart to Jesus this Lent, you might have the best Lenten experience ever! The Church gives us Lent to be a time of spiritual growth. It is also a time for personal renewal. That is why we need to open our hearts for Jesus to enter them so that we can deepen our relationship with Him. As Father Mark Touns said, ask yourself these questions: “When will I spend time with Jesus? Where will I spend time with Jesus? What are Jesus and I going to do together? Who will hold me accountable for my time with Jesus? Why am I prioritizing my time with Jesus?” (Lenten Companion, Year A, by Ascension Press) Can you answer these questions appropriately?

As we work our way into Lent, it is a good idea that we should open our hearts, read the upcoming weekend’s Gospel ahead of the weekend, and pray about it, so that we deepen our understanding of the Lenten Gospels. Upon doing this, your heart will gain new knowledge and the depth of Christ’s love for you. Through scripture. Through the Gospels.

My friends, you must spend time with the Lord this Lent. Whether you have given up something for Lent or not, you need to increase your prayer life. Give to God from your heart. Give to God with prayer that is from your heart. The length of the prayer is immaterial, the content is everything. So, the time you, my Brothers and families, spend in prayer with Jesus is the real heart of the matter this Lent. Renew

yourselves! Grow spiritually! Open your soul and heart for the Lord! Are you ready for Him? Christ is ready and waiting for you!

Blessings and Happy Easter,
Deacon Bob Cox

PS: Happy St. Patrick’s Day, too!



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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

	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

My Brother Knights,

As I began to put notes together for this month's article I concentrated on our Gospel from this morning and to the wonderful homily shared by our pastor at Shaw Air Force Base, Father Joseph. The gospel was Matthew's account of the Transfiguration which all of us have heard many times. Two particular lines in the gospel resonated with me: *...Lord it is good that we are here.* (Mat 17:4) and *"This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; listen to Him"* (Mat 17:5)

It truly is good to be here; to be a member of the greatest fraternal and family-oriented organization in the world; to be here with Brothers who are willing to share their Catholic Faith with those around them; and, to experience the genuine love, generosity, and concern for those less fortunate than themselves.

It's somewhat ironic, but just a couple days before the Transfiguration Gospel was read, I was at our local car dealership having my vehicle serviced. While waiting, I was talking to a friend of mine who is also one of the salesmen there. He is very active in his church, and in fact serves in a role which sounds somewhat similar to our District Deputy, in that it requires him to travel through his district (which is comprised of a much bigger area than our districts) to talk at the various churches in his assigned area. He mentioned that he would soon be traveling to Chicago to attend national meetings. As we talked, we agreed that, despite the travel and occasional challenges, we enjoyed what we were doing and believed that God puts everyone where they need to be.

I firmly believe that God has put each one of us in a particular place, at a particular time, for a particular purpose. So why are we here and what is our purpose? This is where we have to refer to the second line mentioned above, *...listen to him.* As Father Joseph pointed out, this involves active listening rather than just hearing the words. Lent provides us great opportunities to really concentrate on listening to what the Lord is asking of us. Daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and Stations of the Cross are just a few examples of how we can draw closer to God and really discover (or rediscover) our mission.

My prayer this Lent is that each one of us will find that place where we're supposed to be and doing what God is asking of us and that our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving will bring us closer to our Lord and each other.

Vivat Jesu!

Paul

Columbus HOPE

Mike Allen, PSD, FDM

"Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, this you do unto me" – Jesus Christ

All people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) have the right to full lives in communities of their choosing where they can live, learn, work, and enjoy life. To achieve this, people with IDD need access to comprehensive, person-centered, and self-directed high quality long term supports and services (LTSS). Robust, reliable, and immediately accessible funding sources that include Medicaid alone has proved to be insufficient. There must be public support that emphasizes self-direction, is well-funded, responsive, flexible enough to meet the needs, and is developed with—and not for—people with IDD. Waiting lists for home and community-based supports and services are unacceptable and must be eliminated.

