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“The Month of October”

By Deacon Bob Cox, State Spiritual/Faith Director

Greetings my Brother Knights and families! Fall is here and with it some cooler temperatures along with shorter daylight hours. We also can get those colorful fall days as the leaves change color and begin to fall off the trees. This is my favorite season/time of the year. October is a very important month in the fall for me. October is the month my miracle granddaughter was born (my birth month also) and 5 days later she had open heart surgery that saved her life! October is also very important for you because it is the Month of Mary and the Month of the Holy Rosary! After all, we recently celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. Hopefully you were able to pray the Rosary that day at church or at your Council meeting.

As you probably know, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, formerly known as Our Lady of Victory and Feast of the Holy Rosary, is a feast day of the Church. This feast commemorates the anniversary of the decisive victory of the combined fleet of the Holy League of 1571 over the Ottoman navy at the Battle of Lepanto. Pope Pius V instituted the feast of Our Lady of Victory because of the naval victory. In 1573, Pope Gregory XIII changed the name of the feast to Feast of the Holy Rosary, to be celebrated on the first Sunday of October. In his 1584 book on the rosary, Dominican Friar Juan Lopez, indicates that the feast of the rosary was offered “in memory and in perpetual gratitude of the miraculous victory that the Lord gave to his Christian people that day against the Turkish armada.” Pope Pius X, in 1913, switched the feast date to October 7th. in order to keep the Sunday liturgy as the Sunday liturgy.

My friends, here are a few things for you to think about when praying the rosary:

1. Purpose—to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Pope Pius XII called it a compendium of the Gospel.
2. The Mysteries—are on Jesus, his birth, life, death, and resurrection.
3. The Our Father beads—remind us that Jesus’ Father is the initiation of salvation.
4. The Hail Mary beads—reminds us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of His earthly and heavenly existence.
5. The Glory Bes—they remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity.

Some things to think about with the Holy Rosary...praying it is easy and simple. Praying the rosary is quite appealing to many people. When we are praying the rosary, the gentle repetition of the words of the prayers helps to develop an atmosphere of contemplation when we pray the mysteries. We can sense that Mary and Jesus are with us in the sorrows and joys of life, as we pray the rosary. As we continue to pray the rosary, it is our hope that we grow and share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever. Thanks be to God! Amen!

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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

November 2021

- 6 Soccer Shootout, St. John Neumann School

December 2021

- 10-12 DD Midwinter Meeting, Westin Resort and Spa, Hilton Head Island, SC

March 2022

- 12 State Free Throw Championship, St. John Neumann Catholic School



From the State Deputy

Paul Burchell

“Well begun is half done!” Isn’t it funny the things you remember. I recall seeing that term written on the blackboard (that is what we used to have in the front of our classrooms back in the olden days) on the first day of school in the second or third grade. I looked at it and wondered what it meant. Sister (yes I went to a Catholic School and the nuns wore habits and didn’t mind using the ruler when necessary as my knuckles can attest to) explained that if we get the school year off to a good start, time will just fly by. This was welcome news to my ears because coming back from 3 months of summer vacation (yes, the school year didn’t start till the day after Labor Day – much to the disappointments of my parents) I didn’t want the school year to last any longer than necessary. So what does this have to do with the Knights of Columbus? I’m glad you asked; absolutely nothing! However, I did want to acknowledge and report on the OUTSTANDING start of our fraternal year. It is hard to believe that by the time you read this we will have completed almost a third of the year. Looking back when I was in elementary school, I wanted the school year to fly by; but now I would like time to slow down just a little. We need to take time and savor our accomplishments, to smell the roses as it were; to thank all the folks who have made it possible.

I want to thank our Clergy, our State Officers, Directors, Chairmen, General Agent and his staff of highly skilled Field Agents, our Membership Director and his team, but most of all, I want to thank our team of highly motivated District Deputies and Grand Knights and their folks. The folks of the front lines are the ones that make it happen.

Motivation is a great thing – you get the ball rolling and it is hard to stop. These folks got the ball rolling starting the first of July and it hasn’t slowed down. I am pleased to report that the South Carolina jurisdiction finished the first quarter of the fraternal year ranked #1 in the SE Region and #5 in the Circle of Honor report for the Order. Number 5 out of 75 jurisdictions! I call that quite an accomplishment and I thank all of you for making it happen.

But it is not all about numbers. It’s true we’ve brought in over

From the Vocations Director

Jim Weiskircher, Vocations Director

The diocese constantly reviews seminary programs to determine the best fit for its young men. This review has led to the selection of the Benedictine St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, for three of our seminarians. The incoming class totals 13 with a combination of diocesan and Benedictine seminarians.



