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Upcoming Events

◆ Exemplifications

- Wednesday 23 Jan 1st Degree Council 5654 Ocean Springs
- Saturday 26 Jan 1, 2 & 3rd Degree Council 9094 D'Iberville
- Sunday 27 Jan 1st Degree Council 10901 Oxford
- Monday 4 Feb 1st Degree Council 7120 Southaven
- Monday 4 Feb 1st Degree Council 9673 Woolmarlet
- Saturday 9 Feb 1, 2 & 3rd Degree Council 7854 Clinton
- Thursday 21 Feb 1st Degree Council 1244 Biloxi
- Saturday 23 Feb 1, 2 & 3rd Degree Council 6765 Starkville
- Wednesday 27 Feb 1st Degree Council 5654 Ocean Springs
- ◆ Noteworthy Dates
- Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) 31 Jan
- Mardi Gras 5 Feb
- Ash Wednesday 6 Feb
- St. Valentine's Day 14 Feb
- Semi-annual Audit Due 15 Feb

A WORD FROM OUR STATE DEPUTY

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

We are now in a new year. The past year was an experience of good things and sad things. It was a year that ended with 57% of our membership goal being achieved half way through the fraternal year. We performed projects that profited the needy, assisted our Seminarians, and gave of our time and treasure to the Church. It was also a sad time having to say good-bye to many deceased brother Knights.

This year looks bright. We started with the Regional Mid-Winter meetings and had representation from 55 of the 59 councils in the state. Soon we will be celebrating the Lenten season and remembering that Jesus gave his life so we may have eternal life. The Lenten season will be followed with a visit, to the United States, by Pope Benedict XVI. We will be having our State convention in April and our "Persons with Intellectually disabilities" drive in May.

Brothers, we have accomplished a lot. But, think of how much we could accomplish with new members. For this reason, ***I ask every member in the State of Mississippi to ask 1 Catholic gentleman, 18 years or older, to join our ranks in the greatest Catholic fraternal organization in the world.***

Reminders:

The *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities* report is due to Supreme by *January 31*. The *Semi-annual council audit report* is due to Supreme by *February 15*.

Send in your Convention registration forms so the convention committee will have ample time to put on a great convention. Also, get in your convention ads.
The State officers and I wish you and your families a joyous and prosperous New Year.

VIVAT JESUS!
Danny Lechner
State Deputy

Dear Brother Knights,

As some of you may know in the past month, I have suffered 2 major health problems, the death of my wife's uncle and a change in my parish assignment. All of these have caused me to lose approximately 30 days to work on our Raffle.

Our Cash Raffle drawing is scheduled for the last weekend in April at our State Convention. As our Worthy State Deputy, Brother Daniel Lechner, stated at the Winter meetings in Grenada and Brandon, we have much work to do in order to achieve our goal of netting a profit of at least \$20,000. Each GK in the Jackson Diocese should now have an adequate supply of raffle tickets in their possession. If you do not have an adequate supply, contact your DD. If these tickets are sold, we should be able to reach our goal. I am now asking each and every one of us to redouble our efforts and sell our allotment of tickets. If you have any questions/problems, please contact me immediately. Bishop Latino and the Diocese of Jackson are counting upon us for these additional funds to supplement existing seminarian education programs already in place throughout the councils and assemblies of our diocese.

I am now asking that a monthly reporting schedule be maintained. Please deposit all funds for all tickets sold into your council account. Then write one check for all tickets sold. That check should be made out to the Knights of Columbus Mississippi State Council - Seminarian Education Fund. Please send this check, all sold raffle tickets, and the appropriate reporting forms to me at the end of each month (January, February, March and April). Please, please, please--do not wait to sell your tickets nor remit the funds.

My mailing address is:
Lawrence M. Campbell
7415 Fox Trace
Southaven, MS 38671

“GOOD NEWS / BAD NEWS”

This is the way that Bishop Joseph Latino describes the current situation in the Jackson Diocese concerning vocations to the priesthood. We have ten good men studying for the priesthood; they will be joined soon by at least two more coming from Mexico and Guatemala. I believe this is a record number of seminarians in the history of our Diocese. That is the good news. The “bad news,” of course, is that we have to pay for them! What a blessed challenge. (And I am sure that, especially as they continue to recover from the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the same financial need is true for the Vocations Office in the Biloxi Diocese—Fr. Dennis Carver, Director, 228-452-4686).

The Jackson Diocese’s Vocations budget includes my salary/benefits plus the cost of educating all of our seminarians, an amount over \$25,000 per seminarian per year—for tuition, room, board, books, health insurance, monthly stipend, etc. In order to bring some of our expense down we are considering asking the undergraduate college seminarians to bear some of that cost (through family, grants, student loans) as is done in many other dioceses. We would still pay the total cost for the graduate theology students. At no time would any potential seminarian be denied an opportunity to study for us because of his lack of funds.

The Knights of Columbus have been very generous to Vocations, not only through your prayers and encouragement but also through the annual fundraiser for seminarian education for both Mississippi dioceses (the past couple of years have been record setting) and through various Councils “adopting” individual seminarians through the RSVP program, in which a seminarian is sent a monthly check to supplement the support he receives from the Diocese. The amount given varies; more importantly the RSVP program gives moral support and helps the seminarians keep in mind the people of God for whom they are being formed. I am grateful and proud to say that every single one of the present Jackson seminarians has been adopted. (If your Council is interested in becoming a part of the program, let me know.)