The Issues:

There are a variety of barriers to ensuring that people with IDD receive the LTSS required to live their fullest life in communities of their choice. These include but are not limited to:

- Insufficient Medicaid funding.
- Institutional bias in the Medicaid program.
- Continued and worsening crisis of unmet need.
- Persistent and worsening workforce crisis.

Brothers,

We will be going into these topics in more detail in the coming months, however, the bottom line for the Knights of Columbus is this, our disabled citizens need our help more than ever in the 141 years since Fr. McGivney founded our order! Every council is in the closing months of their Columbus Hope Drive and will be starting up a new season in July. The Drive kickoff will be July 8, 2023, at St. John Neumann's Gym in Northeast Columbia. We'll have more details and times coming soon. Please do all you can to support the "Least of Jesus' brothers."

Thank you for all you do!

Mike Allen, PSD, FDM
President CHF

Patriot's Corner



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

Brothers,


Seven of the thirty Assemblies within the state had candidates for the 89th Exemplification held in Aiken, SC. Therefore, I am pleased to announce the addition of twenty-five new Sir Knights to the Fourth Degree of our Order. The South Carolina Degree Staff, led by Sir Knight Ronald Stanley, did an outstanding job. The Class Honoree is Sir Knight William G. Collins, III, PGK, PFN, and we raised \$600.00 for the Knights of Columbus Father McGivney Military Chaplains scholarship program. Our most profound appreciation goes to St Mary Help of Christians, Council 3684, Assembly 1074, and the Ladies Auxiliary for hosting this Exemplification.



Plans are well underway with the planning of the 90th South Carolina Exemplification. The next opportunity for a brother knight to become a Fourth Degree Knight will be Saturday, May 20, 2023, at Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church in Pawleys Island, SC. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

As a reminder to all Assemblies, two forms are due between now and the end of the fraternal year. The Civic Award Application is due June 30, and the To Be A Patriot Award Program is due to the District Master by April 30. Both forms are required for the Star Assembly Award. These two forms highlight your assemblies' programs throughout the year. For many years, the South Carolina District was known for 100% of all Assemblies submitting for these awards. As a leader within your Assembly, you can help ensure we reach this distinction again.

May our founder and brother knight, the Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!



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:

Correspondence

With Council and Assembly installations coming up the following is provided as guidance for you to follow.

When corresponding with others, email is the most effective and efficient means of communication. However, e-mail may not be the most appropriate means of communication in all circumstances. Sometimes typed memos or letters, on letterhead, should be utilized and care should be taken to ensure that the letter writer uses proper letter writing techniques.

E-mails also need to be handled with care. Officers need to make certain that their e-mail address is appropriate along with the content contained within the e-mail. Sending an e-mail does not ensure delivery to the intended recipient. E-mail is cost effective and can be an easy way for councils or assemblies to communicate, but it is not a guarantee of participation at an event. E-mail, as with letters, need to be clearly stated and have the main points separated. Make certain that e-mails that contain confidential information are not broadcast to a large group. E-mails cannot replace the personal contact of a phone call or personal conversation.

Modern means of social communications provide members of the Knights of Columbus with powerful tools that can build up your council by promoting its charitable mission and by encouraging members to live out their Catholic faith. The term "social communications" refers to, among other things, the internet, the World Wide Web, and social media. The term "social media" includes blogs and microblogs, social networking sites, and picture and video sharing sites, such as Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Flickr, and YouTube.

Social communications should be used in a manner consistent with Catholic values and principles of the Order. Members who use social communications should carefully review and at all times observe the Order's Social Communications Guidelines and Policy, which can be found under the Social Communications tab on the Officer's Desk Reference located in the Officer's Online at www.kofc.org. The Guidelines and Policy apply to members and subordinate units of the Order when they choose to identify themselves as members of the Knights of Columbus or to discuss the work of the Knights of Columbus using social communications. Members should be aware that the Laws and official policies of the Knights of Columbus apply to fraternal social communications as they would in any other setting. The reputation of the Order depends upon how members conduct themselves, both online

and in person. Accordingly, members using social communications should remember that they are expected to conduct themselves as Catholic gentlemen, which at a minimum requires that any material posted online respect human dignity and maintains a culture of respectful dialogue and friendship. Correspondence should be addressed to the individual, using his full, proper name (not his nickname), followed by his proper title, whether he be a Knight of Columbus, a Priest or a businessperson. If an individual has more than one title, the highest ranking title is always used. Names of civic and religious individuals are prefixed by such forms as *His Excellency*, *The Honorable*, *Reverend Father*, etc. Prefix titles of Mr., and Mrs. or Ms. are omitted when the individual has another official title. If he has no title, Mr., Mrs., or Ms. should always be used as a prefix to his or her name. When addressing an individual as an official of an organization, the name of the organization should always be shown on the next line.

