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## A Word from Our State Deputy

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

It has been nearly 4 months since we began our State Fraternal Year on April 1st and on July 1st we entered into Supreme's Fraternal Year. Plans should be made to ensure our membership recruitment activities will support our membership goals for both the State and Supreme. Each council should actively pursue eligible Catholic men of their parish to join our Order. Councils should order their necessary recruitment supplies from Supreme and make firm plans for your scheduled membership activities through the end of December 2005. Prepare for the October Membership Blitz—schedule First Degrees, and target our 18 year old Squires. Think about diversifying our membership by inviting minorities, Hispanic, and Vietnamese men to our organization.

- 2 Welcome to your councils our newly installed District Deputies. Contact them as soon as possible to arrange your council installation of officers. The District Deputies have much to share with you—expect them to soon schedule your council for their "official visit", at which time they will report to Supreme the status of your council. Work with your District Deputy to coordinate activities within your district to advise other councils of important dates, First Degrees, or fund raisers.

By now all councils should have completed and sent in their Report of Officers (Form 185) and

Service Program Personnel Report (Form 365) to Supreme with an info copy to me. These 2 forms are basic requirements for your council to be eligible for the Father McGivney and Founder's Awards.

Study well the materials sent to you by Supreme. The Grand Knights Handbook provides a wealth of information. It does little good to store it away and not refer to it. Make use of the FREE materials contained in the Supreme Supply booklet to support your 5 program activities and membership recruitment. Get on the band wagon, use the materials that are available, and explain to your members why it is important to use these materials in their roles as council officers or chairmen.

At our Installation of State Officers last weekend, we had the opportunity to introduce our new State Chaplain, Fr. Mike O'Connor. We welcome Fr. Mike to our State family and look forward to his spiritual guidance.

Let's continue to work at making the Mississippi Jurisdiction grow by communicating with ALL of our current members, making contact with our former members, and asking eligible Catholic men to join our Order. 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*

## Upcoming Events

### ◆ Exemplifications

Sunday, 14 August, 1-3 Degree, Council 1244, Biloxi

Saturday, 10 September, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Council 6872 Picayune

Saturday, 24 September, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Council 802 Meridian

### ◆ 2006 Convention Meeting

Monday July 25, 2005 Sacred Heart Church, D'Iberville, Ms.

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

### Flag Day Ceremony

To honor the memory of the many veterans who served our country in wars past. The members of the Bishop Gerow Assembly 554 accepted the challenge to identify the graves of veterans interred at Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Jackson.

On Flag Day this past June 14, 2005, after State Chaplin Rev Brian Kaskie lead them in prayer, Fourth Degree State Master Dr. Paul Godspodarski, Sir Knights Ben Mokry, Fred Cunningham, Tony Wisenburger, Pete Villari, Jim McCraw, Antoine Otto and Joe Blake placed new American flags on the final resting place of 130 veterans, to begin the process.

The assembly will invite St Joseph Catholic High School students and Boy Scout troops to join in locating and identifying all of the veterans interred in the cemetery, and place new American flags on each grave twice a year, on

Flag Day June 14 and Veterans Day November 11.

"The hope is that each assembly in the state will accept the challenge of the patriotism pledge of the fourth degree, and begin a similar project in their area", said Sir Knight Joe Blake organizer of the project



*Past State Chaplain Rev. Brian Kaskie, State Master Dr. Paul Godspodarski and Sir Knights of Assembly #554 saying prayers and placing flags on the graves of veterans in honor of Flag Day*

**DINNER & SHOW**  
**"Prom Knight"**  
**\*\* Featuring Fr. Bob H. & Fr. Louie L. \*\***  
**Aug. 27, 2005**  
**Doors open at 6:30 Dinner Served at 7pm**  
**In the Sacred Heart Parish Hall D'Iberville Ms**  
**\$20/cpl \$10/sgl **BYOB** Set-ups available**

*Could this be another award winning production from Council 9094 D'Iberville?*



Elvis will make another appearance in D'Iberville at this year's Council 9094 stage production, "Prom Knight".

*"Send your council, assembly or circle news to:*

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*FAX 228-935-6347*

*E-mail*

*noel.aucoin@ngc.com."*

**We're on the Web!**  
<http://www.ms-kofc.org>

## Southern Division News

### Award Winning Cast at it Again

After taking top honors in last years "Best Council Activity", with their production of "A Fractured Fairytale", the award winning cast is at it again. The all male cast made of Brother Knights of council 9094, in D'Iberville, raised several thousand dollars with last year's production and are planning a bigger and better show this year.

