



The Magnolia Knight



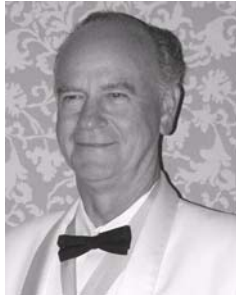
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A WORD FROM OUR STATE DEPUTY

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

The month of July has been a busy one.



State Deputy Danny Lechner

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July 12 - Our State Organizational meeting

Installation of State Officers and District Deputies.

July 13 - The Southern Regional School of Columbianism, held in Biloxi.

July 19 - The Northern Regional School of Columbianism, held in Batesville.

July 20 - The Central Regional School of Columbianism, held in Jackson.

Hopefully, these meetings were informative, educational, and helpful. If you have any comments or ideas to improve the quality of the meetings, please let us know. I would like to thank council 9409, West Biloxi, council 13502, Batesville, and council 848, Jackson for hosting these events.

The past year was a successful year for membership. We exceeded our Supreme goal of 224 members with 229. This year will be challenging for membership. The number of suspensions that I have heard about already exceeds 80. Brothers, I have faith that you can and will save the majority of these family members.

In order for us to grow, we have to recruit new family members into our Catholic Fraternal organization. There are 325 inactive insurance members in the state. The State Membership Director, Billy Waggoner, has requested a list of these inactive members from Supreme and will get this list to you when he receives it.

One way we can grow membership is by organizing Columbian Squires Circles. Every council should organize a Circle and grow future Knights. Another way is to recruit brother Knights into the 4th Degree. The number of suspensions in the 4th Degree is less than 3%.

I believe that this year will be a Banner year for the Mississippi Knights of Columbus because you care about your family members and will encourage more Catholic men to join our great organization.

*May God bless you and your family
VIVAT JESUS!
Danny Lechner
State Deputy*

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Exemplifications**
Saturday 9 August 4th Degree Assembly 2269 Madison
- Sunday 17 August 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree Council 1244 Biloxi
- Saturday 23 August 4th Degree Assembly 3007 D'Iberville
- Wednesday 27 August 1st Degree Council 5654 Ocean Springs
- Sunday 21 September 2nd & 3rd Degree Council 10443 Grenada

- ◆ **Noteworthy Dates**
Form #185 Due to Supreme 1 Aug
- Supreme Convention 7 Aug
- Birth & Death of Fr. McGivney 12 & 14 Aug
- Semi-Annual Audit Due to Supreme 15 Aug



Installation of State officers was held Saturday July 12th at Our Lady of Fatima Church in West Biloxi.

Pictured Left to right: IPSD Larry Tabor, State Advocate David Scott, State Secretary Dr. Peter Sukaneck, State Deputy Danny Lechner, Archbishop Thomas Rodi, State Treasurer Jerry Schmuck and State Warden Jim McCraw

Please extend my heart felt thanks to the 4th Degree Honor Guard for a job WELL DONE!
Many thanks. They made our Installation GREAT.

Thanks and God bless,
Danny Lechner
State Deputy

Gentlemen and Sir Knights,

Congratulations are in order for all of the Honor Guard that dressed out in regalia for this event. Gentlemen, we were "visible" as 17 Sir Knights showed their colors for the new State Officers.

It was especially gratifying afterwards when one of the State Deputies came into our dressing area and expressed his heartfelt gratitude and told us how great it made him feel to see so many of dressed out in support of our State Family. And then he shook hands with each of us.

We had outstanding representation from all along the Gulf Coast and for that a "tip of the chapeau" is in order. A special Thanks to Patrick Chubb (Commander) for helping me to keep things on an even keel.

Gentlemen, this is what we are about!!!! Many Many THANKS for Helping to Show Our Colors!



VIVAT JESUS
Skip



BBQ COOK-OFF

Friday, August 1st and
Saturday, August 2, 2008
\$5,000 in PRIZE MONIES
St. Joseph Catholic High School
308 New Mannsdale Rd (Hwy 463)
Madison, MS 39110



**Raising Money and Awareness
To help women and their unborn children**

BBQ judging starts 12 Noon Saturday – Awards announced at 3pm

**Food – Live Music – Family Fun
Rain or Shine**

Hosted by
Knights of Columbus Councils
of Central Mississippi

To enter a cooking team or purchase tickets
call (601) 214-9463
or email gerry.clark@yahoo.com
Visit us at: www.grillinforlife.com



"It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born."
BIRTHRIGHT of JACKSON, Inc.

