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“Holy Rosary”

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Greetings my Brother Knights and families! All Hallows Eve is almost upon us! (I’m suspecting that I will be asked to house sit and pass out candy either in E. Columbia or Mt. Pleasant!) Then begins All Saints’ Day followed by All Souls’ Day. Something I might suggest that you and your councils participate in for November is to do what my (St. Ann in Florence) Legion of Mary does, we go to a cemetery once a week and pray the Rosary for the souls of the faithfully departed Catholics that are laid to rest in that cemetery. There are four weeks in November, so we visit four different cemeteries in the month of November, one per week on Tuesdays. We even have a parishioner or two that join us for this solemn, holy occasion.

Speaking of the Rosary, October is the Month of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Last month, I outlined for you the Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary, as September was the Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary. As September honored the Seven Sorrows of Mary, we learned that our sorrowful Mother could teach us much about the sanctity of suffering and be a source of consolation to us in our own suffering and trials. We learned how to call upon our perfect Mother, who desires to comfort us and to point us to her Son.

In this month’s article, I would like to share the Seven Promises of the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Through St. Bridget of Sweden, Mary made these Seven Promises to those who are devoted to meditating on her Seven Sorrows: 1.) I will grant peace to their families; 2.) They will be enlightened about the divine mysteries; 3.) I will console them in their pains, and I will accompany them in their work; 4.) I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my Divine Son or the sanctification of their souls; 5.)

I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives; 6.) I will visibly help them at the moment of their death. They will see the face of their Mother; 7.) I have obtained this grace from my Divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolors (sorrows), will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy. (Diocese of Charleston)

The Rosary, clearly Marian in character, has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, and is an echo of the prayer of Mary. With the Rosary, Christians can sit at the school of Mary and reflect on the face of Jesus and experience the depths of His Love.

Why pray the Rosary today? Answer: In order to grow in holiness and in one’s prayer life.

“Among all the devotions approved by the Church, none has been so favored by so many miracles as the devotion of the Most Holy Rosary.” ---Bl. Pope Pius IX

“There is no surer means of calling down God’s blessings upon the family...than the daily recitation of the Rosary.”-- --Pope Pius XII

“How beautiful is the family that recites the Rosary every evening.” ---St. Pope John Paul II

A couple of side notes on the Rosary: we just celebrated the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. and Padre Pio boldly stated that the weapon to fight evil with is the ROSARY! He goes on to say that the devil hates the praying of the Rosary and the devil hates Mary and the prayer of our Mother, the Hail Mary. So, PRAY THE ROSARY!! Especially, the Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary!

God is Good...All the Time! Blessings, Deacon Bob Cox

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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

November 2023

18 State Soccer Shootout, Columbia, SC

December 2023

8-10 DD Midyear Meeting, Hilton Head Island, SC

16 PSD Luncheon, Summerville, SC

January 2024

6 Proudly Pro-Life March/Rally, Columbia, SC

7 Hispanic Fourth Degree Exemplification, Columbia

February 2024

3 Grand Knight Midyear Meeting, Columbia, SC

10 Fourth Degree Exemplification, Lexington, SC



From the State Deputy

Jeffrey Crouch
Brother Knights,

When our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly asked us to join him in a day of fasting and prayer, for all those suffering due to the conflicts in the Middle East, in solidarity with Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzabella on October 17, he reminded us that “Together in prayer, we can beg Christ’s mercy and peace upon all who are suffering.”

At the beginning of this Fraternal Year, I introduced a theme: Zeal to Further. I shared that zeal is a strong, action-oriented desire to advance in the spiritual life; that it puts love of Christ, the love of the Eucharist, into action. This was followed by a challenge to spend an extra five minutes a day each week in prayer to symbolize this love of Christ and then see where you will go from there. I encourage you in the next month, to watch the “Into the Breach” series video entitled Prayer. This is a 12-minute video that discusses the need for prayer in the life of every man. If you have watched it before, watch it again. Then try to pray an additional five minutes a day. There is no shortage of reasons why we need to pray now more than ever. Join me!

It is no secret that for Supreme to consider a Council or a State Council as successful, that success is based on membership growth. If last year was the best year we have ever had in SC, we are currently performing at 50% higher than last year at this time. While this is tremendous, the actual success that you and I look for in a Council is based on these new members getting engaged. I believe we have a very dynamic State team this year and all the Knights who have volunteered are eager to help you engage your current and new members. If you are having trouble implementing a program, or need help with a recruiting drive, please reach out to your District Deputy, your Field Agent, or any of the Directors listed in this newsletter. These men have volunteered to support all Councils and help them achieve success by however your Council measures it. I will be attending the State Deputy Midyear Meeting November 3-5 in Denver, CO. I look forward to sharing any new information from Supreme upon my return. Additionally, there will be a lot of communications in the coming weeks and months, including a call for applications for State Officers and Delegates to the Supreme Convention for next fraternal year. If you are preparing to apply to be a delegate, please note the Supreme Convention is in Quebec, Canada and you will need an up-to-date passport. Note that it is currently taking up to 12 weeks to complete the process.

