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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Exemplifications**
- Thursday 19 Jul 1st Degree Council 1244 Biloxi
- Wednesday 25 Jul 1st Degree Council 5654 Ocean Springs
- Monday 6 Aug 1st Degree Council 9673 Woolmarket
- Sunday 12 Aug 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Degree Council 1244 Biloxi
- Saturday 18 Aug 4th Degree Assembly 554 Jackson
- Wednesday 22 Aug 1st Degree Council 5654 Ocean Springs
- ◆ **Noteworthy Dates**
- Form #185 Due to Supreme 1 Aug
- Supreme Convention 7 Aug
- Birth & Death of Fr. McGivney 12 & 14 Aug
- Semi-Annual Audit Due to Supreme 15 Aug

A WORD FROM OUR STATE DEPUTY

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

As we embark on a new journey into the future, let's us not forget how we got to where we are today. It was the hard work and dedication of our Past State Deputies and Committee chairmen. We thank them for all their contributions and should always remember them in our prayers.

In order for us to grow and prosper, it is imperative that we set goals, have worthwhile programs and establish good communications.

Goals:

Membership:

In order for our membership to grow, we need our intake to be more than output. This past Supreme year (July 1 through June 30) we took in 333 new members and 50 re-entries for a total of 383. This was a good thing. On the negative side, we, sadly, had 93 deaths (which do not count against us), suspended 133 and had 31 withdrawals for a total of 164. This means that in order for us to gain 219, we had to take in 383. Our goal for the year is 350. Based on the last 5 years statistics, this means that we need to get 550 new members in order to attain our goal. The deaths, we have no control over. But, the suspensions we can control. IPSD Larry Tabor has graciously accepted the challenge of Retention chairman. In this position, Larry will be working with State Membership chairman, **Billy Waggoner**. Also, assisting Billy with membership will be **Ron Kopaz**, North Regional membership chairman, and **Joe Jones** as Central membership chairman with assist from Bob Leo in the East Central region.

Programs:

In order for us to retain our members, it is imperative that we have programs for our members, not members for our programs. Our Program chairman for this year is **Noel Aucoin**

Communications:

One of the keys to our success is good communications. We feel that in order to achieve good Communications, it is imperative that there be representation in both Dioceses. Public Relations will be chaired by **Noel Aucoin** with **Fred Middleton** as Jackson Diocese chairman, and **Elvis Gates** as Biloxi Diocese chairman. Any newsworthy articles can be funneled through Fred, in the Jackson Diocese and Elvis in the Biloxi Diocese. Our Hispanic Outreach Chairman is **Pascual Cruz**. Pascual has 4 years experience as District Deputy in Texas. Our State Webb site will once again be manned by **Greg Rottman** and **Tony Dardeau**. The very capable **Mike Kassouf** will chair the State Directory. The State Webb site, State directory, and Magnolia Knight are key to our communications. We understand that some Grand Knights, Committee chairman, etc. may not have computers. For those it is imperative that you have someone in your council as a designee to receive your e-mails or request that your information be mailed.

My brother Knights, we have an opportunity to make a difference in our state, our communities, and our Church. With God's help, we will make our journey into the future a successful one.

And "Go where no Man has gone before."

VIVAT JESUS!
Danny Lechner
State Deputy

SOUTHAVEN'S FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES SURPASS \$6,200 MARK IN MAY

Golf Tourney & PID drive a huge success

May proved to be a successful fund-raising month for the Council, with the People with Intellectual Disabilities drive and the first golf tournament netting more than \$6,200.

Despite the fact that the PID drive was shorted one site because of a schedule mix-up, contributions collected at the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Hernando and Sam's Club in Southaven totaled \$2,826 after expenses. The third scheduled collection site, the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Southaven, is being rescheduled for later in the year.

Ken Lubbers (left photo) and Jim Farris were among the Knights who greeted patrons with Tootsie Rolls and collection buckets during the two-day drive.

The final accounting on the golf tournament shows total income of \$5,741, expenses of \$2,329 and net income of \$3,412.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BASEBALL FAMILY NIGHT A WONDERFUL SUCCESS

June 28, 2007



Under the direction of Worthy District Marshall Bill O'Connor, a Fourth Degree Color Corps from Assemblies 554 in Jackson and 2269 in Brandon, present the colors during the National Anthem, prior to a game at Trustmark Park, in Pearl, Mississippi, on their annual Mississippi Braves/Knights of Columbus Baseball Family night, June 28, 2007.



