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## A WORD FROM OUR STATE DEPUTY



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### Upcoming Events

#### ◆ Exemplifications

Saturday, 19 Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
Degree, Council 9673  
Woolmarket

Wednesday, 23 Aug 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
Council 5654 Ocean Springs

Sunday, 27 Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Degree Council 898 Vicksburg

Saturday, 9 Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Degree Council 14051 Olive  
Branch

Saturday, 23 Sept 4<sup>th</sup> Degree,  
Assembly 562 Hattiesburg

Sunday, 22 Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Degree Council 10216 Brandon

Saturday, 28 October 4<sup>th</sup>  
Degree, Council 9673  
Woolmarket

#### ◆ Reports Due

Semi-annual audit report, 15,  
August

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

This fraternal year is flying by! Where has the time gone? Here we are 45 days into the year and so many wonderful things have been going on. This is the season for Installation of Council Officers and thankfully I have been able to make several of them recently. As soon as we finished up on the State Organizational meeting and the regional Schools of Columbianism, we laid plans for this year's membership recruitment programs.

While on the subject of Schools of Columbianism, I want to thank all the councils who had representatives present for these very informative meetings. We were especially happy to see every council represented in the Northern region. Although the Southern and Central regions did not have 100% representation, there were attended very well by the councils in those areas. We appreciate everyone's commitment for these meetings as we get to meet council officers and discuss our plans for the upcoming year.

During this time of year we also have another very important mission to complete. As council officers, we have an obligation to comply with Supreme's requirements to submit the necessary forms to report the newly elected officers for the term (Form 185), the Service Program Personnel (Form 362), and the council Audit.

As of today, 13 councils have not submitted their Form 185s to Supreme, which negatively impacts our efforts to complete the State Directory. This also means we cannot complete our council mailing lists and Supreme cannot send their materials to the new Grand Knight. This form was due June 30. I will be containing the responsible Grand Knights to seek their assistance to have the delinquent councils submit their forms.

We are far more out of sync with our Service Program Personnel Report as we have 23 councils that have not submitted their form. Your Service Program personnel are missing out on receiving valuable and informative publications from Supreme. How can a council Grand Knight expect his council to flourish if his program people have little to nothing to work with? This report was due to Supreme by 31 July. Think about it—you are depriving them of this material. Again, I will be containing the responsible Grand Knights to seek their assistance to have the delinquent councils

submit their forms.

Thank goodness most council's have submitted their Semi-Annual Audits. Only 8 have not submitted theirs. Time has run out as they were due to Supreme by 15 August. Ditto on me, contacting the respective District Deputies for assistance.

I ask everyone to take note of the upcoming degree that are scheduled for both the Third and Fourth Degrees. It is so easy to recruit a new member, all you need to do is work up the courage to ask an eligible Catholic man if he has ever been approached to join the Knights. You may be surprised by his answer and there is your chance. Surely we can tell of all the good things our council has done to promote Columbianism. We have muck to be proud of as members of our Order. You will never know whether or not you are a successful recruiter unless you take the first step and ask the question. When was the last time you asked someone to join? Try it soon.

The Supreme Convention in Orlando Florida was a grand success as we had Bishop Rodi and State Chaplain Mike O'Connor with us. All five State Officers were able to attend. State Warden David Scott and his family really enjoyed the activities. We also have 5 Knights and their families from Council 4898 in Long Beach attend. They too thought the event and associated Masses were something to behold. Raymond Cole and his wife from Batesville also attended and passed out organ-donor pins to conventioners. Next year's Supreme Convention is in Nashville, TN, which is in driving distance for councils in the Northern part of our State. Give this event serious thought and try to make it.

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 successful fraternal year. We thank everyone for their support and hospitality and look forward to serving you in 2006-2007.

**VIVAT JESUS!**  
**Larry J. Tabor**  
**State Deputy**

## ORDER-WIDE RECRUITMENT BLITZ

### *Attention All Grand Knights, Council Membership Directors, and District Deputies:*

As you are aware, during October our Supreme Knight is asking every council to participate in our order-wide recruitment "BLITZ". This recruitment method has proven successful for all local councils that have conducted it in addition to their regular monthly recruitment activities.

The BLITZ is scheduled for the weekend of October 7-8, 2006. All councils are asked to report their BLITZ results to their District Deputies by Monday, October 9th. District Deputies must report their district results to the State Deputy by Wednesday, October 11th. State Deputies must then report their results to the Regional Program Consultant by October 16th. The Supreme Knight will review all reports submitted by the State Deputies.

I encourage each Grand Knight and District Deputy to plan for and schedule frequent First Degrees—do not wait for a Major Exemplification to bring your candidates in. Districts without a

Degree Team in their area should request support from another District AND begin developing a First Degree Team in your District.