Brother Knights,

The Bishop Brunini Assembly 2269, Sir Knight Doc Toups, Faithful Navigator, is hosting a Fourth Degree Exemplification at the St. Francis of Assisi Family Life Center located at 4000 West Tidewater Lane in Madison on Saturday, August 9, 2008. The requirements to be a candidate in this exemplification are that you were initiated into the Knights of Columbus on or before, February 9, 2008 and that you are currently a third degree member in good standing in your respective council. This means that you are a practical Catholic and your dues are current.

Our Worthy Master, Dr. Paul Gospodarski, has informed me that he has already been in contact with Supreme about getting an exemption for any candidate that wants to become a Sir Knight but has not met the six month requirement. Supreme assured Dr. Paul they would work with him on getting an exemption.

The exemplification schedule is as follows:

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| Registration: | 11:30 am (St. Francis Family Life Center) |
| Lunch (\$5:00) | 11:30 am until 12:30 pm (St. Francis Family Life Center) |
| Exemplification: | 1:30 pm (St. Francis Family Life Center) |
| Mass: | 5:30 pm (St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church) |
| Social | 6:30 pm (St. Clare Hall) |
| Banquet | 7:00 pm (St. Clare Hall) |

The Exemplification fee is \$70.00 and this includes the cost of the candidate's banquet ticket and his social baldric. Standard dress for the exemplification for all candidates and Sir Knights observing, will be black tux, back bow tie, black cummerbund., black shoes, and white shirt. The white shirt should have a full collar and may be pleated but not have any ruffles.

Any candidate currently in the military may wear his uniform in lieu of a tux.

Checks for the \$70.00 exemplification fee should be made payable to "Dr. Paul Gospodarski, Master." Banquet tickets may be purchased for spouses and other family members or guests at a cost of \$25.00 each and these checks should also be made payable to "Dr. Paul Gospodarski, Master

This is the last exemplification for our worthy Master, and we would like to send him out of office with the largest class ever in the Jackson metro area..

Vivat Jesus
Larry Roberts
Exemplar and Captain
Hank Kadjan Degree Team

APPLICATION of PARTICIPATION
GRILLIN' FOR LIFE 2008
OFFICIALLY SANCTIONED BY KANSAS CITY BARBEQUE SOCIETY
\$5,000 IN PRIZE MONIES
CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BBQ COOK-OFF
RAISING MONEY AND AWARENESS FOR THE UNBORN

Why? To honor the Sanctity of Life through Pro-life Organizations and to have fun.

When? Event is Friday August 1st & Saturday August 2nd, 2008; setup can start Friday August 1st.

Where? St. Joe Catholic High School, Madison, Mississippi.

Competition: There will be 4 separate categories [1.Chicken, 2.Pork Ribs (loin or spare), 3.Pork (Boston Butt/Picnic/Whole Shoulder) and 4.Beef Brisket] to compete in. A team may compete in one, two, three, or all four categories. **To be in competition for Grand Champion, you must be entered in all four categories.** There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each category and then a **Grand Champion.** Entry fees: \$125 to enter any one category, \$200 to enter any two categories, \$250 to enter three categories, \$300 to enter all four categories. Applications must be post marked no later than July 15, 2008.

Category(s) entering Chicken ___ Pork Ribs ___ Pork ___ Beef Brisket___

Professional Division_____ Backyard Division_____ K of C Division_____

Team name _____

Contact name and number _____

List members name: _____

Team members will be issued an ID pass. All others will be subject to paid admission.

Standard team space is 20' x 20'. Larger spaces are available upon request. Please notify us if you have an RV and /or any other special needs. All cook teams are to supply their own power source (**Generator**).

Circle entry fee based on number of categories entering: One \$125, Two \$200, Three \$250, Four \$300
Make check payable to "Knights of Columbus BBQ cook-off" and mail check with application to:
Knights of Columbus – Council #8285, P.O. Box 6672, Jackson, Ms 39282-6672

This is a KCBS SANCTIONED EVENT. KCBS rules will be strictly enforced.

