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A WORD FROM OUR STATE DEPUTY

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

Our membership recruitment is still going strong and is being supported by several Major Exemplifications held around the State. During the Degree held in D'Iberville on January 28, 2007, we took in 13 new First Degree members and 48 members received their 2nd and 3rd Degrees. This weekend (February 17) there will be a Major Degree in Clinton and next weekend (February 24) we will be in Starkville for another. We have 2 Major Degree scheduled in March, the first in Kiln on 11 March and Oxford on 24 March. Make plans now to recruit new members for your council and have them attend one of these Degrees in your area.

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On the down side, I still receive a large number of suspension which as you know virtually wipe out any significant gains we have. It is upsetting to me to receive a large number of Form 1845s from a council where some members are being suspended for not paying their dues for 4 or more years. In these cases, I question the Grand Knight and Financial Secretaries to see if the proper billing and retention requirements have been met. I say, show me the paperwork where the member was contacted by a member of the retention committee; show me the paper trail. It is very suspicious to receive 30 or more suspension notices all dated the same day. If I feel they the suspension process was not accomplished according to Supreme's guidelines, I contact Supreme and advise them to take no action on the Form 1845s.

Everyone should be preparing their councils for the 2007 State Convention to be held in Biloxi, April 27-29. Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries should by now sent in their Delegate selection memos to the State Secretary and State Deputy. These memos also ask for any deceased members and/or spouses. Those attending the convention should submit their convention registration slips and money NOW. In addition, I respectfully request each Council, Assembly, and Ladies Auxiliary to seriously consider purchasing an ad for the convention booklet. Money raised in ad sales help defray costs associated with the convention taken on by the host Council. Both registration and ad purchase forms can be found on the home page for Council 1244, which can be accessed through the MS Knights of Columbus webpage.

Upcoming Events

◆ Exemplifications

Saturday 17 Feb. 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Degree Council 7854 Clinton

Saturday, 24 Feb 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Degree Council 6765 Starkville

Wednesday, 28 Feb. 1st Degree
Council 5654 Ocean Springs

Monday, 5 Mar. 1st Degree
Council 9673 Woolmarket

Saturday 11 Mar. 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Degree Council 7087 Kiln

Saturday 24 Mar. 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Degree, Council 10901 Oxford

Wednesday 28 Mar. 1st Degree
Council 5654 Ocean Springs

◆ Noteworthy Dates

Mardi Gras 20 February

Ash Wednesday 21 February

Magnolia Knight Editor's
Birthday February 27

2008 Convention Meeting 28
February Sacred Heart,
D'Iberville 7:00 pm

Every Council has one more big shot to meet their membership goals for the year by participating in 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 on how to approach eligible Catholic men to join our Order—it for those men so that they may experience the rewards of our fraternal benefits society.

Message to District Deputies: We still have many councils that have not submitted their Annual Fraternal Activities Report which was due to Supreme by January 31st. Likewise, there are several that have not submitted their Partnership with Special Olympics Form. Councils should also be working on their Semi-Annual Audit Report that is due to Supreme by February 15th. Encourage Grand Knights to begin collecting 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: The State Council and Supreme depends on YOU to complete the necessary forms and paperwork in a timely manner. Seek support from your Deputy Grand Knight to complete and submit required reports on time. 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.

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 look forward to seeing all of you at the State Convention in Biloxi.

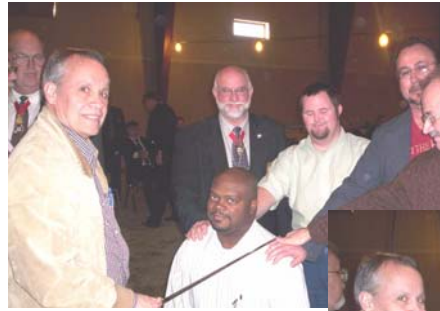


VIVAT JESUS!
Larry J. Tabor
State Deputy

Two of the Deacon Aspirants for the Diocese of Biloxi attain the rank of Full Knighthood.

Todd Coulter of Ocean Springs and a member of St. Elizabeth Seton, and Frank Martin of Hurley and a member of St. Ann's Mission recently achieved the rank of full knighthood in the Knights of Columbus. Both men are currently in formation for the Deaconate program for the Diocese of Biloxi. Also supporting their fellow classmates on their journey was David Hughes, Former District Deputy, from Immaculate Conception in Laurel; Kerry Roberts, Former District Deputy, from St. Elizabeth Seton in Ocean Springs; and Mike Gilly, Former Master of the Fourth Degree, from Pascagoula.

Other brother knights in formation for the Deaconate include Mike Harris and Eddie Renz from Our Lady of the Gulf in Bay St. Louis, Buddy Vancourt of St. Thomas in Long Beach. M.J. Landry of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Biloxi, The exemplification was hosted by Fr. Patrick McAlpine Council 9094 in D'Iberville. Roger Fetters is the Grand Knight, Art Dunn is the District Deputy and Larry Tabor is the State Deputy.



