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A Word from Our State Deputy

My Brother Knights:

As the fraternal year draws to a close along with my term as your State Deputy, I would like to thank those who have been a part of the state family these past two years. Your hard work, support, and friendship are deeply appreciated. I commend those Grand Knights and their council members who have worked very hard to extend the principals of Columbianism in their communities. I would also like to extend my appreciation to all those who have supported and been of help since those days many years ago when I first ran for State Warden.

Of the many things that were accomplished these past two years, I am particularly proud that:

1. Two new councils came on board.
2. The monies collected for priest education have reached all time highs.
3. New bridges and stronger ties have been built with the Hispanic

community, the fastest growing Catholic population in this country.

All of our accomplishments were made possible because of the team work of the state family and the hard work of many of you in the local councils.

And so, as I prepare to leave the state family, good bye, adios, au revoir! I wish every one the very best in the coming fraternal year as a new state administration takes over the watch. Hasta la vista!

Vivat Jesus.

Richard T. Lieding, State Deputy



Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Exemplifications**
Saturday, 18 June, 4th Degree, Council 11654, Wiggins
Sunday, 14 August, 1-3 Degree, Council 1244, Biloxi
- ◆ **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

4th Degree News

Exemplification Held

The most recent class of Fourth Degree Initiates, were exemplified on June 4th, 2005 at Starkville. The class included a total of 31 candidates, including two priests, making it one of the largest classes in Mississippi in the last five years. The priests included Fr. Joseph Vu, Chaplain of the Columbus Air Force Base, and Fr. Jerry Mattingly, pastor of St. Joseph's - Starkville (not in picture).



The photo also includes Vice Supreme Master Bob Peters, State Master Dr. Paul Gospodarski, and Mississippi District Marshals Wayne Ebelhar, Brian Engelland and Bill O'Connor.



These are the winners of the council 9094 KofC Essay Contest. Left to right, 1st Dakota McDaniel, 2nd Sarah Sentell, 3rd Stephen Dunn, 4th Lucy Landry



Fr. Dennis Harlow, of Sacred Heart Parish, in D'Iberville, dresses as Elvis and has fun with the 50's theme of the Parish's fifth installment of Supper & Substance. The event was put on with help from KC Council 9094

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Southern Division News

Council 1522 Sponsored Dinners

On Sunday, June 5th, 2005, K OF C Council 1522, featuring "Chef Tony and the new pots and pans crew," will be hosting our "First Sunday of the Month Benefit Dinner" at Our Lady of the Gulf Community Center for the support of Our Lady of the Gulf St. Vincent Depaul Society from 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Chef Tony's menu includes chicken and dumplings, corn, and homemade yeast rolls. Cost per dinner is \$5. All proceeds from the dinner will be donated to Our Lady of the Gulf's St. Vincent Depaul Society. All meals are served either eat-in or take-out. Plenty of seating is available in a nice family-type setting. Area Churches all have 11:00 A.M. Masses.

On Sunday, June 19th, 2005, K OF C Council 1522, featuring "Chef Tony and the new pots and pans crew," will be hosting our "Third Sunday of the Month Dinner" at Our Lady of the Gulf Community Center from 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Chef Tony's menu for this Fathers' Day includes lasagna, green salad, and garlic bread. Cost per dinner is \$5. All meals are served either eat-in

or take-out. Plenty of seating is available in a nice family-type setting. Area Churches all have 11:00 A.M. Masses.

Council 9094 Assist with Supper & Substance

The Supper & Substance committee, along with the Knights, of Sacred Heart Church, D'Iberville hosted the parish's fifth marriage enrichment evening on Saturday, June 4. Supper & Substance is an evening out for married couples and consists of two segments: a romantic sit down dinner and an inspiring presentation by one of the couples.

Going with the theme, 'Lost in the Fifties Tonight', the committee transformed the parish hall into a 50's diner and soda fountain, which included a visit from *Elvis*. Anniversaries of the couples attending ranged from seven months to forty-eight years. Couples took pictures seated in a red convertible with the top down. During the pre-dinner social, couples enjoyed drinks from the soda fountain and fifties music. Fr Bob Higginbotham led the couples in prayer before the wonderful 'Blue Plate Special' dinner and an inspirational talk by Becky & Gary Fountain.

Central Division News

Council 9543 in Madison, MS

Council 9543 in Madison will host the 2005 Mississippi Knights Of Columbus BBQ Cook-Off August 6th 2005. The purpose of the event is two fold. The first and main purpose is to raise money and awareness for the Mississippi Pro-life/Birth-right effort. And secondly, to bring Brother Knights together in fun and fellowship. The cook-off will be held at St. Joe's Catholic High School, in Madison and set-up can start Friday

August 5th. Teams will be made up of, no more than, eight, currently active, Knights and there will be three categories; brisket, chicken and pork ribs. Entry fee is \$100 one category; \$175 two categories; \$250 all three categories.

Further rules, information and entry forms contact: Warren Brooks 222 N. Jackson Street, Crystal Springs, MS 39059 or David Scott at davidkscott@hotmail.com

Looking for a Few Good Men

I'm looking for a few good men. All Grand Knights and District Deputies, please put the word out and help me recruit 3rd degree brother knights who are interested in serving on the 2nd or 3rd degree team. Join a degree team and help lead your brother knights in their journey to full knighthood. If you are interested in joining a degree team,

Contact:

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Bishop Brunini Degree Team Captain

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2005 State Golf Tournament

Knights of Columbus

Mississippi State Golf Tournament

September 17th, 2005

Pine Burr Golf Club == Wiggins, Ms.

