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“Are you prepared?”

Deacon Bob Cox, State Spiritual Advisor

Greetings my Brother Knights and families! Warmer weather and Easter are fast approaching. Are you ready? Are you prepared? How is Lent going for you? Are you sacrificing something, or did you add something to your busy lives this Lent? Either way, are you prepared?

I wonder if your parish supplied you with a Lenten Program to help you and your fellow parishioners to realize more about Lent, more about Jesus, what He truly wants for you, and if you learned more about yourself and your life through this Season? I am presenting a Lenten Program at St. Ann Catholic Church in Florence that does everything I just asked you about. Once again, this year, I chose Ascension Press and the Lenten Program “Walking with Jesus to Jerusalem” by Fr. Mark Toups, to help my fellow parishioners along their Lenten journey. With this program, we have entered Lent through a daily handbook with guided prayers, journal prompts, daily reflections, and weekly videos. We have had an exceptional encounter with the person of Jesus and His never changing love for His bride, the Church, and for us! We are prepared! Please be prepared for Easter! Get your family ready for Easter! Talk to any family members who have drifted away from the Church and convince them to attend Easter Mass with you! How do you/we get prepared for Easter? Begin by being at Church for the Stations of the Cross (We use “Mary’s Way of the Cross”) on Fridays or Sundays. By going to reconciliation! Attend Holy Week services, especially starting with Palm Sunday, attending Holy Thursday with Adoration, Good Friday, Easter Vigil Mass or Easter Sunday Mass.

My Brothers, my friends in Christ, as you pray, as you read Scripture, imagine that Jesus is there with you in the scene of the moment. Think of Jesus looking at you, eye-to-eye, as He asks, “Will you also abandon Me?” As Jesus looks you in the

eye, be honest, and talk to Him. Pour out your heart and soul to Him as He is looking at you, eye-to-eye, and ask for His Mercy, His Grace, His Salvation, and His Love! He knows what is in your heart. His Love is enduring and He will be there to guide you/us to Him and to Heaven! Be prepared! So, Sue and I wish everyone a Happy Easter and a blessed Easter Season!

(Enjoy this year’s State Convention and think of Sue and I as we will not be in attendance this year [first time in over 20 years], as we will be on vacation in Atlanta, GA, with our family...our son and his wife, our daughter and her husband, and 6 grandkids!!)

HAPPY ST. PATRICK’S DAY!!

Viva Cristo Rey,
Deacon Bob Cox



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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

March 2024

9 State Freethrow Competition, Columbia, SC

April 2024

5-7 State Convention, Spartanburg, SC



From the State Deputy

Jeffrey Crouch

Brother Knights,

The Easter Season is approaching. I hope you have taken time to prepare your hearts during this Season of Lent. A challenge was made to me that I pass on to you. Consider attending the Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday), Good Friday of the Lord's Passion (Good Friday), and the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Vigil) this year, especially if you have never done so all in the same year. To quote Father Joseph Marcello, "Their effect upon the mind and heart are unmistakable. These three liturgies are a treasure, and it would be passing up a treasure not to be present for them." I am pleased to report that as I write this, I have just been notified that South Carolina has passed the 11,000-member milestone. This is significant for a couple of reasons. First, we went from 10,000 members to 11,000 members in just over two years. Second, milestones like this do not happen if Councils are not thriving! Once again, I thank all Councils and all Leaders for continuing to thrive in your Councils, Parishes, and communities! However, our goal has not yet been met, there are still Catholic Men who have not yet become a Knight!

During the past month, I had the pleasure of attending a workgroup in New Haven, Ct at the invitation of the Supreme Council. The group is called the Blessed McGivney Leadership Fellowship. We studied all weekend about leading with virtues like courage, justice, and humility. The prerequisite for this group was you had to be a Fraternal Leader and be under 45 years of age. Brothers, the young men in this room were outstanding, faith-filled men who love the Knights of Columbus. Some were as young as 23 years old, full of ideas to not only move the Order forward, but doing so with Christ at the center of everything. If these Knights are the future of the Knights of Columbus, we are in good hands!

