



State Deputy's Message



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My Brother Knights:

We are now into the last third of our fraternal year. Most of you are preparing for our 101st State Convention in Natchez, which is just around the corner. As we plan for the next fraternal year, elect the state officers who will guide us, and renew friendships, I ask you to reflect on the meaning of becoming a knight.

We all joined our beloved order for various reasons. In most cases it was because we wanted to be of service in some manner to our church, community, our families, and our youth. We were excited after we learned the lesson of the first degree and wore the emblem of our order proudly. We were proud to be known as Knights of Columbus.

And so what happened? Why are so many councils anxious to suspend, in some cases large numbers, their members?

I have always felt a council should suspend a brother knight with the greatest of reluctance. In my opinion, when a council suspends member, it is

an admission of failure on the council's part to keep a brother knight excited and active in our order. Yes, I do recognize that there are, in some cases unusual circumstances such as failure to remain a practical Catholic or felony conviction, but these should be rare and far in between. Our Supreme Knights, Carl Anderson, has stated on many occasions that it is the duty of the Order to offer knighthood to every eligible Catholic and to have the Order's presence in every parish.

I am proud of those councils who have taken part in the March Blitz and actively recruited new members and got them active. For those who have not as yet participated, I encourage you to do so. Let's end this fraternal year on a proud note that we have done our duty in recruiting new members and retaining those who have joined.

I look forward to seeing you, in a few weeks, in Natchez.

Richard T. Lieding,
State Deputy

Upcoming Events

◆ 2005 State Convention
Apr. 22-24 Natchez

◆ Exemplifications
May, 14 1,2,3 degree #5654
Ocean Springs
May, 21 4th degree #9094
D'Iberville
Jun, 4 4th degree #6765
Starkville
Jun, 11 1,2,3 degree #848
Jackson

◆ School of Columbianism
Southern: Jul, 10 #9094
D'Iberville
Central: Jul, 16 #848
Jackson
Northern: Jul, 17 #8848
Tupelo

4th Degree News

Assembly #2734 held a successful Columbus Day Coloring Contest last Fall, attracting a large number of entries from students in the Golden Triangle Area. The contest required students to color a picture depicting the three ships of Christopher Columbus as they sailed toward discovery of the new world. Winners included 1st grader Abby Melcher, Immaculate Conception Parish, West Point; 2nd grader Manuela Portilla, St. Joseph Parish, Starkville; and 3rd grader Heath Fisackerly, Annunciation Parish, Columbus.

Each of these winners received a \$50 US Savings Bond in addition to a framed certificate.

Columbus Day will next be celebrated Monday, October 10, 2005. *Councils and assemblies are encouraged to hold Columbus Day coloring contests in their areas.*



Second grade winner Manuela Portilla shows off her winning entry to her classmates at St. Joseph's Parish in Starkville.

Southern Division News



Council 7087 in Kiln Ms will be holding it's first annual Golf Tournament on April 10th at Pass Christian Isles Golf course, in Pass Christian Ms. It will be a shotgun start 4man scramble. Prizes and trophies will be awarded; food and

refreshments will be served. Price will be \$70.00. Start time will be 1:00 PM For additional info please call Richard Hoda @ (228) 493-7416 or Jim Hoda @ (228) 255-7833.



Council 9094 along with the Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack they sponsor, clean up D'Iberville

Council 9094 Cleans-up This regular, street cleaning, project has taken on a whole new perspective recently with the increased emphasis the City of D'Iberville has placed on becoming a clean place to live, work, and shop. On a recent Saturday, (after the city held it's Mardi Gras parade) the project chairman along with the Boy Scout Troop began their work at the starting point and picked litter for the entire 8 tenths of a mile stretch of roadway in both directions.

attention the Boy Scout's participation attracted. Many passing motorists honked their horns and gave them a thumb's up. One gentleman along the way provided the entire group with refreshments and passed on his sincere appreciation for the good work they were doing. The man said that the young men were doing the community a great favor and were showing true community spirit through their actions. He was a former Eagle Scout and understands why it is important that Scouts take the lead and show adults that it is not proper to litter our community.

What made this day special was the

Central Division News



Council 9543 in Madison, MS will be holding it's annual Floyd Doolittle Golf Tournament on April 16, 2005 at the Willow Creek Golf Resort in Brandon, MS. This is a four-man scramble with a shotgun start. The tournament is open to anyone who would like to

participate. The registration donation is \$60.00 per man and includes lunch, snacks and beverages. All proceeds will go the Priest Education Fund. If you would like to play or sponsor a hole, please contact Floyd Doolittle at 853-0772.

Northern Division News

Attention all Northern Division Councils: Please feel free to submit your achievements, activities, events, etc. to the Magnolia Knight. See the addresses and numbers to the left.

Squires News

Attention all Squire Circles: Please feel free to submit your achievements, activities, events, etc. to the Magnolia Knight. See the addresses and numbers to the left.

