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Upcoming Events

◆ Exemplifications

Wednesday, 25 January 1st
Degree Only Council 12166
Pascagoula

Saturday, 11 February 1st, 2nd &
3rd Degree Council 7854 Clinton

Sunday, 12 February 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Degree Council 7087 Kiln

Wednesday, 22 February 1st
Degree Only Council 1605
Pascagoula

Saturday, 25 February 1st, 2nd &
3rd Degree Council 6765
Starkville

◆ Mid Winter Meetings

Northern Region - Saturday
January 7, 2005 Southaven
Council 7120

Central Region - Sunday January
8, 2005 Brandon Council 10216

Southern Region - Saturday
January 13, 2005 Kiln Council
7087

A Word from Our State Deputy

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

As December ends and we ready ourselves for the New Year, let us all look back at 2005 and choose one event, one thing we did and try to improve that particular event in 2006.

The Month of January brings our State's mid-year meetings to the forefront, starting with the Northern region at Southaven, Council 7120, on Saturday, 7 Jan 2006. We will meet in the Central regional at Brandon Council 10216, on Sunday, 8 Jan 2006 (1PM to 4:30 PM). We will wrap things up with the Southern region at Kiln Council 7087, Sunday, 15 Jan 2006. Meetings will begin promptly at noon and end at 4 PM, except as noted.

Let's consider what 2006 will bring us—a new year, a new challenge, a new start. We should challenge ourselves to become a better Catholic, a better Knight, and as a whole, a better person. So many of you give so much of yourselves in time, talent, and treasure and I thank each of you so very much for all that you do.

As I read the many State Jurisdictional Newsletters sent to me by Supreme, I cannot help but feel proud of the support and prayers our Brother Knights throughout the Order have done and are still doing to in support of Disaster Relief efforts. We have much to be thankful for, but there is still more that must be done. Do not despair. Every day I pick up the paper I read how our local leaders, the Governor, State Legislators, and Congressional Delegation are pleading with the President and Congress to take the appropriate measures to enact legislation to fund disaster relief monies so our State can begin its rebuilding. It is a shame to see how apparent it is that we have somehow been forgotten.

Here are a few things to think about in the coming months. We have 3 Major Exemplifications scheduled in February. Please encourage every Knight to recruit a new member, or ask a former member to return to our ranks. Don't forget about our Free Throw Championships in January and February. The State Free Throw Championships will be hosted in both the northern and southern regions in hopes of encouraging more young people and their sponsoring Council's to participate. Before we know it, it will be time to prepare for the

State Convention, so don't forget about the Program reports, District Deputy and Grand Knight's report, and Program Activity Chairmen's reports.

By now Councils should have received their new First Degree Books. I expect all First Degree teams to be fully prepared by the end of January to conduct their degrees in the new form. Each District Deputy must recertify each First Degree team member under the new guidelines.

I received a form from District Deputy # 8 John Krumpos notifying Supreme of the institution of a new Council in Columbia. Men of St Jude Parish decided they wanted their on parish Council and transferred from Columbia-Tylertown Council 11956. The 30 men voted Brother Bob Frey as their Grand Knight. Congratulations to DD John Krumpos and the Knights of St Jude Parish. Let us pray that both Council's prosper and grow in their faith and in Columbianism.

AND ONE MORE IMPORTANT REMINDER: The location of the 2006 State Convention has been changed to the Ramada Inn in Tupelo, MS. Convention packets will be distributed at the regional mid-year meetings in January 2006. If you care to make reservations now, you may do so by calling the hotel directly at 662-844-4111 and mention the Knights of Columbus. Convention dates are Friday, April 28 thru Sunday April 30.

Last week I was in Savannah Georgia on a business trip for the Air Force and had the opportunity to attend a First Degree at Savannah Council 10579.

Keep up the great work all of you do and as always, contact me or any of the other State Officers or your District Deputy if you have any questions or in need of assistance. My home phone number is 228-392-6379, work 228-377-2222, and cell number is 228-365-6515. My email address is: Statedep@datasync.com.

