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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Exemplifications**
Saturday 24 Mar. 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree, Council 10901 Oxford
- Wednesday 28 Mar. 1st Degree Council 5654 Ocean Springs
- Monday 2 Apr. 1st Degree, Council 9673 Woolmarket
- Wednesday 25 Apr. 1st Degree, Council 5654 Ocean Springs

- ◆ **Noteworthy Dates**
St. Patrick's Day 17 March
- KC Day of the Unborn 25 March
- KC Founder's Day 29 March
- Catholic Advertising Fund Levy 1 April
- Good Friday 6 April
- KC World Day of Vocations 7 April
- Easter Sunday 8 April
- Suspension of Councils for Non-payment of Per Capita Tax 10 April



A WORD FROM OUR STATE DEPUTY

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

How are we doing with the membership BLITZ? Grand Knights should be reporting their new member recruitment results for the BLITZ to their District Deputies who in turn advise **the State Membership Director Martin Bisek**. Martin will then pass the all the information for me to review before I report our results to Supreme. Don't be a Council who fails to conduct a membership BLITZ this month. Everyone should be actively recruiting new members so they can achieve their membership goals for the State's Fraternal year which ends March 31st. Has your council recruited a new member this year?

I was happy to hear that two council who have historically not brought in new member in several year had both recruited enough new members to meet their membership goals. Even though these 2 councils have had lean years in the past, both Grand Knights have pushed their eligible Catholic men to join our Order. My hat is off to the Holly Springs Council 8760 and Grand Knight Claude Vinson as well as Dedeaux Council 12331 and Grand Knight James Inabinet. Good job, men.

We are in the home stretch and the convention is just around the corner. Please make sure your council program directors submit their required reports and awards submissions. I know you all have done a great job this year, but it is up to you to submit the paper work in order to get recognized. **State Program Director Billy Waggoner** has spread the word on what must be submitted and when. Don't forget to take care of this importance task! Don't be left out.

We had to reschedule the Major Degree we had planned in Kiln for March 11 because we could not come up with a full degree team. As it stands right now, PSD Rich Lieding is the only Conferring Officer we have which leaves us in a pinch if he is not available. **State Ceremonials Chairman/State Advocate Jerry Schmuck** has asked everyone to consider being a part of a degree team, especially someone to accept the challenges of a CO.

Grand Knights: Everyone who is planning on attending this year's State Convention should have submitted their registration packages by now as well as make their hotel reservations. Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries should have also submitted the paper work to identify your delegates and deceased members to me and the State Secretary.

There are lots of other things for you to consider: Car raffle ticket money should be turned in before the convention. You should have your checks ready for the Priest Education Fund, the Mississippi Pro-Life Memorial Fund, and the Christopher Fund.

District Deputies: Now is the time to encourage your councils to complete their paper work for the convention. If any council does participate in the State's awards and recognition program, it could be your fault. Please don't let them down.

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



FROM STATE CEREMONIALS

Brother Knights: We need your help.

Two weeks ago, at an exemplification in Starkville, Worthy Past State Deputy, Brother Rich Lieding informed State Deputy Larry Tabor and I that as of July 1st he will no be able to serve our ceremonials team as a Conferring Officer. That puts us in a bind because he is the last of our COs certified in the State. Unless one of you step up to the plate and agree to serve as a Conferring Officer on our team, we will no longer be able to bring our Brother Knights into the Third degree unless we get someone from another State to help us. To me that is unacceptable. We owe our Brother Knights the opportunity to be a Third degree Knight and we need to be able to accomplish that ourselves without seeking assistance from out of State.

