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Upcoming Events

◆ Exemplifications

- Saturday 20 Oct 4th Degree Assembly 3007 D'Iberville
- Saturday 21 Oct 4th Degree Assembly 3081 Olive Branch
- Monday 2 Nov 1st Degree Council 9673 Woolmarket
- Sunday 11 Nov 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Degree Council 5556 Cleveland
- Thursday 15 Nov 1st Degree Council 1244 Biloxi
- Wednesday 28 Nov 1st Degree Council 5654 Ocean Springs

◆ Noteworthy Dates

- World Youth Day 28 Oct
- Halloween 31 Oct
- All Saints Day 1 Nov
- All Souls Day 2 Nov
- Election Day 6 Nov
- October Family of the Month Due to Supreme 15 Nov

A WORD FROM OUR STATE DEPUTY

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

Fall is in the air and with it comes that feeling of euphoria. With this great feeling, it is now time for us to get in gear and do the things that we are capable of doing. The October Membership Blitz should be in place and moving.

Something that comes to mind was told at the State Deputy's training in New Haven. It seems that a Grand Knight and DGK were looking for a Membership chairman. At Mass they saw Brother Knight "Jim" who was ushering. They looked at each other and said "Jim is a great salesman and he would make us a fine Membership chairman". After Mass, they approached Jim and asked him if he would take the position. Jim's reply was "What am I selling?"

Think about it. When we ask someone to join our order, "What are we selling?" Do we have active programs? Are we visible around the church? Hopefully, your answer is "yes" we have to have something to offer. The secret to getting and keeping members is "ASK" and "ACTIVATE"

The State-wide Raffle tickets have been disbursed to the District Deputies who, in turn, should have them out to their councils. If you have not received your tickets, contact your District Deputy. I cannot express the importance of this Raffle. It will help to finance the education of our much needed future priest. However, this is not to replace your regular Priest Ed. Fund raisers.

The "Marian Hour of Prayer" icon is now circulating around the state. This year's title is "Our Lady of Charity". Brothers, we have much to do and little time to do it.

"Let's Git Er' Done"

*VIVAT JESUS!
Danny Lechner
State Deputy*

A Message From Supreme

As you may know, Sept. 26 marked the launch of the nationwide "40 Days for Life" campaign. Forty-day peaceful prayer vigils have commenced outside abortion facilities in approximately 80 communities in 33 states. Additionally, people throughout the country are encouraged to pray and fast for an end to abortion, and grassroots educational efforts are underway in the sponsoring communities. It is the "largest simultaneous pro-life mobilization in American history," according to campaign director David Bereit.

The 40 Days for Life concludes Nov. 4. We would like to publish a follow-up article in January, sharing some of the involvement of K of C councils with the campaign. If you know of councils in your state who are participating in 40 Days for Life, please send more information or a contact name, if available, to me at alton.pelowski@kofc.org.

A list of participating communities and additional information about 40 Days for Life is available here: <http://www.40daysforlife.com/location.cfm>

Thank you,

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BY-LAWS QUESTION

The I am in receipt of your request in reference to the discretionary authority of a Grand Knight to spend council funds. I understand that probably most councils have some understanding that the Grand Knight has discretionary authority to spend up to a certain amount of council funds without council approval. I believe this to be a misunderstanding. I do not think the Grand Knight has any discretionary authority to spend council funds. I base this on the following:

Section 122(b) of the Constitution, Laws and Rules of the Knights of Columbus addresses Council Funds and provides:

"No money in excess of \$500.00 shall be paid or transferred from the treasury, of any council (except such moneys as the council is called upon to regularly pay for its current expenses and as provided by the laws of the Order, or for purposes approved by the Supreme Council, or Board of Directors) unless by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular business meeting held subsequent to a regular business meeting at which notice in writing of a resolution of intention to pay or transfer such money and the purposes and amount to be paid or transferred shall have been given and regularly read. Provided, however, that any council may, by by-law, properly approved, provide and maintain a fund for rendering mutual aid and assistance to its sick, disabled and needy members and their families and families of deceased members. Said by-laws to state the manner in which, and by whom, the said fund is to be expended."

Most councils may interpret this provision to allow the Grand Knight to spend \$500 or less without first obtaining council approval. However, I believe this provision merely provides that if a council has an expenditure of more than \$500, notice must be provided to the council at a regular business meeting with a vote taken at the next business meeting. It must pass by two-thirds

vote. Exceptions to this notice and vote requirement for expenditures in excess of \$500 are demands made by Supreme or the State Council or regular bills and expenses of a council. The other exception to the notice and vote requirement is a Benefit Payment to a sick or needy member or his family. This Benefit Payment exception can only be applied if the council has a proper by-law that authorizes and explains the process for such payment.

