

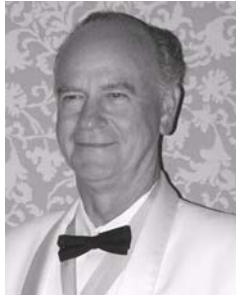


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Upcoming Events

◆ Exemplifications

- Thursday 21 Feb 1st Degree
Council 1244 Biloxi
- Saturday 23 Feb 1,2 & 3rd Degree
Council 6765
- Wednesday 27 Feb 1st Degree
Council 5654 Ocean Springs
- Monday 3 Mar 1st Degree Council
9673 Woolmarket

◆ Noteworthy Dates

- Palm Sunday 16 Mar
- St. Patrick's Day 17 Mar
- Best Program Submittals
Due to State Program
Director 15 Mar
- Poster Contest Winners Due
To State Program Director
15 Mar
- State Program Dir.
Noel Aucoin
14620 Porteaux Bay Dr.
Biloxi, Ms. 39532

A WORD FROM OUR STATE DEPUTY

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

We are now in the season of Lent, the time for fasting, sacrifice, and forgiving. I would ask you to forgive someone in your life that you may hold a grudge against. If there is no one, you are truly blessed. If there is, remember that Jesus forgave those that persecuted Him. In "The Lord's Prayer" we ask God to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. If we expect God to forgive us, we must forgive them.

The State Convention is quickly approaching and there are pressing issues that must be answered. One of the most pressing issues is the State raffle. To date, in the Jackson Diocese, only \$1300 has been turned in and less than that in the Biloxi Diocese. I have asked the District Deputies to check with each of their councils to get an accounting of tickets sold. Now, I am asking each council to contact their DD's and give them this information. **Brothers, we really need to push these ticket sales.** I realize that some councils are having their own fund raisers and I applaud them. However, this raffle is important because we can expand our base of fund raising to the State level. I was recently asked to cancel the raffle. I am not because I have faith in my brother Knights and we are not quitters. Remember that this Raffle is for Priest Education, come through for them.

At the Regional Mid-Winter meetings, State convention packets were passed-out. These included the Registration and ad forms. If you did not receive them, they are available on the State Web site. The Convention Committee needs you to get them in ASAP in order to plan a successful convention.

Membership: So far, we have been fairly successful in recruitment and initiations. However, we are not very successful in retention. In order for us to grow and spread Columbianism we need success in both areas. When we initiate 40 new members and receive 15 or 20 suspensions (from one council) we are not growing. We are maintaining. March is the time for the March Blitz campaign. Please get your membership materials from Supreme now. They can be ordered from Supreme using the supply catalog.

May Jesus' blessing be with you and your family during this Lenten season.

*God bless,
Danny Lechner
State Deputy*

Late last week, Deacon Campbell attempted to make contact with each District Deputy and/or Council in the Diocese of Jackson. His purpose was to request a report on the progress on the Raffle and request settlements/reports as soon as possible. He is requesting that these be submitted prior to March 15th and prior to April 15th. In this way, there will not be as big of a rush at convention time and we will have a better picture of just where we are on this year's Raffle. Everyone is asked to please cooperate in this effort. Please remember that our Bishop and his seminarians are depending upon us!

COUNCILS/ASSEMBLIES PARTICIPATING IN THE RSVP PROGRAM

Councils/Assemblies participating in the RSVP Program statewide:

Laurel Assembly (1)
 Meridian (3)
 Vicksburg (2)
 Laurel ((1)
 Long Beach (5)
 Starkville (3)
 Picayune (1)
 Southaven (1)
 Lumberton (1)
 North Biloxi (1)
 Lucedale (1)



The Starkville Council recently took up a special collection at all the masses at it's parish and forwarded \$200 per seminarian to the Diocese of Jackson. To my knowledge, and that of Fr. Kent Bowlds, this is the first time ever for such an endeavor.

The following councils have recently expressed an interest in joining in on the RSVP Program:

Columbus
 Madison
 Olive Branch

Deacon Larry Campbell
State Vocations Director

LOCAL KC'S COOK FOR DEACONS

Members of the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Patrick McAlpine Council No. 9024, D'Iberville, Mississippi, recently cooked the Saturday evening meal for the Deacon Candidates of the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi. The members include: (L to R) Nick Martino, Troy Irish, Joey Paffe, Larry Tabor (Immediate Past State Deputy), David Seymour (Grand Knight), Roger Fetters (Immediate Past Grand Knight) and representing the class of Deacon Candidates: Mike Gilly (Former Master).

The Deacons Candidates asked for help in cooking during the weekends of their theology studies held at the Sacred Heart Cursillio Center in Dedeaux, Mississippi. The Knights of Columbus of the Biloxi Diocese graciously accepted the task. Other groups have also volunteered their time in the kitchen. These councils and groups will be cooking the once a month until ordination in 2009.