In the event that you have a close working relationship with any officer, your letter need not be so formal. However you first must acknowledge the office he holds. The salutation would then be "Worthy Grand Knight and dear Brother Bill." The individual's full proper name and title are always shown on both the letter and the envelope.

Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM, Protocol Chairman



Kenya Water Project

Father Cosmos is a Parish Priest at Our Lady Star of the Sea in North Myrtle Beach. Please see the attached flyer about this project. Maybe, some members of your Council may be willing to donate to this project. Please share this with your Council.

At the February Council meeting Sir Knight Tony Meli introduced a new mission for K of C Council 7122 and the Columbiettes 7122. The Father Cosmos Water Project was adopted as a Council project at the most recent Officers meeting.

Father Cosmos was born and raised in Kambai Village, Kenya. A village that remains without a fresh water source. Villagers including family members of Father Cosmos journey 5 KM twice a day to secure water for personal and livestock use.

Please visit the following web site for additional information. <http://www.WorldServeintl.org/FatherCosmus/>

The cost of the project is \$48,700. This project will provide a deep bore hole, solar panels, piping and storage tanks. A means of achieving this goal is to first and foremost pray for the success of the project. Secondly, to make a donation of whatever size is personally comfortable. Any donation will be much appreciated by Father Cosmos. Thirdly to build contacts. Please ask one, two or three other people (family and friends) to prayerfully consider making a donation to provide Fresh water to Kambai Village. Please ensure that the web site says Father Cosmos. If you prefer to mail a check - The mailing address is WorldServe International P O Box 8010 Erie PA 16506. Please ensure that Father Cosmos Water Project is written in the memo line.

Thank You;

Joe Morrone for GK Jim LeVan



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



TRANSFORM LIVES IN KAMBAL VILLAGE BY SUPPORTING CLEAN WATER



Kambai Village in Kenya, Africa, has never had a reliable water source. Ever. Each day women and children from the village walk miles to locate whatever water they can find – often dirty, infectious, and far from their homes ... but essential to life no matter how imperfect.

The Reverend Cosmos M. Wambua grew up in Kambai Village and has had an ongoing dream since he was a young boy: to provide clean, drinkable water in his community. That dream

can be realized, and a team of members from the Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in North Myrtle Beach South Carolina is determined to make it happen. Together, we can finance building and maintaining a large-scale, self-sustaining, deep bore solar well that will serve the village's entire population.

To ensure success we have partnered with WorldServe International, a well-established 501(c)(3) nonprofit that has worked in Africa for more than 20 years to tackle its many water crises. Through long-term collaboration with significant partners WorldServe drills and equips wells to deliver clean water where it can be sustainably accessed and maintained over time.



We urgently need your help

Funding is critical to completing this project. The cause is crystal clear: **raise the funds – build the well.** What an opportunity to have a positive impact on the discouraging everyday water challenges of an entire community! Every donation matters ... *your* contribution counts.



Meet Father Cosmos

Father Cosmos M. Wambua is presently parochial vicar at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. But his roots are deep in Kenya. He grew up juggling the daily demands for water with his need to attend school. "My goal today is to see Kambai Village benefit from a water supply that frees our children from the constant obligation to locate water, which profoundly affects their education and their lives overall."

To learn more and to donate to the Father Cosmos clean water project go to:

www.worldserveintl.org/fathercosmus/

Please be sure to include the "/fatercosmus/" extension as shown so that funds are assigned correctly.

See the website for instructions if you prefer to mail a check.

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