

Knights of Columbus<sup>®</sup> South Carolina State Council

# Palmetto Knight

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# Fall 2024 Life



#### MEN ARE WAITING TO BE INVITED



### "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

- MT 4:19

#### Jesus **invited** his first disciples. Father McGivney **invited** Catholic men to the Order's first meeting.

#### It's our turn.

It sounds so simple, yet the data points to the compelling fact that millions of Catholic men are just waiting for the invitation. Last year, we commissioned CARA, the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, to look at Catholic men's organizations. The goal was to learn why men join them, why some don't, and for those who don't, what factors would change their mind.

We learned that in the United States alone,

- 21 million adult Catholic men are not currently a member of a Catholic men's organization
- 3.2 million would definitely be interested in joining
- 10.8 million might be interested but are unsure

### **59% of Catholic men would join a Catholic men's organization if asked.**

Based on these findings, as many as **seven million men are open to joining groups like the Knights**. They simply haven't been invited.

Think about that. Seven million new Knights. And there are millions more in Canada, Mexico and across Europe and Asia.

Also in 2023, we conducted a Membership Satisfaction survey, in which many of you participated. Responses showed **47% of members report they joined the Order because they were invited** to do so by a friend, family member or pastor. However, **33% of us have never asked men to join**, and 37% have only done so once or twice a year.

#### Catholic men are waiting. They are waiting to be invited.

Just imagine if each of our **2.1 million members around the world invited one person to join this year**. Imagine the impact we would have on our culture and world. We're calling on every Knight to follow the example of Blessed Michael McGivney and our Lord Jesus Christ – to foster a culture in which we don't wait for someone to come up to us. Rather, we go out and invite our Catholic brothers to join us in our mission to something greater.

#### Let us be the **fishers of men** God is calling us to be.





### State Deputy Jeffrey Crouch

Brother Knights,

"We protect families because they are a gift from God. And the same sense of mission impels us to defend all human life." "We reject the lie that some lives are not worth living; that suffering is meaningless, and that we can be the masters of our final destiny. We know that God is the author of life." "Our witness to Charity can build a culture of life."

This is a summary of key excerpts focused on the Pro-Life movement from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly's annual report. One additional noteworthy comment addresses the notion that in society we are not just facing legal and policy battles, but from the perspectives of Saint John Paul II and Pope Francis, who describe our current culture as a "culture of death" and a "throwaway culture;" the Supreme Knight asserts, "Ultimately, this battle is spiritual."

As Knights, we excel at rallying around important causes and providing boundless charity through donations of goods and funds. This was recently exemplified by Councils 704, 8980, 14765, and 17760, along with many others in our state, who collectively contributed thousands of dollars and thousands of pounds of items to areas in South Carolina and North Carolina affected by Hurricane Helene. Last year, we reported a total of \$1,628,870 in contributions and 315,907 volunteer hours, of which \$239,541 and 20,806 hours were specifically dedicated to Life initiatives. Additionally, we placed four new Ultra-



Council 5026 presents Ultrasound Machine to Beaufort Radiance Womens Center in December 2023

sound machines in pregnancy centers across South Carolina last year, bringing our total to 33 machines since the Ultrasound Initiative was launched in 2010.

But what about our spiritual battle? How do we combat the true evils we face? As Knights, we must commit to prayer and strive to be better men. We need to strengthen our families so that our children and grandchildren

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continue to pray as well. If you're unsure where to start, consider participating in the most significant 40 Days for Life campaign in our history, which is happening now. Also, consider the COR initiative and make it a central focus for your Council and all your activities. Or this week, take just five extra minutes to pray, and invite a man to join the Knights and engage in this spiritual battle alongside you as a brother.

Semper Fidelis!

# IS GOD CALLING YOU?

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## Men's Discernment Retreat January 17-19, 2025

Ages: 16-49 Location: Camp Gravatt, Aiken, SC Cost: \$25 *(scholarships available)* 

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### State Secretary J. Scott Freidman

First and foremost, I pray that all is well with all, and recovering efforts from the storm are going as well as can be expected.

I would like to recognize the life of three brothers that have celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!!!!

#### Council 10668 celebrates Charter Grand Knight Bob Bidwell's 100th Birthday

Brother Knights,

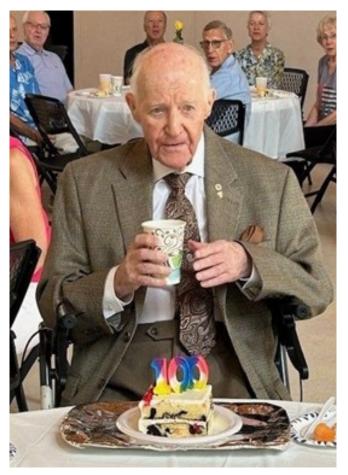
We had a wonderful 100th birthday celebration for **Brother Bob Bidwell** this past Sunday, June 16th. Bob's daughter joined many Brother Knights, parishioners, and friends to wish Bob a Happy Birthday.

Bob has seen and done a lot in his lifetime. He was born in Minnesota. Upon finishing High School, he entered the US Army in 1943. After training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, he was shipped to England on The Queen Mary liner on 14 Feb 1944. There were 7,000 men on board along with 600 nurses. As a member of the 11/79 Engineers, he participated in the "Battle of the Bulge" during Dec 1944 in Belgium. He returned to Chicago on 27 Dec 1945.

Bob started College in Illinois under the GI Bill, but the VA transferred his schooling to Miami, Florida. In Nov 1949 he married the lovely Phyllis, and they raised 8 children. The marriage lasted 73 years. During their life together they lived in Wisconsin; Baltimore, MD; Morristown, NJ; Venice, FL; and Hilton Head Island, SC.

He joined the Knights of Columbus in 1957 and went through the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree initiation with Vince Lombardi, coach of the Green Bay Packers. In 1989 they moved to Hilton Head, and he became active in St Francis By The Sea. He served on the Building Committee of our Church.

#### Happy 100th Birthday Sir Knight Robert Bidwell



In 1991, Bob also started the Knights of Columbus Council 10668 and was its first Grand Knight. He was an usher at the 9:00 AM Mass for 25 years; and served on the Board of Directors of PEP for 10 years.

KofC District Deputy Rich Ronde attended the event and read a Proclamation for Bob and, by his authority as District 1 Deputy, declared June 16 as Bob Bidwell Day for the entire District.

Current Grand Knight Jim Jumpeter extended Happy 100th Birthday wishes on behalf of Council 10668. He also told Bob, "We honor your legacy and dedication as a member of the Knights of Columbus. Your century of life is a testament to resilience, wisdom, and unwavering commitment. May the Knights of Columbus banner fly high, guided by your legacy." The Grand Knight then took an award clock that was presented to Bob as the Charter Grand Knight and explained that the clock will now be retired to the Council's Chamber as a symbol of Bob's timeless dedication to the Knights.