STARKVILLE HOLDS F/T CONTEST



Nippy weather did not keep these champions from competing in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition. This annual event was held on Saturday, January 26 at the Starkville Boys and Girls Club and the winners of the local event will move on to the district competition on Feb. 16. Shown above are members of Starkville Knights of Columbus Council 6765 along some of the winners.

SCOUTING RELIGIOUS AWARDS

During the past year the Jackson Diocese has re-instituted a diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting. Among the Committee's goals is to encourage Catholic Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops to participate in the National Catholic Quality Unit Award program, and to encourage individual scouts to achieve the Catholic Religious Awards at their age levels.

The Knights of Columbus have had a long history of supporting Scouting both in Mississippi and throughout the country. The Catholic Committee wants to encourage that support, not only by asking Councils to directly sponsor Catholic Troops and Packs but in other ways as well. State Warden Jim McGraw brought to the Catholic Committee's attention, that many years ago Council # 848 in Jackson had paid for the religious medals and awards earned by Catholic Cub Scouts (Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei awards) and Catholic Boy Scouts (Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII).

The Catholic Committee is now asking every council in the diocese to consider starting a program in their area to encourage Scouts to earn these awards by actually purchasing the medals and awards for the scouts. In January Council 7120 in Southaven paid for and presented three Light of Christ awards to Cub Scouts in Pack 190 in Southaven, and Council 6765 in Starkville has done the same for eight Cub Scouts who have earned the Parvuli Dei awards in Starkville. On May 18, Council 848 will continue their old tradition by providing medals for six Boy Scouts from Troop 30 who have earned the Ad Altare Dei award, and Pack 30 Cub Scouts who earned the Parvuli Dei and the Light of Christ awards. The Knights Council 848 also plans to participate in the award ceremony at St. Richard Catholic Church.

The Jackson Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting asks that each Council in the diocese contact the Catholic sponsored troops and packs in their areas and promise to support the Scouts participation in the religious award program by defraying the cost of the medals. We will also be seeking ways that we can expand participation in the religious awards program to individual Catholic scouts who are not in Catholic sponsored troops or packs. If your Council would like to participate in this program please contact Tom Chady, Catholic Committee Liaison to the Knights of Columbus, or Kathie Curtis, Diocesan Director of Youth Ministries.

DESOTO PRESENTS CHECKS

Jim Farris, State Chairman of the PID campaign and Financial Secretary of Hernando DeSoto Council 7120 in Southaven, presented checks to the agencies supported by proceeds from the council's effort. Jim was Santa Claus to clients of DeSoto Industries, Inc., at their annual Christmas party and presented a check to Executive Secretary Jerry Self to assist the agency in its program of providing work opportunities for the disabled.

DeSoto County's Special Olympics program was the second recipient of council funds, with Area 16 Director Elisa Goss and basketball Olympians on hand to welcome Farris to a practice session as they prepare for competition later in February.



PLANNING A P.I.D. DRIVE ? ?

A reminder to all Grand Knights. It is time to start your organizing a committee to plan your 2008 drive for the "Persons with Intellectual Disabilities" or PID candy fundraising drive. The official date for this year is May, 18-24, 2008..

- At you local Walmart, you need to get your name on their list for soliciting at their store. A letter to area business on Council stationary is sometimes a good tool to use.
- If you local government is willing to get involved, let them know your plans.
- Your local receiver of your funds may be willing to help with fundraising. We have had offers from the SOS workshop we give too, that they are willing to help us raise funds.
- If all the Councils in your District will get with your DD and give him your order for candy he can order in bulk and save on shipping and pay with your order. Forms for candy and aprons are available on the "State web site"(www.kocmiss.com) as well as tax number, audit and distribution forms.

GOOD LUCK
Jim Farris
PID Executive Director

**SUBMIT
YOUR AD
TODAY**

**MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 104th ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION
APRIL 25-27, 2008**

**SUBMIT
YOUR AD
TODAY**

ADVERTISEMENT ORDER FORM

Please provide the following information:

<u>Size of Ad</u>	<u>Cost</u>	
_____ Full page	\$100.00	_____ Copy of material attached & enclosed
_____ Half page	\$65.00	_____ Copy of material will follow
_____ Quarter page	\$45.00	_____ Check enclosed

Please furnish name of ad Point of Contact: _____

Submitted by: (Council/Assembly No.) _____

(Council, company, individual) Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Note: Copy material should be camera ready. Printed program will be in black and white.

Request for ads and payment must be received not later than **March 15, 2008.**

Make checks pay-able to: 2008 KC Convention Committee

You can email me your ad if you like: Taborl@ametro.net

Mail copy material and check(s) to: Larry J. Tabor
Immediate Past State Deputy
Convention Ad Booklet Co-Chair
9601 Blossman Dr
Biloxi, MS 39532



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Mississippi Council Statewide Raffle
in Support of the
R.O. Gerow Memorial Fund for Seminarian
Education

GRAND PRIZE

!! \$10,000 CASH !!