The show this year will be held August 27 2005, in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall and will be a different format than last year's gala. In 2004 the event consisted of the show and a dance afterward. This year the format will be dinner and the show. Doors will open at 6:30pm,

and dinner will be served promptly at 7:00pm. The show will follow shortly after dinner.

The show is entitled "Prom Knight" and along with the "all male" regular cast, the show will feature two special performances by Fr. Bob Higginbotham and Fr. Louie Lohan. BYOB and set-ups will be sold by our State Deputy, Larry Tabor. If last year's show is any indication of what we can expect this year, we can look for fun and fellowship to be had by all who attend.

Tickets are on sale now and are \$20 per couple. Contact Elvin Raymond at 228-392-0882 or Noel Aucoin at 228-327-2951 for more information.

## Central Division News

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## Northern Division News

### Volunteer and Service

In June, the Southhaven Council (7120) had a very Successful, Tootsie Roll Drive. The activity was manned by Brother Knights and their family members. The drives were held outside of Wal-Mart stores in Olive Branch and Southaven where over \$1900 was raised. The council officers and event chairman would like to thank those brothers and their families who gave of their time to benefit DeSoto Industries. And as a side note, to those of you who worked in Olive Branch, next year we'll make sure we provide an ample amount of sunscreen.

### Council 6765 Helps the Scouts

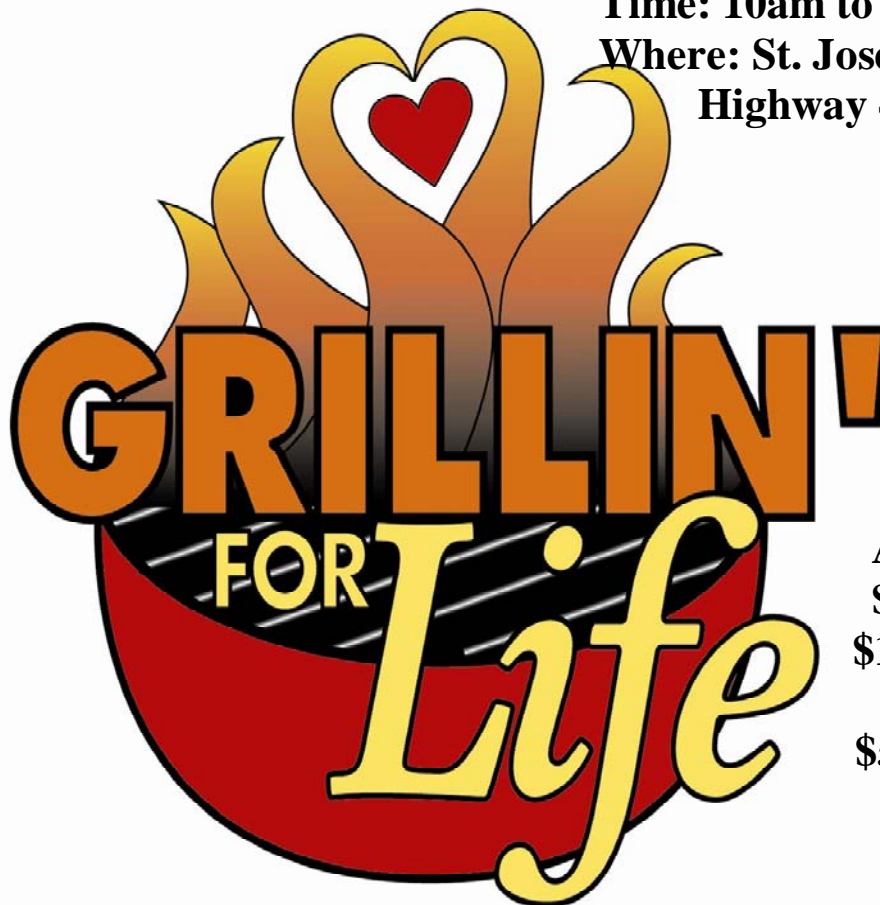
As they travel this summer, Boy Scout Troop 45 will have a new image.

Instead of stuffing camping gear into the back of several pickup trucks and trying to keep it dry with tarps, the troop can now load all of the gear into its new cargo trailer.

As part of his Woodbadge Leaders Training Course, Assistant Scoutmaster Gary McFadyen undertook the task of raising money for a trailer for the Troop. An appeal was made to local area businesses. Donations from these businesses and funds available from the Troop itself resulted in approximately one third of the needed amount. Dr. McFadyen then approached the Father John P. Egan Knights of Columbus Council 6765 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The council generously agreed to provide the remaining funds.



