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## “May, the Month of Mary”

By Deacon Bob Cox

Greetings my Brother Knights and families! I hope everyone enjoyed an Easter filled with the Grace and Love of the Risen Savior and prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Divine Mercy Sunday! Such spiritual gifts for us! Now we must prepare for the arrival of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost Sunday!

During the month of May, we celebrate our Mother, Mary! Did you know that according to tradition, May was dedicated to Mary back in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century? Some scholars say that this celebration was designed to counter several pagan cult holidays back in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century. Probably, the more realistic reason for this May Celebration is that May is the time of growth, of springtime, when nature approaches the pinnacle of its delicacy and elegance.

It is common practice for parishes to celebrate and devote the month of May to Mary. Often, it is common for the Rosary to be recited before every Mass, whether daily Mass or Sunday Mass. You, my Brothers, should get involved in this simple devotion to Mary and LEAD the Rosary as often as you can! Several parishes even set up a special table or altar dedicated to Mary with a statue of Mary on it (or a picture of her) and fresh flowers to remind us about this special month. My Brothers, you can help with this celebration by participating in the May Crowning of Mary at this time of year. It is suggested that there should be a crown made of roses to crown Mary with, as this is symbolic of Mary’s virtue and beauty, and it suggests that we need to imitate Mary’s virtue in our daily lives. May altars/tables and crownings, are not for the Church only! Remember the Domestic Church concept? By practicing these traditions and customs in our own homes, we can participate

in the life of the Church even more.

Brothers, as I have discussed several times in the past, I have asked you to prepare a prayer corner and/or an altar in your homes. This altar or prayer corner is a place designated for praying. For Mary as our intercessor. For Jesus our Savior. For God as our Father. This is a place where you can spend time with all three of them. As you need a proper place to rest, you also need a proper place and atmosphere to pray in. That’s why this is so important. For your spiritual growth, my Brothers.

For May, give Mary a special location in your house, in your prayer corner, on your home altar, in your Domestic Church. Erect a statue of Mary and crown her with beautiful roses. Always knowing that the meaning of your actions speaks volumes. Pray the Rosary here daily, along with other prayers, asking Mary to be your intercessor, your Spiritual Mother, your friend. Do this any time in May, or better yet, do it monthly!

Why do this? It’s not because of Church tradition, nor because of any special graces associated with it, but because Mary is your Mother! She cares and she intercedes everyday for you, for me! Remember what Jesus said on the Cross to the Disciple He loved, John, “Here is your Mother.” (John 19:27)



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### **SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS**

**June 2022**

- 4 Grand Knight Bootcamp – 0900AM at St. John Neumann Catholic School, Columbia, SC.
- 16 DD Organizational Meeting/Installations – Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Lexington, SC.



## From the State Deputy

Dear Brother Knights,

As I write this article, we just completed our 101<sup>st</sup> State Convention and I would like to share some of the convention highlights with all those who were unable to attend.

Before getting into all the details however, I want to first thank our Worthy State Secretary Jeff Crouch, District Deputies Tom O'Donnell and John Luse, their wives, and all the council members and wives in Districts 3 and 11 who's hard work and dedicated efforts over the past several months provided us with an Outstanding weekend. The councils in these districts had over 60 volunteers who were totally committed to providing a first-class event.

For the first time since 2019 we were able to gather in person to celebrate and share fellowship with our brothers and sisters from across the jurisdiction. And we were ready to do just that. I am happy to report that we had the largest turnout in several years with over 230 attending the Saturday evening convention banquet. The "Kick-Off" event on Friday evening featured a live band and folks had fun reconnecting with old friends, making new ones, and dancing the night away.

Our Supreme Guest for the convention was Supreme Director Scott O'Conner, Past State Deputy from Florida. This year we had two convention Honorees: Our own Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone and Immediate Past State Deputy Daniel Barton. Saturday morning featured a Fourth Degree Exemplification where 33 new Sir Knights were welcomed into the Patriotic arm of the Order. In addition to Vice Supreme Master, Tom Monahan, our Supreme Guest, and the North Carolina District Master, SK John (JP) Horvat Jr., also attended.

The ladies' lunch on Saturday featured Sisters Consuelo Tovar and Migdalia Flores from the Daughters of Charity who gave a presentation on their work with the migrant workers in our state. Following their presentation, those attending donated almost \$1100 to assist them in their charitable work.

During the Business Meeting on Saturday, Officers for the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year were elected along with delegates to the 2022 Supreme Convention in Nashville this August. Results are as follows.