St. Vincent Seminary was founded by Father Boniface Wimmer in 1846, who came from Saint Michael’s Abbey in Metten, Bavaria, to establish Saint Vincent Archabbey, as the first Benedictine monastery in North America. It is the fourth oldest Catholic seminary in the United States. In the world there are only 11 Archabbey’s, with two in the United States, St. Vincent and St. Mainrad in Indiana. St. Vincent also holds the distinction of being the largest Catholic monastery in the world. The seminary was officially established on August 24, 1855 through an Apostolic Brief of Pope Pius IX. Since 1870, over 300 students have earned Master of Arts degree and 400 Master of Divinity degrees. More than 2,400 diocesan and religious students have been ordained as priests.



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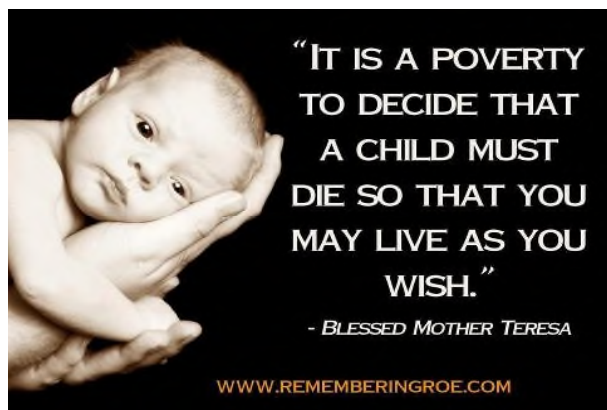
Patriot's Corner

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“Some people argue that changing laws will not eliminate abortions. What is forgotten, however, is that the law is the great teacher. Children grow up believing that if a practice is legal, it must be moral.”

— Cardinal John O'Connor



Brothers.

We're in the Middle of the 40 days for life campaign and that means it's time to save the date, **January 7-8**, for the 2022 proudly pro-life weekend and March in Columbia. If we start planning early, we can see a record number of Sir Knights in their uniforms march from the Russell House at USC to the State Capitol building in Columbia. We will get the details out to the Navigators as they come in.

The dictionary definition of Knighthood is the same as Chivalry, *“that combination of qualities expected of an ideal Knight, especially courage, honor, courtesy, justice, and a readiness to help the weak”*. To stand up for those that cannot. To let the world, know when an issue is wrong or unjust and to lend a voice for those who don't have a voice of their own. Brothers, the definition of Knighthood hasn't changed in over **a thousand years** and it's your legacy to carry on! Join me in Donning the Blazer, the Beret and the Sword in January and show the world that we are united on the life issue.

Vivat Jesus!

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Ceremonials

**CHARITY, UNITY, FATHERLY EXEMPLIFICATION
SCORESHEET:**

DISTRICT	QUOTA	COMPLETED
1	4	1
2	4	1
3	4	1
4	4	0
5	4	2
6	4	0
7	4	0
8	4	1
9	4	2
10	4	2
11	4	0
12	4	1
13	4	2
14	4	1
15	4	1
16	4	1

Peace and God Bless;

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From the State Program Director

Christopher R. Hilditch, SW, FDD, PGK, State Program Director

Brothers,

We have now entered the second quarter of our fraternal year and many of our councils are off to a great start in their growth of membership as well as conducting good Faith in Action programs. I am hopeful that most of our councils held a Soccer Challenge and had good participation. Our Districts should have also held a District Soccer Challenge by now. Please be aware that the State Soccer Challenge has been changed from November 13th to November 6th and will be held in Columbia. Eric Cannon, PGK, is the State Soccer Challenge Chairman and point of contact for this event. If your District did not hold a District Championship, your council champions can and should compete in the State Championship if available on that date. Additional details will be updated on the State website and distributed by email soon with location and start time.