If you are interested in becoming a CO please contact PSD Tom Chady via E-mail at tchady@cappaert.org or myself Jerry Schmuck at j schmuck@cableone.net.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
STATEWIDE AUTOMOBILE RAFFLE
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
February 8, 2007

RECEIPTS			
COUNCILS/ASSEMBLIES/OTHER	BILOXI	JACKSON	TOTAL
802-Meridian		1,628.00	1,628.00
898-Vicksburg		625.00	625.00
1034-Natchez		1,621.00	1,621.00
1605-Pascagoula	2,026.35		2,026.35
2134-Greenville		491.00	491.00
2180-Laurel	504.00		504.00
4472-Pass Christian (Msgr. Leech)	995.00		995.00
4898-Long Beach	274.00		274.00
5556-Cleveland		197.00	197.00
5654-Ocean Springs	2,182.00		2,182.00
6765-Starkville		514.00	514.00
6872-Picayune	5,143.85		5,143.85
7120-Southaven		717.00	717.00
7854-Clinton		354.00	354.00
7915-Brookhaven		316.00	316.00
8038-Pearl		353.00	353.00
8054-McComb		630.00	630.00
8285-Jackson (St. Therese)		1,017.00	1,017.00
8760-Holly Springs		230.00	230.00
8912-Corinth		745.00	745.00
9094-D'Iberville	126.00		126.00
9409-West Biloxi	210.00		210.00
10216-Brandon		747.00	747.00
10499-Ocean Springs (Fr. Gregory)	361.00		361.00
10901-Oxford		265.00	265.00
11904-Lucedale	149.00		149.00
11934-Gluckstadt		1,198.00	1,198.00
12271-Seabee Base	231.00		231.00
13502-Batesville		502.00	502.00
14051-Olive Branch		156.00	156.00
Miscellaneous	75.00	175.00	250.00
Returned Items	25.00		25.00
Unknown Councils	485.00	87.50	572.50
Total Receipts	12,787.20	12,568.50	25,355.70
DISBURSEMENTS			
Printing	1,687.03	1,687.04	3,374.07
Postage		18.18	18.18
Bank charges		55.00	55.00
Supplies	58.39	68.62	127.01
Returned Items	25.00		25.00
			-
Total Disbursements	1,770.42	1,828.84	3,599.26
			-
Automobile Cost (Estimated)	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00
			-
Excess(Deficit)	1,016.78	739.66	1,756.44

CAR RAFFLE UPDATE,

Statewide we are presently in the black by approximately \$1800. The Diocese of Jackson is almost \$750 and the Biloxi Diocese over \$1000 in the black. To date we are over the top by \$1756.44. Everything turned in from now on will be pure profit. As of this writing 19 councils in the Jackson Diocese and 11 councils in the Biloxi Diocese have deposited funds with our State Treasurer, Peter Sukanek. We need to make this number 100%. For those councils that have not yet participated, please help the rest of us. We have now made our first hurdle. We are in the profit area. I'm told that some councils have large dollars sold and that these funds will be coming to the State very shortly. This is fantastic! Yet, we still have a long way to go if we are going to reach our original goal of \$20,000. With God's help anything is possible. If we simply go out and sell our tickets, we can and will reach our goal. At this time Deacon Larry still has 7,500 tickets that have not yet distributed. Tickets are still available.

Each council is encouraged to keep-up its plans with their regular Priest Education Fund endeavors. Please remember that the Automobile Raffle was to supplement that Priest Education Fund and not to replace it or in any way diminish efforts in that direction. The plan is to increase the total contribution by \$20,000 and raise the total contribution for this Fraternal Year to the \$60,000 level for the Diocese of Jackson with similar goals in the Biloxi Diocese. Let's, all of us, keep working hard to help make this happen. We have too much at stake for the future of our Church. Bishops Latino and Rodi are counting upon us as the "right arm" of the Church.

Deacon Larry Campbell will be the POINT OF CONTACT for the raffle winner and the prize must be claimed in Jackson.