Grand Knight Jim Jumpeter then presented Bob with a Certificate of Achievement for outstanding service that was awarded by Jeffrey M. Crouch, State Deputy. The State Deputy also sent a greetings letter on behalf of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and the Board of Directors, the South Carolina State Officers and State Council, and in his own name.

Happy 100th Birthday John Walker



"Council 5086, Anthony Montesinos, Myrtle Beach, had the pleasure of celebrating the 100th birthday on August 6th of a Charter

member of the Council. Mr. John Walker! John came to visit the Council at our August Membership Meeting and share many of his memories and provide some history of how the Council was formed. For over 63 years John has been a part of the Council.

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To commemorate his years of service, District Deputy John Luse and Grand Knight Mike Schlorman presented John with a Plaque with an image of the original Council Charter, showing his name as one of the original members. John Walker was the first Grand Knight of Council 5086, State Deputy Jeff Crouch sent a personal Letter of Congratulations along with a Proclamation from the State Office. The Council Members showed their appreciation by singing "Happy Birthday, Jack".

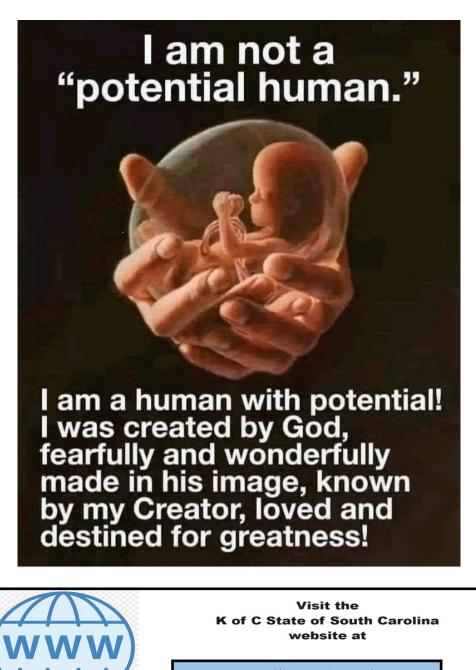
#### Happy 100th Birthday Charles Passarella



Also, on September 7<sup>th</sup> 6726 the Donald J. Godfrey Council celebrated Charles Passarella 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Charles was escorted down the aisle prior to mass by the Honor Guard from assembly St. Francis Caracciolo Assembly 3697. State Secretary Scott Friedman at the end of mass then presented Charles with a Certificate of Achievement for outstanding service that was awarded by Jeffrey M. Crouch, State Deputy. The State Deputy also sent a greetings letter on behalf of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and the Board of Directors, the South Carolina State Officers and State Council. Then followed by a reception at the church hall for a birthday celebration.

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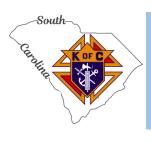
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### **District Master** Michael Allen

Patriot's Corner Michael Allen, PSD Master, South Carolina District **DeSoto** Province

*"From this day forward, the millions of our"* school children will daily proclaim in every city and town, every village and rural school house, the dedication of our nation and our people to the Almighty... In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource, in peace or in war." President Eisenhower-October 6, 1954

#### Brothers,

In 1954 the Knights of Columbus worked with Parting thought, it seems like every time I Congress to put the words "Under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. Since then, not just once, but on five separate occasions the Supreme Court has heard suits claiming the phrase makes the Pledge unconstitutional. The first two times the Pledge won, the next three times it lost but was overturned due to a technicality. That's how tenuous this case has become. It looks like one more time it's up to the Knights of Columbus to bring the case to the people. I urge you to stay vigilant and continue to bring your civic and Patriotic programs to as many citizens as possible and as often as possible. The stakes have never been higher.

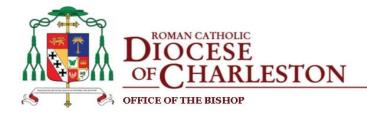
The Fourth-degree exemplification is being set Vivat Jesus in stone in South Carolina. If you haven't heard yet the degree is changing and I'm still

not sure how much change there will be to the program. I hope for the best but one thing is for sure we will be able to do more exemplification more often. If you want to see the new degree in person, we will be putting it on at next year's State Convention in Columbia. I suspect there will be a lot of interest so get your registration in, as soon as possible. So far this year we have an Exemplification on November 22, in Lake Wylie and February 8, in Bluffton. Both of those will be the old style. May 3, in Columbia at the Embassy Suites Hotel on Graystone Blvd. I have been asked to reserve a June date for one in Conway at their newly improved Church.

Also, don't forget that we have a fully functional Spanish degree team!

write one of these notes I end some thought with the phrase "the stakes have never been higher". These battles seem to be making up a war that would have been lost many years ago without the support of like-minded men like yourselves. We may be treading water, but we're not sinking. The Knights have been going head-to-head with the enemy (and you know who I'm talking about) for over 140 years and have kept him for winning. For me, there's never been a better time, a better organization or a better group of men than what we have here in South Carolina. Thank you for all you do.

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Oct. 1, 2024

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In October, the Church celebrates the Month of the Holy Rosary. We remember in a special way the Battle of Lepanto when, losing all hope of victory, Pope St. Pius V urged the faithful to pray the rosary. A miraculous victory was won Oct. 7, 1571, thanks to the power of this prayer and the intercession of Mary.

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In his encyclical on the rosary, Ingruentium Malorum, marking 400 years after the Battle of Lepanto, St. Pius XII expressed the challenges of his own time. I echo his words, which we find as relevant today as they were in 1951:

"You know well, Venerable Brethren, the calamitous conditions of our times. Fraternal harmony among nations, shattered for so long a time ...we see souls upset by hatred and rivalry ... threats of new bloody conflicts ... the violent storm of persecution, which in many parts of the world, has been unleashed against the Church, depriving it of its liberty ... and making the blood of martyrs flow again and again" (IM).

He makes clear the turbulence of the era characterized by polarization, hatred, fear and persecution. Throughout the encyclical, Pius XII reminds us of the power of the rosary and specifically the power of a family praying the rosary together.

Now, we stand in a unique position in history with an opportunity and responsibility to intercede on behalf of our future political leaders, the coming election, this great country and our world. By taking up the beads of the rosary daily, we call out to our heavenly mother, pleading for her loving intercession. Mary desires to aid us and asks her son for the graces we need. All we must do is faithfully meditate on the life of Jesus through her eyes. This devotion gives a glimpse into the very nature of the Blessed Virgin, who "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart" (Lk 2:19).