Please continue in planning good FIA programs in Faith, Family, Community and Life. Many of the programs that Su-

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From the State Protocol Chairman

Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM

PROTOCOL

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

Rules for Displaying the Flag of the United States

- If the flag is displayed from a staff projecting from a building, the union should be at the peak, unless flown at half-mast. When flown from a halyard over a sidewalk from a building pole, the flag should be hoisted union first from the building.
- The National Flag should be placed in the center, and higher, when displayed with a group of state, local or organizational flags flown from staffs.
- If the flag is displayed flat on a speaker's platform, it should be placed behind and above the speaker with the union to the speaker's right.
- When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street or to the east in a north and south street.
- When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, the flag should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience and in the position of honor at the priest's or speaker's right as he faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the priest or speaker or to the right of the audience.
- When displaying the flag against the wall with another flag, the U.S. Flag will be on its right (the viewer's left) with its staff crossing over the staff of the other flag.
- During rendition of the national anthem when the flag is displayed, all present except those in uniform should stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. Men not in uniform should remove their head-covering with their right hand and hold at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should render the military salute at the first note of the anthem and retain this position until the last note. When the flag is not displayed, those present should face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed there.
- When flags of states, cities or localities, or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States, the latter should always be at the peak. When flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last. No such flag or pennant may be placed above the National Flag or to its right.
- When carried in procession with other flags, the National Flag should be on the marching right. If there is a line of other flags, it should be center of the line. The U.S. Flag should always be staffed when carried on a float.
- When the flag covers a casket, the union should be at the head over the left shoulder. During burial, the flag must not touch the ground nor be lowered into the grave. To fly at half-staff, the flag should be hoisted to the peak, and then lowered. The opposite applies when lowering the flag from half-staff.
- When the flag is passing in parade, being hoisted or lowered, all present should face it, stand at attention and salute; uniformed persons render the military salute; women and uncovered men place their right hand over their hearts. Men should remove their hats, holding them over their hearts with their right hands.
- No flag or pennant will be flown above or to the right of the U.S. Flag at the same level, except the church pennant. This pennant may be flown above the flag during religious services at sea.
- When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they should be the same size and flown from separate staffs. Customs forbids the flag of one nation to fly over another in peacetime.
- Although the flag should be a distinctive feature at an unveiling of a statue or monument, it should never be used as the covering or veil.

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100 new members so far this fraternal year but now what? Where do we go from here? It's very simple really. We have to engage them; make them feel a part of our organization; find out what their passion is and get them involved; ask them what they want out of their membership in the Knights and then make every effort to satisfy their needs.

And what happens if we are able to engage our members? That ball called momentum is going to pick up speed. The word is going to spread and more men and their families will want to be part of an organization that values each individual and their contributions to our Order, their Parish and community. As we progress through the fraternal year I ask that you continue your commitment and dedication. Shortly after this article is published, Judy and I will have the privilege of attending the State Deputy mid-year meeting in Nashville. We are truly excited and proud for the opportunity to represent our state. I look forward to being able to share the information received with all of you. Thank you for the "Well Begun!" Vivat Jesu!

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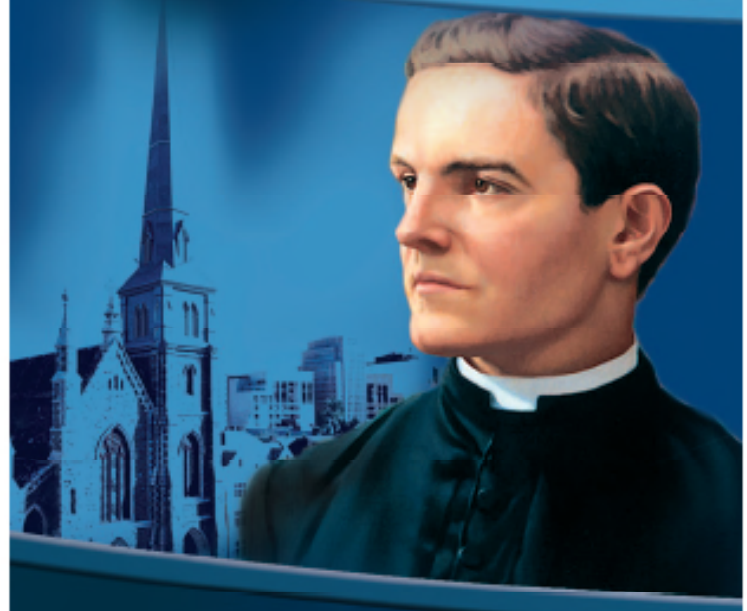
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The bio's on our three seminarians starting this fall, as listed on their website, are:

Justin D. Damask is the son of Paula Damask of Hatley, Wisconsin and the late Michael Damask. He is a 2015 graduate of Newman Catholic High School, Wausau, Wisconsin. He studied philosophy at the University of Dallas, Irving, Texas, in 2018. He also studied mechanical engineering at the University of South Carolina. In 2020 he earned a Ph.B. (bachelor of arts) degree in philosophy from the Catholic University of America, where he studied philosophy and Classical civilizations. In 2021 he received the Ph.L. degree from CUA in philosophy.