## Central Division News

**Date: Saturday, August 6, 2005****Time: 10am to 7pm****Where: St. Joseph High School  
Highway 463, Madison****Admission:  
\$2 for adults  
\$1 for children 12  
and under  
\$5 family max**

**On behalf of women and their unborn children the Knights of Columbus are hosting a BBQ cook-off to raise money and awareness.**

**If you purchase your meal tickets before the event your admission is free. For more information or to purchase tickets call your parish office or email [grillinforlife05@aol.com](mailto:grillinforlife05@aol.com).**

**Food, entertainment and Family Fun  
Rain or Shine**



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**Vivat Jesus**

## Mission Accomplished

Thanks to the hard work of some brother knights from around the State, we were able secure enough applications to present to the Mississippi State Tax Commission to qualify for a Mississippi Knights of Columbus Specialty License Plate. David Scott presented the tax commission with 221 applications on June 30, the last day eligible to apply for the tag. The tax commission has presented the KC logo to the manufacturer of the plates who will provide a sample plate for approval. Once the final design has been approved, the tags will be manufactured and sent to the county tax collectors for those members who submitted an application. It is the responsibility of the State Council to notify those who applied for a KC tag when they are ready. Each member will only have to go to the county tax collector's office and pick up their KC tag. The KC tag will expire on the same date as the tag that it is replacing. Upon expiration, the member is encouraged to renew the KC tag. Once the original tags have been sent to the county tax collector, anyone is free to purchase a KC tag from their local county tax collector.

The State Council will receive \$24 for each of the 221 tags that were applied for and for each additional tag that is ordered by anyone. The State Council has pledged that money to go to the Christopher Fund and to ultimately assist with the Bishop Gerow Seminarian Education Fund.

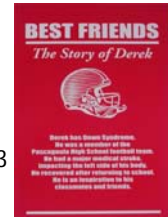
## "Best Friends " on Sale Now

The book titled "Best Friends, The story of Derek" is now available. The book is a true story of Derek Medjesky (Mojo, #22), a senior at Pascagoula High School, and son of Karen and Former Master, Mike Gilly. Derek has Down Syndrome and was afflicted by a stroke. The author and publisher, Mike Gilly, compiled the story of Derek's life and times as a member of the Pascagoula High School Panther football team. The story includes articles from Tom Warner of the Mississippi Press. Derek is a member of Council No. 1605 and also a Fourth Degree Knight. The book is endorsed by Supreme. The

book has humor and some tender spots and includes a memorial to his brother, Michael Anthony Gilly. One book publishing company representative commented about the book saying "it's an emotional roller-coaster ride."

Copies are available by mail (\$14, includes tax & postage):

Magnolia Framing  
& Art Gallery  
2002 W. Hwy 90  
Gautier, Ms. 39553  
(228-497-2211)



## From Supreme

### He Was Our Father:

The Story of Father Michael McGivney, a new one-act play, will debut at the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in Chicago on Aug. 1 at 8 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Chicago.

Father McGivney -- who is currently being considered for sainthood by the Vatican -- founded the Knights of Columbus in New Haven in 1882 in the basement of St. Mary's Church. From its humble beginnings, the Knights has grown to become the world's largest lay Catholic organization with over 1.7 million members worldwide.

The play explores the life, the times, and the greatness of Father Michael McGivney (1852-1890). Father McGivney was a young priest from Connecticut with a genius for reading the disturbing signs of his times -- anti-Catholicism, ethnic bigotry, oppression of immigrants, horrific working conditions for laborers -- and responding in a way that galvanized the most disadvantaged of his day to gain new purpose for living. For more information on Father McGivney, view the Father McGivney Web site.

The play captures the extraordinary



*Fr. Michael J.  
McGivney*

tenderness of Father McGivney, his avid intellect, his sense of humor, courage, energy and fervor, especially by exploring deeply the powerful relationships that distinguished Father McGivney's life.

By retelling the key moments of Father McGivney's life -- the founding of the Knights of Columbus, his accompanying a condemned prisoner to his execution at the scaffold, the conversion of the daughter of a prominent Protestant clergyman, etc. -- the humanity and the ongoing appeal of Father McGivney come alive, making it plain why this young priest's cause for canonization is under way at the Vatican.

The play was written by award-winning playwright Dominican Father Peter John Cameron. It is produced by the New York-based Blackfriars Repertory Theatre, and stars Kenneth Genuard in the title role.

A biography of Father McGivney by Douglas Brinkley and Julie Fenster is set for publication in early 2006.

## State Chaplain's Corner *Fr. Mike O'Conner*

*Join me in welcoming Fr. Mike O'Conner as our new State Chaplain. We are all looking forward to his spiritual guidance throughout this Fraternal Year.*

*Thank You Fr. Mike - - Vivat Jesus*