



# The Magnolia Knight



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## A Word from the Editor



State Deputy Larry Tabor  
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## Upcoming Events

### ◆ Exemplifications

Wednesday, 22 March 1<sup>st</sup>  
Degree Only Council 10499  
Ocean Springs

Sunday, 26 March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Degree Council 2969  
Clarkdale

Saturday, 8 April 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Assembly 2269 Brandon

Saturday, 6 May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
Degree Council 9673  
Woolmarket

Saturday, 10 June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
3<sup>rd</sup>, Degree Council 7854  
Clinton

### ◆ State Convention

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 28,  
29, 30 April Tupelo

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

Let me begin by apologizing for the lateness of this issue. I usually like to post the monthly *Magnolia Knight* by the middle Friday of each month. This month's issue was delayed a bit, as I waited for our Worthy State Deputy to submit his, always inspiring, contribution to our State newsletter. As many of you know Brother Larry Tabor has had surgery on BOTH of his feet and finally just asked me to go on with this month's issue. Although Larry is recovering well, his lack of mobility is slowing him down somewhat. If you know Larry being slowed by anything, does not set well with him. He asked me to convey the point that he and Denise are looking forward to seeing everyone, at the Tupelo convention.

After being told to go ahead and fill Larry's spot, I thought a minute. What could I put in here? Everyday I receive note worthy pieces from all over this great state. I never lack of things to publish lately.

To begin with the last page is usually reserved for our Worthy State Chaplain, Fr. Mike O'Conner. Fr. Mike was very consistent about sending his inspirational paragraphs in until he had a visit from a lady named Katrina. Just imagine being ordained, given your first assignment, being named State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus and then being face with such a monumental recovery effort all in the same year. WOW. Father Mike your page will always be reserved and we are looking forward to your return.

Then, there's the front page, normally set aside for the always informative lines from State Deputy Br. Larry Tabor. Let's think about his year a minute. This is not the way we planned it and we began planning several

years ago. You see, Larry has been working hard to get to this position for many years and this is not how he envisioned it. A few years back when I was GK of council 9094, D'Iberville and Larry was State Treasurer, we asked our council to entertain the idea of hosting the 2006 Convention. They jumped at the idea. We then presented that request to all of you at that year's convention and you graciously allowed us that opportunity. It would have been a very proud moment for Larry. He would be able to see his home council chairing the State Convention, during his first term as State Deputy. But as we all know, nature had other plans. *Let me take this opportunity (as the former Convention Chair) to thank Pick Nobel and the folks in Tupelo for stepping up to the plate.* Now getting back to Larry, along with coordinating all the recovery effort, he has had to endure multiple operations on his feet and legs. But through it all he has been and inspirational leader, mentor and friend. Thanks Larry.

Still, what can I put in the place of Larry's article? I could put some more of Dr. Paul's adventures. He and his wife Cathy have been God sends to many of the Brother Knights here on the coast. I thought maybe I could plug in more data from Deacon Larry Campbell or Pick Noble, about the convention. We all need to stay abreast on the happenings there. I could publish more on all the great efforts going on throughout the state. Come to think about it, by the time I put down all the sources I receive stories and articles from, I had my page full. The point is: if it wasn't for all the input from, all of you, putting this newsletter together would be much harder than it is.

*Noel Aucoin State Public relations  
Chairman*

## Convention Notables

1. The 2006 State Convention Golf Tournament will be held at the Natchez Trace Golf Club on Friday morning, April 28th, starting at 8:00 AM. This tournament will be a shotgun start. Registration forms are on the KC Web page. Please register as soon as possible.
  2. Hospitality Room reservations must be made with Pick Noble by April 10, 2006. Hospitality Rooms will be released after this date.
  3. The Tupelo Council will provide 25-lb bags of ice for Hospitality Rooms. This ice will be provided at no cost.
  4. If any Hospitality Rooms need an outside cooking area, please contact Pick Noble ASAP.
  5. For your information - the bars for both dinners will be "cash bars only".
  6. Convention Registrations not received by March 31st will be charged an extra \$10.00. Individual registration will increase from \$60 to \$70. Guest registration will increase from \$60 to \$70. Total package registration will increase from \$120.00 to \$140.00.
- Pick Noble's contact information is as follows: (H) 662 844-6439 (C) 662 231-4061  
E-mail panoblejr@aol.com

## Update on the book "Best Friends, The Story of Derek"

The book about Mississippi brother Sir Knight, Derek Medjesky, had gained approval from the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus at the time of it's printing in July, 2005. It was planned to have the profits of sale of this book split between the KC Mentally Handicap Drive and the Pascagoula High School Quarterback Club.