(L to R) Larry Tabor, State Deputy; David Hughes, FDD- performing the Knighting; Todd Coulter, kneeling; Mike Gilly, FM; Derek Medjesky; Kerry Roberts, FDD; Frank Martin



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SOUTHAVEN HOLDS ANNUAL FREETHROW CONTEST

THE ANNUAL COUNCILFREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP,

held at Sacred Heart School, produced six winners in the competition for boys and girls. Youth Activities Chairman Dan Bicknell (left) and Grand Knight Bill Sonneman presented awards to (front, from left) Tyler Schingle of Walls, winner in the 12-year-old division; Anna Marie Marable of Olive Branch, 13-year-old winner; Heath Newsom of Horn Lake, 10- year-old winner; and rear (from left) Michael Grillo of Horn Lake, 13-year-old winner; Jeff Koepke of Southaven, 12-year-old winner; and Ashley Doyle of Hernando, 12-year-old winner. Council winners advance to regional competition Feb. 17 in Clarksdale. Other Knights who assisted with the event included Tim Grillo, Vic Hageman, Art Hermsdorfer, Fred Middleton, John Robinson, Paul Shahan and David Yager.



DISTRICT 6 HOLDS STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING



(l to r) Tom Logue, Pearl; Martin Bisek, State Membership Director; Rich Lieding, IPSD; Joe Jones, Gluckstadt; Phillip Jabour, DD6.

Unity



(l to r) Larry Roberts, Madison; Fr. Brian Carroll, Brandon; Charles Wilkerson, Madison; Kevin O'Donnell, Brandon; Nat Zummo, Pearl



Fr. Carroll shares a meal with KC members prior to District 6 meeting

Fraternity

Charity

D'Iberville Council Back in the Swing

After a year of holding meetings in various places, displaced members, and replacement of all their supplies, council 9094, D'Iberville is back at full strength. The brother Knights move Sacred Heart Elementary school back into its newly renovated building and along with that christened a new meeting facility for the council. The Council helped the school get situated in early December and hasn't slowed down since. Just prior to the move, the Council began forming a new 4th Degree Assembly and received their charter just after the first of the year. They held a major Exemplification January 28th and broke in the new kitchen equipment. February 3rd the Council held its annual Free throw contest and had the most participation ever. Council members aided in the Parish Supper & Substance dinner (Feb. 10). The 1st since Katrina devastated the Church. They completed the annual Substance Abuse Poster Contest and started cooking lunch once a month for the elementary school. "I think we're finally getting things back to normal." said GK, Roger Fetters.

The Council has already satisfied the membership and insurance quotas for the year



GK Roger Fetters present Sacred Heart Principal, Jane Sema a check for the Special Learning needs program



Youth Director Stephen Dunn collects the posters from Mrs. Sema for the SAPC



ADVERTISEMENT ORDER FORM

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 Mississippi Jurisdiction
 To be held in
 Biloxi, MS

April 27-29, 2007

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 No ads accepted after 3/1/07
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**Biloxi Council 1244
 P.O. Box 34
 Biloxi, MS 39533**

***Council 1244 Celebrating 100th Anniversary
 1907-2007***

Thanks for your support!

2007 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM



103rd Annual Mississippi State Convention
April 27, 28, 29, 2007
Biloxi, MS

For Information Call:
Harry Stienwinder FS
228-435-4262 (work)

Name: _____	
Address: _____	
City, St. Zip _____	
Phone:	Day _____ Night _____
Email: _____	
Council Name:	Number _____
Spouse/Guest: _____	
Delegate:	_____ Yes _____ No
Alternate:	_____ Yes _____ No

Note: Due to the high demand for hotel rooms and tight scheduling for the Banquet, we strongly recommend that you pre-register for the convention Package as well as for your hotel room as soon as possible.

Member & Guest	Friday & Saturday Banquet	Total Package @ \$120.00
Single Member or Guest	Friday & Saturday Banquet	@ \$60.00 each
Individual Tickets	Friday Night Dinner	@ \$35.00 each
Individual Tickets	Saturday Night Banquet	@ \$45.00 each
Ladies Luncheon	Separate Event And location	@ \$20.00each
District Deputies' Luncheon	Separate Event	@ \$20.00 each
Late Fee After March 31, 2007	Applied to each registration	\$35.00
Total Amount Due		\$ _____

Make hotel reservations directly with:

Beau Rivage
875 Beach Blvd.
Biloxi, MS 39530

Ph. 228-386-7444

Please mention that you are with the Knights of Columbus

Please send Payment to:

Knights of Columbus
2007 State Convention
P.O. Box 34
Biloxi, MS 39533

4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION NEEDED ON THE COAST

Worth DDs 8 thru 12 and Sir Knights along the coast:

It has been a while since we have had a 4th Degree Exemplification in this area. Please discuss with your councils and assemblies to see if enough candidates are available and if your assembly is willing to host the degree. The last 4th Degree was in Vicksburg on 11 Feb. Please let me know before then if there is enough interest in this area and how many candidates would be available.

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State Deputy

SECOND ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BASEBALL FAMILY NIGHT PLANNED

Worthy Brother Knights,

Baseball season is approaching and very soon, and we again invite our fellow Knights and family members from around the state, to join us to celebrate our Order and our faith.

This year the second annual Knights of Columbus Baseball Family Night is Wednesday June 13, 2007 with the Mississippi Braves at Trustmark Park in Pearl.

The forecast this year is dry, balmy, pleasant, and all will have a great time. Just put this date on your calendars and let me know if you and your members are willing to attend. The voucher cost will remain the same at \$5.00 and must be exchanged at the park on or before the game on June 13, 2007 for an \$8.00 seat.

Vivat Jesus,
Joe Blake

http://kofc1244.com/103rd_annual.convention.htm

2007 Convention Registration Link