BISHOP R. O. GEROW MEMORIAL FUND

In the early 1950's the Knights of Columbus established the Bishop R. O. Gerow Memorial Fund. This memorial fund was established to raise monies to assist the Diocese of Natchez-Jackson with the education of seminarians. In 1978 the State of Mississippi was divided into two separate dioceses. The 17 counties near the Gulf Coast became the Diocese of Biloxi and the 65 counties in northern Mississippi were renamed from the Diocese of Natchez-Jackson to the Diocese of Jackson. During all this time, since 1953, the Knights of Columbus have continued to raise monies to aid our dioceses with the cost of seminarian education. Throughout these years the Mississippi Jurisdiction has raised in excess of \$1.6 million and given these monies to our bishop(s) for this purpose. We have become the "envy of the eye" of many jurisdictions in the country for the success we have had in this endeavor.

Throughout these some 55 years, the Bishop R. O. Gerow Memorial Fund has become known by a number of different names. Some of these are: The Priest Education Fund, the Priest Education Fund To Assist With Seminarian Education as well as the Seminarian Education Fund. In some councils, it may have even taken on other names, but throughout these many years the fund still remains the Bishop R. O. Gerow Memorial Fund as established by resolution of the Mississippi Jurisdiction, as I said in the early 1950's.

My purpose for pointing this out is to simply clarify, for some, a little of the history on the Fund. It is certainly not to create any problems that might interfere in any way with the good works and successes of the many thousands of knights, ladies, squires, families and individuals who have worked so tirelessly throughout the years to help our bishops with the ever increasing costs involved with the education of our "future shepherds" who have given, and continue to give their lives, in service to our Church in Mississippi, by serving in the Priesthood.

If in your area, the Gerow Fund has taken on one or more of these other names, that's fine, as long as our good works continue. The challenge ahead for us now is to find additional ways to increase the levels we can raise for our dioceses to meet the ever increasing costs of educating these men who will be our shepherds in the years to come. I certainly do not have the answer(s), but I am looking for ways in which our Order can be of even greater assistance with the ever mounting financial burdens placed upon the Diocese of Biloxi and the Diocese of Jackson. If anyone has any new ideas or thoughts, please let me know.

In closing, let me say thank you to the Knights who have preceded me as Chairman of the Bishop R. O Gerow Memorial Fund, not to mention the thousands, living and deceased, who have help raise that \$1.6 Million over the past 55 years.

Vivat Jesus!

*Deacon Larry Campbell
State Chairman
Mississippi Jurisdiction*

Changing of the Guard

Brother Knights,

It is with mixed emotions I announce the change in the editorial duties for the Magnolia Knight. Some of you may have noticed a slight delay in issuance of the last couple of newsletters. This is a result of new responsibilities and longer hours in my day job. To insure the timeliness and quality of the MK, I've asked our Worthy State Deputy to replace me as Editor. Our new State Editor, beginning next month, will be Brother Fred Middleton. His email address is fredmiddleton@comcast.net. This will be the new location to send your write-ups, pictures and advertisements. Please give Fred your support as you have me the last few years. I have enjoyed, immensely, hearing from many of you and spreading your words and work through this medium.

God Bless

Vivat Jesus

And Remember Enjoy it! Print it! And Pass it on!

Noel Aucoin

State Program Director

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SETS RECORD FOR CHARITABLE GIVING, VOLUNTEER SERVICE

New Haven, CT - June 6, 2008 -

The Knights of Columbus announced today that it set new all-time records for charitable giving and volunteer service hours in 2007. Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson released the results of the survey in a speech to state deputies and members of the board of directors in New Haven, Connecticut.



The results of the Order's Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for the year ending December 31, 2006 show that total contributions to charity at all levels reached \$144,911,781 - exceeding the previous year's total by more \$1 million. The figure includes \$31,235,220 donated by the Supreme Council, and \$113,676,561 in charitable donations from state and local councils, Fourth Degree assemblies, and squire circles.

The survey also shows that the reported number of volunteer hours by Knights for charitable causes grew to 68,270,432 hours, up more than 400,000 hours from 2005. There were 393,030 Knights of Columbus blood donors during the year, and Knights made more than 5.5 million visits to the sick and bereaved.

Cumulative figures show that during the past decade, the Knights of Columbus has donated nearly \$1.28 billion to charity, and provided in excess of 612 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable causes.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest lay Catholic organization, with more than 1.75 million members in the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Central America, and Poland.

Brothers we are doing good work. Don't be afraid to advertise your accomplishments

*Noel Aucoin
State Program Director*