FIRST OFFICIAL ACT

July 1, 2007

St. Paul Knights of Columbus 10216 held an Officer Installation on July 1st at St. Paul Catholic Church. State Deputy Danny Lechner in his first official act visited Brandon to install officers.

Father Brian Carroll is Pastor of St. Paul and serves as KC 10216 Chaplin. Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Men's Organization founded in 1882 by Fr. Michael McGivney focusing on church family and community.

Pictured from left : District Deputy Philip Jabour , Recorder Woody Coleman , Treasurer Dennis Antici, Financial Secretary Lance Wilson, Deputy Grand Knight Kevin O'Donnell, State Deputy Danny Lechner , Grand Knight Mike Brechtel , Chancellor David Browman , Warden Rick LeBlanc , Past Grand Knight Ted Gray

Missing from picture : Advocate Thomas Harris, Inside Guard Sam Dotson, Outside Guard Denny Howell

In one of the first official acts in new capacities - Knights of Columbus State officers visited Brandon for St. Paul KC 10216 Officer Installation. The Installation was held July 1st at St. Paul.



THE BILOXI DIOCESE KNIGHTS TEAMS WITH SERRA

A joint meeting was held with the Serra Club of Biloxi and the Mississippi Knights of Columbus on June 20, 2007, at the Biloxi Diocesan Pastoral Center.

The following agreement was derived from that meeting:

Serra Club of Biloxi and Mississippi Knights of Columbus Join in collaborative Parish Vocation Awareness

There is a clear need to increase priestly vocations not only in the Diocese('s) of Mississippi, but nation-wide : A fifteen year projection, which considers age, retirement, and attrition, anticipates a shortage of priests which may result n some parishes without resident priests. To help alleviate the shortage of priest vocations, the Serra Club of Biloxi and the Mississippi Knights of Columbus have joined in a collaborative effort to implement Vocation program activities. In a joint meeting, the Serra Club of Biloxi and the Knights of Columbus adopted the Mission Statement below to describe this collaborative relationship.

Mission Statement

"In the spirit of Blessed Junipero Serra and Father Michael J. McGivney we join together to foster and affirm an awareness of vocations to the ordained priesthood and consecrated religious life within our schools and parishes and through this our members common catholic faith. "

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel J. Lechner
State Deputy, KC Representative

Be looking for SERRA Club literature on the Mississippi Knights of Columbus State web site. It will have several great suggestions for *Vocations Program Activities*

BBQ COOK-OFF

St. Joseph Catholic High School
308 New Mansdale Rd (HWY 463)
Madison, MS 39110
Saturday, August 4, 2006
Time: 4pm to 8pm

Meal Tickets

\$7.00 for adults
\$4.00 for children



Admission Cost

\$2 for adults
\$1 for children (Age 12 and under)
\$5 family max
Free Admission With Advance-purchase Meal Tickets

Raising Money and Awareness
To help women and their unborn children

Food - Live Music - Family Fun
Rain or Shine

Hosted by
Knights of Columbus Councils
of Central Mississippi

To enter a cooking team or purchase tickets
call (601) 214-9463 or (601) 942-6154
or email grillinforlife07@aol.com



"It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born."
BIRTHRIGHT of JACKSON, Inc.

Show Your Pride in the Mississippi Knights of Columbus and Support the 2008 State Convention in Biloxi

This beautiful three color throw honors the work of the Knights of Columbus in Mississippi for the past 100 years. This 48" x 68" cotton/acrylic throw depicts both the Biloxi and Jackson Diocese and the counties that are located in each. Also on the afghan is a picture of our founder Father Michael J. McGivney, the American flag, the Emblem of the Order and the Fourth Degree emblem.

This will make a wonderful addition to your home decor or a great present for that special Knight in your life. Councils can use these as awards for their Knight of the Month or Year, Families of the Month or Year or as a way to honor the Parish Priest that supports the efforts of the Council

ALL PROCEEDS from the sale of the throws goes to help offset the expenses of the 2008 State Convention in Biloxi to make it the best ever.

To order fill out the form below and return along with a check or money order for \$50.00 to:

K of C Throw
C/O Bill Waggoner
2403 Pinewood Ave.
Pascagoula, MS 39567

Make Checks payable to 2008 Convention Committee. Allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery.
Detach Below and send to address above



PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY

Name _____
Ship to Address _____
Contact Phone () _____

Number of Throws _____ X \$50.00 = \$ _____ Total Due

Make Checks payable to 2008 Convention Committee
Allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery.

Office use ONLY

Date Received _____
Amount Received _____
Date Shipped _____ Shipping Cost _____

MAJOR DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

There will be an exemplification of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree.