Limited to the first 22 teams

Check in 12:00 PM Tee Time 1:00 PM

Shotgun Start

HOST: St. James Council 11541

Tournament Co-Chairman: Bob Pyle ---Grand Knight

Ed Croal --- Financial Secretary

TEAM MEMBERS: MUST BE A KC MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

TRAVEL CARDS WILL BE CHECKED AT CHECKIN

1. NAME: _____ MEM

NO: _____ HDCP: _____

2. NAME: _____ MEM

NO: _____ HDCP: _____

3. NAME: _____ MEM

NO: _____ HDCP: _____

4. NAME: _____ MEM

NO: _____ HDCP: _____

Team Point of Contact: Name: _____ Phone:# _____

Name: _____ Phone# _____

REGISTRATION:

Fee is \$65.00 per player, includes 2 mulligans (1 front 9 - 1 back 9) need form and money in no later than Sunday Sept. 11, 2005

Please make checks out to: Knight of Columbus-Council 11541

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Vivat Jesus

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.

Last Chance to Order KC License Plates

Our KC license plate project will end July 1, 2005 unless there are at least 200 tags sold by then. At present, we have sold 126 tags. In an effort to meet our 200 tag goal, the KC license plates will be sold for \$7. An application for a tag may be downloaded from the State KC website. I encourage each council to purchase 5-10 tags (at a cost of \$35-\$70 to the council) and give the tags to council members at no cost to the member. Send the completed applications, as soon as, possible to David Scott at 203 Mallory Court, Madison, MS 39110. A check for the tags should be made out to the KC State Council and sent to State Treasurer Danny Lechner. This offer is only good until the end of the month. You wont find a better opportunity to display your pride in the Knights of Columbus than obtaining a KC license plate.

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State Deputy Elect's Message

Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and fellow Knights of the Mississippi Jurisdiction:

What an exciting time to be a Knight of Columbus! Last week I had the pleasure of visiting the Supreme Office in New Haven, CT, for an orientation for newly elected State Deputies. What an honor it was to meet the Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, the other Supreme Officers, and Board of Directors. The Supreme office kept us very busy and our schedule began early in the morning and went late into the evening. They wined and dined us, filled us with a broad scope of information, and loaded us up with material to take back to our Jurisdictions. Denise and I had the pleasure meeting other newly elected State Deputies and we surely have made friendships that will last a lifetime.

As far as the information they gave us—I have not had a chance to sort out and absorb most of it! They gave us disks full of information and slide presentations, handouts and flyers, and heads-up information about things to look forward to in the near future. I look forward to sharing this information with all of you at the upcoming organizational meeting and Schools of Columbianism.

Based on my visit to Supreme, I see we (all of us) have much to do in the upcoming months. Our greatest opportunity to succeed will come during our membership Blitz scheduled for October. Supreme has launched a partnership with the International Special Olympics where our state activities in support of Special Olympics will determine Mississippi's share of Supreme's distribution of funds to our state Special Olympics. Supreme also announced a new youth program involving a soccer championship challenge similar to our Free Throw Championship program. Order forms are contained in our council's program and forms booklet. They gave me a KC soccer ball while there which provided another challenge to pack all the stuff into our suit cases!

Please make plans to attend the upcoming State events. Everyone is invited to the Installation of State Officers to be held Saturday, July 9, at

Sacred Heart Church, in D'Iberville, at the 5 PM Mass. A banquet will follow; if you have not yet acknowledged to me that you will attend, please do so in order to ensure sufficient food is prepared.

On Sunday, July 10, the southern regional School of Columbianism (SOC) will be held at Sacred Heart. Then on Saturday, July 16, we will be in Jackson, and on Sunday, 17 July we will be in Tupelo. Remember, the KC Academy starts at 9 AM and lasts until 11:45 each day, and attendance is voluntary but highly recommended. Loads of information not normally provided in the SOC will be presented to all council officers. Those who attend this training will be at a distinct advantage in preparing themselves for the challenges and rewards of a successful fraternal year. The SOC should be attended by each Grand Knight, Program Chair, Membership Director, and Financial Secretary.

Please ensure your required forms are submitted in a timely manner. We need this information to ensure Mississippi is not singled out for not complying with Supreme's requirements.

Membership recruitment and retention of our current members are the core determinates of the success of our Order. How did you become a Knight? Simple answer is: Someone asked you to join our Order. When was the last time you asked a Catholic gentleman to join our ranks? I challenge each Council Officer and District Deputy to ask men to join the Knights of Columbus. The more you ask the better your chance is to successfully recruit a new member. I will not be satisfied until I recruit at least 3 new members in July. What is your goal? Can you recruit one new member? Ask around and see.

I sincerely wish all of you a rewarding and successful 2005-2006 fraternal year. Let's work hard to make the Mississippi Jurisdiction proud of our accomplishments. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the other State Officers, or your District Deputy. Cheers!

VIVAT JESUS!

Larry J. Tabor
State Deputy Elect



State Chaplain's Corner *Fr. Brian Kaskie*

As I look back at my two years as State Chaplain I wonder where the time has gone. Certainly huge events like the State Convention, the ongoing conflict in Iraq and the death of Pope John Paul II and the election of Pope Benedict XVI put me in a different frame of mind. What is lasting? What will tomorrow be like? These are questions not only for philosophers but for every man.

I think our attempt to answer these questions reflects our grasp of the message of Jesus Christ. Jesus has told us to build lasting treasure in Heaven, not here on Earth where moths and rot

can destroy it. We are to see our time here as a gift, but not as the total gift. To handle lightly the goods of this world is rare. Most people hang on to their property with clenched hands. As we freely release our hold on this world we sense a tremendous freedom. The spirit within us rises as if to unite us to the Spirit of God. Hopefully it is from this perspective that we esteem what is true and lasting. May we look on past accomplishments as they truly are, not inflated because of our participation. And may we welcome in the new as a fulfillment of God's promise to always be with us.