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Grand Knight's Message



Worthy Knights of Council 11991

The Biblical Significance of the Month of March:

The entire month of March is the liturgical season of Lent which is represented by the liturgical color violet or purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. All saint days that are usually Memorials are shifted to Optional Memorials during the season of Lent.



A Time of Penance and Promise

Here and there in the stark March landscape, a few plants and trees are beginning to give evidence of the new life that winter's frost and chill had concealed from our eyes. The Church's vibrant new life has been obscured, too, by the austerity of the penitential season of Lent. But that life is indisputable, and it will burgeon forth on Easter as Christ coming forth from his tomb!

At the beginning of this month, we will embark on our journey to the cross by receiving ashes and donning the purple of penance. During this month our journey to the cross with our acts of penitence. We will reflect on our mortality (Remember man thou art dust) and the shortness of life (and to dust thou shall return). We will heed the call, now is the acceptable time, now is "the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2)." Just like Our Lord's earthly life

every moment of our lives is leading up to the last moment—when for eternity we will either go to God or suffer the fires of hell.

The Solemnity of the Annunciation bravely appears during Lent, a pure white flower in the purple Lenten landscape. It seems to be, at first glance, a Christmas feast, but upon reflection we grasp that the feast is intimately linked to the Paschal mystery. For what Christ inaugurated at His Incarnation in accepting to offer himself for the human race, he will complete in his sacrifice on the cross.

As the weeks of Lent progress let us not tire of doing our good works and penance, but continue with the enthusiasm of the catechumens on their way to Easter and Baptism. May our Lenten observance be a joyful journey — and not a forced march.

Opening Grand Knight Comments:

On February 7th, the Council submitted the State Awards for Life, Faith, Community and Family Faith In Action including Council of the Year to the State Program Director. We will see if the Council will be in the running to win one of these, especially the back-to-back Council of the Year Award. Thank you to each of you for your contributions to the Council!

From an Activity standpoint, February volunteer hours are consistent from previous January's, near 1,000 hours. The month of activities are 1st Friday Adoration, Ash Wednesday Masses, Fish Fry, Can tab pulling and bagging, Men at

Peace Ministries, Cor Evangelization, Service Sunday, Knights volunteering their time at the soup kitchen at United Methodist Church, Multiple St. Patrick's Day ticket sales at Masses, Pro-life Rosary at Planned Parenthood and Exemplification.

In the spirit of mentoring, training and smooth Business Meeting and Council transitions into the 2026 / 2027 Fraternal Year, the WDGK will lead a couple Business Meetings. Please support the WDGK as he learns and leads. This is important step in succession planning process. Recognition is given to the WDGK Brian for leading the February 5th, 2026, Business Meeting!

Due to numerous Certificates to read and hand out to recognize our Knights under "Good of the Order", please read the Communicator on your own. We trying to keep this Meeting at one hour, we will do our best!

Please include many of our Knights, Ladies and families in your prayers. Some are still recovering from illnesses of all kinds, surgeries, post cancer treatments, the loss of spouses or family members. Even though you may see a smile on each one's face, they maybe be suffering inside...Please be mindful, provide grace, gentle reminder that you care and a smile in return...

The Council's continued focus will be:

- Supporting our Parish and Priests when and where needed.

- Closing out the *next 3 months strong*...
- Membership, Retention and Member's Engagement.
- Pro-Life – Rosary at Planned Parenthood
- ASAP – St. Clare Home – LCPC.
- Roundtable interaction and integration into Council roles and activities.
- Continue to Vent the Affiliate Membership status as needed.
- Cor Evangelization.

High Impact Announcements:

- As always:
 - o Please provide Knight of the Month and Family of the Month suggestions to me.
 - o If any improvement actions are seen by the Membership, please bring them directly to me.
 - o Please throw away old calendars, I suggest going into UKnight to review the most current calendar. This is the best process to have the updated Calendar.
- Did you get your St. Patrick's Day benefitting the Columbus Hope Foundation tickets yet? Please see WDGK for your tickets. As you know, this is the largest fund-raising event meeting the goal of \$8,550.00.
- Thank you to those who helped on February 20th, 2026, Fish Fry. This was another hit! Help is needed for the 2nd

Fish Fry that is planned on March 6th, 2026, as you know, all hands-on deck is needed from setup to cleanup. This will be long day, please see me or SK Tim Zayac where help is needed.

