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## A WORD FROM OUR STATE DEPUTY



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### Upcoming Events

#### ◆ Exemplifications

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

Wednesday, 27 Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Council 5654 Ocean Springs (Host Council 1605)

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

Wednesday, 25 Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Council 5654 Ocean Springs

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

#### ◆ Noteworthy Dates

Catholic Advertising Fund Levy, 1 October

Suspension of Council for Nonpayment of Per Capita Tax 8 October

Columbus Day (observed) 9 October (traditional) 12 Oct.

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

We are now 6 months into the State's Fraternal year and a little more than 2 and a half months into Supreme's Fraternal year. I have had a chance to step back a moment and assess the progress of the State's performance thus far. From the State's perspective and what has been accomplished since the convention, I think we could have done a better job. We are still looking for some council forms that have not been submitted, such as the Election of Council Officers (Form 185) and Appointment of Council Service Program Personnel (Form 365) and various council and chairmanship reports needed to complete the Convention Minute book. I am guilty too; I haven't sent the State Secretary my report, but I can assure you that as soon as I finish this article I will finish that project and submit it to Danny Lechner.

We are not yet at 100% on providing information to support the State Directory. FS Mike Kassouf of Starkville has been working diligently to make the Directory on Line work; he has spent numerous hours tracking down information, pleading with Grand Knights and District Deputies to provide the information. What is the impact you ask?

We do not have a complete directory for one which means we do not have a complete mailing list for Grand Knights, which means it is harder to communicate to everyone, which means we have a broken link in our communications chain.

I am glad to report some things are going well. We all sensed a uplifting spirit at the convention and it seems to have been carried over into the new fraternal year's activities. We had a banner new member recruitment month in July and in August. However, as usual our gains were reduced by a large number of suspensions. We gain about 40 new members and dropped 20.

Speaking about membership recruitment, everyone should be planning for and executing activities for the October BLITZ. District Deputies are reminded to submit their weekly reports on to me beginning 10 Oct, then 18 Oct, and 25 Oct. I will in turn send them to our Regional Program Coordinator. Our final report must be submitted by 30 Oct, so it can be furnished to the Supreme Knight by 1 Nov. I ask each District Deputy to take this task on and push their councils to get involved in the BLITZ. Let's make this BLITZ successful as I know we can if we set our minds to it.

We have many activities scheduled for the coming weeks – a Fourth Degree in Hattiesburg on Saturday, September 23; a 2nd and 3rd Degree in

Brandon on Sunday, October 22. Let's not forget about the Biloxi Diocese Respect Life-Life Chain, on Sunday, October 1st. Other activities are included in this issue.

I will be traveling to Birmingham, AL, October 21-22, to attend the Bienville Provincial Fourth Degree Meeting with our Master, Dr. Paul Gospodarski. In November, I will be traveling to Atlanta to attend Supreme's Mid-year meeting, Nov 17-19. Soon I will be scheduling our regional mid-year meetings. If any council in the central and northern region would like to host the meeting in their area, please coordinate it with your District Deputy and then let me know.

District Deputies: I ask your immediate assistance to contact your councils and remind them they must either return their First Degree books to Supreme or write and submit a memo to Supreme telling them the books were lost. In addition, please make sure all of your First Degree Teams have been certified under the new version of the First Degree.

Grand Knights: We need your help on this project too. Please ensure your council's information has been entered into the Directory on Line. One more thing—have you planned a recruitment drive in support of the October BLITZ? What are you waiting for? Show us what you can do, recruit a new member today.

I hear the Priest Education Fund Raffle is going well in some parts of the State, while in other areas need a little push. Deacon Larry Campbell tells me Grand Knight Manfred Carr of Natchez has sold \$1500 worth of tickets and he plans on selling the most in the State. That is quite an accomplishment. How many have you sold?

In closing, let me thank everyone for what they have done to make our Jurisdiction a success. Each time I hear of a success story, it warms my heart and reminds me how great the Knights of Columbus organization is today. Keep up the great work.

Please 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 October BLITZ and in all else you do. We thank everyone for their support and hospitality and look forward to serving you in 2006-2007.