2ND PRIZE - \$5,000

3RD PRIZE - \$2,500

RAFFLE DRAWING AT THE 2008 STATE CONVENTION
ANNUAL BANQUET, APRIL 26, IN BILOXI

RAFFLE TICKETS
\$5 EACH or 5 TICKETS for \$20

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM ALL COUNCILS
YOUR PURCHASE OF TICKETS
PROVIDES FOR THE EDUCATION OF SEMINARIANS
WHO WILL BECOME PRIESTS
IN THE CATHOLIC DIOCESES OF JACKSON AND
BILOXI

See the Reverse for the Names
of the 17 Seminarians
Currently Supported by Your Contributions



104th Annual
Mississippi
State Convention
April 25, 26, 27, 2008
Biloxi, Mississippi



2008 Convention Registration Form

Name:	
Spouse/Guest:	
Council Name:	
Council Number:	
Daytime Phone:	Night:
Email Address:	

Delegate Yes No **Alternate** Yes No
(Circle one of the above)

Member & Guest	Fri. Dinner & Sat. Banquet	Total Weekend Pkg. \$120.00
Single Member or Guest	Fri. Dinner & Sat. Banquet	Total Weekend Pkg. \$60.00
Friday Evening	Only	Individuals X \$40.00
Saturday Evening	Only	Individuals X \$50.00
Ladies Luncheon	Separate Event	Individuals X \$22.50
Dist. Deputies' Luncheon	Separate Event	Individuals X \$22.50
Late Fee	After April 11, 2008	Individuals X \$40.00
		Total Enclosed

Special Dietary or medical needs: _____

Make Checks Payable to: *KofC 2008 State Convention*
Mail Form to: *Knights of Columbus*
2008 State Convention
668 Orchard Dr
D'Iberville, MS 39540

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

2008

**STATE CONVENTION
GOLF TOURNAMENT**
FRIDAY - APRIL 25th

SEND CHECKS
TO: Roger
Hudson
19239 Champion
Circle
Gulfport, MS.



HOLE IN ONE

**PASS CHRISTIAN ISLES
GOLF COURSE**

SPONSORED BY
BUTCH OUSTALET
FORD



2008 F-150 Extended Cab

DOOR PRIZES! REFRESHMENTS! LUNCH PROVIDED

ENTRY FEE

\$50 PER PERSON / \$200 PER TEAM

1st 24 PAID TEAMS SECURE A POSITION IN THE TOURNAMENT.

PRIZES AWARDED

1st, 2nd, 3rd
PLACE FINISH

LONGEST DRIVE

CLOSEST TO PIN

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

18 HOLE — BEST BALL

0830 SHOTGUN START

MULLIGANS 2 FOR \$10.00
(Limit 2 per person)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Contact person: Roger Hudson
228.224.4698 (Cell)
228.539.3920 (H)
REQUEST PAYMENT IN ADVANCE!!

Method of Payment

CASH

CHECK



Sign-Up Form Title

Sign up for:

Individual Player \$ 60.00

Team \$300.00

Hole Sponsorship \$ 15.00

Total _____

Hole sponsorship received before
April 15th will have a sign posted on
the course during tournament.



Major Exemplification in Starkville

Date: Saturday February 23rd
Place: St. Josephs Parish Hall/Center

Our Second and Third Degree Team will be here to conduct the
Exemplification enabling you to obtain full Knighthood in
one day without traveling.

Dress attire for Exemplification is dress slacks and dress shirt,
tie and sport coat are optional –
Please no tee shirts, jeans, shorts or sandals.

09:30 am First Degree Registration

10:30 am First Degree

11:30 – 12:30 pm Second & Third Degree Registration

12:00 – 12:30 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Second Degree

Immediately following Second Degree Third Degree

First Degree

- \$5.00 Initiation Fee
- Plus Prorated Dues of;
- Regular Member - \$25
- Student Member - \$12.50

Full year dues \$30 for Regular and \$20 for Students

Second and Third Degree

- \$16.00 Fee
- This offsets the travel expenses
of our State Degree Team.

Check made out to
"Knights of Columbus State Council"
at registration.

As a Candidate you will be served lunch at no charge.

You can email starkvilledegree@bellsouth.net with any questions or contact one of the names below.

Contact one of the following Knights to answer your questions

Danny Setaro
323-6993
Grand Knight
dms8067@aol.com

Gary McFadyen
320-9504
Membership Director
mcfadyen@cavs.msstate.edu

Mike Kassouf
320-9482
Financial Secretary
kassouf@bellsouth.net