Councils with a strong recruitment track record always have a good stock of Form 100 in their member's hands and always has recruitment material readily available. A successful recruiter is a Knight who is always prepared to talk with an eligible Catholic gentleman about the Knights of Columbus. He will also have a Form 100 handy and will know how to properly fill it out.

If any council would like the State Membership Director to assist them with their membership drives, please feel free to contact me.

Martin Bisek

State Membership Director

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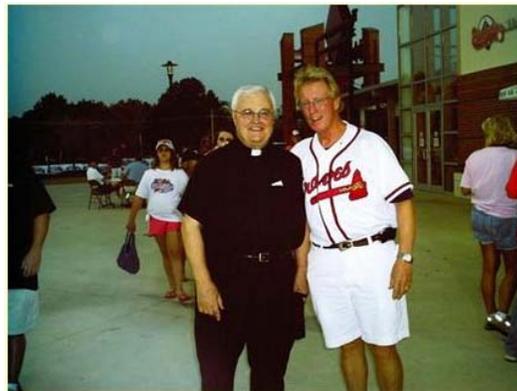
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## 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL KC FAMILY NIGHT HELD AT TRUSTMARK PARK

### *Pearl MS.:*

On August 9th over 500 Knights of Columbus, a combined 4th degree color guard, Bishop Joseph Latino, parish priests, seminarians, and Catholic families from as far away as Natchez and Brookhaven came together. To celebrate the first Knights of Columbus Family Night at the Mississippi Braves at Trustmark Park in Pearl, with the Bishop scheduled to throw out the ceremonial first pitch, the heavens opened up with lightening and pouring down rain, resulting in the canceling of the game. The ball park and field were dampened, but not the spirits of the 550 hardy souls who made it out. Undaunted another Knights of Columbus Family Night will be scheduled for next year.



In the game of life.  
Sometimes you win.  
Sometimes you loose.  
Sometimes you get  
rained out.

*Bishop Joseph N. Latino and Mississippi Braves on field announcer Sir Knight Ron Berry*

## MAYORS LEND SUPPORT TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS' CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

Mayors Greg Davis of Southaven and Nat Baker of Horn Lake signed proclamations Monday declaring the week of Aug. 12-20 Knights of Columbus Family Week in their cities, joining 13,000 K of C councils around the world in celebrating families and family activities.

Grand Knight Bill Sonnemann and Trustee and State Vocations Director Lawrence Campbell of Hernando DeSoto Council 7120 of Christ the King Catholic Church in Southaven joined the mayors for the signings in Mayor Davis' Southaven City Hall office.

"The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic lay organization, providing members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Church, their communities, families and young people," Mayors Davis and Baker said in a joint statement. "We are grateful to members of the Hernando DeSoto Council for the role they play in the life of Southaven and Horn Lake. The Council has an outstanding record of service, good works and building stronger families in our communities."

Hernando DeSoto Council 7120 was founded in 1978 and numbers 107 Catholic families. Sonnemann noted that the Council is engaged in an effort to recruit new members and

their families under the theme "The Experience of a Lifetime."

"The Knights work year-round to strengthen and build up families, but special attention is brought to these efforts by the celebration of International Family Week," Sonnemann said. "The observance offers opportunities for our Council to increase its support to the church, the community and our youth."

Hernando DeSoto Council programs include Family of the Month and Family of the Year selections, monthly family breakfasts and an essay contest for students graduating from Catholic elementary and high schools, Free Throw and Soccer Challenge championships and a Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest. Fund-raising programs include an annual collection for citizens with intellectual and/or physical disabilities and Special Olympics, and a cadre of Knights supports Samaritans in its work to assist the disadvantaged in Southaven and Horn Lake.

On Sept. 3, the Council will launch its 10th season of manning a concession stand at University of Mississippi home football games with proceeds supporting an array of church, community and youth programs.

With more than 1.7 million members throughout the world, the K of C annually contributes more than \$135 million and 65 million hours of service to charitable causes.

## PICAYUNE CELEBRATES THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

### *Knights of Columbus Assembly 2227:*

Father Mike Snyder and the congregation of Picayune's St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, celebrated the Feast Of Corpus Christi, with morning mass on Sunday June 18th.

After mass, Father Mike, accompanied by Picayune's Knights of Columbus Assembly 2227 and members of the church congregation, held a procession around St. Charles church. The Knights in full regalia were Honor Guards of the Holy Eucharist and the procession. Other Knights were torch and canopy bearers, protecting the Holy Eucharist and Father Mike from a spring shower as the procession stopped mid way to pray and adore the Eucharist. After praying the procession continued, singing praises and disbanded at the church entrance.

The canopy and torches were a gift from the 4th Degree Knights of Picayune Assembly 2227, in memory of deceased members c the Assembly.