State Deputy – Paul Burchell

State Secretary – Jeff Crouch

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## From the Vocations Director

*Jim Weiskircher, Vocations Director*

We are very fortunate to have one of our seminarians Chris Loester being ordained to the priesthood this summer. I know that several of our councils have supported him over the years and it would be great to have representatives of those councils at the ordination. Thank you for your continued support of seminarians.

Please remember that when a seminarian is ordained or drops from the program to get a new name from the state Knights of Columbus vocation chair. One of our councils supporting Chris asked him for a seminarian to support and he gave them the name of one that had already had 5 councils supporting him, Their council would have been the 6<sup>th</sup>. We will get a list of new seminarians coming into the program in July or August so that I would ask that you wait until then to choose a new seminarian.

Please remember to submit your RSVP as soon as possible. The later that you wait the longer the time to get your check.

## VAVS Message

My brother Sir Knights,

A great way for you to show your support for our Seminarians as they study is through the Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund. This is a notable way for your Assembly to support Catholic Patriotism.

You can do this as part of the Supreme RSVP program by contacting the Military Archdiocese Office of Vocations to be assigned one of its seminarians. I urge all our Assemblies to prayerfully consider supporting these men.

Several Assemblies have been doing this type of support for years and have developed an ongoing relationship with the Vocations Office. For additional information go to [www.milarch.org](http://www.milarch.org). I am also available to work with you and your Assembly in contacting the office to find a seminarian in need. My contact information is: [sotak@bellsouth.net](mailto:sotak@bellsouth.net) or 803-648-8002.

Please consider supporting at least one of these Catholic Patriots as part of your RSVP program this year.

Art Sotak,

South Carolina

VA/VS Volunteer representative



## Patriot's Corner

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



*"Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime."*

---Adlai Stevenson  
Brother Knights,

If you were in Myrtle Beach April 23<sup>d</sup>. you saw the Coastal 4<sup>th</sup> degree team do the impossible. At eight O'clock in the morning they performed a flawless exemplification for 33 new Sir Knights. Then they broke down the room and had it ready for a State Convention, all before ten. An exemplification is not easy under any circumstances, but to be rushed to get in and out under a deadline, I can't say enough, only that in the haste to get it done, I may have left out some congratulations and thanks for a job very well done, here goes:

First, I's like to thank the team captain **Robert Rooney**, his team did it all under the pressure of the event and with no air-conditioning in the room.

Immediate Past State Deputy **Daniel Barton, Jim Tomsic, Randy Bowers, Matt Intrieri**, and it was good to have our District Friar **Fr. Higgins** back in the robe. The Marshall's part, the glue that holds the whole degree together was done wonderfully by a first timer **John Walters**. And anyone who is a Knight, knows how hard it is for a Color Guard to perform in close quarters, and enough can't be said for the way **Don Ullmann** and the team presented themselves and the Flags. Hats off to these guys!

I also would like to thank the dignitaries for their support including our Honoree **Tom Monahan**, PSD, FM, VSM. Our Supreme guest **Scott O'Connor**, PSD, and our visiting Master from North Carolina **J.P. Horvath**, and our very own State Deputy **Paul Burchell** the entire **State Council**. It was a wonderful day, if you missed it, you missed a lot. We are planning a very aggressive exemplification schedule for the 2022-2023 fraternal year so there's ample opportunity to see an exemplification near you soon.

*See you at the next exemplification!*

*Mike*

## From the State Program Director

*Christopher R. Hilditch, SW*

My brother knights,

We are coming to a close to our fraternal year and will soon begin a new fraternal year with new goals and new hopes for our councils and the communities they serve. Just last month our State Convention was held in Myrtle Beach and we gathered together as one in celebration of our successes and sharing thoughts and ideas to make us better in the next year.

Our councils were very busy this year in the implementation of their Faith in Action (FIA) programs. There were far more nominations submitted this year to recognize councils, assemblies and individuals for all of their accomplishments. Our winners this year of our awards are as follows:

### SC District Fourth Degree Awards

#### Outstanding Assembly Award

Grand Strand Assembly #2107 in Garden City/Murrells Inlet.

