



Happy New Year!!!

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## Upcoming Events

### ◆ Exemplifications

Wednesday, 25 January 1<sup>st</sup>  
Degree Only Council 12166  
Pascagoula

Saturday, 11 February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Degree Council 7854 Clinton

Sunday, 12 February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Degree Council 7087 Kiln

Wednesday, 22 February 1<sup>st</sup>  
Degree Only Council 1605  
Pascagoula

Saturday, 28 January 4<sup>th</sup>  
Degree Assembly 2227  
Picayune

Saturday, 25 February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Degree Council 6765  
Starkville

## A Word from Our State Deputy

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

This year's convention was to be held at the Imperial Palace Resort and Casino on the beautiful Back Bay of Biloxi, but hurricane Katrina cancelled those plans. Council 8848 in Tupelo has graciously accepted the challenge to host the convention based on the non-availability of facilities on the coast. The Knights in Tupelo are more than qualified to plan on short notice for this convention—we know the event will go on and will meet everyone's expectations.

Each year the host council for the convention depends heavily on income derived from convention booklet ads. This year's convention committee's mission is to provide as many amenities to our delegates and registrants as our budget will allow. Please keep in mind your registration fees are committed to the cost of banquet meals. Outside income is necessary to defray costs of related convention expenses.

Tupelo's 2006 Convention Committee requests each activity in the Mississippi Jurisdiction to purchase an ad for this year's convention booklet. The attached order form provides the details of the size and cost of each ad. I ask all of you to order your ads as soon as possible so the convention committee can plan their operating budget.

As a favor to the Tupelo Council, I have volunteered to co-chair this year's convention book. So, mail your ad order form, art work, and check to me at:

Larry J. Tabor  
State Deputy  
9601 Blossman Dr  
Biloxi, MS 39532

*Thank you in advance for your support.*

*Larry J. Tabor*  
*State Deputy*

## A Word from Our State Secretary

### *The Life of a Council*

There are many phases in the life of a council.

The first is when a group of Catholic men decide that they need to

bond together for the good of the Church and the community. So, after

many hours of preparation, prayers, and help from officers and members of near-by KC councils, a new council is formed.

The second phase is recruitment.

Members of this newly formed council eagerly talk to other Catholic men in and around their parish and, because of their enthusiasm, convince them to join the council.

The third phase is growth.

With growth comes diversity. The council is now made up of Catholic men from different nationalities and races. Naturally,

they will have differing ideas, priorities, and personalities. Because of this diversity of members, the council now has to make a decision. It can choose to let these differences fester and the council will slowly deteriorate and die or it can see these differences as an opportunity for further growth. And, with the help of God, it can rise to greatness.

It is my sincere hope, that your council will follow the path to greatness.

*Vivat Jesus,*  
*Danny Lechner*  
*State Secretary*

## Carlow Reunion Mass Celebrated

### Annual Carlow Reunion Mass Held

The annual Carlow Reunion Mass was held at Our Lady of Fatima, Biloxi, Ms., on 10 Jan--Celebrant Bishop Thomas Rodi. Bishops from MS and LA as well as all the Irish priests that attended St. Patrick's Carlow Seminary in Ireland were in attendance.

The Color Corps from the MS Gulf Coast were highly visible as 26 Sir Knights were dressed out in full regalia. The break down of Sir Knights, their assembly or town is as follows:

#### Ocean Springs Assembly - 10 Sir Knights:

Skip Murphy, Flitter Roberts, Tony Homsany, Jack Schaefer, Frank Hilt, Richard Tinsley, Walter Ryan, Joe Goellner, Jim Bailey, Glen Lassere.

#### Long Beach Assembly - 6 Sir Knights:

Norman McDonald, Elvis Gates, James W. Holliday Jr., Patrick Hamel, Charles Mink, Walt Abdle.

#### Biloxi Assembly - 4 Sir Knights:

Chris Billeaud, Art Dunn, Robert Lawson, and Patrick Chubb

#### Gulfport Assembly - 3 Sir Knights:

Pete Guidry, John Maynard, Leonard Nahlen

#### St. James Assembly - 1 Sir Knight:

Dan Gillis

#### Pass Christian Assembly - 1 Sir Knight:

## The Dr. Paul & Cathy Train Just Keeps Rolling

### Christmas Eve in Pass Christian



January 6<sup>th</sup> in D'Iberville



## A Word of Thanks to our Troops from SD Tabor

### Brigadier General Capasso:

I would like to personally thank the young Airmen who supported this HUMRO at our church in D'Iberville. The Canadian Knights of Columbus, a Catholic men's fraternal organization, arranged for the collection and transport of these much needed items. As CEO of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus, I sincerely appreciate the Keesler airmen's efforts and positive attitude as they braved the cold and wind to assist in the off loading of the 18 wheeler. Our Knights were equally impressed by their "can do" attitude and willingness to help. Thanks for their support and the coverage provided by PA and WLOX.

