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## A WORD FROM OUR STATE DEPUTY

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

As we are past the Supreme convention and are looking forward to concluding our District meetings, now is the time for us to reflect on growing Columbianism in Mississippi. The way we do this is by developing good programs and getting involvement from all of our members. EWTN telecasted the Supreme convention and numerous ads for the Knights of Columbus. This gives us a great opportunity to recruit new members and bring back old ones. Good programs will help keep the members we have and entice new ones to join.

I encourage any council that does not utilize the admissions committee and survey, to do so. It not only lets the potential member know what the Knights of Columbus are all about, but also gives an insight into the new member's interest and allows you to place him on that committee as soon as he is exemplified.

The October membership Blitz will soon be upon us. Now is not too soon to start our plans for success. This can be accomplished by ordering membership supplies from Supreme (including allot of form 100's). There should be an ample supply of these forms, in church, in the council chambers and at least on or two on every active Brother Knight. Make sure information pamphlets are available when ever the need arises and it never hurts to have a copy or two of "The Parish Priest" and "By Their Works", to lend to potential members.

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*What a great day for the Mississippi Knights of Columbus!!!*

It's time for us to show the world what we are made of and to prove to ourselves that we can "make a difference".

## Upcoming Events

### ◆ Exemplifications

Monday 10 Sep 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
Council 9673 Woolmarket

Thursday 20 Sep 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
Council 1244 Biloxi

Wednesday 26 Sep 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
Council 5654 Ocean Springs

Saturday 22 Sep 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Assembly 3081 Olive Branch

Saturday 20 Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Assembly 3007 D'Iberville

### ◆ Noteworthy Dates

Labor Day Holiday 3 Sep

Birth of the Virgin Mary 8 Sep

Grandparent's Day 9 Sep

August Family of the Month  
Due to Supreme 15 Sep

Respect Life Sunday 7 Oct

Columbus Day 8 Oct



VIVAT JESUS!  
Danny Lechner  
State Deputy



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## TWO COUNCILS 'TEAM UP' ON HOT PROJECT AT DWELLING PLACE

### Brooksville, MS

The Dwelling Place is a beautiful retreat facility in Brooksville, MS. But recent drought conditions and bugs have gotten to a multitude of pine trees over the last few years. One Saturday in May, Starkville Fr. John P. Egan Council 6765 removed 8 pine trees. After Council 6765's successful Grill Raffle fundraiser for Dwelling Place, we were asked to take down some more trees prior to the Dwelling Place Labor Day Festival.

At the School of Columbianism in Tupelo, 6765 Grand Knight Danny Setaro asked JJ Jones, Grand Knight of W.H. Jolly Council 7974 in Columbus, to join this worthy service project. JJ got a team to assist the Starkville team on what was scheduled to be one of the hottest Saturday's in August!

The smartest thing the group did was start early, as 104-degree heat was forecast for the day. As it turned out, 10 trees were felled and cut up before noon. All in all, it was

a great day with a lot of laughs and fellowship being shared by all. Rest assured that none of these Knights had to be "rocked to sleep" that Saturday night.



*Knights from Fr. John P. Egan Council 6765, Starkville, and W.H. Jolly Council 7974, Columbus*

## HONOR GUARD ADDS SPLENDOR TO ORDINATION OF BROTHER KNIGHT MARK MASTIN, SCJ

Some 50 Knights from throughout North Mississippi, featuring a 4th Degree Honor Guard, brought an added touch of ceremony to the ordination of fellow Knight Mark Mastin, SCJ, at Christ the King Church. Most Reverend Joseph N. Latino, D.D., Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Jackson, presided over the celebration for the Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Very Rev. Richard MacDonald, SCJ, was the Presenter in one of his final acts before concluding six years as the U.S. Provincial Superior of the Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Hales Corners, WI.

Teresa Ann Mastin Diebold and Terri Ann Mastin, sisters of the new Deacon, participated in the celebration as Lectors.

Deacon Mark's request for an Honor Guard attracted Faithful Navigators and Knights from Assemblies in Corinth, Batesville and Grenada as well as Southaven. A strong contingent of Third Degree Knights from the region also attended. Deacon Mark served as a seminarian at Christ the King, returning to Chicago in July 2006 to complete his final year of graduate study.





