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“The Easter Season”

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State Spiritual Advisor

Easter. We all know about Easter. However, do we know anything about the Easter Season? Let us examine this special season of the liturgical year. But first, let us learn of the origin of the word Easter. Then we will examine the Eastertide.

The word “Easter” comes from Old English, meaning simply the “East.” The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Jesus, who is the true light of the World. The Paschal Candle used during the Easter Vigil is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Jesus. It is kept near the ambo throughout Eastertide and lit for all liturgical celebrations.

The Easter season is the most important of all liturgical times, which Catholics celebrate as Jesus’ resurrection from the dead, culminating in His Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The Octave of Easter consists of the eight days that go from the first Sunday to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. There are fifty days of Easter which go from the first Sunday (Easter) all the way to Pentecost. Easter Time is defined by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: ‘Alleluia! He is Risen!’

The Exsultet: The Proclamation of Easter “Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness.” (USCCB)

Part of the fifty days of Easter is the Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy). When mankind began to experience an “eclipse of the sense of God,” and therefore, to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity

of human life. In 1931 Jesus appeared to Sister Faustina in Poland. With the appearance to Sr. Faustina, Jesus expressed His desire for a feast to celebrate His Mercy. The Feast of Divine Mercy includes a public blessing and liturgical veneration of His image with the inscription “Jesus, I trust in You.”

During the fifty-day Season of Easter, we also celebrate “The Ascension.” The Paschal Mystery culminates in the Ascension of our Lord Jesus. After His appearance here on earth in His Risen Body, and “after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom He had chosen (Acts 1:2), Jesus “was lifted up and a cloud took him from their sight.” (Acts 1:9) “Christ’s ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus’ humanity into God’s heavenly domain, whence he will come again.” (Acts 1:11)

Then on the fiftieth day of Easter, we celebrate the day of Pentecost. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave Jesus’ disciples the strength to fulfill their command or duty to spread the Good News of Jesus. “After Pentecost, and receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit, they understood their mission to spread the Good News of Jesus, and they had the courage to come out of hiding and speak openly about who Jesus was and what he had accomplished by his dying and hiding.” The Church marks this day through a special liturgical celebration: “The Solemnity of Pentecost, which crowns and fulfills the Easter Season, is a good time to pray for a deeper indwelling of the Holy Spirit.” (USCCB)

So, let us remember, that the Easter Season this year lasts from April 10, 2023, to May 28, 2023, and let us keep celebrating Easter by celebrating these fifty days with joy, love, salvation and His Mercy! Amen!

Peace, Deacon Bob Cox

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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

April 2023

14-16 State Convention – Columbia, SC

May 2023

20 Fourth Degree Exemplification – Pawleys Island, SC

July 2023

8 – Columbus Hope Drive Workshop

14-16 – DD Organizational Meeting/State Installations

August 2023

12 – Fourth Degree Exemplification – Charleston, SC

13 – Blessed Michael McGivney Mass – Charleston, SC



From the State Deputy

Paul Burchell

Greetings Brother Knights,

As I write this, we have entered into my favorite week of the year – Holy Week! It reminds us, even more, of the events in the life of our Lord that leads to our salvation. As we read the scriptures during this week, what a difference we see between the crowds on Palm Sunday shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest” and those a few days later shouting, “crucify him, crucify him”, and “if he is the Son Of God, let him come down from the cross and save himself.”

As I ponder on the scriptures this week, and try to relate them to my life and the world around me, I’m tempted to focus on the *Good Friday mobs* rather than the *Palm Sunday crowds*. But I don’t think that is what Jesus wants. I need to be one to share the story of the risen Lord with everyone around; that we can’t get to the *resurrection* without going through *Calvary*; that Jesus died for my sins, and by rising from the dead, opened the doors of salvation for all of us.

This Holy Week got off to a great start for me. Judy and I were able to share a meal and spend a few hours with some dear Knight of Columbus friends. That afternoon, we attended the *Ceremonial Erection of the Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati* parish in the Carolina Forest area of Myrtle Beach and the Installation of the founding Pastor, Rev. Father David Nerbun. The Most Reverend Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune celebrated the Mass assisted by Father Nerbun and Deacon Jim Hinnerschitz, along with the other Pastors from the Deanery. What a great celebration it was! So many members of Father Nerbun’s family were there along with hundreds of parishioners and well-wishers.