Daniel L. Perry is the son of Daniel and Beth Perry of Boiling Springs, South Carolina. He is a 2014 graduate of Landrum High School, Campobello, South Carolina. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in information management systems from the University of South Carolina in 2018. He earned a master of arts degree in philosophical studies for missiology discipleship from Saint Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in 2021.

Erik Roman is the son of Jesus Roman and Martha Erika Roman of Rock Hill, South Carolina. He graduated from Rock Hill High School in 2016. He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy and letters from the University of Dallas, Irving, Texas in 2020. He has studied at Saint Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary.

To gain a better insight into St. Vincent's Philosophy I have included the following:

St. Vincent Seminary's Educational and Vocational Effectiveness Statement: 2017

Saint Vincent Seminary is a Roman Catholic Seminary which provides education and formation for candidates for the Catholic Priesthood. We have developed a variety of direct and indirect assessment measures to evaluate the extent to which our students are achieving the outcomes described in our Saint Vincent Seminary Bulletin for the various degrees and programs they are pursuing. It is to be noted that the failure to meet academic standards is only rarely a determining factor among those who do not continue beyond the Pre-Theology Program and those who withdraw from Seminary formation. Faculty and Administration regularly review the data in ongoing assessment of the educational effectiveness of the Seminary, as well as to measure the success and timely

completion of students in its degree programs.

Critical to an accurate evaluation of any institution's Educational and Vocational Effectiveness is consideration of its mission. The mission of a Roman Catholic Seminary is always twofold—namely, it is first of all a place of vocational discernment to the Roman Catholic Priesthood, and, secondly, it is an academic institution charged with the appropriate education and formation of those who discern a priestly vocation. Discernment of this vocation continues in both an active and passive manner throughout the student's years in the seminary. This means that each student is both being formed and informed. Each student is also being evaluated, not only on the basis of his academics, but also on his human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formation—the so-called, “four pillars” of formation. For this reason, a student who matriculates into a seminary could potentially have the academic ability to perform well and succeed, but, if it is discerned by him or his formation directors, in conjunction with his diocese or sponsor, that he does not have a true vocation to the priesthood, he would not be encouraged to continue in the program and would subsequently withdraw. Another reason for withdrawal is that seminarians are assigned to Roman Catholic Seminaries by their sponsors (Bishops or Religious Superiors). It does happen that from time to time a bishop is changed, resigns, or dies, or might simply change his mind as to where he wants to send his seminarians, and so he withdraws his men from one seminary and sends them to another. All of these reasons account for the fact that in seminaries there tends to be a relatively high attrition rate when compared to regular Colleges or Universities. Because of this fact, when evaluating the educational and vocational effectiveness of a Seminary, one needs to look not only at the graduation percentages, but also at the vocational retention or perseverance rates after graduation. This rate is often more significant since it attests to the value, not only of the academic achievements of the students, but also, to the formation programs of the seminary, the vocational discernment, and the personal commitment of the graduates while they were in the seminary.



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preme offers and provides resources for are great recruitment opportunities as well. Please keep that in mind and use these opportunities to welcome new members to become knights. "Into the Breach" is a wonderful opportunity to welcome men of your parishes into fellowship and gives them a glimpse of the Knights of Columbus. This program can be a platform to gaining new members and should not be overlooked as an opportunity to recruit into our Order. Some other rewarding programs in the Faith category are programs such as "Food for Families" and "Family of the Month". "Food for Families" is a FIA program where not only your council can get involved but the entire parish can get involved through food collections. Another great opportunity to not only put our faith into action but also show our parishes what the Knights of Columbus do and possibly gain a member or more in the process. "Family of the Month" is an easy program that has been underutilized in the past couple of years but my hope is that councils will start to see just how easy this program is to implement and how rewarding it is when a simple certificate or other means of recognition to a family can be in our parish

communities. This program can be a great way to bridge the gap between our members and those that are not yet members as well. These are just a few examples from two of the FIA categories. Take a look at the resources available to you on <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/index.html>. There should not be a council in this state that is not conducting activities that fit into one of our four Faith in Action categories.

Remember to meet with your pastor and find out how your council can get involved in the parish life and let him know about the various FIA programs. Develop your council's programs around the needs of the parish and the pastor.

We have a strong Faith in Action team of directors that are available to answer any questions on the various programs and can aid your councils on how to implement them. Each of them has had successes within their own councils in leading various programs and is familiar with the programs that they oversee. Use their knowledge and contact them with any questions. If I can assist you with any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 803-316-6283 or email me at: hilditchpi@gmail.com

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