In less than three weeks is our 103rd State Convention in Spartanburg. Everything is starting to come together, and I believe all will enjoy this experience. It is not too late to sign up candidates for the Fourth Degree Exemplification. As much as our Councils are growing and thriving, we need new Sir Knights in our Assemblies to keep the principles of Patriotism alive in South Carolina. I cannot wait to share the many successes of your Councils and Assemblies with the rest of the State!

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!



From the State Protocol Chairman

Richard A. Gabriel, PSD

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CEREMONY FOR THE DISPOSAL OF UNSERVICEABLE FLAGS

(All assemble near flagpole or other suitable location)
(If music is used), (National Anthem) Honor Guard/Members salute/present swords.

Faithful Commander: Faithful Navigator, we wish to present a number of unserviceable Flags of our Country for inspection and disposal.

Faithful Navigator: Faithful Commander advance with your detail and present the Flags for disposal and inspection.

(Faithful Commander calls his detail to attention. They form at the Post of the Commander then march with two of the Flags which are to be inspected to the Faithful Pilot. The Faithful Commander steps one pace forward and salutes with sword).

Faithful Commander: Faithful Pilot, we present these unserviceable

Flags for your inspection.

Faithful Pilot: Is the present condition of these Flags the result of their usual service as the Emblem of our Country.

Faithful Commander: These Flags have become faded and worn over the graves of our departed comrades and the soldier, sailor and airmen dead of all our nation's wars. (Pilot opens and inspects one or two flags).

Faithful Pilot: Present these Flags to the Faithful Admiral for his inspection. (The Faithful Commander salutes with sword, about faces, commands the detail) About Face, (crosses behind the detail and takes his post at its left, commands) Forward March. (The detail marches to within two paces of the Faithful Admiral, halts and proceeds as before.)

Faithful Commander: Faithful Admiral, we present these Flags which have been inspected by the Faithful Pilot, for your further inspection. (Admiral opens and inspects one or two flags).

Faithful Admiral: Have any of these Flags served any other purpose?

Faithful Commander: Some of these Flags have been displayed in various public places.

Faithful Admiral: Present them to the Faithful Navigator for final inspection and fitting disposal.

(The Faithful Commander salutes with sword, about faces, commands the detail), About Face, (Crosses behind the detail and takes position on its left commands), Forward March. (The detail marches to center, turns right, halts within two paces of the Faithful Navigator, Faithful Commander steps

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Patriot's Corner

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“The life of the nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful and virtuous.” —Frederick Douglass

In 2005, not long before he died, St. John Paul II published what was to be his last book, Memory and Identity. He discusses good and evil, church and state, freedom and democracy, and the Communist and Nazi totalitarianism which produced so much human tragedy during the 20th Century.

The saint drew a careful distinction between nationalism and patriotism.

“Whereas nationalism involves recognizing and pursuing the good of one’s own nation alone, without regard for the rights of others,” he wrote, “patriotism ... is a love for one’s native land that accords rights to all other nations equal to those claimed for one’s own. Patriotism, in other words, leads to a properly ordered social love.”

St. John Paul II notes that the word patriotism comes from the root word patria, meaning “home” or “native land.” It is related to the Latin word pater, meaning “father,” and so we sometimes speak of “fatherland” or “motherland” as well. “The concept of patria includes the values and the spiritual content that make up the culture of a great nation,” the pope wrote. “The very idea of ‘native land’ presupposes a deep bond between the spiritual and the material, between culture and territory”.

For members of the Knights of Columbus, for whom faith and patriotism go hand in hand, St. John Paul II’s is a concise description of the relationship between the two: the Fourth Commandment, which tells us to honor our father and mother, obliges us to honor our homeland as well.

“The spiritual patrimony which we acquire from our native land comes to us through our mother and father,” he says.

“Patriotism is a love for everything to do with our native land: its history, its traditions, its language, its natural features. It is a love which extends also to the works of our compatriots and the fruits of their genius. Every danger that threatens the overall good of our native land becomes an occasion to dem-

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Columbus HOPE Foundation

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“si vivendum est, bene vivant”

“If they must live, let them live well ~Quintus Horatius Flaccus, 65 BC.”

Today, I met a young girl who, from her own overflowing cup, shared a drink with another. She possessed that lethal combination of self-awareness and abundance that destroys want and fellowships another into God’s wake. She gave from what she had. It was both magnificent and startling, for, without effort, she made another person’s life worth living.

