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A WORD FROM OUR STATE DEPUTY

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

I sincerely hope everyone's New Year is off to a great start—our mid-year meetings in Ocean Springs, Oxford, and Brandon were a resounding success. Almost every council had representation at their regional meeting. The host councils went out of their way to make the meetings a success and we certainly do appreciate their efforts and hospitality.

Our membership is steadily on the rise! As of today, January 18, 2007, we were at 53% of your Supreme Goal. Fifteen (15) councils have already met or exceeded their quota from Supreme. Congratulations to Pascagoula Council 1605 for reaching 200% for their membership goal!!!! Four councils are at or greater than 50% of their membership goal and have prospective members in the wings waiting for their degree work. With the Major Exemplifications we have scheduled this month and next, we should see a significant increase in membership. I am very proud of all the councils that are membership active and hope the 24 councils who are not membership active will soon be successful in recruiting one new member before the end of the fraternal year.

Everyone should be preparing for the March Membership BLITZ. Do what you must to plan for your membership drives and have sufficient stock of membership literature on hand to provide to prospective members. Encourage your general membership to prepare themselves to approach eligible Catholic men to join our Order—do it for them so that they may experience the rewards of our fraternal benefits society.

Message to District Deputies: Give us a hand and ensure your councils prepare and submit their Annual Fraternal Activities Report to Supreme by January 31st. While you are at it, remind them their Partnership with Special Olympics Form is also submitted along with the Fraternal Activities Report. Council should also be working on their Semi-Annual Audit Report that is due to Supreme by February 15th. Encourage them now to begin collection information for their State Program Awards report as well as their Best Activity submissions. Make you district a standout at this year's convention.

Grand Knights: See message to District Deputies above as it applies to you directly. Don't forget the resources you have available to complete this reports—some can be completed on line from Supreme's webpage (www.kofc.org) and you can also download the program awards formats and instructions from the State's webpage at (www.ms-kofc.org). Do your council right and do us a favor by submitting your reports by the required deadline.

Since the Editor of the Magnolia Knight makes distribution of this publication via email, it is up to each and everyone of us to ensure it gets shared with our assemblies and Ladies Auxiliaries. There is lots of information contained in this piece—share it with other and encourage them to submit their articles for publication. Brother Noel Aucoin is doing a super job putting together and sending out the Magnolia Knight and we should all appreciate it.

My standard closing: 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 March 07 BLITZ and in all else you do for the good of the Order. We thank everyone for their support and look forward to seeing you in Biloxi for the 103rd Annual State Meeting.

VIVAT JESUS!
Larry J. Tabor
State Deputy

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Upcoming Events

◆ Exemplifications

Wednesday 24 Jan. 1st Degree
Council 1605 Moss Point

Saturday, 28 Jan 2nd & 3rd
Degree Council 9094 D'Iberville

Saturday, 10 Feb. 4th Degree
Assembly 558 Vicksburg

Saturday, 24 Feb. 2nd & 3rd
Degree Council 6765 Starkville

Wednesday 28 Feb. 1st Degree
Council 5654 Ocean Springs

◆ Noteworthy Dates

Survey of Fraternal Activity
Due, 31 January

2008 Convention Meeting 15
February Sacred Heart,
D'Iberville 7:00 pm

Semi-Annual Audit Report due
to Supreme, 15 February

MISSISSIPPI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOUNDATION

Brother Knights,

The Mississippi Knights of Columbus Foundation was solely chartered to provide financial support for Individuals Intellectually Challenged. In 2006, the Foundation donated \$34,500.00 to the following organizations: Special Olympics, Ellisville State School, Brain Injury Association of Mississippi, Midwest Industries, South Mississippi Regional Center, North Mississippi Regional Center, Catholic Charities of Jackson, and the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center. The donations were a result from the 2005 program collection drive.

This year the Foundation will disperse \$22,000 from the 2006 drive, which had dropped from the previous year. This was attributed, most likely, due to hurricane Katrina. Another reason for the decrease in available funds were, in part, due to several councils not submitting the monies from their drives to the Foundation in a timely manner. This year's recipients are: Special Olympics, Ellisville State School, Brain Injury Association of Mississippi, Midwest Industries, South Mississippi Regional Center, North Mississippi Regional Center, Catholic Charities of Jackson, and the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center.

Councils are reminded that the time frame for submittal is 30 days following the drive.

VIVAT JESUS!
Danny Lechner
State Secretary



MID-WINTER MEETINGS A HUGE SUCCESS



State Deputy Larry Tabor presents Past Grand Knight Ben Mokry from Council 8285 a Star Council Award



All three regional mid-winter meetings hailed a success

The 2007 Mississippi Jurisdiction Mid-winter meetings were held this month. The first of the three, regional meetings was held Saturday, January 6th, in Ocean Springs (Council 5654). The Second followed, a week later, on January 13th, in Oxford (Council 10901) and the final meeting held Sunday January 14th in Brandon (Council 10216).