As your bishop, I ask that each family make an effort to pray the rosary at least once a week throughout the month of October and in the days leading up to the general election and beyond. Parents, if possible, pray at least a decade of this beautiful prayer each day with your children. Be assured that the sacrifice of your time for this devotion will be multiplied. You will not regret leading your family in prayer.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us! Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States, pray for us!

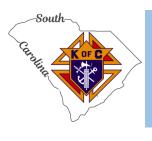
In Christ's love,

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### Spiritual Director Deacon Bob Cox

"What is Life?"

Greetings my Brother Knights and wives! I pray for your health and well-being and that LIFE is treating you well. Finally, it's autumn! Fall is my favorite season of the year! Cooler temperatures with many trees having leaves that are changing colors! And, it is football time! Then, we will be ushering in the Season of Advent and the birth of Jesus! Good and happy times, for sure!

Let me ask you, what is life? Is it the beginning of God's creation? Is it our births? According to the USCCB, "Life is that perfection in a living being in virtue of which it is capable of self-movement or imminent action. Catholic life is most authentically a partnership between God and the individual, where God provides the strength and wisdom we need to live as God has..." "The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred, and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society."

Saint Pope John Paul II proclaimed, "Today, I believe the Lord is saying to us all: do not hesitate, do not be afraid to engage the good fight of the faith (1 Timothy 6:12). When we preach the liberating message of Jesus Christ, we are offering the words of life to the world. Our prophetic witness is an urgent and essential service not just to the Catholic community, but to the whole human family." (USCCB) In this statement, we attempt to fulfill our role as teachers and posters in

to fulfill our role as teachers and pastors in proclaiming the Gospel of Life. We can exercise our giving of spiritual guidance confi-

dently by proclaiming truth in love as a necessary way for us to live.

My Brother Knights, if you are a father, you might be able to relate to this story of another answer to life: There is a groan, a scream from the woman as she lays on a makeshift bed, then there is a cry, maybe a shrill cry, as the baby takes His first breath, a breath of LIFE! As His dad sees this birth and aids his wife as much as he can, before, during and after the birth of his Son, the dad helps to welcome this baby into the world. A new LIFE is in his presence, the baby that his wife gave birth to, just moments ago! Now he has three lives to take care of, his, his wife's and his newborn son-the Savior of the World! St. Joseph, as the foster father of Jesus, assists Mary in the upbringing of their son. This is human LIFE at its best!

My Brothers, I witnessed the birth of my two children, and I was at the hospital for the birth of 3 of my 6 grandchildren (two were born out of state and I was babysitting 3 grandchildren while their sister was being born). I dare say that many of you have been there for the life that came into the world for you, your wife, and family. This is one answer for the question, "What is life?".

But what can a Knight of Columbus really do for life (besides starting it) in general? The urgency of the threat to a culture of life cannot be misunderstood. Respect for the dignity of life demands a commitment to human rights across a broad spectrum. Both as Knights and as followers of Jesus, "Catholics must be committed to the defense of life in all it's stages and in every condition." (St. JPII, 1995)

Therefore, the Knights of Columbus defend the dignity of each human being at every stage of LIFE. Knights work together to build a culture of life and a civilization of love. Your council should stand ready to assist in all facets of LIFE.

In your Faith in Action booklet, check out pages 18-20 for eight LIFE activities that you and/ or your council can work on---these activities are: March for LIFE; Special Olympics; Ultrasound Initiative; Christian Refugee Relief; the Silver Rose Program; Mass for people with Special Needs; Pregnancy Center Support/ ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy); and a Novena for LIFE. (For Life Program resources, visit kofc.org/life.)

To proclaim LIFE, as St. John Paul II stated in his Gospel of Life encyclical, "that the Gospel of LIFE is at the heart of Jesus' saving message to the world. In sharing in the lowliest and most vulnerable condition of human life--even death on a cross---Jesus shows us that LIFE is always good."

As I read St. John Paul II's Gospel of Life encyclical, the last paragraph stood out to me, and I would like to share it with you. It states, "Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. *To proclaim Jesus is to pro*-

*claim life itself.* Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of Life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society. In every child which is born, and in every person who lives or dies, we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ." (USCCB)

So, my Brothers, be a leader in your community in the Spiritual fight to set up a culture of LIFE in your community, your parish, in your state and in our nation!

In closing, I ask you to VOTE in November. My duty is not to tell you, my Brothers and sisters, what political party to vote for or any individual to vote for. Rather, we need to be reflective of the teachings of the Church. We need to reflect on the teachings of Jesus, especially in the areas of justice, concern for the less fortunate and the right to life of all human beings. By discerning all the teachings of the Church, (along with the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy; the Beatitudes; the Ten Commandments and the two biggest commandments of Jesus--love) and by discerning between the various candidates and the positions the parties represent, we can vote according to the dictates of our well-formed consciences.

God is Good...All the Time!

Blessings, Deacon Bob Cox State Spiritual Director



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### Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation Chris Ryder, PGK

#### **Evangelization and Life**

Seeking some inspiration on writing an article linking Evangelization and Life, I started with a prayer. This one happened to be printed on the prayer card that I had from my dad's funeral, the week before the start of "Covid Spring 2020." I asked the funeral director to put the Prayer of Saint Francis on the card as that was a favorite of both my mom and dad. Of course, that card laid on the top of my dresser collecting dust until about a year ago when I was doing some cleaning. I picked it up and smiled as I looked ad Dad's picture. Then I looked at the back of the card for the prayer, and I noticed something I did not recognize before. Perhaps because it was a prayer I knew and never had to reference the card to recite it. This iteration of the prayer had an extra line within person pronoun "I" as Jesus - duh! Next, I it. In between the lines "Injury, pardon" and "doubt, faith" are the words, "error, truth." Those two words represent a contraction of the phrase, "Where I see error, let me sow truth."

Truth! That word took me back a couple weeks ago when my Parish/ Council conducted its first Cor Gathering following the summer break. Our gathering theme was Evangelization. Being the first discussion of the fraternal year, I thought it would be good for the men of Saint Michael Parish (there were non-Knights in this group) to discuss what Cor is all about – Evangelization. I chose the *Into the Breach* episode on "Evangelization" as the starting point for our discussions along with the accompanying study guide. One of

the discussion points came from a German Protestant theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who stated that while visiting the United States, he observed that American Christians tend to prefer "tolerance over truth." He further remarked, "If we are not willing to fight for the truth, we likely won't be willing to fight for anything, leaving men without a mission." It is interesting to note that Reverand Mr. Bonhoeffer was executed by the Nazis, most likely fighting for the truth.

Truth! That word also takes me to the Gospel of John (14:6) – "I am the way and the truth and the life." I freely admit that ever since I took a graduate course in Discreet Mathematics (i.e. "logic"), I have this obsession with parsing conjunctive sentences into mathematical notation. For starters, I identify the firstwrite the assignments.

