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A WORD FROM OUR STATE DEPUTY



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

How has your October Membership Recruitment BLITZ coming along? What is a BLITZ you say? No, it is not a severe snow storm, but close. The BLITZ is a full speed a head membership recruitment drive each Mississippi Knight should be involved in, to include Grand Knights and District Deputies. It is incumbent in each of us to actively recruit eligible Catholic men 18 years and older to join our Order. If none of us take the initiative to ask, how will we ever be able to build upon this great organization?

In my travels around the State visiting councils, I make it a point to address membership recruitment. It is not just the Council Membership Director's job to recruit, nor just a job for the Grand Knight to do. Each council member, from the youngest to the oldest, has a responsibility to himself and the Order to encourage others to join the Knights of Columbus. Council's should develop target lists of men recommended by their pastor and begin personal contact with them. Speak with your parish's Lectors and Eucharistic ministers as they are well qualified to join. Invite them to an Open House or a council social. Tell perspective members of the good things your council accomplishes.

It is so easy to ask a man to join the Knights; if you are uncertain how to approach a perspective member, strike up a conversation about your (or his) favorite interest, or something about the parish activities. Practice if you must and then try it.

I am preparing memos to announce our mid-year meetings and should mail them shortly with full details. In the interim, here are the facts so each one of you can plan accordingly:

Date(s)	Activity	Location
December 1-2:	State Mid-Year Meeting	Council 10499, Ocean Springs
January 6th	Southern Regional Meeting	Council 5654, Ocean Springs
January 13th	Northern Regional Meeting	Council 10901, Oxford
January 14th	Central Regional Meeting	Council 10216, Brandon

On Friday, December 1, there will be a social at St. Elizabeth Seaton Parish beginning at 6 PM. Hotel reservation information will be forthcoming shortly and you will be advised. Regional meetings begin promptly at 12 noon each day and should be completed by 4 PM.

District Deputies: We still have some council's who have not returned their First Degree books to Supreme or write and submit a memo to Supreme telling them the books were lost. This is causing the Mississippi Jurisdiction a black eye.

Grand Knights: Once your District Deputy notifies you that your council has not returned First Degree Books to Supreme, please do the honorable thing and either send in the book or submit a memo to me confirming they were lost. You can find a sample memo on the State's web page.

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

Upcoming Events

◆ **Exemplifications**
Sunday, 22 Oct 2nd & 3rd
Degree Council 10216
Brandon

Wednesday, 25 Oct. 1st
Degree Council 5654 Ocean
Springs

Saturday, 28 October 4th
Degree, Council 9673
Woolmarket

◆ Noteworthy Dates

Feast of all Saints, 1
November

Feast of all Souls, 2
November

Election Day, 7 November.

National Family Week 20-27
November

Thanksgiving Day, 23
November

PRO-LIFE SHOULD BE A TOP PRIORITY

October is Respect for Life Month. The following suggestions are from the State Pro-life couple for the Jackson Diocese Muna and Dennis Riecke

1. October is Respect Life Month - ask your pastor to try to incorporate current Pro-Life issues into one of his homilies where appropriate, preferably in October. Every Parish received a Pro-Life Information Packet from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops

This years packet is at <http://www.usccb.org/Pro-Life/programs/rlp/rlp0607.htm>

Past years (1996-2005) available at <http://www.usccb.org/Pro-Life/programs/rlp/>

For a CD version of all years Item #0212. Cost: \$9.95. Call 1-866-582-0943 to order your copy today!

2. Consult with your Parish Youth Director or Educator about having the parish youth engage in a Pro-Life activity during the year. Suggestions include a be a fundraiser (selling roses on Mother's Day; selling Pro-Life rubber bracelets etc) for a local crisis pregnancy

center.

3. Call the nearest Crisis Pregnancy Center and ask them what your council can do for them. Find out their needs and attempt to meet them.

4. Pray. - During the Good of the Order and for Rosary Intentions - State that you ask God to increase people's Respect for Life and to build a Culture of Life.

Link to a Pro-Life Rosary (\$39.95)

<http://www.catholicstore.com/index.asp?PageAction=VIEWPROD&ProdID=12986>

(\$17.00) http://www.discountcatholicstore.com/pro-life_rosary.htm

5. Donate to the Mississippi Memorial Pro-Life Fund. Checks are accepted by me throughout the year and given to our Bishops at the State Convention.

**Dennis & Muna Riecke
Pro-Life Couple - Diocese of Jackson
Miss. State Council Knights of Columbus
601-992-5803**

COUNCIL 9094 D'IBERVILLE RE-ESTABLISHES A TRADITION

Sacred Heart Parish Bazaar Returns October 14th & 15th 2006:

The tradition started nearly 80 years ago. Back then, people would arrive by horse and buggy and the occasional horseless carriage. They would come from as far away as Biloxi, Ocean Springs or maybe even Woolmarket. The men would be dressed in their straw hats and the women in their finest Sunday dress and bonnets. Music was provided by some of the best pickers north of the bay. Gumbo was a nickel a bowl and the gentlemen would sneak behind the tree to sample his neighbor's best home brew. They were all enjoying the day in D'Iberville, at an event that would eventually become the Sacred Heart Parish Bazaar.