#### SC District "To be a Patriot" Award

Msgr. Charles J. Baum Assembly, 1073, Greenville for their "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans"

*program*

*lead by SK Jeffery Crouch, FN*

#### SC District "Msgr. John L. Manning" Award

Kristina Tanfara

#### Former Master Arthur E. Anderson

Sir Knight of the Year Award

Sir Knight Michael P. Cousino

#### Faith Service Program Award

"Building the Domestic Church"

#### Our Lady of the Lake Council 16903

Grand Knight Thomas Hrica

#### Family Service Program Award

"Holiday Giving"

St. Finbar Council 17760

Grand Knight Daniel Barton

#### Community Service Program Award

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**State Deputy continued from page 2**

State Treasurer – Keith Kingren  
State Advocate – Tim Kenney  
State Warden – Chris Hilditch

Delegates to Supreme Convention:  
Paul Burchell – Automatic Delegate  
Daniel Barton – Automatic Delegate  
Jeff Crouch  
Keith Kingren  
Tim Kenney  
Chris Hilditch  
Eric Cannon

Our annual Charity Raffle drawing was held at our convention banquet on Saturday evening. The \$5,000 first place ticket was sold by Council 13713 in Blythewood; second place \$3,000 sold by Council 11325 in Lexington, and third place of \$2,000 sold by Council 6847 in Northeast Columbia. A total of \$64,215 was raised to support charities throughout the state. Thank you to all who participated.  
Our 101<sup>st</sup> Convention concluded with our Awards Breakfast on Sunday morning.  
Congratulations to the following award winners.

Outstanding Assembly Award – Grand Strand Assembly 2107  
“To Be a Patriot” Award - Msgr. Charles J. Baum Assembly 1073,  
“Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans.”  
SC District Msgr. John L. Manning Award - Kristina Tanfara, of Corpus Christi parish in Lexington  
Former Master Arthur E. Anderson Sir Knight of the Year Award - Sir Knight Michael P. Cousino

Best Faith Program – Council 16903 – Domestic Church  
Best Family Program – Council 17760 Holiday Giving  
Best Community Program – Council 16903 – Coats for Kids  
Best Life Program – Council 12274 – Greer High School Transition Program

Best Council – Immaculate Conception Council 11991

Youth of the Year – John Riggs – Council 2207  
Family of the Year – The McLaurin Family – Council 17760  
Rookie of the Year – Nicholas A. Bogart – Council 11991  
Knight of the Year – Francis P. Strunk – Council 11991  
Golden Knight of the Year – Deacon Thomas Baranoski – Council 17760

Awards were also given to those councils who achieved or exceeded their Columbus Hope quotas. Since this was our first in-person convention since 2019, a total of three years of awards were presented.

A special thank you to all those Grand Knights who took the time to recognize the outstanding achievements of their members and folks in their parishes and communities who are really making a difference. Our Worthy Program Director reported that the number of nominations received this year was significantly higher than previous years.

Brother Knights, this truly was an outstanding convention and somewhat different from those in the past. We changed things up a bit, largely based on comments and suggestions from our

members. Work is already underway in preparation for our 102nd convention which will take place April 14-16, 2023 at the Embassy Suites-Graystone in Columbia. I hope you make plans to attend.

Vivat Jesu!

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**“Coats for Kids”**

**Our Lady of the Lake Council 16903**  
**Grand Knight Thomas Hrica**

**Life Service Program Award**  
**“Greer High School Transition Program”**  
**Blessed Trinity Council 12274**  
**Grand Knight Dr. John C. Fernandes**

**State Rookie of the Year**  
**Nicholas Bogart**  
**Immaculate Conception Council 11991**  
**Goose Creek, SC**

**State Youth of the Year**  
**John Riggs**  
**Bishop Northrop Council 2207**  
**Sumter, SC**

**State Family of the Year**  
**Daniel and Karen McLaurin**  
**St. Finbar Council 17760**  
**Charleston, SC**

**State Knight of the Year**  
**Francis “Frank” Strunk**  
**Immaculate Conception Council 11991**  
**Goose Creek, SC**

**State Golden Knight of the Year**  
**Deacon Thomas Baranoski**  
**St. Finbar Council 17760**  
**Charleston, SC**

**Best Council**  
**Immaculate Conception Council 11991**

Keep up the good work South Carolina. I look forward to the programs that your councils will do in this next year.

Fraternally in Christ,  
Christopher R. Hilditch, SW  
State Program Director

## From the State Protocol

### Chairman

Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM

#### PROTOCOL

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

#### 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.

Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM  
Protocol Chairman

## From the State Ceremonials

### Director

Tony Zammarrelli, PGK, DD2

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DISTRICT	QUOTA	COMPLETED
1	4	4
2	4	6
3	4	7
4	4	3
5	4	9
6	4	1
7	4	9
8	4	8
9	4	9
10	4	3
11	4	8
12	4	4
13	4	9
14	4	5
15	4	1
16	4	5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>91</b>

Peace and God Bless.

Tony Zammarrelli

PGK, FDD

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