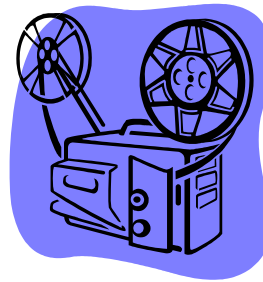
Denise and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year. We thank everyone for their support and hospitality and look forward to serving you in 2006.

VIVAT JESUS!

Larry J. Tabor

State Deputy

4th Degree News



Wednesday Night at the Movies

Bishop Gerow assembly 554 will start Wednesday Night at the Movies at the VA Hospital in Jackson for the patients in the Sonny Montgomery VA nursing home on Wednesday December 21, 2005.

Dr. Paul & Cathy are at it Again

The following is a correspondence from 4th Degree Master Dr. Paul Gospodarski and wife Cathy on their recent trip to Pass Christian

Good morning everyone. Yesterday, Cathy and I took a load of blankets, linens, cleaning supplies, etc. to Pass Christian. After we unloaded the truck, Tony Dixon, gave us a tour of Bay St. Louis and Waveland. I have attached a file of pictures that Cathy took of these areas as well as pictures of so many brother knights and volunteers helping to unload.

Tony's house has been condemned and as you look at the pictures I hope that you get a good idea of what Katrina truly did to so many people. It really is a catastrophe.

We are in desperate need of family size tents for 250 families. Michelle, if you can download these pictures show them to your friend. I think she will get the idea.

Still need so much. Baby food, infant and toddler clothing, children's clothing all sizes, pots and pans, children's shoes, all sizes. If any one can help, please try.

A bit of heaven, with all of this destruction

Located at several churches on the Gulf Coast were shrines in tribute to our Blessed Mother, as you go through the pictures, you will see that these beautiful statutes of Mary of the Woods, Our Lady of Fatima and others not only survived the storm, but had no damage to them at all even though they were completely submerged under water. Do you believe in miracles? Have a blessed day all and share this message with pictures with your friends and family.

Paul



Relief Efforts Continue . . .

St. Clare's in Waveland Receives Help from Brothers in Michigan



Fr. Gillespie with, St. Mary Magdalen Council 12295 (Brighton, MI) Grand Knight Greg Webster.



Fr. Martin with his "Michigan Posse" as he called us: (LtoR: Council St. Mary Magdalen Council 12295 (Brighton, MI) Warden Don Powell, Fr. Martin, Fr Leo McCann Council 7304 (Brighton, MI) GK Paul Williams, St. Agnes Council 8605 (Fowlerville, MI) GK Joe Cahill, Council 12295 DGK Ron Weingartz. Not Pictured: representatives of Fr John R. Day Council 2659 (Howell, MI) and St. Augustine Council 13450 (Deerfield Township, MI) who did not make the trip.



Biloxi Council Receives Teddy Bears from New Jersey,

The Knights of Columbus of Maple Shade #5714, along with nationally renowned Elvis Tribute Artist Mark Reno is proud to announce a very special donation to the victims of Hurricane Katrina, in Biloxi Mississippi.

Mark Reno, from Collingswood NJ, has been accepting donated Teddy Bears from his fans for the last 6 years, and in turn he has donated them to numerous organizations that deal with children who are victims of traumatic incidents. Reno has donated over 18,000 bears to Shriners Hospitals, the Camden Rescue Mission, and dozens of other causes throughout the East Coast. Elvis Presley had strong early ties to the Biloxi area, and Reno hopes the donation helps those children there have a better Christmas.

This year, Reno teamed up with the Maple Shade Knights of Columbus, and through the Knights, he will donate upwards of 1000 bears to the young victims of Hurricane Katrina, for Christmas this year. The Maple Shade Lodge #5714 has already held fund raisers for the victims, and thousands of dollars have been collected in addition to the Teddy Bear gift.