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Larry J. Tabor  
State Deputy

## Seminarians Needing Financial Assistance

There are two seminarians in the Jackson Diocese that are not receiving any financial assistance from any Knights of Columbus Council or Assembly in the. If any Council or Assembly in the diocese would like to adopt one of these seminarians, please contact:

Deacon Larry Campbell,  
K of C Vocations Director  
7415 Fox Trace  
Southaven, Ms.  
(H) 662-349-8613  
(C) 901-606-5810  
(E-Mail) [deaconlcampbell@bellsouth.net](mailto:deaconlcampbell@bellsouth.net)



## Buses and Computers for the Biloxi Diocese

As reported by State Family Director Carl Brochard

On 26th of December 12 of us left Ocean Springs to go to Fair Fax Virginia and Appomattox County to pick up 5 school busses and 50 computers to be given to the Biloxi Diocese. The Knights in Virginia put up the Majority of the money for expenses, and the remaining was picked up by the Mississippi Council. (Info \$2100 by Virginia and \$780 by Mississippi) check with Larry before you Print the amount.

It took us 4 days to go and come and when we returned Our State Deputy Larry Tabor was there to greet us and inspect the busses and computer. The Ladies in the pictures are from Appomattox county that gave us the Computers they are from left to right Lorie Gowin, Brenda Gowin Clerk for School Board and Martha Eagle Director of Technology in Appomattox county public school. The Man in picture 000-161 is Billy Perrow Director of Transportation.

Of the 12 there were 6 KC's and 1 squire from council 5654, Fr. Henry, Carl Brochard, Joe Niezgoda, Richard Tinsley, William Reading (Squire), Billy Reading, Walter Ryan, the rest were John Loledze, Harry Hull, Earl Barnes, Ed Flagg, and Gordon Mathieu.

This is my story and I am sticking to it

Carl



## Ocean Springs Names Knight & Family of the Year



Council 5654 named Joe & Barbara Niezgoda as Family of the Year and W.Kitson as Knight of the Year for 2005. The State Family along with Magnolia Knight would like to congratulate Kit, Joe & Miss Barbara for their accomplishments.

Keep up the good work!

*Joe Niezgoda along with wife  
Barbara were name Council 5654  
Family of the Year*





*KC STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT  
FEB 11TH  
PINE BURR GOLF COURSE  
WIGGINS, MS.*



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PRIZES ON THE PAR 3'S.**

*For details contact Ed Croal at [papacroal@cableone.net](mailto:papacroal@cableone.net)*

### A Note from PSD/FM John Myers

My 10 year old pace maker decided in November 2005 that it was going to give up the ghost, so my heart doctor decided to put in a new one. They told me that they were going to put in a Medtronic pacemaker so I check this company out on the internet and found that they had a lot of recalls and faulty wires, so I told the doctor that I did not want that one. He said that if it was his mother or father he would put in a St. Jude pacemaker - told him that is what I wanted. There was not any bad information on the internet about the St. Jude pacemaker. So on December 8, 2005 (the feast of the immaculate conception, which our parish is named) they put in a St. Jude pacemaker and I was discharged from the hospital on December 10, 2005 and have been going strong ever since. They tell me the pacemaker is good for at least 10 more years so ***I told them I would be back when I am 95.***

***Vivat Jesus  
JOHN P. MYERS, PSD, FM  
LAUREL, MS***

### A 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Reminder

Everybody:

The 25th is just around the corner and we need to be looking towards signing up new members for the 1st Degree at Sacred Heart/12166 in Pascagoula that evening at 7:00 P.M., probably in the school cafeteria. Your candidates should be there at 6:30 P.M. for processing. Try to let me or GK/John Johnson, or Mem. Dir. Billy Waggoner know how many you have if possible. But at any rate bring somebody in.

We'll be doing the new(and improved)version of the 1st Degree. Should be interesting huh?  
Please be sure to have someone from your Council escort your candidate(s) to the Degree. There's nothing worse on a new member than to have to go it alone!

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the 25th!!!! Also, don't forget your "Kits". Call for "Directions" 228-875-7057 or 228-327-6837

***Vivat Jesus  
Flitter/DD#12***