## NO CHINKS IN THESE KNIGHTS ARMOUR

When Shakespeare wrote of the chinks in walls surrounding the Nobles in days of yore, it was understood that there were weaknesses in their strongholds that would be their undoing. It can't be said of the first ever Biloxi Council 1244 Centennial Knights celebrating the 100th year the Council has been in existence. These Knights, these modern day warriors, these men have shown their valiance at every turn in everything they do. They are there when called upon and sometimes when they are not called upon to carry out that which is needed whenever and wherever. Each Centennial Knight was very carefully selected and have shown they deserve the very best. Each has been instrumental in leading the Council to expand or roll up their sleeves and do what was necessary at the time to promote Columbianism and the Fraternal Order to that next higher level without regard for giving of oneself in either time or money. These are the things that make these Centennial Knights solid and great. This Award will only be given out once every 100 years, and as such has started a tradition true and fine as the Order of Knights are themselves in history. It is with fitting honor that the recipients of this most coveted award were announced at the Centennial Birthday celebration of the Biloxi Council 1244 in late June. Recipients from left to right are:

*Harry L. Steinwinder, FS (Financial Sec.)*

*Henry B. Ryan, FFS (Former Financial Sec.)*

*Charles T. Harrison, Treasurer*

*Charles T. Simon, PGK (Past Grand Knight)*

*Chester T. Trahan, PGK (Past Grand Knight)*

*Albert D'Orville Jr., BSA (BoyScoutsofAm)*

*Frank J. Tarrant, PG K(Past Grand Knight)(back)*



The then current Mississippi State Deputy for the Knights of Columbus, Brother Larry Tabor, and State Deputy Elect, Danny Lechner and several other Mississippi State Officers were present to help commemorate not only the Biloxi Council 1244's existence for the past 100 years but also to welcome the seven inductees into the elite few. The evening's fine cuisine dining matched the evenings circumstance and pomp and was prepared by the Knights of Columbus Chef Randell Broussard and his assistant Georgio Trajanovich who prepared a mouth-watering-meal consisting of Twice Baked Potatoes, Green Bean Almondine and an excellent cut of prime rib that tickled the taste buds of over 140 members, family and friends. Please extend your warmest congratulations to each and every one of the Knights who were presented with this highest Achievement Award.

## A WORD FROM OUR MASTER

### FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS

September 23, 2007      Olive Branch, MS

October 20, 2007      D'Iberville, MS

March 29, 2008      Starkville, MS.



### PROVINCIAL MEETING OF THE FOURTH DEGREE

A Provincial Meeting of the Fourth Degree will be held on October 12 and 13th, 2007. The Saturday business meeting will be held at the Ocean Springs Council Hall. A Mass will be held on Saturday at 5:00 PM at the Catholic Church in Ocean Springs. Bishop Thomas Rodi will be the principal celebrant

Following the Mass, a Social and Banquet will be held at the Council Hall.

We invite all fourth degree knights to attend the business meeting and any knight and their family can participate in the social and banquet. Fees for the banquet will be collected at the door.

*Thank you.  
Paul N. Gospodarski  
Master*



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

### Knights of Columbus reaffirms opposition to abortion, embryonic stem cell research

#### *Resolution calls for laws to protect rights of conscience for medical personnel*

(NASHVILLE, TN) - Delegates to the 125<sup>th</sup> annual convention of the Knights of Columbus today unanimously adopted a resolution reaffirming its "deep commitment to oppose any governmental action or policy that promotes abortion, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, euthanasia, assisted suicide and other offenses against life."

The resolution, adopted during the final session of the convention at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, also called for "the adoption of laws that recognize and protect in law the right of conscience for doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other medical personnel, guaranteeing that they may not be forced to provide medical services which violate their religious beliefs." The resolution also called for "similar protection for Catholic hospitals."



The Knights of Columbus also reaffirmed its "long-standing policy of not inviting to any Knights of Columbus event, persons, especially public officials or candidates for public office, who do not support the legal protection of unborn children, or who advocate for the legalization of assisted suicide or euthanasia."

Convention delegates also adopted resolutions expressing "Support for Natural Marriage," "Honoring Our Armed Forces," calling for "Decency in the Media and on the Internet," and calling for "continued use of "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The full texts of the resolutions can be found on the Knights of Columbus website, [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).

The convention celebrated the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Knights of Columbus, which was founded in New Haven, CT in 1882. Among the highlights of the convention was attendance by Vatican Secretary of State Tarcisio Bertone, who delivered a major address Wednesday evening, and who expressed strong support for the cause for sainthood of the founder of the Knights, Fr. Michael J. McGivney. Cardinal Bertone, the Vatican's number two official, received the Knights of Columbus' highest honor, the Gaudiam et Spes award, on Tuesday evening. Transcripts of his remarks can also be found at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).

Gentlemen: It is my great honor to announce that we have another new Assembly in Mississippi. Thanks to the hard work of Ron Kopacz, Supreme Committee on Charters approved the establishment of Our Lady Queen of Peace Assembly No. 3081 in Olive Branch Mississippi.

Congratulations to all my Brother Sir Knights who worked so hard to accomplish this wonderful achievement.

Paul

If your Council is late getting the Semi-Annual Audit Report Form #1295 to Supreme, faxing the report in can speed up the process.

Supreme fax number 1-203-772-1923

*Respectfully Submitted Noel Aucoin, State Program Director*