There have only been two times in the Bazaar's history (to the recollection of all the old timers) that the event was cancelled. The first was in the August of 1969, following Hurricane Camille and October 2005 in the aftermath of the worst natural disaster to ever hit the U.S. The Knights of Columbus council 9094 was determined not to let that happen a third time.

With the help and approval of Sacred Heart pastor and council Chaplain, Fr. Bob Higginbotham, the council went to work. Council Treasure, David Seymour, Financial Secretary, Noel Aucoin and Grand Knight co-chaired the event. Many other Knights stepped up to the plate to pull the bazaar together. There was Trustee Ed Creech handling the soft drink sales, Trustee Darnell Lepre cooking egg rolls, Br. Morris Hitt frying blooming onions. Brother Knights such as Henry Simmons and Carl Parker cooked and sold fish plates all weekend long. Brothers, Noel Aucoin Sr., Butch Philio and Carl Reid, sold tickets for the game booths for 25 cents each. Grand Knight Roger Fetters teamed up with **State Deputy Larry Tabor** and made some of the best gumbo this old Cajun boy ever tasted. Brother Ike Kincke and family ran the bingo. Long time Knights, Greg Davis and Milton Schoendorf grilled burgers and dogs all

weekend. Chancellor, Mark Fontenot and Warden Ricky Palanne kept everybody supplied with all there needs and Trustee Sonny Fountain came down after work and spent the night guarding the grounds. We had **State Master Dr. Paul and his lovely wife Cathy**, come down and volunteer to run a game booth. Entertainment was provided by State Public Relations Chairman, Noel Aucoin and a host of very good and generous friends.

All and all, despite a little rain, the bazaar was a resounding success and the spirit of the Church, Parish and Community was evident the entire weekend.

**Respectfully submitted
Noel Aucoin
State Public Relations Chairman
Financial Secretary Council 9094**



A VOCATION MESSAGE

A vocation is the call that God makes to each person to be holy in a particular way or form of life. For most, the call brings them to marriage and family. A number of persons, however, find themselves called to dedicate themselves more totally and deeply to Christ by responding to a vocation to priesthood or to religious life. Because of the pressing needs of the Church, the Knights of Columbus has taken as a special project the promotion of vocations to the priesthood and to religious life.

One of the happy fruits of our several programs to promote these specific vocations is correspondence from many individuals engaged in discerning the call of the Lord for their lives.

The exchange of letters suggests that better information about vocations would be helpful to many. With this in mind, we have brought together a number of elements about these vocations which have proven to be of interest to our correspondents.

These readings on vocations may be found in a booklet titled *Not to be Served, but to Serve*. This booklet may be obtained by contacting the Supreme Council, Fraternal Services Department.

It is our fervent hope that the elements we have gathered will assist you too. Above all, we urge you to pray, frequently and

deeply, to the Lord of the harvest that he send laborers into the vineyard. The entire Church needs to be engaged in this kind of prayer, and constantly.

Secondly, we urge you to pray that the Lord illumine you and guide you, through the assistance of trusted advisors and friends, so that you may discover the call of the Lord for you and follow it generously.

May the Lord bring to completion in you the good work that he has begun!

The Vocations Committee
Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus

“And he spoke to them
at length in parables, saying:
‘A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed,
some seed fell on the path...’ (Mt 13:3-4)

*Deacon Larry Campbell,
State Vocations Chairman
Jackson Diocese*

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY 2006

Priesthood Sunday, October 29, is a special day set aside in the United States to honor priests. This nationwide event is coordinated by the USA Council of Serra International. It is a call for parishioners to affirm the priesthood in the life of the Church, to honor Christ as Priest, and to honor the men who are called to be His priests on earth.

Priesthood Sunday offers an opportunity for priests and their parishioners to celebrate those chosen by God and to rejoice and give thanks for their ministry.

A special Web site, www.priestsunday.org, has been established by Serra International to provide ideas for liturgies, social celebrations, preaching, school activities and other events. Go to the Web site for ideas, and then plan on honoring the priests in your parish. On the Web site you will find more information on how you can honor your parish priests, including information on posters and banners.

Priesthood Sunday is a day set aside to reflect on and pray for vocations to the priesthood. We are asking all Councils, Assemblies, and Ladies' Auxiliaries to consider celebrating this day in their respective parishes to honor our priests.

Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)

The Knights of Columbus offers local councils or assemblies that agree to make an annual contribution of a minimum of \$500 or more to an individual seminarian or novice to help with his expenses. Councils and assemblies can sponsor more than one seminarian, if their resources permit. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the council or assembly \$100. The maximum refund a council or assembly can receive is \$400 per individual supported. Along with financial aid, the assistance through this program also encourages prayer and moral support, including letters and visits. Councils and assemblies are also asked to invite the seminarian or novice to its local activities, when the recipient is in the area. At the present time, each of our dioceses has 10 seminarians. We are asked by the Vocation Director for the Biloxi Diocese (Fr. Dennis Carver) and by the Vocation Director for the Jackson Diocese (Fr. Kent Bowlds) to coordinate our contributions through them. They ask that we do this for our diocesan seminarians so that there will be some degree of equity among the seminarians in their respective diocese. Fr. Carver can be e-mailed at fathercarver@stpaulcs.com; Fr. Bowlds can be e-mailed at frkent@bellsouth.net. Please keep Deacon Bob Jones (Biloxi Diocese) or Deacon Larry Campbell (Jackson Diocese) updated on your progress. If you wish to contact Deacon Jones, do so at bobby.jones@keesler.af.mil. If you wish to contact Deacon Campbell, do so at deaconlcampbell@bellsouth.net. The Knights of Columbus does have an RSVP brochure. Please feel free to contact Deacon Jones or Deacon Campbell, if you would like a copy of one of these brochures.

COMMENTS FROM OUR 4th DEGREE MASTER

Dear Brother Knights,

Gentlemen: The next Fourth degree exemplification is scheduled for October 28, 2006 at St. Mary's Church in Woolmarket.

The schedule is as follows:

Registration 11 am to 1 pm

Lunch will be available at a nominal cost of \$5.00/person

Exemplification starts at 1 pm

Assemble for Mass 4:30 PM

Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church 5:00 pm

Social before banquet 6:15 pm

Banquet 7:00 pm

The Honoree for this class is a PGN, PFN who recently passed away. Luther "Billy" Gollott. This is marvelous way to honor his memory and his family. Please join us to honor Billy and his family.

Please note, all candidates and those attending the exemplification will wear black tux, white shirt with black bow tie, black shoes.

Fees for candidates: \$70.00/candidate that includes banquet fee, social baldric and 4th degree pin. Candidates bringing

spouse or guest to banquet, fee is \$20.00.

All guests, who choose to attend the banquet, the fee is \$20.00. Please make all checks payable to: Paul N. Gospodarski, Master 4th Degree

This is indeed a very special exemplification. Your brother Knights of D'Iberville and Woolmarket are forming a new assembly that will be named in honor of C. Mark Landry. I encourage all my brother Knights to consider joining the Fourth Degree. If you are a third degree member, but do not have a year as a 1st degree member, but do have six months as a 1st degree member, the waiver program is still in effect.

All candidates and prospective guests should contact Noel Aucoin to make reservations for the class and the banquet. You can reach Noel at noel.aucoin@ngc.com

Should you have any questions regarding the waiver, please feel free to contact me at your earliest at: cathygospo1@aol.com

I ask every Fourth Degree Knight, especially on the Gulf Coast to invite their brother Knights to join the fourth degree. Thanks for all your help.

*Vivat Jesus
Paul Gospodarski
4th Degree Master*

A Special Word of Thanks from the Family of Antonia "Toni" Todaro

Brothers and Ladies,

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank all of you for your numerous expressions of sympathy received at the time of my dear mother's death. She was a special lady and obviously touched many lives during her 81 years here on earth. She loved the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary. It was such a tribute to see so many of you make the effort and long drives to attend her services. I especially want to thank the 16 Sir Knights who formed the Fourth Degree Honor Guard for her services. This was so beautiful to see and what a great send off for her. I also want to thank those who donated to the Mississippi State Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship Fund in memory of mom. We will all miss her.

*Vivat Jesus.
Guy Todaro, PSD
Lisa Todaro
Ken and Mary Dees
And Toni's six grandchildren*

Election Day is Coming Up

Dear Brother Knights,

On November 7, Americans will go to the polls to select those who will represent us at every level of government. We Knights have always taken seriously our civic responsibility to participate in the election process, and to encourage others to do so as well. And, as the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has declared, "In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue; participation in the political process is a moral obligation...Every vote counts. Every act of responsible citizenship is an exercise of significant individual power."

In this spirit, and in solidarity with our bishops and priests, I ask that you make sure that you cast your vote in November, and encourage your family and friends to vote, too. In addition, as Grand Knight, I ask that you organize an "Election Day Turnout" initiative designed to ensure that your members, fellow parishioners and others in your community are all able to get to the polls on November 7. Many people, especially the elderly or handicapped, are not able to drive themselves to the polls, and need our help in getting there.

Appoint an "Election Day Turnout" coordinator for your council, who will be responsible for organizing and coordinating transportation efforts on election day, and will serve as your council's main contact person. Next, promote the need for volunteers for the day among your council members, and try to ensure coverage during the entire time polls are open in your community.

Please promote this effort at your next meeting, in your council newsletter, through e-mail lists and in parish bulletins. Ask your pastor to make an announcement from the pulpit about your Election Day Turnout project during Masses on the weekend before election day.

Your efforts can make a big difference in voter turnout this year, and I want to thank you in advance for your work in this regard. Get out the vote!

*Fraternally,
Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight*