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From Supreme

Supreme Knight's Statement on Death of John Paul II

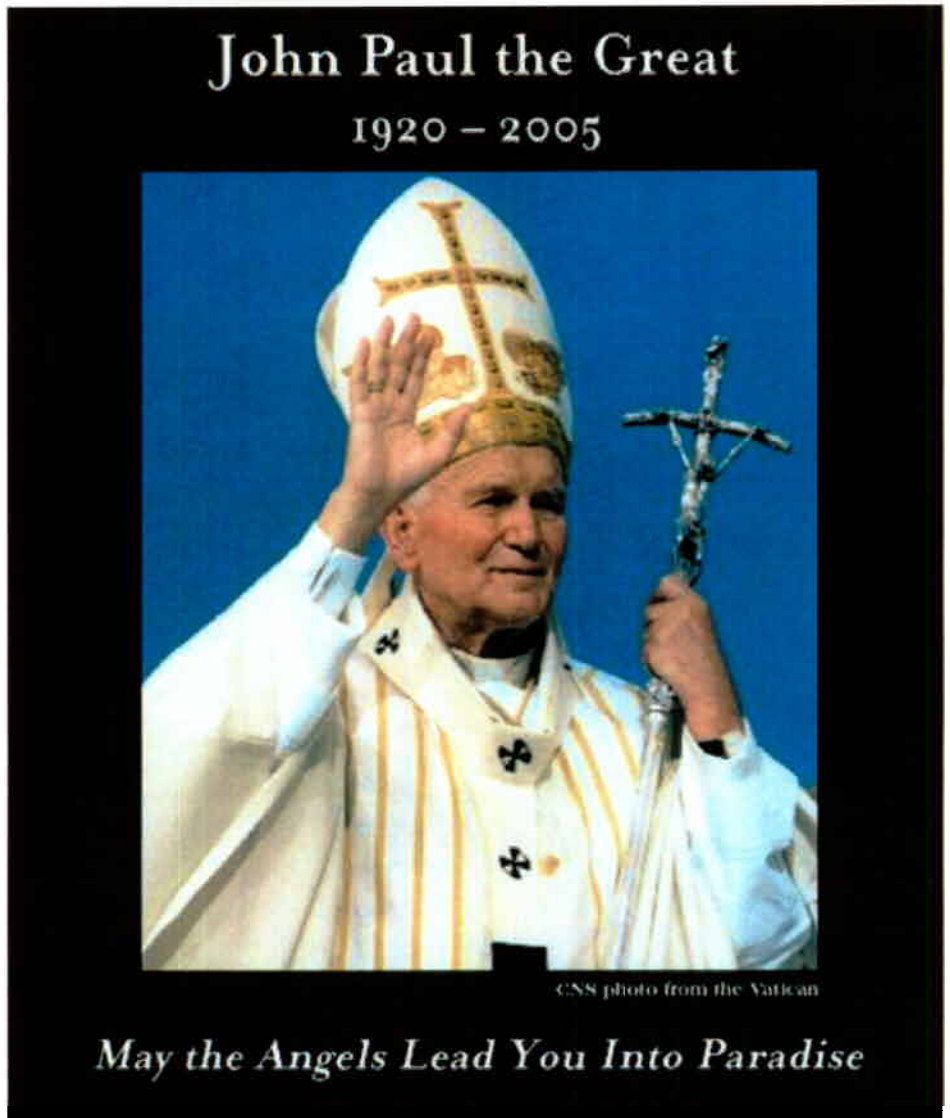
"Few popes in the 2,000-year history of the Catholic Church," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, "have had so momentous an impact on the Church and the world at large as the man we can now properly call John Paul the Great. The 1.7 million members of the Knights of Columbus mourn his passing even as we recall the contribution of this extraordinary and holy man."

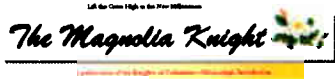
John Paul, the successor of Peter as head of the Church, traveling to nearly every nation on earth, that were unprecedented. We are proud to be the organization that made possible the lives of literally billions of people.

John Paul's courage -- as a young man sufficed up to communist tyranny, as victim of an importance of enduring pain and suffering for us.

His tremendous effort to reach out to people, his important teachings of Vatican II and his mad person and on the sanctity of human life; we contemplate the ways in which we must follow behind us forever. He was truly the Pope unmatched in our time.

We will miss him greatly. But the Catholic generations to come.





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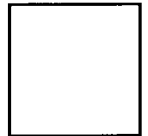
Please join us for the **101st Annual Mississippi Knights of Columbus State Convention** to be held April 22, 23, 24, 2005 at the Natchez Convention Center in Natchez, MS. The Bishop R. O. Gerow Council 1034 in Natchez is celebrating its 100th anniversary. The golf tournament is being held at

beautiful Duncan Park. The Natchez Convention Center is located on Canal Street in downtown Natchez.

**Completed Convention Registration forms need to be received no later than March 31, 2005.*

Good of the Order

If you would like to be added to the "Good of the Order" email list please forward your request to Dr Paul at Cathygospo1@aol.com. If you would like to include an intercession in the Magnolia Knight see the addresses & numbers above.



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