AUGUST 12, 2007

Cost will be: Candidates for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree---\$20.00

Candidates for the 2nd and 3rd degree-----\$15.00

Schedule: Registration -----7:30 to 9.00 A.M.
 1st Degree -----9:30 A.M.
 2nd Degree -----10:30 A.M.
 3rd Degree -----To immediately follow 2nd Degree

Lunch will be served following the 3rd degree at no cost.

Sunday masses: 7:00 A.M.-----Nativity BVM Cathedral
 8:00 A.M. -----St. Michael's (located on Highway
 90, East Biloxi directly across from Casino Magic
 Richard. D. "Dick" Benton
 GRAND KNIGHT
 COUNCIL 1244
 228 594 3636 (home)
 228 860 1203 (cell)

EXEMPLIFICATION of the FOURTH DEGREE

Hosted by the Bishop Gerow Assembly #554

LOCATION: St. Therese Catholic Church
 309 West McDowell
 Jackson, Mississippi 39204

DATE: Saturday, August 18, 2007

HONOREE: Sir Knight Hank Kajdan

SCHEDULE: 11:30 AM Registration Opens (lunch Available)
 1:30 PM Exemplification
 5:00 PM Mass
 6:00 PM Reception for candidates and guests
 6:30 PM Banquet

FEES: The exemplification fee is \$70.00 per candidate. Included with this fee, each candidate will receive a Fourth Degree social baldric, a Fourth Degree lapel pin, and one banquet ticket. Checks should be made payable to Dr. Paul Gospodarski, the Mississippi District Fourth Degree Master. Send check and completed Form 4 to the Faithful Navigator of the host assembly, Joe Blake, at the address below.

Deadline for receipt is August 8th.

DRESS: All candidates and Fourth Degree member observers are required to wear a black tuxedo, black bow tie, (no ruffled shirts), black cummerbund, and black footwear. Military personnel may wear dress uniforms. Priests may wear dress clerics. Candidates do not need to have a sword for the exemplification.

BANQUET: Tickets for wives of candidates, members and their wives, and all other guests are \$20.00. These checks should also be made payable to Dr. Paul Gospodarski, and kept separate from the exemplification fee. Please send guest banquet ticket payments to the Faithful Navigator of the host assembly, Joe Blake, at the same time you submit your exemplification fee.

CONTACT:
 Joe Blake, Faithful Navigator
 748 Euclid Ave.
 Jackson, MS 39202
 Phone - (601) 238-6733
 or
 Bill O'Connor, District Marshall
 103 Cotton Acres Dr.
 Clinton, MS. 39056
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 Cell (601) 906-8890
 e-mail: waoconnor@comcast.net

**Councils Not Yet Submitting Form
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 As of 6/30/07**

District	Council #	Location
4	802	Meridian
5	848	Jackson (John T. Savage)
5	898	Vicksburg
11	1244	Biloxi
10	1522	Bay St Louis
10	1583	Gulfport - Bishop Gunn
12	1605	Pascagoula
2	6555	Shelby
7	6592	Bassfield
9	6872	Picayune
9	7087	Kiln
2	7120	Southaven
5	7854	Clinton
7	7915	Brookhaven
6	8038	Pearl
7	8054	McComb
5	8285	Jackson (St. Therese)
1	8760	Holly Springs
1	8848	Tupelo
12	9124	Gautier
11	9409	West Biloxi
6	10216	Brandon
12	10499	Ocean Springs (Fr. Gregory)
10	11541	GulfPort - St James
12	11904	Lucedale
6	11934	Gluckstadt
9	11995	Pass Christian - Fr R J Sorin
12	12166	Pasagoula
10	12271	Seabee Base
9	12331	Pass Christian - Scared Heart
4	13471	Philadelphia
2	13502	Batesville
8	13936	Columbia

**ASSEMBLIES NOT YET SUBMITTING FORM
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 AS OF 7/17/07**

Assembly Number	Name/Location
556	Bishop Gunn, Gulfport
560	Pere LeDuc, Bay St. Louis
561	Msgr P J Carey, St. Mary's Gautier/ Pascagoula
564	Clarksdale
1569	Msgr John F Clerico, Greenwood
1719	Long Beach is trying to send the document
2131	Fr Clarence J Meyer, Tupelo
2284	St Ann/Lizana, Gulfport
2347	Paul R Depew, Gulfport
2495	Fr Cletus Manon, Oxford
2558	St James, Gulfport

**Get those forms in and don't forget
 Semi-Annual Audit Report Form #1295
 is Due to Supreme
 August 15, 2007**