For expenditures of \$500 or less, a vote of the council is not necessarily needed, however approval of the council trustees is needed. Section 145 provides in part:

"The Trustees shall have supervision of all the financial business of the council and their approval shall be necessary for the payment of all moneys except Benefit Fund moneys and demands of the Supreme Council or Board of Directors or State Council, and the regular and usual stated payments of the council, and payments authorized by the council after notice and vote in accordance with Section 122."

Thus, it is my opinion that a Grand Knight does not have discretionary authority to spend council funds without approval of the Trustees (for amounts of \$500 or less) or approval of two-thirds of the council after notice and vote (for amounts over \$500) unless such expenditure is a demand from Supreme or the State Council, regular and usual council bills or expenses or payments from a Benefit Fund properly establish by a council by-law.

Sincerely,

*David Scott
State Advocate*

MORE "KUDOS" FOR GRILL'IN FOR LIFE

Brother Knights,

I recently attended a Grillin for Life gathering at St. Joe Catholic School in Madison, where over \$6,300 in proceeds were distributed to recipients from various aspects of the pro-life spectrum. While the check amounts varied, they all consider themselves equal partners in this wonderful event and appreciate the publicity it generates for their ministries. From Birthright, Pro-Life Mississippi, Christmas Village, Choose Life, St. Joseph Catholic Schools to the Southern Baptist Convention's "pennies for unborn infants", all brought resources to insure success.

I wish everyone who participated on a team could have heard the powerful remarks of praise from these recipients. St. Joe Principal, Mr. William Heller echoed comments that the Knights of Columbus are providing the kind of role models our young people need to see. You really could feel the Holy Spirit in the room.

To those teams who participated, I thank you for what you made possible.

I commend St. Therese Council 8285, Chairman Gerry Clark, Ben Mokry, Felix Garth and Warren Brooks for their passion. I applaud the multi-council committee who is already working on next year's event.

Brothers, when you plan your calendar of events, start thinking now about being part of this excellent Pro-Life experience.

Vivat Jesus!

*Jim McCraw
State Warden
Mississippi State Council*

OUR LADY OF CHARITY ICON

Our Lady of Charity

Marian Hour of Prayer Icon Schedule

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Icon #1</u>	<u>Icon #2</u>
October 15 - November 30	District #2	District #12
December 1 - January 15	District #1	District #11
January 16 - February 28	District #3	District #10
March 1 - April 15	District #4	District #9
April 16 - May 31	District #5	District #8
June 1 - July 15	District #6	District #7

Each District Deputy is responsible for ensuring that the councils in his district have an opportunity to receive the icon and plan a prayer service during the district's scheduled time slot. The Grand Knight of each council should coordinate with his district deputy to schedule a date within the district's time slot for his council to receive the icon. The district deputies should coordinate with each other to arrange for the passing of the icon from one district to the next according to the above schedule. If a problem should occur, State Marian Hour of Prayer Coordinator, Bob Leo, should be contacted immediately at 601-737-5253. Should a council miss its opportunity to host the Marian Hour of Prayer service, make-up dates may be available in July-August 2008.

GUADALUPE SILVER ROSE RUN ALABAMA TO MISSISSIPPI HANDOFF

The Guadalupe Silver Rose of Life, an emblem denoting the Knights of Columbus support of Life and Pro Life ideals, is again making its international trek from Canada, through the US and into Mexico. On September 25th it made its official transfer from Alabama to Mississippi on its way to Arkansas. The event was made even more special and shows the tradition of generational Knights because the hand off occurred from Chris Ladner, Grand Knight at the Spring Hill College council in Alabama to his father, Daryl Ladner who is the Grand Knight of the council in Gautier, Mississippi. The event was officiated over by the State Deputies of both states: Eddie Lipscomb of Alabama and Danny Lechner of Mississippi. The District Deputies for the districts represented were also there: Warren Yemm from District 13 in Alabama and Flitter Roberts of District 12 in Mississippi.

Six Knights of Assembly 564 presented the honor guard for the occasion and are from left to right: Richard Clement, Leo Borowsky, Lee Chandler, Robert Barr, and Benny French.

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose run

originated in 1960 by the Columbian Squires of North America. It is a program designed to promote the belief in the "Sanctity of Life", the importance of Religious Vocations, and to show support for the Catholic church, the priests, Bishops, and religious.

This year, the program originated on April 15, in London, Quebec, Canada and has progressed through Alabama. It will pass through Mississippi then pass off on October 7, to Arkansas, and eventually will make it to Monterey, Mexico on December 12, to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



VOCATIONS FROM THE INSIDE

Meet Jose Vazquez

I am 28 years old; I was born in Michoacán Mexico on the 20th of March 1979. My home town is called "la Mesa" it is a small town of about 200 families. My parents are Lidia Morales and late Jose Trinidad Vazquez. I have 7 siblings, we were originally ten children, but two died when they were very young. From the original ten, there were five sisters and five brothers. Of the ten, I am "Lucky Number 7".

