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## “Guardian Angels”

*By Deacon Bob Cox, State Spiritual Advisor*

Greetings my Brother Knights and families! I pray that the Holy Spirit showers you with His Love, Grace, and Mercy! You can never have too much of the Spiritual gifts from above. I pray that everyone had a most glorious and faith filled Holy Week and Easter, just a few short weeks ago. And I hope the KofC State Convention went well and was well attended, even with the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress being held on Saturday in Columbia! My family had a vacation planned together as the grandkids had the same time off for spring break, so we joined them all for a fun time in Atlanta, GA! As they say, “family first!”

Do you believe in Angels? What about Guardian Angels?

Let me give you two thoughts from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. First, from CCC 330: “As purely spiritual creatures angels have intelligence and will: they are personal and immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures, as the splendor of their glory bears witness.” Secondly, from CCC 336: “From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their (Guardian Angels) watchful care and intercession. Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him (a human) to life. Already here on Earth, the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God.”

With that thought of Angels in mind, let me give my personal view on Angels, especially Guardian Angels. OF COURSE THEY EXIST! We have the Archangels, Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael mentioned in Scripture! Angels always surrounded Jesus while He was on earth and at His tomb on Easter Sunday! And I truly believe in Guardian Angels. My sister-in-law had an experience with her own Guardian Angel during her falling off of a ladder in her garage. I also had an experience this past weekend in Atlanta, GA, where

my Guardian Angel was looking out for me and helped me avoid very serious injury or even death. I tripped on the edge of a flower bed that had a 3” high cement border around it with wrought iron railing in the 8’ long flower bed with blunt points on the corner posts...all this on the side of a sidewalk, as my daughter and I were walking down hill looking for a restaurant. Long story short, I caught my foot on the topside corner of the cement and went flying head first on the flower bed, landing on the cement and on the wrought iron railing. I partially caught myself with my right hand and right knee, but landed heavily on the left side of my chest and stomach, all the while, I hit my chin and lacerated it while biting both of my lips. A lot of bleeding, etc., but I got up with the help of my daughter and some passersby that happened to be nurses and they told me to get to an Emergency Room for stitches. So, after we walked back to the hotel, my son took me Emory Hospital for testing and Perma bonding my chin. As I look back upon the accident, and talking to my wife, I had help from my Guardian Angel. I never received any headaches, no sore or punctured stomach or chest...just bad bruises...the corner blunt point hit my chin and not my face or head...no tooth damage or tongue damage...I am thanking my Guardian Angel every night during my bedtime prayers! I know and believe that she kept me as safe as possible. And of course, I had another Angel there, my daughter who assisted me and got us safely back to the hotel. Yes, I believe in the existence of Angels, especially Guardian Angels! And I am thankful for my earthly Angel, my daughter!

God is Good!...All the Time! Viva Cristo Rey! Deacon Bob Cox

## SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

### April 2024

5-7 State Convention, Spartanburg, SC

### May 2024

4 Fourth Degree Exemplification - Spanish Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Orangeburg

### June 2024

22 Fourth Degree Exemplification, St. Michaels Catholic Church, Murrells Inlet

29 DD Installations/GK Organizational Meeting/ Columbus HOPE Meeting, Cardinal Newman School

### July 2024

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

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### From the State Deputy

*Jeffrey Crouch*

Brother Knights,

Thank you all so much for your support and attendance during the 103<sup>rd</sup> South Carolina State Convention! We have received so many comments of appreciation for everything from the format to the experience. We could not have pulled off this event without so much help from Council members throughout the state. So, on behalf of the State Officers and Convention committee, thank you for everything you and your Council did in support of us this year!

To cap off an outstanding weekend of Faith and Fraternity, we received notification that as of April 5, 2024, South Carolina has once again surpassed the growth required to be recognized in the Supreme Knight’s Circle of Honor. This marks the fourth consecutive year we have reached this milestone. And we are not finished yet! The Supreme Knight personally challenged all of us to invite one more man to become a Knight before June 30<sup>th</sup>. He also challenged our Councils to schedule one more recruiting drive. Due to the engagement of so many Councils, I was able to report to Supreme that we have plenty scheduled and will continue to be a part of the greatest year of growth the Order has ever experienced!

