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“Our Lady”

By Deacon Bob Cox, State Spiritual Advisor

Greetings my Brother Knights and families! Let me ask you a question or two: “Where has the summer gone to?!” And “Where has the year gone to?!” It’s hard to believe that this is the middle of September already!

Speaking of September, September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. On September 15th, the Church will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. This celebration is the day after the Feast of the Holy Cross, to show the close connection between Jesus’ Passion and Mary’s Sorrows.

By honoring our Lady, we are drawn into the spiritual martyrdom that the Blessed Mother experienced during the physical martyrdom of Jesus. The evils of sin are manifest but conquered through intense suffering. The Blessed Mother’s tears of anguish reflect God’s washing away of sin.

The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows commemorates the profound union of heart that existed between the Mother of the Redeemer and the Savior, through which she experienced many interior sorrows as a consequence of His mission to save mankind, but particularly during His Passion and His Death on the Cross.

“Do you remember that the Biblical origin of the memorial of our Lady of Sorrows is found in the Infancy Narrative of the Gospel of Luke when, during the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, Simeon told the Blessed Mother Mary, ‘You yourself a sword will pierce (Lk 2:35)?’ It was a deeply disturbing message on what should have been an extremely joyful day. Simeon forewarned Mary that she would endure much hardship in the future: burdens, anxiety, pain and suffering, tears and mourning. It was unknown when it would happen, or how hard it would be, but trouble surely was coming. The announcement itself was a sorrow for Mary.” (Fr. Michael Van Sloun)

The 7 Sorrows of Mary are: Sorrows 1-3 are Simeon’s painful prediction, the panic-stricken flight into Egypt along with the years spent as a refugee, and the acute anxiety of losing her Son for three days. The final 4 Sorrows are her encounter with Jesus as He carried His Cross, the torment of standing at the Foot of the Cross, the torment of standing at the Foot of the Cross to witness her Son’s suffering and death, the anguish of receiving His lifeless body in her arms as He was taken down from the Cross, and the grief of watching her Son’s burial as He was laid in the tomb that Joseph of Arimathea had donated for the burial of Jesus. (The History of the Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows article by Fr. Sloun)

In simple terms, the Seven Sorrows of Mary are:

The Prophecy of Simeon

The Flight into Egypt

The loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple

Mary meets Jesus on the Way to Calvary

Mary stands at the Foot of the Cross

Mary receives the Body of Jesus from the Cross

Jesus is placed in the Tomb

This Rosary prayer is recited on a special Rosary that has 7 sections (like the decade in a regular Rosary) with 7 Hail Mary beads and 7 Our Father beads and the Main Medal at the beginning. This is a beautiful prayer and reminder of Mary’s sorrows.

The Legion of Mary at St. Ann in Florence led the Seven Sorrows of Our Blessed Mother Rosary on Wednesday evenings during Lent, after praying Mary’s Way of the Cross, then went to the Hall for food and enjoyed Fr. Toup’s Lenten Journey DVD’s and workbook and had great discussions afterward.

I would suggest that your Councils could do the same thing. Actually, anytime of the year, but especially during Lent. Step up, Knights of Columbus! What better way to evangelize the men in your parishes or to evangelize all of your Parishioners! Viva Cristo Rey! Deacon Bob Cox

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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED



From the State Deputy

Jeffrey Crouch

Brother Knights,

As we approach the end of the first quarter of the Fraternal Year, all I can say is WOW! We are in the middle of the largest growth the Order has seen since 1983. Many Councils in South Carolina are already part of this statistic. Council 17760 and 6891 have already passed the 100% mark of their annual intake quota and have earned the Supreme Incentive for the first quarter. Council 6892 is only one member away. And many more Councils are getting Fraternal Benefit Events and Membership Drives scheduled.

Some of this success would not be possible without the engagement of our Hispanic Brother Knights. On September 3, my family and I attended the 25th Anniversary picnic for Blessed Trinity Council 12274. They began an amazing journey two years ago to integrate their Council with the Hispanic community for the betterment of the Parish. I could not have been prouder to see Charter Members engaging with their Hispanic Brothers all afternoon! The efforts at Blessed Trinity have contributed to the many successes at other Councils throughout the State. As the Supreme Council recognizes September 15 to October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month, I challenge you to reflect on and celebrate the contributions of Hispanic men and their families in your Council, Parish, and communities.