> Let A = Jesus, Let B = The Way, Let C = The Truth, Led D = The life.

There is that word, again: Truth!

Now, I write out the statement in logical form:

 $A = (B \land C \land D)$ , where the carrot "^" represents the logical "and."

At this point, let's remove "B" from the equation. This is OK; it does not change the logic of the expression.

 $A = (C^D)$ . Jesus is Truth AND Jesus

#### is Life!

Let's now modify the expression using the Associative Property.

If A = C, Jesus is Truth and

A = D, Jesus is Life, then

D = C. Truth is Life!

And lastly (I promise), we apply the Commutative Property that is

If D = C, then C = D. Truth is Life! Life is Truth!

I am sorry if some of you started pulling out what little hair you have on your heads, but the Truth is the connection between Evangelization and Life. Through evangelization, we publicly and proudly proclaim the Word of God. I reference John at the Prologue: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God. and the Word was God." We know that the Word is true. The Word for which we evangelize is in fact, God himself. God is Truth.

Reflecting on the current election season, how many long-time Catholic politicians who claimed to be Pro-Life are now campaigning for abortion rights. Even worse, some socalled Catholic politicians have always been on the side of "a woman's right to control her body," at the expense of another human life. Just this week, a Georgia state judge (religion unknown) wrote, "Forcing a woman to carry an unwanted, not-yet-viable fetus to term vio- Evangelization and Faith Formation lates her constitutional rights [...], taking to

consideration whatever bundle of rights the not-yet-fetus may have." There are even good Christians and Catholics who are prolife, but they remain silent on the matter, choosing tolerance over truth – the go-along to get-along. "I don't want to offend my neighbors." For the politicians, "I don't want to get 'primaried'."

Our challenge as Catholics is that the forces of "not-Life" are controlling the narrative in the media. They proclaim our Church as a hate-group because, as they say, Catholics want women to undergo "forced pregnancies." That statement is a lie, a "not-Truth," an error. Going back to Reverand Mr. Bonhoeffer's observation, are we willing to fight for the Truth? Remember, "where I see error, let me sow truth." That is evangelization! It is our duty as Knights to proclaim the Word. The Word is God; God is Truth; God is Life. This is our Mission. This is the Way!

I would like to thank Brother Jim Keith of Keith's Funeral Service and Council 7289 on Hilton Head Island for his work as Dad's funeral director and for putting the Prayer of Saint Francis on his prayer card. I don't know if Saint Francis actually wrote that line in his prayer, but that is how I will forever recite it.

Vivat Jesus/ Viva Cristo Rey,

### **Chris Ryder, Director**

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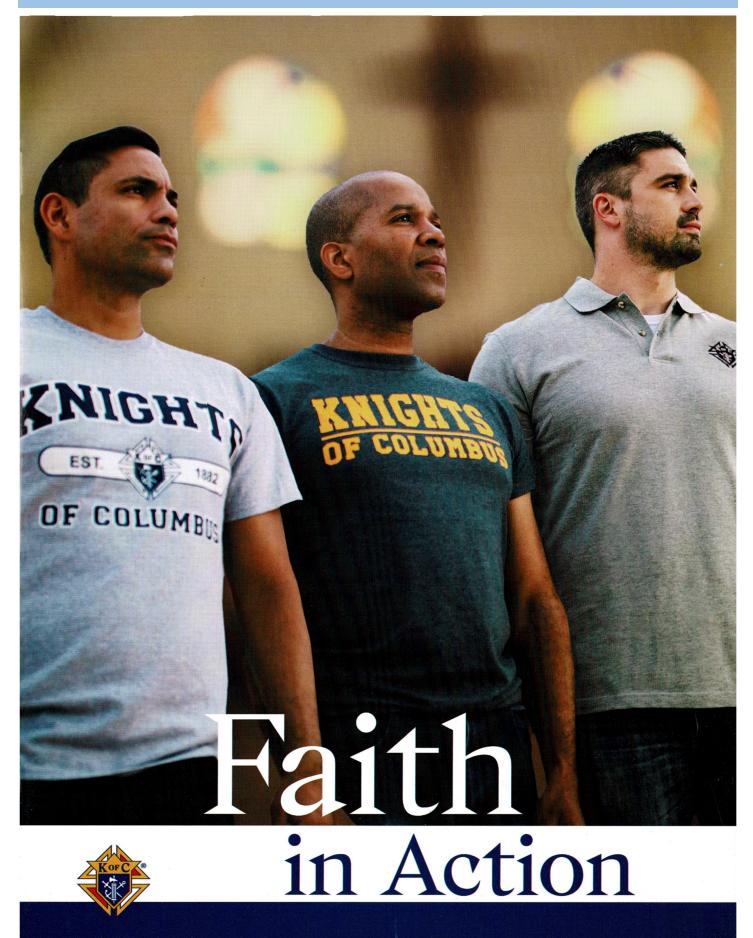
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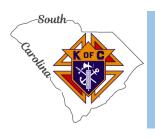
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### Program Director Patrick Noone

Brothers,

I pray you and your families are well and that you have been safe during the recent storms and floods. Nature can be so powerful and can make us realize, in certain circumstances, how defenseless we can be in its wake. It is perhaps a reminder to us, especially during this October Life Month, of those who are so defenseless in their mother's womb.

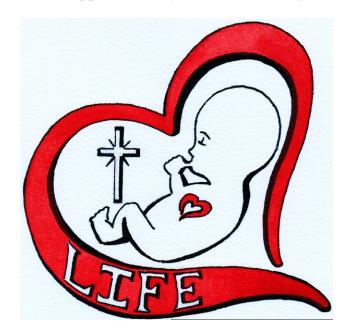
Scripture shares with us the following lessons concerning defending the defenseless, as God cares about those who cannot defend themselves. As his children, we are called to care for the defenseless as well.

"Why should the wicked scorn God, say in their hearts, "God does not care"? But you do see; you take note of misery and sorrow; you take the matter in hand. To you the helpless can entrust their cause; you are the defender of orphans. You win justice for the orphaned and oppressed; no one on earth will cause terror again." – Psalm 10:13-14, 18

"Open your mouth in behalf of the mute, and for the rights of the destitute." – Proverbs 31:8

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father." — Matthew 18:10

Our Order of The Knights of Columbus has many activities that you can participate in, to help those who are defenseless. Pregnancy Centers Support, through our ASAP Program,



changes hearts and minds about abortion by showing that we love both mother and child before and after birth.



Councils can promote a nine-day Novena, to

build up the culture of life in our parishes, homes, and wider community. Rosary's can also be organized and recited at clinics where women are considering an abortion.

Attend the March for Life, and for all the babies, this coming January in Columbia and attend the dinner to support the event. Consider participating in supporting Special Olympics activities, donating to the Christian Refugee Relief Program, or implement a Mass for those with Special Needs.



