



# The Magnolia Knight



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## State Deputy Elect's Message

### My Brother Knights:

First, let me thank everyone for their show of support by electing me as your next State Deputy. A little over 7 years ago when I made the conscious decision to seek the office of State Warden, I made a promise to myself that my service to the Mississippi Knights of Columbus would not be self-serving nor would I try to impose a personal agenda on to our organization. My Catholic upbringing, from family life to my education, taught me many things for which I am proud of today. When combined with my 20 year military career, my experience with the Knights of Columbus has brought me from the inner workings of a local council, to the honorable duties of a District Deputy, to service as both Program and Membership Directors, and finally to the

rewarding responsibilities as a State Officer.

Our current slate of State Officers pledge our support to you and members of your council. Together we will seek out the challenges brought before us and do what is best for our State organization. In return, we ask that each one of you do likewise and do your best to follow the established rules and procedures of our Order. We are here to assist you in any way that we can and look forward to supporting you to ensure a success fraternal year for all of us. One last thing I want to share with you that you will be seeing more of in the months to come: "1 - 1 - 1 - 06". Stay tuned.

*Fraternally,*  
**Larry Tabor**

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Degree News

**Best Friends, The Story Of Derek**, has been released from the editor and sent on to the publisher. *Mike Gilly, Former Master*, tells the story of brother Knight, Derek Medjesky of Council No. 1605.

Derek has Down syndrome and has graced us with his presence at the year's convention. Derek was in the Honor Guard. The story tells of his growing up, his football career, and his stroke. The story mentions the Squires, the Knights of Columbus, and the Fourth Degree. The story has humor and tender spots. Plans are to have the book available by September and for sure by next convention. Proceeds from the sale of the book will to be donated to the Mississippi Foundation for people with Intellectual Disabilities and the Pascagoula High School Quarterback Club.

### **Honor Guard Provided**

The Sir Knight Eugene Hicks Assembly lines up prior to Mass. They provided an Honor Guard for the Sunday May 1st Confirmation Class that included St Joseph's in Starkville as well as Immaculate Heart of Mary Mission in Houston



*The Confirmation ceremony at St. Joseph's in Starkville*

## Upcoming Events

### ◆ Exemplifications

Saturday, 4 June, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Council 6765, Starkville

Saturday, 11 June, 1-3 Degree, Council 848, Jackson

### ◆ Organizational Meeting Installation of State Officers

Saturday July 9, 2005 Sacred Heart Church, D'Iberville, Ms.

### ◆ Schools of Columbianism

Southern: Jul, 10 Council 9094 D'Iberville

Central: Jul, 16 Council 848 Jackson

Northern: Jul, 17 Council 8848 Tupelo



Joe Goellner, Ryan Davenport, Larry Grant and Rebecca Butler.

## Southern Division News

### Knights in Action:

Knights of Columbus Council 1908, Hattiesburg, MS, held its final fish fry of the 2005 Lenten Season on March 18. With the assistance of volunteers from St. Thomas and Sacred Heart parishes, the annual Lenten Friday night gatherings brought the community together for Stations of the Cross while raising funds for the Diocesan Priest Education Fund. (Note: The Council received the 2004 - 2005 State Award for Best Vocations Project based on the Fish Fry Activity.)

Earlier this year the Council sponsored a raffle to purchase a large screen TV for the Catholic Student Association Center and to raise funds for Seminarian

Education. The winner, Lindsey Mayhall, a University of Southern Mississippi student and active CSA member, accepted cash in lieu of the Grand Prize (also a large screen TV) and will use it on her won educational expenses. Ryan Davenport was awarded an Electric Scooter for selling the most tickets of any CSA member.



Joe Goellner, Council 1908 Treasurer, Lindsey Mayhall (winner), Rebecca Butler, Campus Minister and Larry Grant, Council 1908 Grand Knight.

## Central Division News

### Council 8285 in Jackson, MS

St. Therese Council 8285 boosts Brother Luke Pearson Scholarship Fund -- On April 17th, members of Council 8285 devoted almost 40 man hours to preparing and selling BBQ chicken dinners after masses to support scholarships for students attending St.

Therese School. The fundraiser, an annual event, added \$900 to the Scholarship Fund. The Council established the Scholarship to honor the memory of Luke Pearson, a Marist Brother, who was active in the Council while serving as St. Therese pastoral associate in the 1990s.

## Northern Division News

### Celebrating 40 Years of Commitment

Fr. Sam Massena will celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a Mass at St. Mary's in Batesville, with a 4th degree honor guard. The event is being organized by DD Ron Kopasz and all who are interested in celebrating the

dedication of Fr. Massena are invited.

Deacon Larry Campbell celebrated the silver anniversary of his ordination Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> at Christ the King Parish in Southhaven. A reception immediately followed Mass and Larry was in fine spirits.

## 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.



t. Joseph High School Students join with nights to serve dinners. From left Emily okry, Jun Tristeza, Lee Fink, Russell Rooks, thony McCormick, Will Berlin, and Michael :Cormick, participate.