· **Due to scheduling conflicts, April Business Meeting has been moved to April 16th, 2026. The remaining months in the 2025 / 2026 Fraternal Year will remain on the 1st Thursday of the month.**

· Also, due to Lent and Community Center availability, the Highway Cleanup has been moved to March 14th, 2026.

· The Silver Rose will be coming to South Carolina from April 19th – May 16th, 2026 – stay tuned for additional information...

· As always, to reiterate...I thank you to the Membership for your continued dedication and support providing your time within the Charities.

As Grand Knight, I am very humbled to the Membership for the accomplishments the Council made. This is your Council, the time each of you invested shows good work. Words cannot express the sincerity that I have to each of you. What I can say, is thank you... thank you!

What did we accomplish in February 2026

2/4/2026	Men at Peace
2/5/2026	Rosary prior to the Business Meeting
2/5/2026	Business Meeting
2/6/2026	1st Friday Adoration
2/7/2026	Can tab pulling and bagging
2/7/2026	Ticket Sales for Columbus Hope - St Patrick's Day Social
2/8/2026	Ticket Sales for Columbus Hope - St Patrick's Day Social
2/10/2026	St Francis Caracciolo Café
2/11/2026	Cor Evangelization / Into the Breach
2/13/2026	Preparation Meeting for St Patrick's Day Social
2/14/2026	Ticket Sales for Columbus Hope - St Patrick's Day Social
2/15/2026	Ticket Sales for Columbus Hope - St Patrick's Day Social
2/15/2026	Service Sunday
2/17/2026	Shove Tuesday
2/18/2026	Men at Peace
2/18/2026	Parish Council Meeting
2/19/2026	Exemplification
2/20/2026	Fish Fry
2/21/2026	Can tab pulling and bagging
2/21/2026	Rosary at Planned Parenthood
2/21/2026	Ticket Sales for Columbus Hope - St Patrick's Day Social
2/22/2026	Ticket Sales for Columbus Hope - St Patrick's Day Social
2/21/2026	Pro-life Rosary at Planned Parenthood
2/26/3036	O & D Meeting
2/28/2026	Ticket Sales for Columbus Hope - St Patrick's Day Social

- **Create passion and excitement in what we do.**
- **Embrace Retention and Engagement.**
- **Communicate effectively with everyone.**
- **Quality, not Quantity in what we do...**
- **Keeping our Council Financially healthy.**
- **Recognition to those who do good work.**
- **Continue to support the charities and ministries.**
- **Keeping Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism in what we do...**
- **I am humbled and honored to be your Grand Knight and will do my best!**

- Thank you for your support!

Grand Knight Summary:

- **Added participation is needed from those we have not seen, we need your help!**
- **We will empower Knights, when that happens, we empower progress....**
- **We must keep moving, keep encouraging, keep mentoring and recognizing others, we must provide the knowledge we know to others...**
- **Together, we all can achieve more...**
- **This is *your* Council, thank you to each of you for your continued efforts for the recent accomplishments!**
- **Uniting all Knights, inspiring change...**

VIVAT JESUS!!

**SK Keith Eicher
Grand Knight**



Lecturer's Corner
March 2026 – Lent continues

As Lent 2026 continues, let us continue our spiritual renewal through our Lenten sacrifice. Let us bring simplicity to our lives through less dependence on technology, possessions and the spending of less money. Perhaps it would allow us to increase our charity.

Let us repent for our sins, being truly sorrowful for our sins and turn away from sin and toward as life of holiness, as we

imitate Christ's sacrifice during his journey into the desert.

Although we begin Holy Week on Sunday, March 29, we also recall that date as the day that Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus.

Pray the prayer for his canonization daily.