Our faith has always involved us in great struggles for worthy causes in the

VOCATIONS FROM THE INSIDE



MY CALL DEACON LINCOLN DALL

Tracing back my call to the priesthood to specific events can be a very daunting task, since there have been so many people and experiences that have influenced me in a significant way. Yet, I am able to recognize that the most significant people and events that have influenced my call to the priesthood relate to my experiences as a social justice volunteer and a lay missionary. After I spent time in West Africa as a Peace Corps volunteer, I realized that God was calling me to work with the poor. As a lay missionary volunteer, I spent three years working in Canada at a soup kitchen, a food bank, and a healing center serving the indigenous people. I then spent three years in the rainforest jungles of Ecuador as a lay missionary with the Comboni Missionaries and a year teaching at a missionary school in Texas. I changed in so many ways through each of those experiences, knowing that somehow I wanted to devote the rest of my life to doing God’s work. As a lay missionary, it really touched my heart to see how the homeless people survived on the streets during the brutal Canadian winters and how some of my students in Ecuador spent hours paddling a canoe just to make it to school. Through my missionary work, I became familiar with liberation theology and God’s “preferential option for the poor.” It seemed like a whole new world had opened up for me.

One event sticks out in my mind from my missionary experiences. I was spending the Christmas holidays in a small village deep in the rainforest of Ecuador named San Francisco de Onzole. During my three years in Ecuador as a missionary, I traveled several hours by canoe to this village every weekend from our missionary base in order to administer and teach at a high school there and to teach religious education to the children. On Christmas Eve, we were all gathered in the church, singing Christmas hymns in Spanish to the beats of drums and maracas. The darkness of the rainforest jungle was all around us, barely pierced by the light emitting from the few candles we had in the church. Having grown up in an urban environment in Chicago and southern California, this experience of Christmas in the rainforest seemed like a dream.



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name of Jesus Christ. This situation is no different. The overall financial challenge is overwhelming; the Jackson Diocesan reserve account is being depleted. And if you are like me, more than ever before you are receiving many requests in the mail from very good and holy causes, asking for donations. Like you, I have to pick and choose which ones to support from my limited resources. The beauty of supporting Vocations is that it touches the very heart of our faith—not bricks and mortar, not programs, but Christ Himself. Without financial support Vocations are weakened, and without Vocations we do not have the priests necessary to gather us together often to celebrate the Mass and receive Christ in the Eucharist, the “source and summit” of our faith. The fruit of this giving extends far beyond the seminarians themselves.

Because the Lord is the ultimate “Vocation Director,” I am not without hope! As with so many of our Catholic institutions, I believe the future stability of Vocations funding in the Jackson Diocese will come from the long-range vision of sources such as annuity accounts, bequests, and donations, especially through the Catholic Foundation, which generates interest income. Already there are about twenty funds for Vocations within the Foundation, set up in memory of various clergy and laity. If you would like to contribute to one of these funds, start another one, or talk about any other ways you, your Council, or your parish can help support Vocations, please contact me. I thank you, and may God bless you for your prayers and help.

Fr. Kent Bowlds
Vocation Director
Diocese of Jackson

But, as I was surrounded by the people of the missions that I knew and loved so well, it made me realize how global and diverse the kingdom of God really is. It was such a humbling experience to feel like a part of this faith community.

I came to Mississippi in 2000 in order to work on a graduate degree in education and to teach at the public high school in Greenville as a member of the Mississippi Teacher Corps. Even though I was now teaching at a public school, I still approached this calling of teaching the children and youth with the heart of a missionary. I became an active member of Sacred Heart Parish in Greenville; through their encouragement, I began to realize how strongly I was being called to the priesthood. Looking back, I would never have guessed the different places I would be called to during my lifetime. Having started my professional career as a CPA in a large auditing firm, I never imagined that I would end up traveling to different mission sites in a canoe through the South American rainforests or singing in the Gospel choir at Sacred Heart Parish in the heart of the Mississippi Delta. Nevertheless, I cannot even begin to convey the thanks and gratitude I have in my heart for the beautiful experiences I have had and the loving people I have met.

I am now in my fourth year as a seminarian for the Diocese of Jackson at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisconsin. I aspire to be ordained a priest for the diocese after I finish my studies in May 2008. My experiences at the seminary have been another wonderful part of this journey. Not only is it a blessing to study the Sacred Scriptures and theology in the classroom, but I have had many other hands-on and practical experiences throughout my four years here. The seminary community up here is very much a nurturing family; I consider myself very fortunate to have such a solid foundation in my formation for the priesthood. I am so grateful to the people of the Diocese of Jackson for this opportunity to be in preparation for the priesthood. I look forward to returning to the diocese at the end of this school year in order to serve the people of God there in ministry.

Deacon Lincoln Dall
Seminarian
Diocese of Jackson

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Mail copy material and check(s) to: Larry J. Tabor
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Convention Ad Booklet Co-Chair
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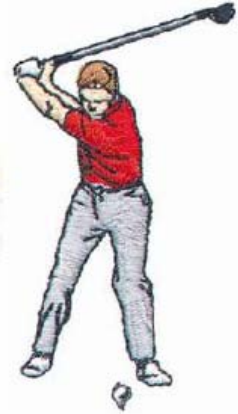
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