The final quarter of a Fraternal Year is an exciting time. We recognize Knights and Families in our Council for their hard work this past year. We elect new leaders to further our Councils in Faith and Charity. But our jobs as leaders are not yet over. We need to make sure we are setting these new leaders up for success. Now is the time to dot the I’s and cross the T’s. Submit your SP-7 Forms now. This allows Supreme to reach out if it is incomplete or needs updating. Ensure your Council is safe-environment compliant. Look at any reports that may be overdue and get them submitted; this includes semi-annual audits, FBE’s, 185’s, 365’s, and 1728’s. Lastly, if you are only a couple members away from the McGivney Award, do not forget to scrub your prospect list. Your District Deputies and State Team stand ready to help your Council receive the recognition it deserves! I will be sending some communications to aid you in this very soon.

Finally, many of our Parishes have been planning Eucharistic Processions for many months. Please reach out to your Pastors and see how your Knights can assist. If nothing else, encourage your brothers to participate. Our Fourth Degree Assemblies gathered on April 13, and received instructions and offered enthusiastic support for this effort. They will be

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### From the State Protocol Chairman

*Richard A. Gabriel, PSD*

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

#### Head Table

At any gathering of the Knights of Columbus, the cardinals, bishops, priests, religious brothers, Supreme Officers, Supreme

Directors, State Officers, Supreme Directors, State Officers, State Directors and Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Vice Supreme Masters, Faithful Navigators and visiting Grand Knights always are honored guests and as such should occupy a seat of honor. (Sometimes because of the large number of dignitaries in attendance it is impossible to seat everyone at the head table. In cases such as this, only the top-ranking officials should be seated at the head table. Other dignitaries should sit at designated seats in the audience and should be introduced at an appropriate time by the master of ceremonies.)

Seating is arranged by rank from the middle out to either end – with the highest-ranking official seated at the middle of the head table. Guests are introduced by the master of ceremonies right toward the middle, then from left toward the middle, excluding speaking members of the head table. All should rise when said members enter and remain standing until they are seated.

#### Procession

In all cases, the wishes of the celebrant are to be followed. Knights of Columbus are first to enter the church in a Liturgical celebration, and follow the celebrant out of the Church. The order of precedence for Knights of Columbus processional into the church is from lowest rank to highest. The highest ranking would be first to follow the celebrant out of the church and would follow the “Order of Precedence”. The color corps, when used at the celebration of Mass or a Knights of Columbus function, is to be led into the church by the District Marshal or Color Corps Commander and followed----- by the highest ranking in colors.

Council and Assembly Degree Order of Precedence

1. Supreme Knight
2. State Deputy
3. Supreme Officers
4. Supreme Master
5. Supreme Directors
6. Former Supreme Officers and Directors
7. Vice Supreme Master

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## Patriot's Corner

Michael Allen, PSD, DM  
 Master, South Carolina District,  
 DeSoto Province



*“Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.”*

— SK John F. Kennedy Brothers,

This year I'm going to try something way out of the box.... The District Master is looking for a District Pilot. The job description may seem a little daunting at first blush, but it will be a lot of fun and very rewarding for the right person. Were looking for someone to be:

- 1) Responsible for storing and maintaining the District Degree AV (2 screens, 2 projectors, cables) equipment.
- 2) Responsible for storing, maintaining, and inventory of the District Degree Robes and paraphernalia.
- 3) Responsible for storing and maintaining the District flags and stands.
- 4) Coordinates with the Ceremonials Director for transporting these items to 4th Degree exemplifications and helps with set-up and take down.
- 5) of course, the dreaded other duties as assigned.

The District Warden will coordinate with the Ceremonials Director to ensure all Exemplification materials are at the Exemplification.

The ideal candidate should have a flexible schedule, be centrally located, in reasonably good health and have a vehicle big enough to accommodate the transportation of the paraphernalia.

The pay is the same as the State Deputy and District Master, however the perks are amazing, and we will take care of expenses. Call the District Master if interested (803)-397-7803. Item number two.....

We are again going to attempt to make history in South Carolina. On May 4th, we will be hosting our first ever all Spanish exemplification: The degree will be held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church 2202 Riverbank Dr, Orangeburg, South Carolina 29118. Registration will begin at 8:00AM, Mass starts at 10:00 and the exemplification will follow. The banquet will be provided by the Hispanic Community of Orangeburg.

I heard a rumor about a pig roast with all the trimmings, the registration packet is out and should be on the website by now, see you there.

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## Columbus HOPE Foundation

Mike Allen, PSD, FDM

President CHF

*“When The Winds Of Change Blow, Some People Build Walls, Others Build Windmills—Chinese Proverb.”*

Diversity is a current buzzword in politics, but people with disabilities are not achieving the gains made by women and ethnic minorities. Research shows six categories of barriers and facilitating factors:

**1) networks, 2) recruitment and mentoring, 3) resources (money, time, and energy), 4) the “hierarchy of impairments,” 5) accessibility of political spaces and activities, and 6) laws and policies.** Recommendations include removing access barriers to political participation, from voting to holding office, including physical and procedural barriers in political spaces; ensuring that equalities in legislation covers politicians; eliminating barriers imposed by benefits systems; promoting direct support for political activists, candidates and office-holders with disabilities, including access to necessary services and supports; encouraging parties to recruit and mentor disabled people with leadership potential; and considering quotas and job-sharing.