You can also organize a Silver Rose mass at your parish. See pictures of some of this past May's silver Rose events.

My final suggestion and request to you is to Commit yourself to a leadership position in the Knights of Columbus Faith in Action Programs. It only takes a couple of hours per month. We still need chairmen, and opportunities exist to lead in all categories, including Life.



Isaiah 6:8 reads, "And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: Whom shall I send? And who shall go for us? And I said: Lo, here am I, send me."

Will you accept the Lord's call and help your brothers and parishes strengthen our Faith in Action Programs which serve in the defense of the defenseless? I ask that you pray over this decision.

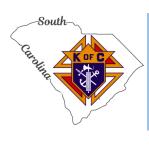
May God bless you, and keep you, and shine his face upon you.

Vivat Jesus!

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Patrick Noone State Warden/Program Director





### **Faith Director** Joe Schepisi, PGK

Faith and Life

Faith... It all begins with Faith. Just as there was an "... in the beginning ...", there was Faith. Faith is a gift, and it is free to the freewill "images" of the Lord. That is how we have been created by the Lord, who is perfect. The perfect creator... creating perfectly... us with his gift of Faith.

We, his creations: perfect creations designed to meet the Lord's perfect plan. We have been this! given free will to accept or reject the Lord and his gift of Faith. Faith... and Life. We have been given Life... with free will, and the gift of faith, forever. We are created in his image... we have faith in a life designed to last forever. We are not designed to die, ever!

Our Faith and our Life (a Life that does not have faith will die) ... the Faith we possess, and the Life given us is in the image of the (forever) Lord. We aren't going to die; we are going to live... ours is an eternal Life. We also possess free will and with it, we may freely accept faith with our free will, and we can accept perfection in a Life, or not...

As we consider the options of Faith, and faithfully accepting the Lord, we must recognize that while we are not perfect, we do not deserve the gift of eternal Life with the Lord. We must accept being flawed, and then faithfully accept that our surrender and acceptance (301) 643-4377 (texts accepted) of the Lord is where we must go for Life eter- Joseph.Schepisi.1952@gmail.com

nally with the Lord. That first step, we say, "Yes!"

"Yes" must be with conviction... it must be purposeful, and we must follow willingly, using our free will. It is not easy... free will welcomes temptation but we have ways to reinforce our willingness. We need Life with the perfect Creator and Life with his other perfect creations who are also unworthy of Life with the Lord – huh?! How do we do

In the Charity and Love of our perfect creator, we must muster the collective Faith we imperfect beings possess have together and build the irresistible strength of unity through our Fraternity. We are the Knights... his people... created for Life eternal in his light... with his Faith gift. Let's get together and use our gift of Faith as Knights with Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. VIVAT JESUS!!!

Next: my shameless promotion for our next Rosary. It will be on Veterans Day, Monday, November 11th at 12:15PM. We will send out another announcement as a reminder!

In-service,

SK Joseph "joe" Schepisi Knights of Columbus South Carolina Sate Faith Director

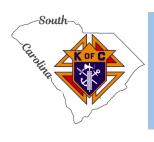


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	SATURDAY	10:30AM - 1:00PM	
	SUNDAY	CLOSED	

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### Life Director Malcom Brennan

Worthy Brothers,

My name is Malcolm Brennan and I am the SC State Life Director for the Knights of Columbus. Serving alongside of me are the following Chairmen:

• Stefan Neikes - Chairman of the Annual SC 2. LIFE: According to the USCCB "The March for Life and Pregnancy Center Support Programs ority because it directly attacks our most vul-

· Reulito Gonzalez (Bro. Gonz Gonzalez) - Chairman of the Special Olympics

 $\cdot$ John Corle - Chairman of Christian Refugee Relief

• Patrick Noone – Chairman of the Silver Rose and Ace Wings Programs

In addition, we are currently seeking chairmen for the following : Ultrasound Initiative, Mass for People with Special Needs, Novena for Life, Prolife Billboard Initiative, and the Elderly Assistance Initiative. If you are interested in chairing any of these programs please contact me at : mbprolife@gmail.com

Since 1973, the Catholic Church in the United States has observed October as "Respect Life Month."

The right to life is the most fundamental of all rights. If you are wondering if immigration policy is more important than abortion policy, consider the following:

1. IMMIGRATION: Catholic teaching does

not advocate an "open borders" policy. The catechism says countries should accept immigrants "to the extent they are able," and that countries "may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions."

2. LIFE: According to the USCCB "The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone,"2024 Revised Introduction to the USCCB's "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship". (Note that the word PREEMINENT means - having paramount rank, dignity, or importance. Merriam Webster.)

So the US Bishops rank Abortion Policy above all other issues, including immigration, the economy, healthcare, foreign policy, crime, gun control, the ecology etc.... Common sense confirms this teaching because a politician who advocates for the slaughter of innocence cannot be trusted with lesser issues.

Abortion is preeminent not only because it attacks the most innocent and defenseless people on the planet on an industrial scale, but also because of it's corrosive effect on society and culture. Abortion has corrupted medicine, education, politics, the justice system, journalism, science, the media, even our precious Faith and our Families.

In her 1994 amicus brief to the Supreme

Court of the United States, Mother Teresa of Calcutta said:

"The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships. It has aggravated the derogation of the father's role in an increasingly fatherless society. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts -- a CHARLESTON :1312 Ashley River Rd child--as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. It has nominally accorded mothers unfettered dominion over the independent lives of their physically dependent sons and daughters. And, in granting this unconscionable power, it has exposed many women to unjust and selfish demands from their husbands or other sexual partners.

She continued, "Your nation was founded on the proposition very old as a moral precept, but startling and innovative as a political insight that human life is a gift of immeasurable worth, and that it deserves, always and everywhere, to be treated with the utmost dignity and respect."

It is time to restore that dignity and respect. Our God is able. Are we willing to remain faithful until His work through us is done?

One way to counter abortion is by providing help to women who believe that they are alone and cannot support their baby. Finding safe housing is one of the greatest challenges that many mothers face. To combat this problem the Diocese of Charleston built St. Clare's Maternity Home in Greenville and is now planning a second home in Charleston. Council 6250 on James Island recently pledged \$30,000 to Saint Clare's and I am challenging all SC councils to support the Saint Clare's mission. FYI: An anonymous donor has pledged \$ 300,000 in matching funds for donations to St. Clare's made before December 31st.

