



# The Magnolia Knight



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## A WORD FROM OUR STATE DEPUTY

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

Did your council participate in the March membership BLITZ? If you didn't, you really missed out on a great opportunity. I am proud to report that **55** new members were recruited in March 07. That was a tremendous effort on everyone's part to make the BLITZ a success. For us to bring in 55 new members it took support from our Degree Teams, District Deputies, State Membership Director, and each and every Knight who asked an eligible Catholic man to join our Order. So you see, it is a team effort and my hat is off to each of you for your support.

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Speaking about membership, I have one more bit of great news. As of today, we are at 78% of our Supreme membership goal which means we need only 62 more new members between now and 30 June 07. Here is an opportunity for every council to meet or exceed their membership goal set by Supreme which will qualify them for Star Council—if they have also done their paperwork and met their Insurance goal. We can do it—with everyone's support.

Is everyone prepared for next week's State Convention? I certainly hope so as we have a lot to celebrate and many councils and members to recognize for their achievements. Here are a few reminders concerning the convention:

- > The Beau Rivage is a busy place so check in early even if your room is not available yet. At least your paperwork is done.
- > There is a concert at the Beau on Friday night and parking will be at a premium. This is another reason to arrive early.
- > There will be a District Deputy Meeting at 3 PM.
- > There will be a Fourth Degree Meeting at 4 PM
- > The first business meeting begins at 5:30 PM
- > Friday night's dinner will be at the Town Green, about 3 blocks from the hotel and activities begin at 7:30. Dress is casual since we will be outdoors.
- > Convention registration opens at noon in the hotel.
- > Convention agendas and Mass schedules will be available at registration.
- > Hospitality rooms will be located at Council 1244's home on Water Street.
- > Any council that is not current in either their Supreme or State Per Capita will not be allowed representation at the convention (per Supreme and State By-Laws).

District Deputies, Program Directors and Chairmen, and Grand Knights are reminded to have their reports ready to hand in to the State Secretary at the first business meeting. 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.

**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](mailto: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*

### Upcoming Events

#### ◆ Exemplifications

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

Monday 7 May 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
Council 9673 Woolmarket

Saturday 19 May 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Assembly 554 Jackson

Wednesday 23 May 1<sup>st</sup>  
Degree Council 5654

#### ◆ Noteworthy Dates

103 Annual Mississippi State  
Convention 27, 28 & 29  
April

Mother's Day 13 May

Feast of the Ascension 17  
May

Pentecost Sunday 27 May

Memorial Day 28 May



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**STATEWIDE AUTOMOBILE RAFFLE**  
**RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**April 10, 2007**

**RECEIPTS**

<b>COUNCILS/ASSEMBLIES/OTHER</b>	<b>BILOXI</b>	<b>JACKSON</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
802-Meridian		2,910.00	2,910.00
848-Jackson (John T. Savage)		716.00	716.00
898-Vicksburg		1,505.00	1,505.00
1034-Natchez		1,621.00	1,621.00
1244-Biloxi	1,426.00		1,426.00
1605-Pascagoula	2,026.35		2,026.35
1908-Hattiesburg	190.00		190.00
2134-Greenville		681.00	681.00
2180-Laurel	504.00		504.00
4472-Pass Christian (Msgr. Leech)	995.00		995.00
4898-Long Beach	274.00		274.00
5556-Cleveland		452.00	452.00
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		817.00	817.00
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
8848-Tupelo		123.00	123.00
8912-Corinth		745.00	745.00
9094-D'Iberville	126.00		126.00
9409-West Biloxi	210.00		210.00
9543-Madison (St. Francis)		1,405.00	1,405.00
10216-Brandon		747.00	747.00
10499-Ocean Springs (Fr. Gregory)	549.00		549.00
10901-Oxford		290.00	290.00
11904-Lucedale	149.00		149.00
11654-Wiggins	375.00		375.00
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
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>14,966.20</b>	<b>17,544.50</b>	<b>32,510.70</b>

**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
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<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>1,770.42</b>	<b>1,828.84</b>	<b>3,599.26</b>
<b>Automobile Cost (Estimated)</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>
<b>Excess(Deficit)</b>	<b>3,195.78</b>	<b>5,715.66</b>	<b>8,911.44</b>

## PRIEST EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US

*Dear Brother Knights and Ladies:*

For more than fifty years the Knights of Columbus and members of the Ladies Auxiliary have supported our Bishop's with financial contributions to the Bishop R. O. Gerow Memorial Fund. During that time period your contributions have exceeded **\$1,515,662.00** to help defray the cost of seminarian education. Last year your contributions exceeded **\$90,441.00**. Your contributions for the Jackson Diocese exceeded \$40,000.00 and you contributed \$53,172.00 for the Diocese of Biloxi. My brother knights and ladies, you have a rich history and tradition of supporting our Bishop's with your contributions to the Bishop Gerow Fund, the Christopher Fund and the KC Seminarian Education Trust Fund.

