

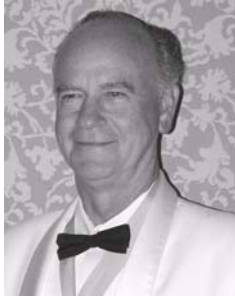


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A WORD FROM OUR STATE DEPUTY

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

As we end our Supreme Fraternal year, I would like to thank all the State Officers, Committee Chairmen, District Deputies, councils, council officers, Fourth Degree, and my brother knights for their hard work this past year. Without your effort, we would just be another organization. Together, we have accomplished a lot.

I would also like to congratulate all newly elected and reelected State, Council, and Assembly officers. We have come a long way this year. We have made great strides in the realization of our potentials.

This year will be filled with many obstacles. But, with God's help, we will overcome those obstacles, and rise to new heights.

My brothers, I ask you to join me and make this year one that will go down as the best year in Mississippi Knights of Columbus history.

*VIVAT JESUS!
Danny Lechner
State Deputy*

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Upcoming Events

◆ Exemplifications

Wednesday 25 Jun 1st
Degree Council 5654 Ocean Springs

Wednesday 23 Jul 1st Degree
Council 5654 Ocean Springs

Saturday 23 Aug 4th Degree
Assembly 3007 D'iberville

◆ Noteworthy Dates

Columbian Award
Application Due 30 June

RSVP Application Due 30
June

Per Capita Tax Levi 1 July

Report of Council Officers
Due 1 July

Independence Day 4 July

Installation of State Officers
12 July

Schools of Columbianism
Southern Region - 13 July
Northern Region - 20 July
Central Region - 21 July

THE CHALLENGE HAS BEEN MADE

Hi Everyone,

Just to let everybody know, Batesville has responded and will be defending their title from last year. Madison will have to tighten back up the belt in hope to re-take the crown. Still haven't heard from any other councils whether or not they are coming to show Batesville and Madison that they aren't the best cooks in the state. Where are you guys??????????????

There will be a cooks meeting at 5pm on Friday August 1st on the St. Joe High School grounds. Madison Council #9543 will be serving a cajun dinner at 6pm to the cooks present. Please let us know if you will be at the dinner and how many.

The KCBS teams will begin arriving around 8am on Friday August 1st. If any K of C teams would like to come early, please feel welcome. We have put a lot into the planning process and hope everyone will have a Great Time.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone.

*God Bless,
Gerry Clark*



**BISHOP R. O. GEROW MEMORIAL FUND
MISSISSIPPI JURISDICTION
For The Years Ended 2007 and 2008**

It gives us great pleasure to announce the results of the fundraising of our Order for the years 2007 and 2008. The following are the summary numbers for these years:

	Prior Years Totals	2007 Totals	2008 Totals	Totals Since 1953
<i>Diocese of Biloxi</i>	798,760	57,241	49,390	905,391
<i>Diocese of Jackson</i>	<u>717,022</u>	<u>62,486</u>	<u>56,925</u>	<u>836,433</u>
<i>Mississippi Jurisdiction</i>	1,515,782	119,727	106,315	1,741,824

A complete and detailed accounting of this report will be given at the State Organizational Meeting on the weekend of July 12, 2008 in Biloxi. Total contributions for this year are the second largest in the history of the Bishop R. O. Gerow Memorial Fund since its inception in 1953.

A special thanks goes out to all Councils, Assemblies, Ladies Auxiliaries, State Officers, State Chairmen, District Deputies, Grand Knights and all who participated in this year's fundraising endeavor to assist Archbishop Rodi and Bishop Latino, as well as Fr. Dennis Carver and Fr. Kent Bowlds, in their monumental task of educating our future shepherds.

By our continued hard work on behalf of the Bishop R. O. Gerow Memorial Fund, we Knights, our wives and our families should be very proud. Additionally, we wish to thank Brother Don Cox and his wife, Carol; Past State Deputy, Tom Chady; as well as our wives, Margaret and Cathy, for their diligence and patience in helping with the accounting for this endeavor.

Submitted by:

*Deacon Lawrence M. Campbell, Chairman
Bishop R. O. Gerow Memorial Fund*

*Paul N. Gospodarski, Chairman Emeritus
Bishop R. O. Gerow Memorial Fund*

THE MARRIAGE PROTECTION AMENDMENT OF 2008 NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

Congressman Paul Broun of Georgia has introduced the [Marriage Protection Amendment of 2008](#) (H.J. RES. 89). This amendment to the U.S. Constitution would make marriage legal only between a man and a woman. If you haven't heard about this, it is because the liberal media opposes it. So if they simply refuse to report it, citizens will know nothing about it and will not act on it.

As you know, Massachusetts has already legalized marriage of homosexuals, while the California Supreme Court has ruled all laws restricting homosexual marriage illegal. In both places, the courts ruled by a one vote margin. **The goal of homosexual activists is to see homosexual marriage legal in all 50 states.**

Rep. Broun needs co-sponsors for H.J. RES. 89. Please contact your Representative and ask him or her to co-sponsor H.J. RES. 89. **Homosexual activists are determined to force homosexual marriage on America by using activist liberal judges, like those in Massachusetts and California.** A Federal Marriage Amendment will finally put an end to activist judges tampering with the will of the people.