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

## SUPREME AWARD WINNERS

*Congratulations to the following winning Councils of awards from Supreme:*

### Star Councils

#4898 Long Beach

#7974 Columbus

#8285 St. Therese - Jackson

#9673 Woolmarket

### Star District

District 11 - Art Dunn

### Contest of Champions

Council # 7974 - Both net and percentage gain

Thanks to the Grand Knights of these councils for all their hard work and dedication. Also a heart felt congratulations to all the members of the councils without whose dedication to the principles of the order these awards would not be possible. Keep up the great work.

I also challenge the rest of the councils, on behalf of the State Family, to strive to achieve the same goals during the current fraternal year. Nothing is impossible if you believe in yourself and what you do.

**Bill Waggoner**

**State Program Director**

## KATRINA - 1 YEAR LATER

*Remembrances from Dr. Paul and Cathy Gospodarski:*

Good morning everyone. Tomorrow is the first anniversary since Katrina hit the gulf coast. Not only Mississippi, but Alabama and Louisiana. Since that awesome and frightening day, we have all witnessed and experienced the overwhelming generosity of so many individuals, groups, churches, organizations, corporations, all pulling together to help our neighbors.

This morning, Cathy and I had the privilege of attending a Prayer Breakfast that Governor Haley Barber held for the many faith groups in Mississippi who have been instrumental in helping so many. Many individuals gave wonderful testimony to what our faith means when it comes to helping those whose needs seem overwhelming. As our Bishop, Most Reverend Joseph Latino said at the breakfast, "I went to the coast and saw the damage and destruction and asked myself, were do I start?" He told the assembled guest, what the Catholic Church across the country did to help, how the Catholic Charities of the Jackson Diocese responded in the immediate aftermath of Katrina and now in the long term recovery process. He closed his remarks by reminding us of the 2nd greatest commandment: "Love thy Neighbor as thy self."

I would like to take this moment to thank so many Brother Knights from all across the country, from Canada and Mexico, and especially my brother knights of the great state of Mississippi who responded to our calls for help. It has been estimated that because of your generosity, the people of the gulf coast received more than 24 million dollars in urgently needed supplies from our Brother Knights. So many of them came as volunteers to help with the clean up and now the rebuilding of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Many are still coming, but we still need more, much more in volunteers to help in the rebuilding process. It will take years for the recovery to be complete. Years of giving of ourselves in love to our neighbors.

To the children of our schools in Jackson MS, thank you for responding to my request for food, baby formula, diapers and so much more. Thank you to the Children of St. Therese and St. Joseph who responded so generously with food drives and so much more.

Thank you to the Knights from Canada who brought four 18 wheelers to Mississippi to help with much needed supplies. To the of Maryland, Delaware, Illinois who not only helped with urgent supplies, but also sent volunteers to work with us. You are all a blessing.

Finally, to Catholic Charities of Jackson, Sister Donna, your overwhelming help, sharing of so much for so many was a true blessing to thousand of individuals who will never know how generous Catholic Charities truly was. God bless you all

I have included a set of the last pictures of some of the more than 80 trips Cathy and I have made to the gulf coast with supplies. Some are of the last Truck load from Canada, some are of the rebuilding efforts, some are of the installation of new officers for our Assemblies.

Please continue to keep all of us in your prayers. God bless you all.

**Paul and Cathy Gospodarski**



## VETERANS DAY PARADE IN CLINTON

### PARTICIPANTS NEEDED:

Sir Knights, Brothers and Ladies,

On Veterans Day, Saturday November 11, 2006 in Clinton, Mississippi the Bishop R.O. Gerow Assembly is sponsoring a parade to honor our nation's men and women in uniform past and present. I am inviting all Mississippi fourth degree color corps, assemblies, council's, squire's circles, ladies auxiliaries, Boy Scout troops, Cub Scout dens and Catholic parishes to send a contingent to march with us.

Immediately following the parade, everyone is invited to help Assembly # 554 place American flags on the grave sites of some

500 veterans interred in Cedar-Lawn cemetery in Jackson, where a Military Honor Guard will present a twenty one-gun salute and prayers for all veterans.

Please distribute this invitation throughout your councils, assemblies, and circles. You may list my e-mail address and phone number for RSVP's.

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## SUPREME NAMES FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR JULY 2006

I would like to congratulate the Family of the Month, picked by Supreme, for the month of July.

**David & Judy Burckel of Hattiesburg council 1908.**

I would like to thank the other 7 councils that took the 5 minutes; it takes to fill out the form for the Family of the Month.