PRE-CONVENTION CHECKLIST

- Reserve Rooms for Delegates
- Reserve Block for Council (when feasible)
- Determine what Council support will be for Delegates
 - o Make sure members are aware before selecting delegates
 - o If your Bylaws require it to be determined each year, do so.
- Elect Two Delegates. GK & any PGK
- Elect Two Alternate Delegates. (3rd Member)
- Does your Council provide assistance for Alternates? (Some Councils cover registration fee for alternates.)
- Submit Delegate Convention Registration early for good seating
- Non-delegates should submit registration forms as early as possible to insure the Council can sit together.
- Purchase State Convention Program Ad
- Insure Per Capita is current:
 - a. State Per Capita Go to www.ms-kofc.org, Select: State Council Levies & payments
 - b. Supreme Per Capita (It's on your FS report from Supreme)
- Submit list of Deceased Council/Auxiliary Members & title
- Prepare Grand Knights report for Convention Program Book
- Submit Delegate List to both State Secretary and State Deputy
- Make sure Delegate Credentials are signed by FS and stamped with Council Seal.
- Delegate must present his credential to the Convention registrar.
- Friday Night Banquet is business casual attire
- Saturday Banquet is Coat & Tie (Tux & baldric are acceptable)
- Delegates not attending all business meetings will not receive an expense check. (Don't leave early)
- Expense checks are presented to Delegates after the Sunday business session.
- Sir Knights are encouraged to bring regalia and dress out for masses & banquet.
- Bring a Camera.
- Submit Best Activity in each category. (Council, Community, Church, Family, Youth, Pro-Life and Vocations) (Have Council program committee help decide the best. If you have two great ones in a category, submit both.)
- Don't shortchange your Council. Go for highest Council Awards
- Submit Best Council
- Submit Best Newsletter
- Submit Family & Knight of the Year
- Submit State Program Report & Best entries by 03/31/07
- Submissions can go in early to avoid the stress of last minute

IMPORTANT CONVENTION INFORMATION

A MESSAGE FROM COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKE KESSLER,

My Dear Brothers...If you haven't already tired of my emails, they will soon be over with...BUT!!! I need to continue addressing these issues they are so important to keep you all informed. I know I've urged you as State Officers and Assemblies and District Deputy's and what few Agents we have left to pass the word and of course a contact with the Councils either through the Grand Knight or another Council member who has emails. These emails are to inform you we have heard from a little over 40% of the councils out there ordering ads. I urge you, there are only three (3) business days to get these ads in for you personally or your' Council. They must be in by the close of business day, 19 March 2007. If they are in the mail by that time please call us to let us know so that we may better plan for the book! You may email us here or call Harry Steinwinder @ 228-435-4262 during business hours or 228-436-4226 after hours. I realize there are some of those ads that are currently in the mail, but there is still time.

Also, the cutoff day for a room reservation is March 27 at the quoted prices; however, we wanted you to know that besides the possible price difference after that date, on March 31 2007 you will incur additional charges of \$30.00 in addition to registration prices of the Convention, soooo... save yourself a bundle and register early!!!

And finally, Grand Knight Roger Hudson and his folks from Council 12271 in Gulfport have worked very hard to put together a great! The Golf Tournament (see http://www.kofc1244.com/golf_tournament.htm) is offering a FREE vehicle for a hole-in-one being sponsored by Butch Oustelet Ford. Prices: \$50 per person, \$200 a team, plus \$75 for a Hole Sponsorship. Tee of time is 8:30. Details are on the flyer. Make checks out to: Knights of Columbus, Council 12271

We want to make this Convention one of the best ever. With the possibility the Supreme Knight may attend these festivities, we want to show that the Gulf Coast is coming back stronger than ever and we want to show the Supreme Knight that Mississippi is a strong Council and won't let something like Katrina shy us from our duty. Please take immediate steps to register for the activities for this great meeting in April. Finally, thank you for your patience with these emails...as you know the systems can be rather aggravating at times.

Vivat Jesus,

Michael Kessler
Convention Committee Member
Council 1244

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 send Payment to:

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

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

SUBMIT SUPREME REPORTS ONLINE

Worthy Brother Knights,

Many reports with a due date to Supreme can be submitted online and to make this more convenient we have place a link to the Supreme Report site on our State web site. Reports such as the Fraternal Survey will actually add your numbers up as you enter each line of data. At the bottom of each page you can enter email addresses for yourself, State Deputy and District Deputy. When entering the email for State Deputy you are asked to use sdreport@bellsouth.net. If you have any questions please email sdreport@bellsouth.net.

We encourage your Council to take advantage of this great feature and get your reports done in a timely matter.

State Web Site
Supreme Report Site for Councils

Regards
Mike Kassouf