However, many copies of the book were lost/destroyed during Hurricane Katrina. Due to limited funds, there are no plans at this time to have additional copies printed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mike Gilly, FM*



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

*The following is an update letter (from Dr. Paul) sent to Brother Knights in Illinois thanking them for their generosity.*

Steve, would you please share this file with your brother knights in Illinois.

To date, I have been able to distribute more than \$5,000 worth of new tools to our brother knights and their families throughout the gulf coast. These photos also show the distribution center in Pearlington, MS which is just east of Louisiana. They are the forgotten towns on th coast and Cathy and I will try to help them with as much as we can get for them. As you can see from the photos, their are many very happy brother knights who will put the tools to good use repairing their homes, working on churches, schools and other facilities in their communities. Please let all your brother knights know how grateful we all are for their generous donations to help in the purchase of these items. Will keep you update with future emails.



**Paul**

### Convention Ad Deadline Extended

*We have extended the deadline to submit ads for this year's convention booklet to 20 March 2006. Please contact your councils and ask them to support the convention committee. Please send your check and art work to me at the address below. Copies of the ad purchase form can be found on the state's web page.*

*Larry Tabor  
State Deputy  
MS Knights of Columbus*

### Hospitality Rooms Available

Anyone needing a Hospitality Room for this year's convention should call Pic Noble prior to April 10th. ***This must be the deadline.***

Contact Numbers:  
(H) (662)-844-6439  
(C) (662)-231-4061

Leave a number if you do not get an

## Pro-Life In Mississippi

The following article was submitted by Dennis & Muna Riecke

Mississippi Pro-life Coupl,e Diocese of Jackson

Dear Friends:

Things have been really busy as you may know. We are using every opportunity to be a voice for the unborn. We have received or will be receiving free advertisement through the liberal news media about our cause. The following organizations have interviewed with us or are planning to interview.

Clarion Ledger - OP ED This Sunday, March 12 - many other articles have already run

Hattiesburg American - Several articles already run and another coming out this weekend

LA Times - I haven't seen this one yet

Fox News Radio

BBC Radio - Aired in London today

Canadian Broadcasting -

Current TV on cable filmed another short documentary

Channel 12 News Broadcast

US News and World Report - This week

Newsweek Magazine - Next week

and the most amazing one

Rolling Stone Magazine!!!

I have not communicated with YOU, our friends as of yet, because we have been gathering information from many pro-life organizations and legal experts, as well as our local coalition leaders to come up with a plan before we began broadcasting too much information. We cannot determine whether OUR PLAN will be followed by the legislature but we wanted to speak with one voice.

Attached is a copy of the bill as it left the house. WE are asking the senate to invite conference and work with the house on strengthening the language in the BAN and also adding the SONOGRAM REQUIREMENT back into the bill. I think we have enough support by house democrats to make this a reality. WE have made it clear that we prefer the bill to have an exception for the life of the mother only; however we recognize that as written, the law will end abortion as a means of birth control which will close all abortion clinics by ending 99.9% of all abortions.

We have a friend named S.J. who is a student at MS College and she is beautiful. She was conceived through rape, but created by GOD!! I think this is a good opportunity to talk about why we believe that every person is entitled to life regardless of how they were conceived. But I also believe that a mother should lay down her life for her child and that would mean that even the life of the mother is an unacceptable exception. I have heard some wonderful testimonies about mothers who were told they would die or their child would die and both survived without an abortion. But it could be argued in rare circumstances that it is self defense on the part of the mother. I do understand.

We are in a "Defining Moment" in history and I want to be sure that we are God's voice for the unborn. Please join us in, first of all, asking the senate to invite conference and then when the conferees are chosen, help us get the best possible bill out of committee. We can add a severability clause that would allow the SONOGRAM REQUIREMENT to go into effect while the BAN is tied up in the courts. When the BAN is enacted, the sonogram provision will apply only to mothers who fit under the rare exceptions in the law or it could be unnecessary in a few years. WE HOPE.

It is an important message to the legislature that we are not planning on ending our efforts towards incremental legislation that will go into effect now. We need to push for restrictions on RU486 or the morning after pill which Planned Parenthood bragged about distributing in the Hattiesburg American. I am not sure how restrictive we can be, but this is an example of what still could be done in our state. We also lost the CLONING BAN in Committee and would like to see it pass.

Please pray. I can sense your support and I appreciate your heart for the unborn. Please call our office and make reservations for Our CELEBRATING NEW LIFE GALA. April 6. Invitations will go out any day now. This should be an exciting time to celebrate our VICTORIES?? I am hopeful it will be so. Pastor Dan Hall whom many of you know will be our speaker and he has an excellent message for us.

ENDING ABORTION IN OUR LIFETIME!!