*Fr. Mike Snyder, kneeling, leading the procession's prayers and adoration.*



*Knights of Columbus of Picayunes Assembly 2227 in full regalia, as honor guards at the Corpus Christi procession June 18th 2006. L-R Front row Ron Sperier Color Guard Commander, Jim Danton Former Faithful Navigator, and Sydney Graf Former Faithful Navigator. Back Row Ron Cassagne, State District Marshall E.J. Favre Former Faithful Navigator and Jerry Roland Honor Guard member.*

### *State On-Line Directory Update*

A couple of Reminders,

All District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Faithful Navigators, Faithful Comptrollers, Auxiliary President, Auxiliary Secretary, Circle Chief Counselor and Circle Chief Squire all have automatic access to update their own group and to view all other information.

If you need instructions email [statedirectory@bellsouth.net](mailto:statedirectory@bellsouth.net) with your request.

Other members may request access from the "Request Access" screen, which will be a view only. The Grand Knight of his Council will get an email asking them to approve non-officer access.

Change your password at the prompt to help keep Directory secure.

Anytime a new Form 185 or 186 is filed with Supreme update the directory.

## LET'S ALL BE CEREMONIALIST

### *A News Letter from Ceremonial's Chairman Jerry Schmuck*

From 1877 to 1884, Servant of God, Father Michael J. McGivney walked the streets of New Haven, as a parish priest with a vision. His forward reaching vision is now the largest, most influential, lay Catholic organization in the world. The Knights of Columbus has grown to over 1.72 million members, because of our unity of purpose and unity in action. Today, more than ever, each brother knight needs to be a ceremonialist. He need not necessarily be on a team and memorize a part, he must simply attend the ceremonials, be open to, and guided by, the great gift to the Order, of a wise "Parish Priest."

Our ceremonials are a guide to each brother knight of the duties of a Catholic man, and,

- Improves the members self concept and self identity
- Expands his personal horizons and gives his life a new meaningful direction
- Improves his ability to cooperate with others
- Connects the individual "brother knight," to the group – his "council"

Our ceremonials, teach life lessons rooted in charity, unity and fraternity, and orderly council cooperation. The duties and

responsibilities of the officers are set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws, and explained in the "Installation of Council Officers Ceremonial."

This ceremonial reinforces our "Code of Conduct." The most exemplified ceremonial of our Order is the bi-monthly council meeting. Over 300,000 meetings are conducted each fraternal year. The council meeting is the motor that makes the council and Order operate.

Great councils run great meetings. Good councils run good meetings. Mediocre councils run mediocre meetings. Poor councils run poor meetings and councils that do not run meetings are dead. The importance of the council meeting and its proper conduct is a high priority of our jurisdiction. The council meeting agenda is set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws. Form #1937, is the Board of Directors approved "Method of Conducting a Council Meeting." It is not a guide, or a suggested form, or a checklist; it is THE method. The council meeting, when presented according to the prescribed form, respects the member and his valuable time. Meeting attendance will increase with professionally conducted meetings.

Grand Knights should always follow Parliamentary Procedure and the Knight of Columbus Protocol Book. Meeting should be a focused exercise, not an open forum. Meetings without purpose accomplish little.

As we start this new fraternal year, I encourage all Grand Knights throughout our jurisdiction to review and implement the Form 1937 (Proper Method of Conducting a meeting). Let's ALL be the ceremonialist we need to be and have a successful year this year.

## THOUGHTS FROM FR. MIKE

### Dear Brother Knights,

This week we have celebrated the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven body and soul – and we look with hope to our own journey to be with God. These are great reasons to rejoice – to say with Mother Mary in the Magnificat "My soul rejoices in God my savior!"

With gifts of salvation and joy we are given the real some real responsibilities to live Christian life. As Knights we are called to be authentic Christian men. Recently in our Church we celebrated the life of a real man, a man that was heroic in his Christian life. There is no better hero, no more real hero than the Christian hero. Below is a short article on being a Christian man by Fr. Tom Euteneuer, the president of Human Life International.

The Man Who Stepped out of Line In this post-feminist age when men are still learning remedial masculinity, we have a model of manhood lived heroically which we would do well to emulate.

In the early twentieth century Poland gave us that manly priest, John Paul II, but also his hero, Maximilian Kolbe: priest, missionary, spiritual father and martyr of brotherly love. St. Maximilian's feast day is August 14th, the vigil of his beloved Virgin Mary's Assumption and the day which commemorates the conquest of virile love over the totalitarian creeds of his generation.