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Hail Holy Queen...
V/ Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R/ That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Cor EFF meeting – March 11th at 7 pm in the Community Center

Fraternally
Vivat Jesus
Denis Ferrara
Lecturer

**KNIGHTS PROUD OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP WILL WEAR THEIR
NAME BADGES ANYTIME THEY ARE AT CHURCH**

From our Financial Secretary:

Brothers,

!!! Just a reminder !!! 😊

It's that time of year again, dues are due for calendar year 2026! They were due by January 1st, 2026! Dues for 2026 remain \$40. This covers your membership from January 1st, 2026 to December 31st, 2026. Payment of your dues in a timely manner ensure that our Council 11991 can continue our charitable works.

You can pay your dues by mailing me a \$40 check made out to Knights of Columbus Council 11991. Or, you can pay me at a meeting or a social. My mailing information is below.

Also, we are now accepting dues payments via Zelle to the Synovus Bank. Our Zelle account is the same as my e-mail:

tomrisso01@gmail.com Paying through Zelle deposits your payment right into our

Thanks!

Tom

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checking account! Once your payment is made, I will get a notice via e-mail from the Synovus Bank. Please pick-up your membership card at a meeting or a social to save the 78 cents cost to mail it!

One last thing, the KofC South Carolina State Council is having a raffle to benefit the charities we support! If you are interested in tickets to support this cause, please see me at a meeting or a social for tickets. You will need to fill-out the ticket stub(s) and return the filled-out portion to me to get in the drawing! Donation for a ticket is \$5 each. You can write one check or Zelle for both dues and tickets!

If you have any questions, please contact me! Again, my contact information is listed below!

Our Birthdays:

06 Mar - Fabian Hernandez, 06 Mar - Juan Carlos Izaguirre,
06 Mar - Giuseppe K Schepisi, 07 Mar -Rev. Binil J Attappattu, CRM,
07 Mar - Brandon O Torres, 08 Mar - Antonio Caballero,
10 Mar - Marcos Antonio Marcia, 10 Mar - Ivan Miguel,
11 Mar - Gregorio P Baltero Cruz, 11 Mar - Alan J. P. Miles,
12 Mar - Javier Acosta, 15 Mar - Joseph L O'Saben,
16 Mar - Jon C Allen, 17 Mar -Rev. Noly N Berjuega, CRM,
17 Mar - Michael G Boone, 19 Mar - William R Starnes,
21 Mar - Kenneth E Kosobud, 22 Mar - Gustavo Figueroa,
24 Mar -Br. Robert Dunigan Jr, 25 Mar - Gustavo A Cobenas,
25 Mar - Robert A Paul, 26 Mar - Hector Daniel Burgos-Rodriguez,
26 Mar - Alfonso Richard Leon II, 27 Mar -Rev. Disman Bahati,
27 Mar - Roberto Hernandez, 27 Mar - Jason L Phillips,
29 Mar - Hector R Natal, 31 Mar - Eugene Cuvin Hari,
31 Mar - Abe A Merriam,

Our Anniversaries:

02 Mar - Nicholas A & Alex (Jacqueline) Bogart
06 Mar - Alex S & Aida Batu
15 Mar - Danilo A & Anita Cariaga
25 Mar - Robert & Mary Lopez

Links

Below are some web links to the training courses needed to work with youth in both the Diocese and the K of C (Hold your control key while you click on the link to go directly to these websites)

Diocese Safe Haven Training

[Prevention Education – Safe Haven Training – South Carolina Catholic \(charlestdioocese.org\)](http://charlestdioocese.org)

Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Training

[Youth Protection - Safe Environment Program | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](http://kofc.org)

Boy Scouts Youth Protection Training

[Youth Protection | Boy Scouts of America \(scouting.org\)](http://scouting.org)

Father McGivney Guild

[Father Michael J. McGivney Guild | Knights of Columbus \(fathermcgivney.org\)](http://fathermcgivney.org)

Supreme “For Members Only” website has training opportunities and other resources for all officers, directors and members. GKs, DGKs, Chancellors, Financial Secretary, Membership Directors and others have specific training modules they should complete. Plus, there are the Fraternal Training Webinars, Officer Resources, Faith in Action Videos, “How to” Videos, and much more...