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

It doesn’t take much effort to do what everyone else is doing. A dead fish can float downstream; it takes a live one to swim upstream. It’s easy to be common. The pressure comes when you decide to be uncommon. – Joel Osteen

Spirituality is viewed as a vital aspect of humanity, but the health benefits of spirituality are extensive as well. There are many studies highlighting the health benefits of spirituality, in particular the positive impacts related to emotional and mental health. Spirituality may become a key factor in helping individuals cope with illness, negative health conditions, experience healing, and express the integration of mind, body, and spirit to achieve a sense of wholeness.

The first point I’m trying to make is that People with ID need to have a reference for their self-identity. When they see Catholic men helping them, it not only gives them a sense of self-worth, but it also gives them something to believe in and to look forward to. To many people the hope of an eternity in heaven gives this life meaning and joy.

I can’t thank you enough for what you do for these South Carolinians on the periphery.

The second, is that it is almost time to send out grant applications to our favorite Charities.

We send out State Grant applications every year around the beginning of December for the Grants that we will give out in July at the Drive meeting. If you know of any Charities that your council supports or one that would benefit from an extra Grant from Columbus Hope Foundation, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can get them on the list.

The main criteria are that they work specifically with Intellectually Disabled individuals and be a non-profit organization registered with the IRS and the Secretary of State.

Thank you for all you do.

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Patriot's Corner

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“This world is no place for Catholic Chickens.” -- Mother Angelica God and the Devil Are in Conflict

In the Bible, the Gospel of Matthew offers a glimpse behind the scenes of the conflict between these two kingdoms:

They brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see. All the people were astonished and said, “Could this be the Son of David?” (Matthew 12:22–24.)

In response to Jesus freeing the man from his demon and healing his blindness and muteness, a group of Pharisees accuse Jesus of using Satan’s power to drive out demons. They say He is trying to fool people into following Him. **But Jesus answers them:**

“Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand. If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand? And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your people drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. “Whoever is not with Me is against Me, and whoever does not gather with Me scatters.” (Matthew 12:25–30.) There’s a lot at stake in this conflict, and **Satan isn’t playing games.** The very fact that Jesus is casting out demons should be seen as a confirmation of His message that the kingdom of God has come.

Then Jesus lays out a fundamental truth: **There are no sidelines in this war. The kingdom of God has come, and we’re either with Jesus or against Him.** There are a million ways to oppose Jesus’ work in the world, but those who are with Him are focused on the same goal: building His kingdom by both knowing and following Him and by helping others to know him too.

Into the breach: An Apostolic Exhortation to Catholic Men Puts it this way:

“We must attack Satan. We don’t sit back and just try to ward him off, but we go forward with our faith. We put on the armor of God, and every single day try to slay that dragon.”

The fourth degree of the Knights of Columbus say it like this:

We’re all on a journey, We’re all on a mission. As Catholic men and men of integrity, our mission is to share

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From the State Protocol Chairman

Richard A. Gabriel, PSD

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

Marks of Respect for the Flag of the United States

- The National Flag should be flown daily from sunrise to sunset in good weather from public buildings, schools, permanent staff s in the open and near polling places on election days. The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed. The flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.
 - The flag should always be flown on national and state holidays and on those occasions proclaimed by the President. On Memorial Day, the Ensign shall be half staffed until noon.
 - The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
- It should never be dipped to any person or thing nor should it ever be displayed with the union down except as a signal of dire distress.
- The flag should never be allowed to touch anything beneath it, nor should it ever be carried flat or horizontally –always aloft and free.
 - It should never be used as drapery or decoration, for carrying or holding anything, or stored in such a manner that it will be damaged or soiled.
 - The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in anymanner whatsoever, nor should any picture, drawing, insignia or other decoration be placed upon should not be embroidered on personal items nor printed on anything designed for temporary use and then discarded.
 - When the flag is so worn or soiled that it is no longer suitable for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified manner, preferably by burning.
 - For rules on Posting the Colors, please refer to the Patriotic Degree ceremonial book.

Next month I will have the Ceremony for Disposal of the U.S. Flag.

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our experiences with the community. That means putting on the uniform of the Knights and standing guard at a brother’s wake service, standing at a Rosary line for life, posting the colors at a sporting event, walking in a Veteran’s Day parade, or any of a thousand ways that we proudly show our support for our country and our Lord.

Please join me in the Spiritual Battle before us. Remember, Satan isn’t playing games, and neither should we!
Now is the time to rise to the challenge.

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Save the Date

*South Carolina
March For Life
January 6, 2024
USC’s Russell House
to the State Capitol*



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