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A WORD FROM THE STATE DEPUTY

OCTOBER BRINGS A QUICKER PACE FOR COUNCILS, JURISDICTION

BY GERALD E. 'JERRY' SCHMUCK

We are now one quarter of the way through this fraternal year and it's time to take a hard look at how we are doing. Have you accomplished all the things you planned to do during the last three months? If not, it's not too late to get back on track.

Many of you are doing well on the membership side, but we need to pick up the pace a little. Remember Mike Kassouf's motto: **One Member Per Council, Per Month**. We owe it to every Catholic man to give them an opportunity to join us. With more men we will get stronger, enabling us to do so many more things to help our church and our community.

October is here, and with it comes one of our busier times of the year.



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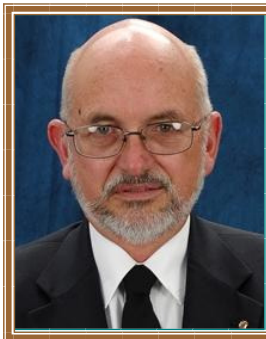
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Columbus Day will soon be here. Supreme has asked that all Councils hold a membership drive on Oct. 20-21 in honor of your Chaplain. Honoring your Chaplain at Mass is a great way to reach an audience of qualified prospects. More importantly, it lets the entire Parish know how much you respect and honor your Priest. October is also Respect Life month. Our Culture



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of Life Chair, Dennis Riecke, has been sending materials via Good of the Order and through the email. He has a lot of good ideas. I would sure like to see every Council host a Culture of Life activity this month. If you need suggestions, ideas or assistance, please contact Dennis. I'm sure he would be glad to help.

November will bring All Saints Day, Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. From there, we will enter the Advent season. This time of year brings many opportunities for us to promote our faith and our Order. Another very important day in November is Tuesday, Nov. 6, election day. Throughout the past several weeks, Worthy State Programs Chair Ben Mokry and Worthy State Treasurer Jim McCraw have been promoting a voter registration program throughout the state. This is a very important election year. We will elect the person who will lead our country for the next four years. While the economy, our jobless rate and foreign policy are always important, there are also other issues that need to be considered. We are urging everyone to make sure they are registered to

vote, then do their research on all the issues and vote their conscience. Remember, voting is not just our privilege or our right; it is our obligation as American citizens!

I have one last thought for you before closing. When was the last time you thanked your Chaplain for his support and help with your Council? Granted not all Councils are blessed with Priests like our own State Chaplain, Father Bob Higginbotham, but no matter what level of support they give, they deserve our thanks as well as our support and help.

When was the last time your Council held a Priest Appreciation dinner in honor of your Parish Priest? Some of you are doing that regularly. Perhaps the rest of you should consider doing something like that as well.

As I look around throughout the state, I notice that EVERY successful Council has a close, positive working relationship with their Priest. We have no better recruiting tool than having a Priest who supports us and encourages others to join us for the betterment of the Parish and the Church. Remember, however, that no matter whether your Priest supports your Council or not, we, as Knights of Columbus, owe them nothing less than our full support.

I hope to see all of you soon, but until next time:

Vivat Jesus!

Membership Workshops

Saturday Oct. 6, 12:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Fatima Hall, Biloxi

Sunday, Oct. 7, 12:30 p.m.

St Paul, Flowood

Sunday, Oct. 21

St. James Family Life Center
Tupelo

See Page 2 for Details

3 MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOPS SET IN OCTOBER

District Deputies, Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights are urged to attend one of the three membership workshops scheduled in the Jurisdiction this month.

Supreme Representative Dannie Harris, a Past State Deputy of the Kentucky Jurisdiction, will lead the workshops, each of which begins at 12:30 p.m.

Councils are asked to register by email at Kassouf@bellsouth.net with the names of Brothers who are attending and how many will eat lunch so as to assist with food preparation.

Biloxi Reinhart Schroeder Council 9409 hosts a Southern District workshop at Our Lady of Fatima Hall, 2090 Pass Rd., on Saturday, Oct. 6; Flowood St. Paul Council 5971 hosts the Central District at St. Paul Parish on Sunday, Oct. 7; and Tupelo Father Robert Reitmeier Council 8848 hosts the Northern District at St. James Family Life Center, 845 Lakeshire Dr.

SILVER ROSE ARRIVES IN JURISDICTION

The Silver Rose will coming to a city near you soon.

The rose arrived in the Jurisdiction in mid-September, according to Silver Rose Chair Joe Jones.

"This is a wonderful service that is accompanied by the rose and is a Culture of Life project as well as a Church Activities project," Chairman Jones said. "Programs for the service are available in English and Hispanic."

Jones noted that Councils can combine forces to serve as co-hosts to broaden the presentation of the service.

"This program was passed along to us from the Squires, and although it has expanded it is still the program they started," Jones said.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS; REGISTER TODAY!

As Catholics, we are called to be faithful citizens. As Knights, we are called to participate in the political life of our community and our country. As Catholics and as Knights, we have a moral obligation to inform our consciences and cast our ballots in civil elections.