Councils:

802, 898, 1908\*, 5654, 7211, 9094, 10901, 11904

If your council turned in for the Family of the Month and is not listed above please let me know so I can get Supreme to fix the problem. I am sure out of the 59 councils, in Mississippi; there were more councils, that turned in a Family for consideration. Eight Families just don't sound correct to me.

If your councils have not turned in families for July 2006 please take the time to back track the forms to, Supreme they will give you credit, even though you are late.

Thanks

Carl Brochard

State Family Director

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## BENEFIT FOR BATESVILLE GRAND KNIGHT SCHEDULED

### Spaghetti Dinner Planned

Batesville Council 13502 is serving a spaghetti dinner to help defray the medical expenses of Grand Knight Tim Hossenlopp, who is terminally ill and in the final stages of liver and pancreatic cancer. The dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sept. 23 at the Batesville Lions Club, with tickets priced at \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 4-10.

The Batesville Council serves the parishes of St. Mary and St. John. Tim, who is under hospice care at his home, was elected Grand Knight but was too ill to attend the installation ceremony. He did, however, preside at the first Council meeting held under his leadership.

Tickets are available through the Batesville Council and donations to the fund drive may be made to the Council as well.

## SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE LEFT OVER CHRISTMAS CARDS

Yes, Christmas cards. This is coming early (really early) so that you can get ready to include an important address to your list. Read on.....  
What a GREAT idea!

Fun with the ACLU.....

Wanna have some fun this CHRISTMAS? Send the ACLU a CHRISTMAS CARD this year.

As they are working so very hard to get rid of the CHRISTMAS part of this holiday, we should all send them a nice, CHRISTIAN, card to brighten up their dark, sad, little world.

Make sure it says "Merry Christmas" on it Here's the Address, just don't be rude or crude. (It's Not the Christian Way, you know!)



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*The State Director has been moved to the State Council Site  
State Directory Site - <http://www.ms-kofc.org/statedir>  
Please bookmark the new site.*

## COMMENTS FROM OUR 4<sup>th</sup> DEGREE MASTER

*Dear Brother Knights,*

Gentlemen: I received the following from our Vice Supreme Master, Michael Horten. Please share this information with your brother knights. Our commitment to our veterans are reflected in the service we provide through our VAVS program. Thank you to all who serve those who protect us.

All,

Here is a set of facts and figures that give you an idea of the overall "value-add" of the VAVS to our Veterans and our Nation. Please pass this on to your District Masters and encourage them to send it to their VAVS Representatives.

From Ms. Laura Balun, Director VAVS, writing in the VAVS newsletter "Eagle"

"Last year, through the VAVS, volunteers and the organizations they represent, donated more than \$50.4M in gifts and cash donations. Hours that were donated to VA in volunteer services valued at \$234.8M. When those two contributions are added together, more than \$285 M has been donated to assist with service to veterans. It costs VA\$45.5M for VAVS staff training, salaries (plus benefits), travel and volunteer meals an excellent return on investment."

It most certainly is a major return on investment, indeed! Consider also the hours these VAVS volunteers perform, over 13 M hours in 2005 (104 K hours by KofC volunteers), it is the veteran who is the direct and major beneficiary of this good will or as Fr. Holt, Deputy Chief Chaplain and Senior Catholic Priest Chaplain, VA, would put it "Good people doing good things".

I am very proud to be the Order's National VAVS Representative and our VAVS representatives and volunteers at the VA Medical Centers should be very proud of themselves. The Order of the Knights of Columbus should take great pride in its membership on the Executive Committee of the VAVS National Advisory Committee.

(VAVS = VA Volunteer Services)

*"We shall care for him who has borne the battle, and his widow and orphans." .Abraham Lincoln*

**Vivat Jesus**

**Paul Gospodarski**

*4<sup>th</sup> Degree Master*

**HELP US RE-BUILD**

# Sacred Heart

D'Iberville, Ms.

saturday & sunday October 14th & 15th

Open 11:00 am Until - both days



Prize Bingo

Gumbo

Fried Fish

Cotton Candy

Live Music

Book Store

PoBoys

Hamburgers/Hot Dogs

Snow Cones

Games

Silent Auction



# Parish Bazaar



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