#### PRAYER AND FASTING

Forty Days for Life is a 40 day peaceful prayer vigil in front of an abortion clinic. The current Campaign started Wednesday (Sept. 25th) and runs through November 3rd so there's plenty of time to get involved. There are three campaigns in SC as follows:

Leader : Susan Zeleniak(703) 328-2334 szeleniak2@gmail.com https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/charleston

COLUMBIA :2712 Middleburg Dr

Leader: Maureen Weigold (803) 932-6032 respectlife@ollchapin.org https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/columbiasc

**GREENVILLE :1142 Grove Road** 

Leader: Deacon Bob Connor https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/greenville

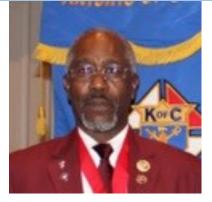
Because we are called into battle, I leave you with the words of another great saint.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. -- Ephesians 6:12-13

Vivat Jesus!

Malcolm Brennan State Life Director SC Knights of Columbus mbprolife@gmail.com





### **Community Director** M. Eric Cannon

Fishers of Men Renewing Our Culture of Invitation: IT STARTS WITH AN INVITATION !!!! "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." – MT 4:19

Jesus invited his first disciples.

Greetings, Worthy Brother Knights!

My name is M. Eric Cannon, and I serve as the South Carolina (SC) State Community Director. In this role, I act as the liaison between the State Council, the local Councils, and their members, ensuring that our Councils remain vibrant, supportive, and unified. Should you have any inquiries about the Community activities mentioned, I am here to State to Supreme - April 30th provide assistance.

This is the link for Faith In Action (FIA)

<u>Faith in Action Programs – Serving the Com-</u> munity | Knights of Columbus

Some of the upcoming events are:

#### **Soccer Challenge**

Council Challenge - September District to Challenge – October State Challenge – November 16th (721 Polo Rd Columbia, SC 29223; Registration: 8:30 am) State winners' names to Supreme – January 15th

#### **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest**

(www.kofc.org/essay) Essay Topic: In an essay of 500-750 words, what are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?

Council Judging – October District/State Judging - November/December State to Supreme - February 15

#### **Free Throw Championship**

Council Championship - January **District Championship - February** State Championship – March 15th

#### **Coats for Kids BOGO Proposal**

Number of Cases Requested from Supreme The South Carolina State Council will purchase a total of 140 cases of coats. We ask that Supreme match this order and provide an additional 140 cases. While we will distribute in 15 different locations, we requested only 9 ship-to locations.

#### Funding

The South Carolina State Council will be purchased the Coats with funding support from our local councils, who have been promoting these distributions throughout the state.

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#### **Date of Distributions**

#### Orders will be entered the week of October 14th. Deliveries can occur once the order entry Coats for Kids Co Chairmen is completed. Distribution will occur on numerous dates, based upon local agreements with council, charities, and schools.

#### Location of Distributions

Distributions will be held in 15 different locations throughout the state including Goose Creek, Charleston (2), Hanahan, Conway, Georgetown, Seneca, Myrtle Beach (2), Indian Land, North Myrtle Beach, Pawleys Island, Greer, Rock Hill, Bluffton, Murrells Inlet (2), and Kingstree.

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M. Eric Cannon

- **Community Director**
- Soccer Challenge
- Free Throw Championship
- Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Membership Growth

as of Oct 18th, 2024

140%

117%

100%

100%

89%

86%

80%

64%

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Council 15519

Council 8182

Council 11991

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- Disaster Preparedness
- Coats for Kids
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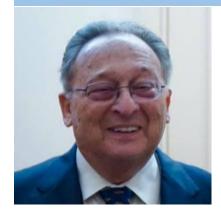
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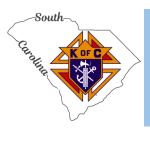
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### Protocol Chairman Richard Gabriel, PSD

**Protocol – Council and Assembly Meetings** 

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

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.

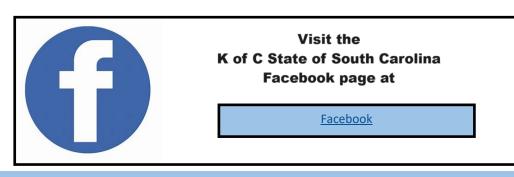
Councils and Assembly Meetings:

#### **Council and Assembly Officers' Planning Meeting:**

The purpose of this meeting is to plan programs, develop budgets, approve bill payments, prepare motions, discuss new ideas and deal with other necessary matters. A successful planning meeting will have a good agenda as well as thoroughly preparing the Officers and Directors to give their reports the business meeting. This will promote a professional and efficient meeting which will not waste time. Successful meetings do not happen by chance. They require significant planning and coordination by the Grand Knight/Faithful Navigator and Officers and Directors.

#### **Council and Assembly Business Meeting:**

The purpose of the meeting is to build fraternal spirit, to share information, to strengthen formation in the faith, and to present material matters that require the vote of the council or assembly members. The meeting should be conducted in a professional and efficient manner. When possible the meeting should be combined with a fraternal event like a meal or social hour so that the members can share the wonderful camaraderie of their brothers. The Grand Knight should consider hosting the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity before the council meeting. A good meeting starts with a good agenda and every Officer and Director should be thoroughly prepared.



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### Columbus Hope Foundation



Columbus H.O.P.E. Foundation Helping Other People Everyday

Fall 2024

"We could never learn to be brave and patient, if there were only joy in the world." - Helen Keller

#### October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Washington, DC- The Department of Labor today announced that its Office of Disability Employment Policy has chosen "Access to Good Jobs for All" as the theme for National Disability Employment Awareness Month, which will be observed in October. NDEAM annually celebrates the contributions of the nation's disabled workers and showcases supportive, inclusive policies and practices that benefit employees and employers alike.

"Our theme in 2024, 'Access to Good Jobs for All,' speaks to our commitment to expand the number of employment opportunities for people with disabilities and the quality of those opportunities," explained Assistant Secretary for Disability Employment Policy Taryn M. Williams. "Good jobs change lives and all workers — including disabled people — deserve the opportunity to prepare for success in high-quality, good-paying jobs in workplaces free of discrimination."

In 1945, the nation first designated a national week to recognize the contribution of people with physical disabilities. Designated by Congress as NDEAM in 1988, the commemoration evolved to acknowledge the importance of increasing the number of people with disabilities in the workforce. In 2001, ODEP was created and was given responsibility for NDE-AM and for selecting and helping promote its annual theme.

Brothers, have you ever wondered what good are we doing standing out here, giving Tootsie Rolls away and collecting money? Many of the Charities that we donate to are getting our IDD community ready to transition into the job market, many of them for the first time. "Access to Good Jobs for All" is what Good Catholic Gentlemen believe and is just another example of how the Knights of Columbus make the world a better place, not for Catholics, not for people who think the same as us, not just for men in the Church, but for everyone! The Knights of Columbus take good men and make them great. Thanks for being great.

