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## “Marian Month”

By Deacon Bob Cox, State Spiritual/Faith Director

Greetings my Brother Knights and families! As we start to get back to normalcy, maybe the “new normal,” we still continue with our feast days and religious observances. One of those is coming up next month in October, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, on October 7, 2020.

Apparently, the Church chose October 7<sup>th</sup>. as the feast day and consequently, the month of October, to honor Mary with the title of Our Lady of the Rosary. This was done in honor of a great military victory that occurred on October 7, 1571. What occurred, was the well known Battle of Lepanto. Pope Pius called on the rulers in Western Europe to defeat the Muslim Turks, the Islamic threat as they were on a mission to conquer the Mediterranean nations, including Rome.

Pope Pius called upon all Christians to pray for Our Lady’s intercession by praying the Rosary in public and asking for the Blessed Mother to intercede for them. The Christian fleet, being totally out numbered and seemingly not having a chance of defeating the Muslims, met the invading Turk fleet in battle, on the first Sunday of October 1571.

While the Muslims were surrounding the Christian fleet, European Christians began to pray for Our Lady’s intercession by praying the Rosary. As it turned out, the brisk fighting by the European Christians broke the hold of the Muslims and they either drowned or were driven to shore during the battle. Because of this, Western Europe, and Rome, were saved, and Pope Pius declared an annual day of commemoration to Our Lady of Victory. Because of this, Pope Gregory XIII, Pius’ successor, established that the first Sunday of October would be the feast of the Holy Rosary.

It appears that the Church wanted to thank the Holy Mother by extending its desire to offer thanksgiving to Her for the unbelievable victory at Lepanto, by making the entire month in designation of Her interceding for the Christian fleet. The actual feast day now is always celebrated on October 7<sup>th</sup>. of the current year. That is why we should recite the Rosary (technically it is called a “fourth of the full” Rosary as compared to a “complete/full Rosary” which consists of praying the entire twenty decades) every Sunday before Mass and/or at home in October, if not every day of October. Thanking our Mother, Mary, for her intercession.

Each council should get permission from their priest to have a council member lead the Rosary before every Mass, every weekend in October, in honor of Mary. It would be nice to lead and pray the Rosary before every Mass during the week, if possible. I might also suggest that every council pray/lead the Rosary before at least one weekend Mass every week of the year! As St. Pope John Paul II stated years ago about his favorite prayer, the Rosary, it is the greatest Marian Prayer in the Church. He states, “The Rosary does in fact put us in living communication with Jesus...through his mother’s heart” and “beats the rhythm of life.”

### SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

#### September 2020

- TBD Regional Meetings (In-person)
- TBD Council Soccer Challenge

#### October 2020

- TBD District Soccer Challenge
- 23-25 Diocese of Charleston, Catholic Camporee  
Batesburg, SC

#### November 2020

- 1 Holy Day of Obligation - All Saints’ Day
- 14 State Soccer Challenge - St John Neuman  
School soccer field (Tentative)
- 21 SC District Fourth Degree 82nd Exemption  
(no banquet, social distancing, candidates and  
Sir Knights only) - St Andrew Catholic Church  
- Myrtle Beach, SC

#### December 2020

- 8 Holy Day of Obligation - The Immaculate  
Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary
- 11 - 13 District Deputies Mid-Year Meeting\* - Westin  
Hotel & Resort, Hilton Head, SC

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## From the State Deputy

*Daniel Barton*

Brother Knights,

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

On behalf of the state, I would like to offer congratulations to Michael A. Allen, PSD on his reappointment as the Master of the South Carolina District in the Desoto Province. I know that Mike will continue to do an excellent job and I ask that we all support him.

In the first Reading from the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we heard from the Prophet Isaiah to “seek the LORD while he may be found”. These words today are more profound than ever. Although we continue to wonder about the uncertainties in our local communities due to the coronavirus and civil unrest throughout the country, we must remember to keep calm and to pray. St John Henry Newman said that “prayer is to the spiritual life what the beating of the pulse and the drawing of the breath are to the life of the body”. It is through the power of prayer and the faith to trust in God’s plan, that countless Catholics throughout our history have done some rather amazing feats.

I truly believe that we, as Catholic men and as Knights of Columbus have been called to serve our Church at this exact time in history. While we might face challenges, our growth as Catholic men and servant leaders within our Order begins with the decision to move beyond our present circumstances. Therefore, I strongly encourage each of us to examine our own prayer life. To ask ourselves who recently we have spoken to about our Catholic faith, and what impact for the good we have had on our family and local community. Additionally, to ask ourselves have we invited another Catholic gentleman to become a Knight of Columbus, etc. If we find ourselves falling short in any of these categories, then it is up to us to take the first steps in correcting it.

Lastly, it is with great sadness that I pass along the news that Past State Deputy, William “Bill” C. Russell, and Mrs. Pauline Bissey, the wife of Former Master Robert Bissey, has

## From the Vocations Director

*Jim Weiskircher, Vocations Director*

National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated November 1-7, 2020, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. Please lead the effort in your parish to promote vocations. Ask your pastor if you can put the following announcement in the church bulletin. “National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 1-7, 2020. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God’s gift of a vocation.”