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## 2004/2005 Convention Winners

### The Following Awards Were Presented At Convention:

#### HONOR COUNCIL AWARDS

Pere Leduc	Council 1522
Bishop Gunn	Council 1583
Fr. Korstenbroek	Council 2134
Fred L. Westbrook, Sr.	Council 5654
Fr. Harry Wade	Council 7910
St. Jude Centennial	Council 8038
Fr. Patrick McAlpine	Council 9094
St. Mary	Council 9124
James D. Hart	Council 9673
Fr. Clifford Meador	Council 10443
Msgr. Gregory Kennedy	Council 10499
St. John	Council 10901
St. James	Council 11541
Fr. Paul Gillis	Council 11654
Fr. R. J. Sorin	Council 11995
Sacred Heart	Council 12331

#### COUNCIL OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Bishop R. O. Gerow	Council 898
	Council 1034
	Council 1244
Msgr. P. J. Carey	Council 1605
	Council 2180
Fr. Rotondo	Council 5556
Fr. A. C. Denis	Council 7087
Our Lady Of Perpetual Help	Council 7211
Holy Savior	Council 7854
Fr. Robert Reitmeier	Council 8848
St. Joseph	Council 11934
Sacred Heart	Council 12166
St. Joseph The Worker	Council 12271

#### DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL AWARDS

Msgr. John J. Burns	Council 802
John T. Savage	Council 848
Msgr. James T. McKenna	Council 2969
Msgr. Leech	Council 4472
Fr. John P. Egan	Council 6765
Oscar J. Gelpi	Council 6872
Hernando Desoto	Council 7120
Joseph Bonfiglio	Council 7915
Charles R. Brill	Council 8054
St. James The Less	Council 8912
Reinhart Schroeder	Council 9409
St. Francis Of Assisi	Council 9543
St. Lucy	Council 11904
Fr. Thomas Boyce	Council 13502

#### STELLAR COUNCIL AWARDS

Bishop Fahey	Council 1908
St. Therese	Council 8285
St. Paul	Council 10216
Fr. Patrick Quinn	Council 11956

Bay St. Louis  
Gulfport  
Greenville  
Ocean Springs  
Orange Grove  
Pearl  
D'iberville  
Gautier  
Woolmarket  
Grenada  
Ocean Springs  
Oxford  
Gulfport  
Wiggins  
West Harrison  
Dedeaux

Vicksburg  
Natchez  
Biloxi  
Pascagoula  
Laurel  
Cleveland  
Kiln  
Lumberton  
Clinton  
Tupelo  
Gluckstadt  
Pascagoula  
Seabee Base

Meridian  
Jackson  
Clarksdale  
Pass Christian  
Starkville  
Picayune  
Southaven  
Brookhaven  
Mccomb  
Corinth  
West Biloxi  
Madison  
Lucedale  
Batesville/Sardis

Hattiesburg  
Jackson  
Brandon  
Columbia/Tylertown

#### Best Church Activity

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bishop Fahey	Council 1908	Hattiesburg
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bishop Gunn	Council 1583	Gulfport
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Charles R. Brill	Council 8054	McComb

#### Best Community Activity

1 <sup>st</sup>	Msgr. John J. Burns	Council 802	Meridian
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John T. Savage	Council 848	Jackson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bishop Gunn	Council 1583	Gulfport

#### Best Council Activity

1 <sup>st</sup>	Fr. McAlpine	Council 9094	D'iberville
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bishop Fahey	Council 1908	Hattiesburg
3 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Paul	Council 10216	Brandon

#### Best Family Activity

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bishop Fahey	Council 1908	Hattiesburg
2 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Francis of Assisi	Council 9543	Madison
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Msgr. Leech	Council 4472	Pass Christian

#### Best Youth Activity

1 <sup>st</sup>	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Council 7211	Lumberton
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Msgr. John J. Burns	Council 802	Meridian
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fr. John P. Egan	Council 6765	Starkville

#### Best Vocations Activity (Biloxi Diocese)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bishop Fahey	Council 1908	Hattiesburg
2 <sup>nd</sup>		Council 1244	Biloxi

#### Best Vocations Activity (Jackson Diocese)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Fr. John P. Egan	Council 6765	Starkville
2 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Therese	Council 8285	Jackson

#### Best Pro-Life Activity (Biloxi Diocese)

1 <sup>st</sup>	St. Lucy	Council 11904	Lucedale
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1 <sup>st</sup>	Msgr. John J. Burns	Council 802	Meridian
2 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Francis of Assisi	Council 9543	Madison

#### Best Newsletter (Small/Medium Councils)

St. Therese	Council 8285	Jackson
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#### Best Newsletter (Large/Extra Large Councils)

Bishop Fahey	Council 1908	Hattiesburg
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#### Best Scrapbook (Small/Medium Councils)

Fr. R. J. Sorin	Council 11995	West Harrison
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#### Best Scrapbook (Large/Extra Large Councils)

Hernando DeSoto	Council 7120	Southaven
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#### Best Small Council

Charles R. Brill	Council 8054	McComb
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#### Best Medium Council

St. Therese	Council 8285	Jackson
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#### Best Large Council

St. Paul	Council 10216	Brandon
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## Don't Forget!!!!

Please join us for the  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Council 9094  
Morning Star Pregnancy Center  
Golf Tournament**  
June 4, 2005 at Southwind  
Country Club, on the Bay, in  
D'Iberville, Ms. Three man select  
shot, shotgun start at 8:00 am,  
\$50 per man. There will be  
plenty of door prizes, food &

drink. Cash prizes for the top  
three teams. Thirty team limit.  
*All proceeds benefit the Morning  
Star Pregnancy Center*

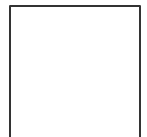
*\*Registration forms may be filled out the day  
of the event or obtained from Noel Aucoin –  
228-327-2951*



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