Vivat Jesus, Mike Allen, PSD, DM President CHF

#### Here are the Columbus Hope Foundation Drive quotas for the councils

State	Council	Members	Inactive	Honorary	Honorary	Exemption	Billable	Quota at \$50 per	\$50
SC	704	213	27	15	Life 101	0	85	\$ 4,250.00	
SC	724	154	12	7	38	1	103	\$ 5,150.00	
SC	1668	191	12	5	45	3	131	\$ 6,550.00	
SC	2207	142	12	6	36	10	84	\$ 4,200.00	
SC	3067	80	3	3	20	0	57	\$ 2,850.00	
SC	3684	251	14	16	77	0	160	\$ 8,000.00	
SC	5026	181	18	5	30	1	132	\$ 6,600.00	
SC	5086	189	10	9	55	3	121	\$ 6,050.00	
SC	5194	145	10	7	34	5	96	\$ 4,800.00	
SC	6076	170	18	7	30	6	116	\$ 5,800.00	
SC	6250	127	10	5	26	1	90	\$ 4,500.00	
SC	6629	276	27	20	57	9	183	\$ 9,150.00	
SC	6726	142	7	5	31	4	100	\$ 5,000.00	
SC	6756	204	16	10	23	0	165	\$ 8,250.00	
SC	6847	208	13	7	37	6	152	\$ 7,600.00	
SC	6884	227	10	10	54	3	160	\$ 8,000.00	
SC	6891	144	7	6	29	0	108	\$ 5,400.00	
SC	6892	123	9	3	31	2	81	\$ 4,050.00	
SC	6900	56	10	0	0	0	46	\$ 2,300.00	
SC	7062	92	3	5	20	0	69	\$ 3,450.00	
SC	7122	283	9	8	72	9	193	\$ 9,650.00	
SC	7129	122	2	2	29	4	87	\$ 4,350.00	
SC	7289	82	4	2	21	0	57	\$ 2,850.00	
SC	7531	170	11	6	32	2	125	\$ 6,250.00	
SC	8123	49	2	2	7	0	40	\$ 2,000.00	
SC	8182	104	11	1	18	7	68	\$ 3,400.00	
SC	8295	135	8	4	19	6	102	\$ 5,100.00	
SC	8502	49	4	4	10	1	34	\$ 1,700.00	
SC	8790	28	1	1	7	0	20	\$ 1,000.00	
SC	8900	69	9	2	20	0	40	\$ 2,000.00	
SC	8980	393	10	12	111	0	272	\$ 13,600.00	
SC	9184	81	12	2	22	2	45	\$ 2,250.00	
SC	9475	307	12	9	60	5	230	\$ 11,500.00	
SC	9575	236	16	6	24	0	196	\$ 9,800.00	
SC	9576	101	7	4	20	0	74	\$ 3,700.00	

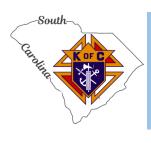
SC	10066	29	1	1	9	2	17	\$ 850.00
SC	10334	84	12	7	21	1	50	\$ 2,500.00
SC	10668	269	9	7	45	0	215	\$ 10,750.00
SC	10819	274	6	13	60	3	205	\$ 10,250.00
SC	10867	16	2	2	3	2	9	\$ 450.00
SC	11028	242	9	13	39	2	192	\$ 9,600.00
SC	11325	226	13	3	21	4	188	\$ 9,400.00
SC	11471	68	0	6	13	0	55	\$ 2,750.00
SC	11910	163	9	7	21	10	123	\$ 6,150.00
SC	11991	238	14	3	51	2	171	\$ 8,550.00
SC	12263	334	8	11	90	0	236	\$ 11,800.00
SC	12268	45	0	0	11	0	34	\$ 1,700.00
SC	12274	62	2	3	13	0	47	\$ 2,350.00
SC	12366	266	7	6	46	2	211	\$ 10,550.00
SC	12472	169	6	4	13	0	150	\$ 7,500.00
SC	12554	83	1	2	10	3	69	\$ 3,450.00
SC	12995	49	0	0	4	1	44	\$ 2,200.00
SC	13112	97	3	0	9	0	85	\$ 4,250.00
SC	13713	114	1	5	14	0	99	\$ 4,950.00
SC	14475	212	2	6	14	0	196	\$ 9,800.00
SC	14765	108	3	2	23	0	82	\$ 4,100.00
SC	14892	29	0	1	4	3	22	\$ 1,100.00
SC	15519	29	0	1	3	0	26	\$ 1,300.00
SC	15611	47	4	1	7	2	34	\$ 1,700.00
SC	15960	13	0	0	2	0	11	\$ 550.00
SC	16903	72	0	4	6	0	66	\$ 3,300.00
SC	17760	104	0	1	6	0	98	\$ 4,900.00
SC	17824	101	0	1	15	0	86	\$ 4,300.00
						Total	6643	\$332,150.00

Thanks for participating in the Columbus HOPE Drive for 2024-25.

Where there is disparity and need, the Knights will always come through. Your donations are just that important to these people. Keep up the good work!

Vivat Jesus, Mike Allen, PSD, DM President CHF LIFE





### Membership Director Brandon Chambers

Worthy grand knights and my brothers all.

It was great to see you all at the state organizational meeting this past month. For those unable to attend, I've attached a step by step outreach process that has helped me in recruiting over 200 men this past year and is a tried and true method Lupe Jimenez and I helped develop in terms our large scale recruit-

ing. Please implement this program into your councils as our goal is for all councils to use this method going forward. Please note that everything is to be done at 1 mass including the speech. Thanks!

Yours in Christ Brandon Chambers

#### Announcements Speech

Good afternoon brothers, my name is (your name) \_\_\_\_\_\_a member of the Knights of Columbus for approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_years, my family and my brother Knights, have come today to invite the men of this beautiful parish of (name of your parish) \_\_\_\_\_\_, to become Knights of Columbus.

We develop charitable activities favoring our Catholic Church, our Community, our Family, our Youth, and the Culture of Life. We are the largest Catholic Lay organization in the world.

Our four principles are Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, and all the charitable works we carry out are guided by these four virtues.

Our goal is to help men, their families, and their parishes come closer to Christ. Our programs and resources provide opportunities to live and spread the Catholic faith.

All men over 18 years old, please stand up. (give them a few seconds to get up) Brothers, can you imagine the positive effect of all these men working together in brotherhood, helping and protecting this community of (Name of the church)

Together, we empower Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work, and community.

You might think you don't have the time to become a Knight, but the Knights of Columbus do not seek to take time from you or your family, but rather offer you quality time. Together by helping others, and by being with people who share your Catholic faith.

Brothers, at the entrance you were given some brochures, inside those brochures comes a card, so you can fill it out with your information and hand it out to our brothers as you are exiting the church.