CHRONOLOGY OF THE VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD FR. MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY

June 10, 1865—Graduates from the East Main Street School

June 6, 1873—Michael's father, Patrick, dies; Michael returns home before taking final exams

June 15, 1882—Submits a draft of the Knights of Columbus constitution to the members

June 16, 1882—First annual Knights of Columbus convention elects Father McGivney to be the supreme chaplain and to sit on the board of directors

June 14, 1884—Declines election as supreme secretary and is elected supreme chaplain

June 27, 1889—Commends the Knights for their accomplishments, character and growth in service of the Order

Encourage your Knights to join the Father McGivney Guild www.fathermcgivney.org

YEAR OF ST. PAUL

Pope Benedict XVI has called the Church to observe a year dedicated to St. Paul, beginning June 28, marking approximately the 2000th anniversary of the saint's birth. The hope is that we would plan pastoral, cultural and social initiatives inspired by St. Paul's spirituality.

Specifically, the pope expressed his desire to observe the year by "conferences and special studies on St. Paul's writings, which will improve our understanding of the wealth of learning they contain—a real legacy for humanity redeemed by Christ. Around the world in local dioceses, shrines and places of worship, religious, educational and welfare institutions bearing St. Paul's name or inspired by him and his teachings will be able to organize similar initiatives. Last but not least, a special aspect that will need much care at the different stages of the Pauline celebration is its ecumenical dimension. Especially involved in bringing the Good News to all the peoples, the Apostle to the Nations did all he could for the unity and harmony of all Christians. May he lead and protect us in this celebration, helping us progress in a humble and sincere search for the complete unity of all the parts of the mystical Body of Christ."

What are your council's plans to prepare for the year of St. Paul called for by Pope Benedict? Is there catechesis planned for the monthly council meetings for this year? Will there be an opportunity to sponsor a lecture on the person and theology of St. Paul? What about sponsoring a charitable work inspired by St. Paul's teaching? The opportunities are great!

Don't let the year go by without doing something to observe this great saint of our Church. For more information, visit www.annopaolino.org or www.vatican.va.

2008 SCHOOLS OF COLUMBIANISM

Brother Knights,

This is an early notice of the upcoming Schools of Columbianism.

The South Regional will be held July 13, 2008 in West Biloxi Council 9409.

The North Regional will be held July 20, 2008 in Batesville, Council 13502.

The Central regional will be held July 21, 2008 in Jackson, Council 848

Requested council attendee's are:

Grand knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Membership Director
Program Director
Financial Secretary
Treasurer

All meetings will be from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 pm

Dress is casual

Thanks, Vivat Jesus

Danny Lechner

State Deputy



MISSISSIPPI KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Knights of Columbus Council 5654 has built a ramp for one of St. Alphonsus Parish Family, on March 31st. We finished another one for one of our Deceased members wife the week before. Pictured from left to right is Leonard Tarrant, James Starnes, C.W (Skip) Murphy, David Marano, (Not pictured is David Sliman, and Carl Brochard GK.)

I want to thank all of the members of Council 5654 for all of the different projects we have accomplished this past month of May.

St. Vincent D'Paul Spaghetti Dinner, James Tanner Fund, Doug Tootle Fund, Rose sale for Morning Star, Tootsie roll sales, and the 2 ramps we built, and we also helped to provide bereavement meals for one of our deceased Member Jim Morris and one of our parishioner from St. Alphonsus, Pat Ladnier.

*Carl Brochard
Grand Knight*



The Jackson Assemblies were honor Guards at St Joseph Gluckstadt, honoring the veterans. In picture Lt to Rt , Sims., R. Lighting PSD, B. O'Conner, Doc Toups FN, J. Menninger, S. Dotson FC.



Assembly 3007, D'Iberville sponsor the annual Flag Day Ceremony. Honor Guard includes: Sir Knight Stephen Dunn, Sir Knight Noel Aucoin DM, Sir Knight Patrick Chubb FC. Manning the flag pole Sir Knight Roger Fetters, FN Elect., and Sir Knight Mark Fontenot FT.



Nine Deacon candidates and members of the Knights of Columbus from the Diocese of Biloxi were recently installed as Acolytes, the second step to Ordination set in June 2009. Several councils have cooked the Saturday evening meal for these candidates, their wives, mentor couples and teachers during this past year as they continue their theology studies. The Deacon Candidates expressed their sincere thanks to these councils for their support of the Permanent Diaconate. (Left to Right)

Front Row:

Buddy Vancourt, St. Thomas, Long Beach, 4898
M.J. Landry, Blessed Father Seelos, Biloxi, 1244
David Hughes, Immaculate Conception, Laurel, 2180, FDD
Eddie Renz, Our Lady of the Gulf, Bay St. Louis, 1522, PGK
Frank Martin, St. Ann, Hurley, 1605

Back Row:

Deacon Ben Wimberly, Nativity BVM, Biloxi 1244,
Mike Gilly, Our Lady of Victories, Pascagoula, 1605, FM
Mike Harris, Our Lady of the Gulf, Bay St. Louis, 1522
His Excellency, Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi, Archbishop of Mobile & Aposolic Administrator of the Biloxi Diocese
Doug McNair, St. Charles Borromeo, Picayune
Deacon Gayden Harper, Director of Pastoral Services, St. Mary, Gautier, 9124
Kerry Roberts, St. Elizabeth Seton, Ocean Springs, 10499, FDD