The term **“hierarchy of impairments”** is used to describe how perceptions of and attitudes toward disabled people often depend on the type of impairment they have and how it occurred. Whether an individual’s impairment is viewed positively, negatively or as a neutral factor depends largely on cultural factors, so this will vary between regions, but there is a lot of literature indicating that persons with cognitive impairments are typically judged as less deserving than those with physical or sensory impairments. This has deep roots in the way that disability has been culturally constructed, and with the function of that construction within culture. Self-stigma—having a negative view of oneself because of a disability—can form a powerful barrier to achievement as well. When it comes to politics, it appears that impairment through military service can be a driver rather than a barrier—someone with the same level of impairment from birth or due to an accident is far less likely to win office than a disabled war veteran. Obviously, everyday accessibility issues, such as access to public transport or adapted vehicles, will also impact participation. Clearly the political life of disabled people does not match the percentage of the population who have an impairment. **Disabled people face somewhat different cultural, economic, support and access barriers.** Inclusion in education, work, societal groups, and public spaces clearly impacts access to political activity and is dependent on policy and legal frameworks. Crucially, inclusion in education and work provides the foundation for inclusion in political life: it is from this

basis that leadership emerges.

**Brothers**, this is where your involvement in the **Columbus HOPE Foundation** is vital to the Intellectually Disabled and Special Needs communities. We help fund organizations that strive to allow these citizens the ability not only to govern themselves but be leaders in society at large. Thank you for all you do to build windmills instead of walls.

Mike Allen, PSD, DM

President CHF

## Board Members Wanted

Board members needed for **Columbus HOPE Foundation**.

Looking for Knights from the following Deaneries.

Myrtle Beach   Columbia   Beaufort/Hilton Head

If you’re passionate about helping those citizens with intellectual disabilities and working with brother Knights to achieve their goals, prayerfully consider a position on the board.

please call: Mike Allen

803-397-7803 or email: [president@columbushope.org](mailto:president@columbushope.org)





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- 8. State Officers
- 9. District Master
- 10. Past State Deputies
- 11. Former Vice Supreme Masters
- 12. District Deputies
- 13. Former Masters
- 14. State Directors
- 15. General Agents
- 16. Chapter Presidents
- 17. Grand Knights
- 18. District Marshal
- 19. Faithful Navigators
- 20. Council Officers
- 21. Assembly Officers
- 22. District Warden
- 23. Field Agent

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offering their services wherever possible. Allow them to support you and let them lead your Councils and Parishes in the spirit of Blessed Michael McGivney!

I pray for continued success in all your programs, activities, and efforts. Please reach out to your District Deputy for any assistance. Remember this weekend, to spend an extra five minutes in prayer, and to ask a man to become a Knight. If done in the right order, there is no stopping us!

Semper Fidelis!

**2024 Award Winners**

**Best Council**

City	Council Council Name	Grand Knight
Beaufort 5026	Michael O’Conner	Beda “Butch” Alvarez

Category	Winner	Council
Rookie of the Year	Timothy Williams	5194
Kight of the Year	Omar Billigue	11991
Golden Knight of the Year	Joseph Balotti	5194
Family of the Year	Cuenin Family	7129
Youth of the Year	Sorina Simion	6847
Charity Award	Robert McColl	11991
Catholicity Award	Guadalupe Jimenez	7289

**Distinguished Service Award** – Grand Knight Anthony F. Pellegrini, Council 6900

**Blessed Michael McGivney Chaplain Award** – Reverend Joseph Romanoski, Council 11325

**Program Service Awards**

Category	Winning Council
Faith	5026
Family	6756
Community	17760
Life	6884

**South Carolina District – Fourth Degree**

**Awards**

**Best Assembly**

City Navigator	Assembly	Assembly Name Faithful
Rockhill 2108	Fr. Henry Tevlin	Patrick J. Noone

Award	Winner	Assembly
Msgr. Johl L. Manning Catholicity Award	Elizabeth A. Joseph	3272
District “To Be a Patriot” Award	Msgr. Richard C. Madden	1900
Sir Knight of the Year	Milt DeLair	2108
Catholic Legacy Award	Thomas Gouker	3984



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