Mass at the parish is celebrated in the hallway of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton High School so I can’t imagine the planning and challenges that had to be overcome to make this event successful. But a success it was, and it was obvious that a team-effort was present and all parishioners worked many hours to ensure it would be a celebration to be remembered. Thank you for allowing me to share in your celebration and experience a community united in faith and fellowship!

Talking about getting off to a great start, how about a great finish? Did you know that because of your efforts, we added 74 new members during March? Wow! That is fantastic! Our previous high was 67 in November, and the most we brought in during a single month in the last fraternal year was 60. You guys rock! Supreme wants to

know what is in the water in South Carolina. The answer is easy. We have committed District Deputies, Grand Knights, and members who love what they’ve found in the Knights of Columbus and want to share it with other like-minded Catholic men. Keep sharing the faith Brother Knights!

Our 102nd State Convention will be taking place right around the time this is published. From the registrations, it looks like it is going to be a great success. Next month in this newsletter, we will be sharing some of the highlights of the convention, including the results of the election of State Officers and delegates to the Supreme Convention, and a list of award winners. Stay tuned!

Finally, I want to encourage every Knight to participate in Supreme’s “Membership Satisfaction Survey” that is currently taking place from March 30th – April 30th. Fifteen minutes of your time can make a world of difference. This study will provide you with the opportunity to reflect on your own experience with the Knights of Columbus. Supreme wants to know how membership in the Order aligns to a member’s personal spiritual and financial journey. Supreme continues to demonstrate they are very responsive to the needs of the members. Many of the changes over the past couple of years, such as guidelines for council meetings, opening exemplifications to family and friends, fraternal benefit events, and the affiliate membership program, have come about as a result of surveying the membership. Don’t pass up this opportunity to let your voice be heard!

In closing, let us keep in mind the words of St Augustine, “we are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song”.

He is Risen!

Vivat Jesu!

Columbus HOPE

Mike Allen, PSD, FDM

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give”.

Winston Churchill

The 10 Steps to a Successful Fundraising Event by Joe Garecht

Abridged from the Columbushope.org website.

Fundraising events are a popular way to raise funds. To help you ensure that your fundraising event is a winner, here are ten major components that you must incorporate into your event plan:

1. Purpose: Before doing anything else, you must decide what the purpose of your event is. Is this truly a fundraising event? Or does it have other goals? Perhaps your organization may be hoping to raise money at the event, but the main function

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Patriot's Corner



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


Brothers,


I hope this edition of the Palmetto Bulletin finds you and your family well.

On behalf of the District Staff, we wish you and yours a very Happy Easter. The Easter season (Eastertide) is the second-longest liturgical season. Eastertide is a festive liturgical season lasting 50 days, culminating with the Feast of Pentecost. Our 90th South Carolina Exemplification will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church in Pawleys Island, SC. One might ask why I need to join another organization, I'm already involved within my council. The answer is simple, the Fourth Degree "helps Knights to put their faith, and their love of country into action." Recently, we have seen the news, and once again, some have questioned our common Catholic Faith. It is time that we stand firm and, as one, be Religiously Devoted, Patriotically Proud. We are proud of our devotion to God and country; we believe in standing up for both as a joy-filled duty. Whether in public or private, Sir Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are among the most loyal citizens. For those not yet a Sir Knight, we ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a Sir Knight and join us as we step into the breach.

At the State Convention, we recognized some of our District Award winners, while others will be presented at the upcoming exemplification or at the Installation of Officers for the respective Assembly. The District Award winners presented at the convention are the: "To Be A Patriot" Award, Grand Strand Assembly 2107 (Garden City); Msgr John L. Manning Catholicity Award, Bernadette Traglia (Assembly 1073, Greenville); and, Former Master Arthur E. Anderson Sir Knight of the Year, Jim Roche (Assembly 1071, Charleston). If your Assembly has not yet submitted the date for your Install of Officers for the 2023-24 Fraternal Year, we ask that you do so by May 1, 2023. The District Master will conduct the installation, or he shall appoint a duly qualified representative to conduct the ceremony if unavailable. Please note that no Installation of Officers will be authorized on the following dates: June 9th (Presbyteral Ordination of Deacon Paul Lacombe) and July 14th-15th (SC State Council DD Organization Meeting & Installation of Officers).