I decided to be a priest for the diocese of Biloxi after Father Dennis Carver went to the Seminary of Morelia where I was studying. He invited us to come and serve in the diocese. Fr. Dennis explained the need for priest to work for with the Hispanic and American communities.

I entered the seminary on the 10th of August 1995, and had the desire to become a missionary priest and preach the Word of God overseas. The Moment that Father Carver addressed the seminarians, about the need for priest; (in this Diocese) I knew that God was calling me to come here.

The process of filling out the proper paperwork is difficult and it took very long time to complete. But finally, on January 2, 2001, I was able to come and study in San Antonio, at the Mexican American Center. In the summer of 2003 I moved to New Orleans to continue my studies at Notre Dame Seminary. I graduated from Our Lady of Holy

Cross in 2005 where I received my BS degree. After Hurricane Katrina, I moved to Indiana to the Saint Meinrad School of Theology. This is where I am now residing.

I am happy and excited to be moving a step closer to the priesthood. After almost 13 years of study at Seminary, I am fully convinced that God has called me to serve him as priest in the diocese of Biloxi. I believe that God has given me the talents and gifts for accomplishing the work that he has commended to me.

I see my acceptance to the Order of Deaconate as an answer from God and as an affirmation of his call. I am willing to commit myself to this his will and to do my best in fulfilling my mission in life for the sake of his people.

I will get my MDiv. at Saint Meinrad School of Theology on May 2008.

I thank the Diocese of Biloxi for their support throughout these years of my formation and invite all the people of the diocese to continue praying for vocations.

God's blessings to all.

Sincerely Jose Vazquez



STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT RE-SCHEDULED

This Year's State Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament has been re-scheduled to November 10, in Vicksburg. The format will be a four-man scramble and the price is \$50 per player for KC members and Squires

STATE FAMILY OF THE MONTH ANNOUNCED

I would like to congratulate the Family That Supreme picked for Family of the Month. "Harry & Toni Myers of Council 4898 Long Beach". Thanks to the following councils for taking the time to turn in a council 802, 898, 1244, 2180, 4898*, 5556, 5654, 6872, 9094, 9543, 9673, 10216, 10499, 10901, 11904. Again if your council has turned in a Family to Supreme and is not listed please let me know.

Carl Brochard
State Family Director

This appeared in last month's issue and the lack of response is disturbing. Please consider participating

WHY AREN'T WE JUMPING ON THIS ???

I would Worthy District Deputies, State Deputy and State Program Director,

Several years ago, while my oldest son was a cadet at the USMA at West Point, NY, cadet families would send their sons "Boodle Boxes". These boxes, or packages, would contain various items. These consisted of: a variety of home cooked pastries, as well as candies, an assortment of toiletry items, newspaper articles of interest, and letters of support from the folks at home.

What I was thinking about doing was the same type of thing for our 17 seminarians in the dioceses of Biloxi and Jackson. If each District Deputy would organize this with his respective councils, we could have "Boodle Boxes" for these men at least twice monthly. My son used to tell me that when Boodle Boxes arrived, there was great excitement among the cadets. The same thing could happen with our seminarians.

Presently, our 17 seminarians are in 6 different seminaries in the country (5 in St. Meinrad, 4 in Notre Dame, 3 in St. Ben's, LA; 3 in Sacred Heart School of Theology, Hales Corners; 1 in Assumption and 1 in St. John Vianney). This would be a rather simple and relatively inexpensive way to show a little bit of our love for these men.

If you DD's and your councils are willing to sign on to this BOX TO A SEMINARIAN PROGRAM, please let me know by October 10th, so that we can announce this in our next edition of the Magnolia Knight.

Let us help our seminarians! I will assist with details with each of you very soon.

Vivat Jesus!

Deacon Lawrence Campbell
State Vocation Chairman

RAFFLES FOR THE 2008 STATE CONVENTION

Brothers,

Because of the limited space and set-up cost of this year's registration area, the convention committee respectfully requests the following:

- Any Council/Assembly wishing to set up a table for a raffle must submit a request to the convention, by March 30 2007 (not included is the State wide "Vocations" Raffle and Dr. Paul's Christopher fund raffle)
- Councils/Assemblies wishing to secure a table for raffle purposes will be required to pay a \$25 set-up fee.
- Request and fee should be sent to: Noel Aucoin, 14620 Porteaux Bay Dr., Biloxi, MS 39532 or noel.aucoin@ngc.com

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