It is a better thing that one lives and if they live, experience a life worth living. Combine the concept of **Charity** with **Catholic living**, and a richer and more accurate definition of giving emerges. **Charity**, defined as “love of mankind,” when fused with **Catholic living**, produces an active benevolence, ensuring another possesses life worth living. All people apply equally! What’s the payoff? These ideas allow us to **respect** all attempts, successes, and failures others employ to help another. The countless ways a Giver contributes to another’s life worth living is fraught with subjectivity. For some may believe that...

...Sharing religious beliefs improves another’s life.

...Saving the oceans improves another’s life.

...Contributing to arts and culture improves another’s life.

...Giving canned goods to the food bank improves another’s life.

...Ensuring families have access to counseling improves another’s life.

...Investing in breast cancer research improves another’s life.

...Giving out Tootsie Rolls in front of a store improves another’s life.

Regardless of one’s political persuasion, politics, or method...

Charity combined with Catholic Living demands appreciation for the diverse and innumerable ways others help others. These thoughts, actions, and generosity are the cornerstone of a foundation upon which civil society has been built for 2,000 years.

Catholic living amplifies Charity when out of the abundance

with which I’ve been entrusted I contribute to another person’s life ensuring that they, like me, experience life worth living.

For those of us who possess a life full of love and abundance, and are in no danger of lack, let us heed the words of the wise man who said... “I would rather have it said, ‘He lived usefully,’ than, ‘He died rich.’”

Mike Allen, PSD, DM

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

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onstrate this love. ... The native land is the common good of all citizens and as such it imposes a serious duty.”

Vivat Jesus

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one pace forward and salutes with sword.)

Faithful Commander: Faithful Navigator, we have the honor to present for final inspection and proper disposal these Flags of our Country.

Faithful Navigator: Have these Flags been inspected by the Faithful Pilot and Faithful Admiral?

Faithful Commander: They Have.

Faithful Navigator: Faithful Pilot, what does your inspection show and what do you recommend?

Faithful Pilot: Faithful Navigator, I have inspected these flags and all the flags on the table. Since these Flags have become unserviceable in a worthy cause, I recommend that they be honorably retired from further Service.

Faithful Navigator: Faithful Admiral, what does your inspection show and what do you recommend?

Faithful Admiral: Faithful Navigator, I too have inspected all these flags. Since these Flags have become faded and worn in a tribute of service and love, I also recommend that they be fittingly destroyed.

Faithful Navigator: Sir Knights, we have presented here these Flags of our Country which have been inspected and condemned as unserviceable. They have reached their present state in a proper service of tribute, memory and love.

A Flag may be a flimsy bit of printed gauze, or a beautiful banner of finest silk. Its intrinsic value may be trifling or great; but its real value is beyond price, for it is a precious symbol of all that we and our comrades have worked for and lived for, and died for a free Nation of free men, true to the faith of the past, devoted to the ideals and practice of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.

Let these faded Flags of our Country be retired and destroyed with respectful and honorable rites and their places, be taken by bright new Flags of the same size and kind, and let no grave of our soldier, sailor or airman dead be un-honored or unmarked. Faithful Commander, assembles the Color Guard, escort the detail bearing the Flags and destroy these Flags by burning. The members shall stand at attention.

Faithful Navigator: The Commander (or Chaplain) will offer prayer.

Commander (or Chaplain): Almighty God, Captain of all hosts and Commander over all, bless and consecrate this present hour. We thank Thee for our Country and its Flag, and for the liberty for which it stands. To clean and purging flame we commit these Flags, worn-out in worthy Service. As they yield their substance to the fire, may Thy Holy Light spread Country. Amen.

Faithful Navigator: Hand salute / Present Swords.

(Color Guards present arms. All officers and members except those on the flag detail salute. Members of the Flag detail dips

two or three of the condemned Flags in kerosene and place them of the rack over the fire.)

(Music: To the Colors)

Faithful Navigator: (at conclusion of "To the Colors") Two / Return Swords.

All remaining Flags are brought forward and added to the fire. Then when all are burned or are burning lowly:

Followed by: Music (God Bless America).

Faithful Navigator: Will the Commander please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands One Nation, Under God, with liberty and justice for all.

Faithful Navigator: I thank all for attending this Flag Disposal Ceremony. Dismissed.



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