Lastly, I ask that we keep Former Masters Ronald G. Povero (1998-2002) and Joseph F. Gubeli Jr (2010-2012) in your prayers. In addition, please pray for George Young, District Secretary Peter La Pierre, and his wife, Cecilia.







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of the event is to gain publicity or reach out to a new network. Many charitable events have more than one goal.

2. Fundraising Goal: In conjunction with the event host committee, organization staff, and key fundraisers, you must decide what amount of money you plan to raise at the event.

3. Budget: Every fundraising event plan should contain a complete budget listing all the expenses that will be required to hold the event. Your budget should include invitations, space rental, catering, entertainment, transportation, security, utilities, and anything else that will be required to make the event a success. Be sure to leave a little extra room in your budget for unforeseen costs.

4. Leadership: As part of your fundraising efforts, your event will most likely have a “host committee” and a “host committee chairperson.” These people are responsible for contributing substantial amounts to the event and encouraging others to do the same. The host committee and chairpersons are not responsible for running the event but are integral to ensuring that you reach your fundraising goals.

5. Target Audience: Who is the target audience for your event? Is this a general fundraiser where everyone will be invited? Or is this event geared towards a specific group like business-people, parents, or young professionals? In short, you must decide whom you will invite to your event.

6. Set – Up: Your event staff should plan the event set-up well in advance. The set-up includes all the particulars of the actual event: Where will it be? Will food be served? Will there be entertainment? What kind of dress will be required? What is the itinerary for the event?

7. Marketing: Just like a new product, your event needs to be aggressively marketed to your target audience. You need to convince your supporters that your organization and event are worthy of their time and money.

8. Sales: Once you market your event, there must be a procedure in place for making the actual ticket sales or accepting donations for the event. You must decide whether there will be different contribution levels for the event (such as a flat ticket charge, an extra charge to be invited to a V.I.P. reception in addition to the event, etc.). You must decide who will sell the tickets, how they will be shipped or delivered, and who will be responsible for organizing the incoming information.

9. Practice: While you probably won’t need a full run-through of your event, it is essential that everyone who is working on the event know, ahead of time, what their responsibilities are.

10. Thank – You: One of the most oft heard complaints from contributors to charitable fundraising events is, “They never even said ‘thank-you.’” Ditto for your event volunteers. Make sure that the organization takes the time to send thank-you notes to everyone who is involved in your event, including contributors, volunteers, staff, and vendors. Keep your donors

happy... you’re probably going to be asking them for another donation sometime down the road. Thank you for all you do!

Mike Allen, PSD, FDM
President CHF

2023 State Convention Held in Columbia

The following Officers were elected for the 2023-2024 fraternal year:

State Deputy	Jeff Crouch, Council 1668
State Secretary	Scott Friedman, Council 6726
State Treasurer	Ed Wilcox, Council 7062
State Advocate	Rick Swain, Council 11325
State Warden	Lupe Jimenez, Council 7289

Winners of the State Charity Raffle were drawn. They are listed below:

First Place	Mike Paitzel, Council 7531
Second Place	Julie Wagener, Council 11991
Third Place	Marla Etter, Council 14475

2022-2023 Fraternal Year Award Winners

The following awards were presented at the Michael W. Telescope Awards Session at the 2023 State Convention in Columbia on April 16th.

- Best Council – St. Michael Council 8980 GK Dennis R. McAloon
- Golden Knight of the Year – SK Daniel E. Barton, PSD, DM St. Finbar Council 17760
- Knight of the Year – SK Michael J. Hibbs, Corpus Christi Council 11325
- Rookie of the Year – Jason Z. Walsh, St. Michael Council 8980
- Family of the Year – Wagner Family, Transfiguration Council 13713
- Youth of the Year – Elana Ramis, Corpus Christi Council 11325
- Faith Program – “Christian Faith Lectures”, Msgr. Andrew K. Gwynn Council 1668, GK Ken O’Malley
- Family Program – “Food for Families”, NJL Council 15960, GK Kenneth J. Rysavy
- Community Program – “Coats for Kids/Clothes for Kids Fundraiser”, Our Lady of Grace Council 14765, GK Lou A. Gustaferrro
- Life Program – “Pregnancy Center Support”, Msgr. Richard C. Madden Council 6629, GK Christopher J. Mongone



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Every brother Knight is encouraged to participate, no matter how long you have been a member. We want to hear from first-year members, current officers, honorary life members and everyone in between.



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