I know that many councils are struggling to raise funds to support their various charities. The Hibernians across the state have asked their pastors if they could raise funds by collecting for seminarians outside of church. If your parish does not have a Hibernian council, consider asking your pastor if you could do the same for the seminarians to help you raise funds for them.

Does your council have a Vocations Chalice? According to the USCCB, “The purpose of the *Chalice Program* is to encourage families to pray and promote vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. The consecrated Chalice is a tangible reminder of this special intention for the Church. The Second Vatican Council highlights the responsibility of the laity to pray for and support vocations. This urgent call has been strongly affirmed in the writings and addresses of both Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI.

Praying for vocations is the most powerful way to support vocations. A vocation is a call from the Holy Spirit, a gift from God that is nurtured in prayer. When we pray for vocations, we lift up to our Father those men and women whom He is calling to follow Him in a very special way. We hope that those who bring the cup home will continue to pray daily for vocations.

Each week at Mass, an assigned family is invited to take the gifts up at the Offertory Procession. At the end of Mass, the family is called by the priest to come forward to receive the chalice bag and a blessing. (This bag contains a consecrated chalice in a wooden chest, a poster of the seminarians to hang up, the prayer card, and stationery to send notes of encouragement to the Seminarians, Priests and Religious). The family takes the chalice home and puts it in a place of honor.

Each day for a week, during prayer time (morning, bedtime or at meals), the family prays for an increase and persever-

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### Patriot's Corner

Michael A. Allen, PSD Master, South Carolina District, DeSoto



vote *always* matters.

It's not just the presidential election in 2020—it's all 435 seats in the House of Representatives, 35 of 100 seats in the Senate, 13 governorships, and more. **Your vote makes a huge difference.**

Simply put, **voting is power.**

Vivat Jesus,

“The theory of democracy is that it is a government for and by the people, and the vote is the basic building block that gives people the power to control their government and to shape what policies they want and the future direction of their town, state, and country,”

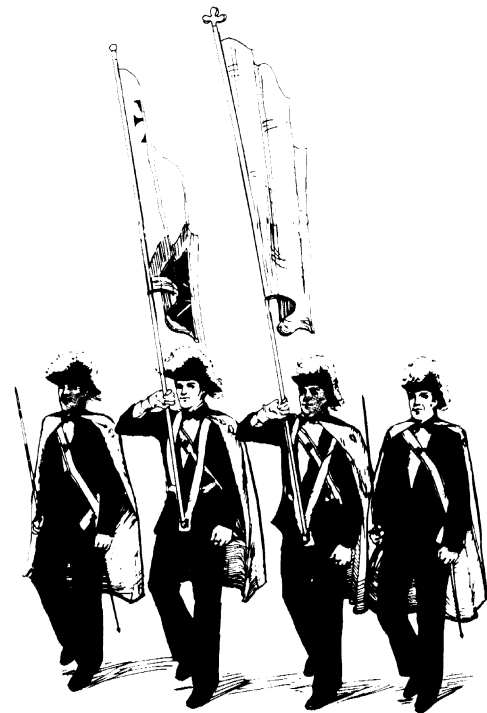
**Rachel Cobb, PhD.** Professor of Government at Suffolk University

Brothers,

The most frustrating thing about the past seven months has been the inability to make plans and stick to them. Regardless of where your opinion of the COVID virus falls, one thing is certain, it has ruined many of our plans this year. I pray that the fervor and voracity of this pandemic is waning, and I believe, that God continues to truly Bless America. So, with my tongue firmly planted in my cheek, I am going to announce the plans for the next two 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplifications. The next one, the 82<sup>nd</sup> will be held in Myrtle Beach on November 21, 2020 at St. Andrew's Parish Hall. The agenda will be out soon. In the interim, please start recruiting. Remember that any Knight that has been through the new exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity is eligible to become a Sir Knight. Also, for the first time in a long while, the 83<sup>rd</sup> exemplification will be in Bluffton at St. Gregory the Great Parish Center on February 20, 2021. Please plan accordingly to get your candidates to which ever degree is most convenient for them. I hope to hold another exemplification around the midlands later in the year. If your Assembly is interested in holding the degree and has room, let me know soon so we can start to make plans.

On a related note, it should come as no surprise to anyone that the goal for Supreme has always and will always be Fr. McGivney's dream of a council in every Parish. To that end, we can start by expanding the number of Patriotic Assemblies in the State. If any Grand Knights are interested in their Council having its own Assembly, please reach out to me, its easier than you might think.

On a little more serious and patriotic topic, its time for Assemblies to take up the banner and start a get out the vote campaign. Voting is one of the most impactful things you can do for yourself and your community. On a large scale, it's easy to think that you're just one person and that your vote doesn't make much of a difference. But remember, your



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## From the State Protocol Chairman

*Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM*

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

I know you are not having any or very few guest's but this is a reminder of how to treat them for when things open back up. Please be safe and wear your mask and remember social distance when out and at meetings.