Excellent crowds, at all venues, listen intently to subjects ranging from Membership drives to Ceremonials. They were informed and updated by presenters such as State Deputy - Larry Tabor, State Secretary - Danny Lechner, State Advocate - Jerry Schmuck and State Program Director - Bill Wagonner.

Photos provided by:
State Warden - David Scott

http://kofc1244.com/103rd_annual.convention.htm
2007 Convention Registration Link

CANDLELIGHT PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

"Moved with Compassion"
*Prayer Memorial Service for the Unborn
 & Their Mothers*

Saturday, January 20, 2007
State Capitol Rotunda
6:00 p.m.



If you are moved with compassion for the unborn, join us in ending abortion through prayer and perseverance!

"You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book..."
Psalm 139:15-16

Sanctity of Human Life Week January 14-22, 2007

For more information contact:
Angela Grogan, Pro-Life Mississippi
601-956-8636 www.prolifemississippi.org

Order of Service
 19th Annual Pastors for Life and Pro Life Mississippi
 Candlelight Prayer Vigil for the Unborn
 Saturday, January 20, 2007, 6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
 First Floor Rotunda (Inside) State Capitol Building, Jackson, MS

- 1) Introductions: Pastor Doug Lane (To include Pro-Life Ms board members, legislators, clergy, etc.) (10 min.) End Time 6:10
- 2) Welcome: Tanya Britton, President Pro-Life Ms (3 min) 6:13
- 3) Invocation: Bishop Latino (5 min) 6:18
- 4) Pastors leading in prayer. Pray for (5 min each) 6:43
 - a) Pray for our local and national elected officials
 Representative: Eric Clark, Secretary of State for MS
 Pastor: Tim Muse, 1st Presbyterian Church, Brandon
 Scripture Reference: 1 Timothy 1:1, 2
 - b) Pray for the lives of unborn children to be spared.
 Representative: Ashley Downey
 Pastor: Wally Naylor Church name Living Word Christian Center
 Scripture Reference: Psalm 106:24-31
 - c) Pray for the mothers and fathers considering abortion.
 Representative: Francesca?
 Pastor: Walter Hudson, Hillcrest Independent Methodist Church, Forest, MS. Scripture Reference: Deuteronomy 30:19
 - d) Pray for our churches and those involved in pro-life ministries, CPC's, etc.
 Representative: Amanda Johnson
 Pastor: _____
 Scripture Reference: Revelation 3:14-22
 - e) Pray for side walk counselors
 Representative: Angela Grogan
 Pastor: _____
 Scripture Reference: Proverbs 31:8
- 5) Processional: Move to the steps of the capitol, light candles (10 min) 6:53
- 6) Silent prayer: On steps (5 min) 6:58
- 7) Closing Prayer: _____ (5 min) 7:03

TRAVEL KIT DISTRIBUTION AT THE VA CENTER



These are follow-up photos to the ad that ran several weeks ago in the Magnolia Knight. The ad was the Assembly 554's plea to help the VA center. They were asking for Brother Knights to purchase "Travel Kits" to be handed out at Christmas time, to the residents of the Center

"Members of the Bishop Gerow and bishop Brunini Assemblies pass out travel kits to the patients at the Sonny Montgomery VA Hospital Nursing Home on December 20, 2006 during their monthly Bingo Night."



FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

I would like to congratulate the (2) Families that received the Family of the Month from Supreme.

Tom & Trichell, Council 898, Vicksburg
Tony & Lupe Torrez, Council 7974 Columbus.

Once again thanks to all of the councils that took the time to turn in their Families.
 Councils: 802, 848, 1244, 2180, 5654, 6872, 7120, 7211, 8038, 9094, 10216, 10499,
 10901, 11904, 11956, 11995, 898*, 7974*.

Thanks
Carl Brochard
 State Family Director

SANTA CAME EARLY IN POPLARVILLE



Santa came early to the group home in Poplarville, Ms. when Grand Knight Bob Jackson from council 7211 Lumberton/Poplarville made a surprise visit to the group home for the Intellectually challenged. Santa had gifts for everyone, which were provided by both members of council 7211 and individuals from both churches. There was plenty of food and fun for everyone.

RAFFLE TICKETS STUBS, RAFFLE MONEY, NEW RAFFLE TICKETS

Good Day My Brothers,

This is a reminder regarding our automobile raffle. Brothers, this the final push period for our major, Priest Education fund raiser. Our Worthy State Deputy, Brother Larry Tabor, has asked that all councils, assemblies and individuals selling raffle tickets make a full accounting of all raffle ticket sales. Please remember to make all checks payable to the *Mississippi State Council* and forward these checks to our *State Treasurer, Peter Sukanek, 126 Cedar Hill, Oxford Ms., 38655*. Thanks to all of you who have worked so hard thus far. Our raffle is now just a little over three months from it's conclusion and I ask that everyone pull together now and make this raffle a success. We can do it.

Remember! Our Bishops are counting upon us.

Vivat Jesus!
 Deacon Larry Campbell