The second quarter of the Fraternal Year is always a busy one. From recruitment drives to fall festivals; from soccer shootouts and coats for kids to the approaching holiday season; and this year we are asking you to explore bringing COR to your Parish. We had three Knights participate in the COR training in New Haven, CT at the end of August. Their report and information were distributed to all Grand Knights. I am pleased to report that we already have three Councils actively implementing COR at their Parish. As we receive feedback, we will communicate best practices to all. If your Council needs assistance in finding resources or getting started with COR, please contact Alexander Kirby at axkirby@gmail.com or 843-607-3464.

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!

Columbus HOPE Foundation

Mike Allen, PSD, DM



The goal of the Knights is not to create divides between different groups of people. Rather, our goal is to “walk worthy of the calling you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace” ([Ephesians 4:1-6](#)). Here and all over the New Testament we hear the common exhortation to be unified, to be one body, to have distinction – yes – but never at the expense of unity ([1 Corinthians 1:10](#), [Ephesians 2:11](#), [1 Corinthians 12](#), [Colossians 3:14-15](#), [Romans 12:3-5](#)).

Integration of all fosters unity but it also takes hard work. I’m not an expert on intellectual disabilities. I simply have personal experience and a desire to see the Knights take active steps toward love of their intellectually disabled neighbors. Though the Bible does not discuss intellectual disability directly, it does provide several passages and examples to form a theology of disability. In the Old Testament, God’s care for the image of God and the counter-cultural ways that David, and all other Israelites, accepted the disabled is a testimony that God has always and will always care for the marginalized and misunderstood. In the New Testament, Jesus’ resurrected body bears the marks of his earthly death, which communicates that disabilities do not scare God, nor does the resurrection mean that this integral part of a person with an intellectual disability is inherently sinful and must be perfected. Personhood is the foundation of integration. As with any minority group, the image of God must be the starting point. There is no us vs. them in the kingdom of God. The Knights fall under the unifying banner of Jesus Christ. Each member bears his or her individual strengths and weaknesses, but their value is found *first* in the life breathed into them by God. With that as the foundation, the Knights can then plan to care for people with intellectual disabilities while also asking

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Patriot's Corner

Michael Allen, PSD, DM



“If the family is going to prevail, it will be because husbands and fathers accept their God-given responsibilities for leadership in the family and lead then in paths of Righteousness, Integrity, Honesty and Decency, to love their children and care for those that depend on them.” Dr. James Dobson Brothers:

In a complete twist of fate, I'm back as District Master, once again to fill an open position left by my predecessor whose leadership was not overlooked by the Supreme Master. Before I jump into the business of the fourth degree of the province, I want to take a short break to thank the giants who went before me. First, a huge thank you to Thomas Monahan, PSD, FVSM who brought the Sir Knights of the DeSoto Province a long way in four years. Thanks for your leadership and mentorship. Between Tom and Paul Burchell, PSD the spotlight is shining brightly on South Carolina again. Also, it brings me joy to thank not just a predecessor and leader of the fourth degree, but a good friend of many years, Daniel Barton, PSD, FDM who will be taking over as Vice Supreme Master of the DeSoto Province.



Now, let's roll up our sleeves and think about this for a second. The generation in grade school today will never know or even meet a WW II veteran. The next generation will not be taught about the greatest generation, their sacrifices, or America's involvement in the wars, let alone the benefits of defeating the enemy. Instead, they will more than likely be taught that America was wrong to get involved and that Socialism, Marxism, and Communism are values worth defending.


Can we sit around idly and watch this happen? Can Knights of Columbus look the other way while our children are taught that science is God and morals are relative, and the truth is whatever you believe, or worse whatever the polls say it is? For me, the answer is a loud resounding NO! My hope is that you feel the same, if you do, then the fourth degree may just be what you're looking for.

Vivat Jesus!

Now is the time to rise to the challenge.

Thank you and God bless you this Year!



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From the State Protocol Chairman

Richard A. Gabriel, PSD

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

STATE DEPUTY OR HIGH-RANKING OFFICER VISITS

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 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 higher 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 of the State Deputy and other head table guests so that

he can make proper introductions.

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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how each member of our organization can contribute. I ask that with your God given abilities you please give to the fullest. Thank you for all you do.

Mike Allen, PSD, DM
President CHF

Board Members Wanted

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

Looking for Knights from the following Deaneries.

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| Myrtle Beach | Columbia |
| Rock Hill | Beaufort |

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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