### STATE DEPUTY OR HIGH RANKING OFFICER VISIT

When the State Deputy, District Master or other high ranking officer is scheduled to attend a Council or Assembly function, always be sure that he is advised of the date, time, place, purpose, type of affair, and other individuals on the program – including their function, and other pertinent data.

If women are to be present, the State Deputy's wife should be invited. Advise her of the appropriate dress for the occasion and arrange for a ladies' committee to greet and welcome her. Always advise the State Deputy and head table guests of the proper dress for the affair.

Offer to arrange hotel facilities for the State Deputy or inform the State Deputy or guest of the most convenient hotel accommodations. Determine his time of arrival and arrange to greet him. If the affair is not a banquet, arrange for someone to offer to take the State Deputy or high-ranking officer to dinner. Arrangements also should be made for travel to the site of the affair and return to the hotel.

On arrival at the site of the affair, the Grand Knight or faithful Navigator and his committee should again greet the high-ranking officer. He should be properly introduced to the other dignitaries in attendance.

In recognition of his high office, special appreciation should always be expressed to him for his visit to the function. Arrange proper speaking facilities, including podium, podium light and microphone.

The State Deputy is the highest elected official in the jurisdiction and proper attention must be given to seating arrangements. Other high ranking officers need to be seated according to protocol.

If there is additional entertainment after the banquet, a special table for the high-ranking officers should be arranged so that they will be with the Grand Knight or faithful Navigator and other dignitaries.

The master of ceremonies should be provided with a resume of the State Deputy and other head table guests so that he can make proper introductions. If glossy photographs are required for publicity purposes, they should be requested directly from the guest.

If some other high-ranking official, not a Knight of Columbus member or member of a different council, is invited to attend

a Council or Assembly function, the sponsoring organization should extend the same courtesies as those suggested for use with the State Deputy and high-ranking officers of the Order.

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passed away. I ask that you keep both of them as well as all our deceased brother knights and their family members in your thoughts and prayers.

Fraternally Yours,

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ance of vocations. They can also send a note of support to a Seminarian, Priest or Sister. The following Sunday the family returns the chalice bag for another family to take home." I am still in need of councils to support several of our new guys entering the program. If your council is able to sponsor a seminarian please let me know and I will work with you to make sure that all seminarians are supported equally. Because of the Covid-19, refunds for last year RSVP is running behind. Please wait until October 1<sup>st</sup> before asking me to follow up with Supreme.



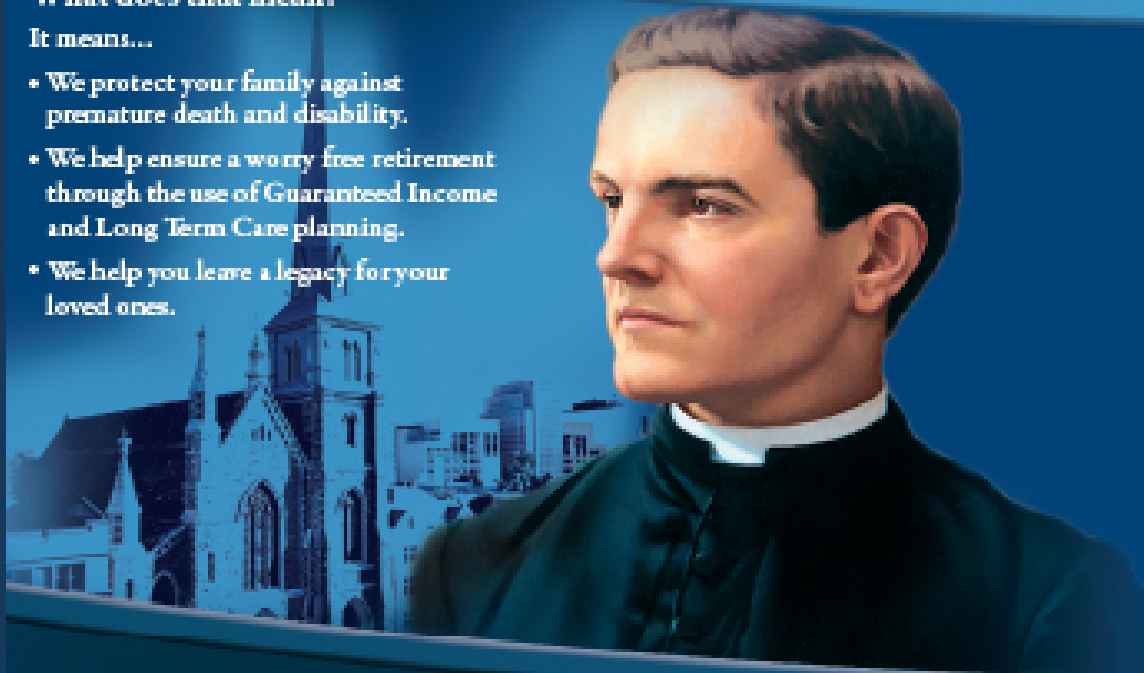
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