AND MAKING MS THE FIRST ABORTION FREE STATE IN THE UNION

THIS IS OUR PASSION,

**TERRI HERRING**

**PRO-LIFE MISSISSIPPI**

### Honor Guard for Convention Masses

Gentlemen: As you all know there are two Masses during the State Convention. Saturday morning at 8 am and Sunday morning at 8 am.

For those knights coming to the convention, if you have regalia, would you be so kind as to bring it with you and join us to form an Honor Guard for each mass. Please email me if you can be a part of this Honor Guard.

*Thanks Paul*

### Another Motel for the Convention

Sixty rooms are being held for K of C at:

Comfort Inn

1190 N Gloster Street

Tupelo, MS 38804

Phone: 662-842-5100

Room rate for K of C is \$67 plus tax

**ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
FLOYD DOOLITTLE  
GOLF CLASSIC**

(ALL PROCEEDS GO TO PRIEST EDUCATION FUND)



**April 8, 2006**

**BAY POINTE RESORT & GOLF COURSE  
HIGHWAY 471 NORTH, BRANDON, MS  
FOUR PERSON BEST BALL FORMAT**

**1ST TEAM TEE OFF TIME BEGINNING AT 12:00 P.M.**  
(\$65 PER PERSON TO PLAY; \$100 TO SPONSOR A HOLE)  
GREEN FEES, CART FEE, FOOD & REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

To enter, contact Zoffee Dahmash at 601-853-4173 or mail to  
106 Cerise Court, Madison MS 39110

MULLIGANS SOLD FOR \$5.00 EACH.  
MAXIMUM OF 3 MULLIGANS PER PLAYER.  
ONLY ONE MULLIGAN MAY BE USED PER HOLE.

PRIZES FOR: 1ST & 2ND PLACE,  
LONGEST DRIVE, CLOSEST TO THE PIN,  
AND HOLE IN ONE.

DIRECTIONS: From Madison-Ridgeland. Take Lake Harbour drive across the spillway to 1st traffic light, turn left on N. Shore and follow until dead ends at gate to course. From Jackson: follow Lakeland Drive E to Hwy 471, turn left on Hwy 471 go 1.5 miles to golf course on the right. Tel. 601-829-1862.

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**April 8, 2006**

**Bay Pointe Resort & Golf Course, Highway 471 North, Brandon, Ms.  
601-829-1862**

**Four person best ball. Each team member will tee off and the team selects the best drive for its members to use for their next shot. Each member will then play from the same spot. Members will continue to use the best ball for their next stroke until the hole is complete. Only one score will be recorded for each hole.**

**Tee time at 12 P.M. for the 1<sup>st</sup> foursome with other foursomes to follow. A light snack will be served prior to start and a meal at the end.**

**Beverages will be furnished.**

**Prizes for 1st & 2nd place, longest drive, and closest to the hole. Mail registration along with your check (\$65 per player) payable to knights of Columbus Council 9543. Mail to Zoffee Dahmash, 106 cerise ct, Madison, MS 39110 or contact by phone 601-853-4173.**

PLAYER ONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER TWO: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER THREE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER FOUR: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE CHRISTOPHER FUND**

The Christopher Fund was established by resolution at the 2000 state convention. The program was established by the Supreme Council to induce jurisdictions to establish an endowment for seminarian education. This program allows for every participating jurisdiction to raise up to \$5 per member. Mississippi has just over 6000 members, so we can allocate up to \$30,000. The Supreme Council then sets aside an additional \$30,000 to match our total. Then they invest the money, and the interest earned is split equally between the two dioceses. Last year the fund had approximately \$18,000, so the state split equally the interest on \$36,000 at 7%. Each diocese then received a check for \$1260. If we maximized the Fund, we could possibly earn up to \$2100 per diocese per year which would amount to the third highest contribution in the state. Presently \$23 from each Knights of Columbus license plate goes directly to this Fund. Additionally, as an incentive to help the Fund grow, one of our awards offerings is a contribution of at least \$100 to the Christopher Fund. Let's all pull together and maximize this Fund.

**Urgent Help Needed!!**

Gentlemen: Deacon Campbell and I need your help urgently. This request is directed specifically to the Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries in the Biloxi Dioceses.

Please respond as quickly as you can to Deacon Larry Campbell at: [deaconlcampbell@bellsouth.net](mailto:deaconlcampbell@bellsouth.net)

Please let Deacon Campbell Know the following:

- *Are you supporting a seminarian or perhaps two?*
  - *If yes, please let us know there names*
- *What amount of contribution are you providing to them on a monthly basis?*
- *Do you participate in the RSVP program?*

Please let us hear from you as soon as possible. Thanking you in advance.

**Paul**