Many thanks to Father\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of your priest) for giving us this time to invite the men of this parish to become Knights of Columbus.

Have a great and blessed week! And as we say in the Knights of Columbus. VIVAT JESUS!

Steps to an Outreach Membership Drive

1. Locate one of your parishes with growth opportunity. Use the Charleston Diocese website to look for registered households in the parish. As an example, St John Neumann Parish has 2064 households and the council has 209 members. That is an estimated growth opportunity of 1855 families.

2. Speak with Father and get his permission. Explain the benefits of more Knights for him and the Parish. If he has any issues please refer him to the State Chaplain Father Higgins for guidance and counsel.

3. Get the support of your Council. You will 9. Start to call the men on the information need people to cover every door to the church. cares and invite them to become Knights. If

4. Gather your materials. You will need: The following pamphlets

- 10100 WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME A KNIGHT
- 10209 WHY WE OFFER INSURANCE
- 10099 24 HOURS TO BE A KNIGHT
- 4862 HERE TODAY HERE TOMOR-ROW.

Paperclip them together and attach a pen so that there are no excuses. Include the Online Membership Information Card.

5. Man every door and see that every man entering gets a packet. If they ask what the packet if for explain to them that its for the Knights of Columbus and that an announcement will be made during mass. Please stand outside of the doors, not inside the church.

6. Give the provided speech during the Announcements. The speech is prewritten and can be adjusted for your parish

7. Stand Outside after Mass and collect the information cards. Mack sure you check inside after mass for packets left behind so you don't leave a mess in the church but also so you can collect filled out cards.

8. Thank Father Again.

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9. Start to call the men on the information cares and invite them to become Knights. If all the information is provided on the card then pre-fill out the Online Invite at WWW.KOFC.ORG/JOINUS and email it to them. If they say yes when you call instruct them to confirm membership and tell them a welcome Degree Ceremony will be scheduled for them and their families. If they say No, tell them no harm has been done and they can just delete the email. Do not let them off the phone without at least signing up online. Tell them they will receive informational emails when they sign up online. If after a year they still don't have time or are not interested then their membership will expire.

10. Track your progress with a spreadsheet so you can see how effective your membership drive has been..

	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ONLINE MEMBERSHIP
□ Yes! Please sign me u	p for free membership (a \$30 value)!
Yes! I am a baptized	Catholic!
□ Yes! I am a practicing	Catholic!
Full Name:	
	Cell Phone:
Street Address:	
City:	
Date of Birth:	Preferred Language:
Parish:	Former Member of the KofC? Yes NO

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Contact me today to learn more: Robert J Boni Jr

Financial Advisor 843-824-5632 robert.boni@kofc.org

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#### Brandon Chambers

Allow me to introduce our agent of the quarter.

Brandon Chambers is currently the Assistant General Agent for the Boni Agency, KofC Financial Services where he has served Brother Knights and their families for over 7 years. He has been a Brother Knight for over 20 years having originally joined council 6726 in Hanahan. He was Grand Knight for that council in 2007 and 2008 and a third time in 2014. He's a former district deputy for district 13 having served as district deputy from 2010-2014 and has the distinction of having been the youngest DD in South Carolina.

In 2019 he was named the South Carolina Golden Knight of the year. In 2021 he became a charter (and founding) member of council 17760 in Charleston at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

In 2017 he became a field agent with the Boni agency. As an agent he has qualified for every incentive trip since becoming an agent. He's

also a 6 time Supreme Knights Club member and a 7 year member of the million dollar round table with 3 years being court of the table. These are very high distinctions in the Financial Services industry. In 2022 he was the initial lead recruiter for the Entire Order as an agent and has now won that award in 2 out of the last 3 years. This year having already recruited 213 members he is currently on track to earn this distinction again!

Brandon and Michele, his wife of four years, have 2 sons Joseph Albert and Jacob Samuel chambers. Brandon has shown the highest degree of membership and dedication to the brotherhood of the Knights of Columbus. Whether by recruiting hundreds of members to our ranks or protecting Catholic families through his work as a Field Agent, Brandon is a Knight of Columbus we can all look up to.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Robert J Boni, Jr General Agent, KofC SC



#### Palmetto Knight



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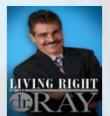
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#### **Congress of the United States** House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

August 13, 2024

Grand Knight James Bird 11001 Dorchester Road Summerville, SC 29485

Dear Knights of Columbus St. Theresa's Council 11910,

We hope this letter finds you well. We wanted to take a moment to extend our heartfelt congratulations and appreciation for your incredible generosity and support for our local nonprofits. Your \$1,500 donations to The Special Olympics, SOS Care, and Beyond Basic are making a real difference in our Lowcountry community.

Your commitment to supporting those in need, and providing them with the tools and resources to lead independent and productive lives, is deeply commendable. It's clear that your actions are driven by a genuine desire to help others, and that kind of dedication is something we are truly grateful for.

The impact of your contributions is already being felt. From the programs that support children and adults with autism and intellectual disabilities to the inclusive storefront for products made by individuals with special needs, your support is empowering these organizations to continue their vital work.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support and generosity. Your efforts are truly making a positive impact in the lives of many, and we are incredibly fortunate to have partners like you in our community. It is a privilege to represent you in Congress. If ever there is anything we can do for you or your family, do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

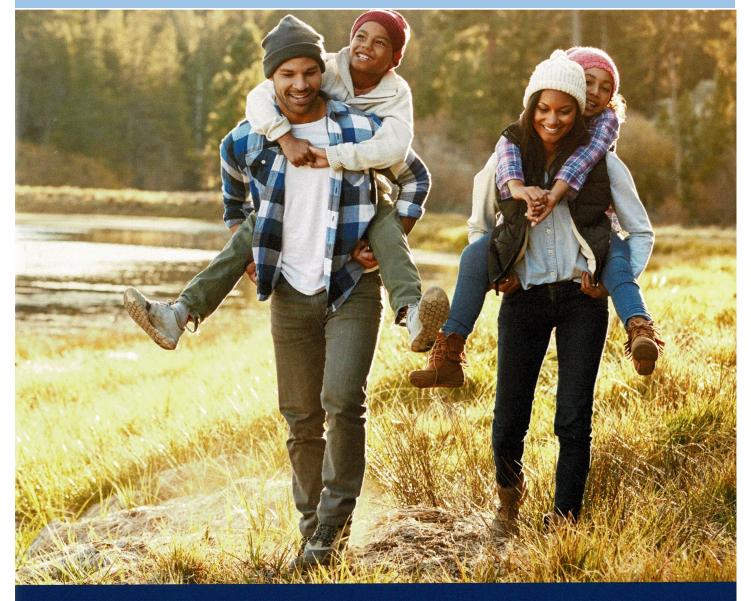
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