For Members Only

[For Members - General Members | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](http://kofc.org)

Fraternal Programs Report Form – Form 10784

Please do this if you are the Director or Chairman on any program to record our council achievements.

[Faith in Action Program Forms | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](http://kofc.org)

Under Form number, choose "10784"

At the right of that form number, Click on "Online Preferred Method"

You will be asked to enter your member number and last name

An email will be sent to your email on file with Supreme. Hopefully it is correctly filed.

Complete the form for the **Faith in Action** program you are reporting on.

A PDF copy of the completed form will be sent to the GK and you as a receipt

Monthly Calendar

March 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Ticket Sales in the Vestibule - Columbus Hope Foundation Social	2	3	4 Men at Peace - AMC room 4	5 Rosary 6:30 pm Business Meeting 7:00 pm	6 Fish Fry 8:00 am 1st Friday Adoration - Knights timing 9pm - 10pm	7 Immaculate Conception's Day at 40 Days For Life 7AM to 7PM Can Tabs Pulling and Bagging Ticket Sales in the Vestibule - Columbus Hope Foundation Social
8 Ticket Sales in the Vestibule - Columbus Hope Foundation Social	9 Assembly 3697 - Business Meeting at Club 67 - Hanahan	10 St Francis Caracciolo Cafe 9:00 am	11 Cor Evangelization - Community Center	12	13	14 Highway Cleanup Columbus Hope Foundation Social Preparation @ Social Hall St Patricks Day Social 6:00 pm
15 Blood Drive - Community Center Service Sunday	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Parish Council - AMC 7:00 pm Men at Peace - AMC room 4	19 K of C Exemplification	20	21 Pro-Life Rosary at Clinic 8:00 am Can Tabs Pulling and Bagging
22	23	24	25	26 O & D Meeting 7:00 pm	27	28
29 Palm Sunday K of C Founder's Day	30	31	1 Men at Peace - AMC room 4	2 1st Friday Adoration	3 Good Friday	4 Can Tabs Pulling and Bagging

Monthly Calendar

April 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29 Palm Sunday K of C Founder's Day	30	31	1 Men at Peace - AMC room 4	2 1st Friday Adoration	3 Good Friday	4 Can Tabs Pulling and Bagging
5 Easter	6	7	8 Cor Evangelization - Community Center	9	10	11
12	13 K of C Assembly 3697 - Business Meeting - CLub 67 - Hanahan	14 St Francis Caracciolo Cafe 9:00 am	15 Parish Council - AMC 7:00 pm Men at Peace - AMC room 4	16 Rosary 6:30 pm Business Meeting 7:00 pm	17 Taste of Goose Creek Setup 10:00 am	18 Pro-Life Rosary at Clinic 8:00 am Taste of Goose Creek 9:00 am Can Tabs Pulling and Bagging
19 Service Sunday	20	21	22	23 O & D Meeting 7:00 pm	24	25 Food Drive - Benefitting the Felician Center at Masses
26 Food Drive - Benefitting the Felician Center at Masses	27	28	29	30 K of C Council 11991 - Planning Meeting	1	2

Monthly Calendar

May 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26 Food Drive - Benefitting the Felician Center at Masses	27	28	29	30 K of C Council 11991 - Planning Meeting	1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Business Meeting 1:00 pm Rosary 6:30 pm	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12 St Francis Caracciolo Cafe 9:00 am	13	14 Ascension of the Lord	15	16 Armed Forces Day Pro-Life Rosary at Clinic 1:00 pm
17	18	19	20 Parish Council - AMC 7:00 pm	21	22	23
24 Pentecost	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28 O & D Meeting 7:00 pm	29	30
31	1	2	3	4 Business Meeting 1:00 pm Rosary 6:30 pm	5	6

You can also see our future monthly calendars at our Council Uknigh web site:
<http://www.kofcknights.org/councilsite/events.asp?CNO=11991>