But no one can exercise faithful citizenship in the voting booth without first properly registering to vote. Truly living our core principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism requires that we register to vote and encourage others to register. With this in mind, Supreme offers the following to encourage individual voter registration and to invite family and neighbors to do likewise.

Not sure if you or members of your family are registered to vote? To find out, go to www.canivote.org, enter the state, city and name. If you are not registered, click on one or both of the links below and then select your state to find out more about how to register to vote: www.kofc.org/vote; www.eac.gov/voter_resources/contact_your_state.aspx

If you are not registered to vote, you may also:

- Visit your town or county voter registration office in person.
- Download the voter registration application, complete it, sign it and mail it in.
- Or sign up in person at a voter registration drive.
- Lastly, mark your calendar. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 6.

For the latest information on Supreme's voter registration program, like the Order on *Facebook*.

DIFFERENT LIFE STAGES, CHANGING NEEDS BY JACK LEGUIN

You may have a long-range expense for which you are saving, such as college for your children.

You may be concerned about a comfortable, worry-free retirement.

You may want to protect your ability to earn a living.

You may wonder if needing costly long-term care will deplete your hard-earned assets.

You want to have something to leave for your wife, children or grandchildren.

At some point you may have had all of these needs on your mind. Over time, these thoughts make way for others as your needs evolve, your finances change and you get older. What is important to you at age 20, may not be at 30, or 45, or 65. What is the best way to be prepared for these changes before they happen?

One of the easiest ways to be financially ready for changes that come with different life stages is to meet

annually with your professional Knights of Columbus agent, and address the needs that his analysis uncovers. This can help you be ready to face the financial challenges and issues on the road ahead.

During that annual visit, I'll take the time to review your needs, goals and budget.

I'll update all beneficiaries on your policies and be sure your coverage meets your needs,

I'll recommend a program of life insurance, long-term care, disability income insurance and guaranteed retirement products that will help you rest easy at night.

Whatever your needs, whatever your concerns, whatever your stage in life, I can help. Contact me today at 601-917-1881 or jack.leguin@kofc.org to learn more.



State Chaplain Father Bob Higginbotham and State Warden and Convention Delegate Philip Jabour were among the Mississippi delegation attending the Supreme Convention in Anaheim, CA, in early August. Also in attendance as Delegates were State Deputy Jerry Schmuck, Immediate PSD Peter Sukanek, State Treasurer David Scott and former District Deputy and State Marian Hour of Prayer Director Bob Leo.

HONORING FATHER MCGIVNEY

Phyllis Mokry and Jackson St. Therese Council 8285 Grand Knight Rusty Kemp were among celebrants at a luncheon and birthday cake reception honoring the life of Venerable Michael McGivney. A display on Fr. McGivney's life and cause for sainthood along with recruitment materials helped publicize the work of the Knights. (Photo by Ben Mokry)

HIGHER LEVEL OF RECOGNITION FOR ESSAY, POSTER WINNERS

Winners of the Jurisdiction Essay and Poster contests will receive more than the customary certificate and a thank you for their work beginning with the current year.

In a follow-up to a suggestion made at the State Convention last spring, State Deputy Jerry Schmuck has approved the presentation of plaques to these winners.

State Youth Chairman Joe Jones reminds that Supreme guidelines must be followed for contestants to be eligible. "This will be a new procedure for all of us, so please work to help us get it right the first time," Chairman Jones said.

Winning entries in the Essay and Poster contests are selected at the State Convention.

SUPREME FAMILY WINNERS

Mississippi produced three winners in Supreme's random drawing for the August "Family of the Month" contest. They are: Alan and Joyce Woolley, Meridian Msgr. John J. Burns Council 802; Frank and Rayetta Serio, Greenville Fr. Korstenbroek Council 2134; and James and Ann Tarrant of Ocean Springs Fred L. Westbrook,

PASS CHRISTIAN COUNCIL 4472 ANNUAL DRAWDOWN NOV. 3

Pass Christian Msgr. Leech Council 4472 stages its annual \$3,000 drawdown on Friday, Nov. 3, with proceeds going to support St. Vincent DePaul Elementary School, Holy Family Church and other Council projects.

Each ticket provides dinner for two, with drawings for raffles and door prizes throughout the evening. A tip bar also will be provided, or BYOB if you prefer.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:15, with the drawing beginning at 7:30. The last three people in contention will decide if they want to split the \$3,000 prize or continue the drawing.

Tickets for the event are \$30, and purchased tickets will be mailed. Send orders to 23501 Bells Ferry Rd., Pass Christian, MS, 39571, or order by phone at 228-669-5052.

ST. PETER'S RAFFLE

200 tickets @ \$100

1st prize \$5,000

2nd Prize \$2,500

3rd & 4th Prizes \$1,000

5th Prize \$500

Drawing at Jackson St Peter's Fall Festival Sunday, Oct 14. Need not be present to win! To purchase tickets call John Belz, 601-206-5432, or Hollis Felts, 601-750-3265.