We are truly blessed to have ten seminarians for the Diocese of Jackson and six seminarians for the Diocese of Biloxi. The annual average cost to educate our seminarians for the priesthood exceeds \$22,000/year. That financial burden upon our Bishop's is lessened with your support and contributions to the Bishop Gerow Fund. Your financial gifts help to defray the expense of preparing our seminarians for the priesthood.

Now, as we prepare to attend our State Convention in less than two weeks, I am asking for your support and contributions for the Bishop Gerow Fund, the Christopher Fund and the KC Seminarian Education Trust Fund as well as the Car Raffle. Your contributions make a significant difference in meeting the expenses for our seminarians. Your commitment to our Bishop's demonstrates your love and determination to support our future priest.

This year at the State Convention, Brother Knight Don Cox and Deacon Larry Campbell will have a table to collect funds and sell tickets for the car raffle. The drawing for the raffle will be held on Saturday April 28 at the Banquet. Dr. Paul and his wife Cathy will also have a table to collect funds for the Bishop Gerow Fund and the Christopher Fund. I urge all of you to be as generous as you can to support Bishop Latino and Bishop Rodi in meeting the challenge and expense of educating our seminarians.

Each of you makes a significant difference by your activity's contributions. The Knights of Columbus of the Mississippi Jurisdiction are truly leaders in supporting our Bishop's. Let us do our best to exceed last year's contribution. Thank you for your continued support for our seminarians.

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

## AN APPEAL FROM OUR 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE MASTER

*Worthy Brother Knights:*

Perhaps some of you know that our Former Master Evan "Jim" Lambert, Jr. was given the added burden of Multiple Sclerosis a couple of years ago. In December of last year, Jim underwent several surgeries including the removal of his spleen. He has had to have several blood transfusions and is now completely immobile and is at home. He can no longer work and his dear wife is his caregiver during these difficult times.

The purpose of this email is to ask you to consider helping our Former Master with whatever financial help you can give him and his family to help meet his medical and prescription expenses. Jim is confined to his bed at home. I spoke with him late last evening and while his spirits are high, he is in significant distress.

Cathy and I will be going to Picayune to visit Jim and his wife to offer whatever assistance we can give them. If you are able to provide any financial relief to him you can do so in the following way:

Please make out any checks to:  
**Evan Lambert Fund**

and please mail it to his dear friend:  
**E. J. Farve**  
**123 Sheila Drive**  
**Picayune, MS 39466**

EJ will insure that the funds are given to the Lambert family ASAP. Please do not send any checks to me, that will only delay getting Jim the help that he needs.

Jim also told me that his Brother Knights in Picayune have been and continue to be of enormous assistance to him and his family. Please keep Jim and his Family in your prayers. He most certainly would welcome them. Perhaps the Good Lord put me back in touch with Jim and EJ on Divine Mercy Sunday. For it is His Divine Mercy that will provide Jim the comfort and love of our Savior Jesus.

Thank you for anything you can do to be of help to the Lambert Family during this most difficult time.

**Paul**

"LAST CHANCE" 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

THE SECOND ANNUAL, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BASEBALL FAMILY NIGHT

The Second Annual, Knights of Columbus Baseball Family Night with the Mississippi Braves 2007 is Thursday evening June 28, 2007, first pitch at 7:05 pm at Trustmark Park in Pearl. Vouchers will be ready the first week in May giving about 7.5 weeks for your council to sell out. Let me know how many vouchers your council will need.

My hope this year is to have close to 1000 KC's, Bishop's, priests, nuns, altar servers, seminarians, families, kids and potential KC's from all over the State of Mississippi out to enjoy an early Summer evening full of family fun.

I'm excited.  
 BATTER UP!!!  
 Joe Blake  
 Grand Knight council 848

ST PATRICK'S DAY IN JACKSON

Gentlemen,

These are photos of our Brother Sir Knights Leading the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Jackson last Saturday. They were provided by David Scott our Faithful State Warden. Fourteen Sir Knights dressed out for this event. Just wonderful. Your Fourth Degree Knights are a visible arm of the Knights of Columbus. I was told that they passed out more than 1,000 St. Patrick's Prayer Cards during this event.

Fantastic.  
 Paul