As men, we could all learn a simple lesson from Maximilian Kolbe in a fundamental area of virtue: namely, chastity. Men today don't connect chastity with manliness because they are indoctrinated by a sexualized society against the sacrifice it requires. But chastity is the proof of a man's virtue, not its destruction. Whether it is pre-marital chastity to respect women, periodic abstinence in marriage to respect wives, or permanent celibate chastity for God's kingdom, a man must learn it or live in a state of perpetual adolescence. Indeed, even as a child Kolbe was asked by Our Lady to choose between a white crown of purity and a red crown of martyrdom, and he showed his penchant for magnanimous sacrifice by choosing both! Men will be chaste not just when women demand it of them but when they see it as a heroic way to prove their manhood, and Kolbe's example stands out for any of us who have eyes to see.

Upon this foundation of chastity St. Maximilian built a veritable kingdom for Christ. This kingdom was not the raw expression of ego that so any men flaunt, but a kingdom of love to which he devoted his life and all his vital energies. He was not yet a priest when he formed an organization for the conversion of all Freemasons in the world — no minor project there. He then established the largest monastery of religious men in the world and gave them all the task of bringing souls to Christ. After that he learned Japanese and went to Japan because he saw that the mainly un-Christianized Japanese had souls to save, too, and someone had to do it. He identified himself as that someone. Nor was he known to have ever accepted a benefit or privilege beyond what his men received, even when he was technically entitled to it as their superior. He ate with them, prayed with them, slept on the floor like them and then went to several Nazi prison camps with them. He was first, but made himself the last and the servant of all. This was a man's man.

If the real identifying mark of a man is his ability to forego his own desires for the good of others, then the sacrifice of one's life for another surely qualifies as the highest measure of manhood. This saint did not even know the man who lamented about the destitution of his wife and children if he died in that concentration camp, but Kolbe stepped out of line right then and there and took his place as if it never occurred to him that he had just agreed to the most horrible death imaginable, death by starvation, or to having his veins shot through with carbolic acid to finish off the devilish deed. His act of selflessness was so spontaneous that it seemed like just another sacrifice in his day, but in reality it was the ultimate sacrifice. "I'm just a priest," he told the Kommandant of the camp. "I'll go instead of him."

Will today's men learn from this man about manhood? Woe to us if we do not! In a world where feminist dogmas and intimidations shame men from living the heroism to which all of us are called, Kolbe beckons men to stand up, throw off this present totalitarianism and step out of line for those who need men most.

**VIVAT JESUS!**  
Fr. Michael O'Conner  
State Chaplain

### VOCATIONS - JACKSON DIOCESE

The Diocese of Jackson was truly blessed recently with the ordinations of three new priests, Fathers Lenin Vargas, Mario Solorzano, and Benjamin Martinez; all three of whom are originally from Mexico and came to us as they were beginning their graduate level theology studies about five years ago. They are being well received by the parishes to which they have been assigned.

Though our next ordination will not take place until two years from now, God willing, we now have a total of ten seminarians, which is a good number for our mission diocese. Three of the ten are in college level seminary (St. Joseph in Covington, Louisiana), and the rest are in pre-theology or graduate level theology studies at major seminaries (Sacred Heart in Wisconsin and Notre Dame, New Orleans). The Knights have been very supportive, both by their prayers and by participating in the RSVP program. Although the Jackson Diocese pays all of the seminarians' tuition, room, board, and book expenses, and pays a monthly stipend, the extra amount given by the Knights is very much appreciated; it comes in handy for the seminarians' traveling expenses, or for an occasional night out for a meal or movie, etc. Please let me know if your council is interested in supporting one of our seminarians; even a small amount is useful and keeps our seminarians connected to the people for whom they are being formed in theology and ministry.

Let me know if I can be of assistance in any way as your councils try to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

God bless,  
Fr. Kent Bowlds, Vocation Director, Diocese of Jackson  
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### Knights of Columbus KCIC - SRCC

"Keep Christ In Christmas" - "Send Religious Christmas Cards"  
Deadline to Order 1 Assortment Case is Sept. 25, 2006  
at the introduction price \$125 + \$10 shipping (after this date \$162.50)  
Sell to Public for \$282.50  
Contact State KCIC Chairman  
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### Members of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus:

We are first in our Division in membership as of 31 July--- wouldn't it be wonderful if we could maintain this ranking for the rest of the fraternal year? I want to remind and encourage everyone to encourage that they must always take the first step and ask eligible Catholic men to join our Order. Everyone must do their part to recruit new members and tend to each and every current member so we can retain them.

To ensure each council is prepared to recruit new members, I encourage you to order membership recruitment and fraternal benefits material from Supreme. Most, if not all of this material is FREE. Let's keep the ball rolling in 2006-2007 and make it a banner year for recruiting new members.

"Charity, Unity, Fraternity....Living Deus Caritas Est"  
Larry J. Tabor (MS State Deputy)