The highlight and sendoff for the bears will be at the Mark Reno Holiday Christmas show, December 10, at Culture Hall in Medford NJ. The show is sold out, but anyone wishing to donate additional teddy bears or dollars for this event may contact Joe Badowski, Deputy Grand Knight, at 888-595-9876 ext 2441, or the Maple Shade Knights of Columbus.

D'Iberville Buys New Workbooks

Council 9094 D'Iberville donated \$2000, for the purchase of new workbooks, to Sacred Heart Catholic School. The elementary school provides a catholic education for over 100 students of the parish, to which the council belongs. Sacred Heart Elementary was totally destroyed by Katrina and is now hold classes at the local Baptist church facilities. The funds were raised throughout the fraternal year and were donated in memory of deceased Brothers, Cecil Krohn and Mark Ross.



Grand Knight, Roger Feters, Council 9094 presents a check for new workbooks to Sacred Heart Elementary School Principle Mrs. Jane Sema

Hattiesburg Donates for Katrina Repairs

Brother Knights of the Hattiesburg council 1908, presented checks of \$5000 each, to Sacred Heart School, Sacred Heart Church and St Thomas Church for use in repairing damage caused by Katrina. They used funds raised from various fund raisers done throughout the Fraternal year.



Council's Warden Lynn Landrum presenting the checks to Fr. Patrick O'Shaughnessy of Sacred Heart and School Principal Dr. Maribeth Andreck

Lucedale Council Distributes Funds



Brother Knights of the 11904 St. Lucy council presenting a check for \$1202.00, proceeds of the Tootsie Roll drive, to the Community based education teacher of the George County School System.

"Reports Online"

The Order has entered into the fourth phase of "Reports Online" registrations. Online accounts are now being offered to vice supreme masters, masters, Grand Knights and faithful navigators. This group of officers will produce more than 12,000 new registration invitations. The newest release also includes the ability to view individual council and assembly rosters.

In an attempt to balance the number of support calls to our Customer Service Center, we are spreading out the mailing of the grand knight and faithful navigator registration invitations over 4 weeks. At this time, more than one-half of the invitations have been mailed, and we expect to mail the last batch of invitations on December 14. The mailing is random, so some of your officers may have received their invitation already while others may not receive their invitation for another two weeks.

I have provided a full list of the officers who have access to the "Reports Online" feature. Early in 2006, the registration process will begin for financial secretaries and faithful comptrollers. Of particular interest is the number of district deputies who have taken advantage of the feature and registered their accounts. Only 23 percent of the district deputies Order wide have registered their accounts.

Kindly remind your district deputies to register online, if they have Internet access. Your district deputies can also remind grand knights that their invitations are coming, and they should not be concerned if they have not yet received invitation letters.

We hope that your winter meetings are productive, and if we can be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

The following roles have access to the "Reports Online" feature:

State Deputy	State Additional Membership Chairman
State Secretary	State Round Table Chairman
State Treasurer	State Council Retention Chairman
State Advocate	State Membership Retention Chairman
State Warden	State Insurance Promotion Chairman
Immediate Past State Deputy	State New Council Development Chairman
Executive Secretary	State Ceremonial Chairman
Vice Supreme Master	State Council Reactivation Chairman
Master	District Deputy
State Membership Director	Grand Knight
State Program Director	Faithful Navigator

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Knights of Columbus Council 848 is raffling of a 57" H/D TV

Knights of Columbus Council 848 is raffling of a 57" H/D TV courtesy of Cowboy Maloney's Electric City in Jackson. Proceeds to benefit Catholic Schools and Churches on the Mississippi Gulf Coast

\$5.00 per ticket 3 tickets for \$10.00
Just in time for your Super Bowl Party
Raffle to be held January 29 2005
 Winner need not be present
 Make checks payable to Council 848 Knights of Columbus and mail to
 Joe Blake 748 Euclid Ave, Jackson MS 39202.

