

The Magnolia Knight

A Word from the State Deputy

Supreme Convention Inspires



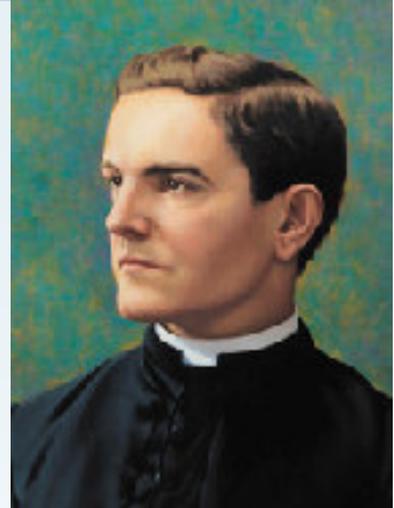
I had the honor of attending the 131st Supreme Convention in San Antonio earlier this month along with the rest of the Mississippi delegation of State Chaplain, Fr. Bob Higginbotham, IPSD Jerry Schmuck and his wife Linda, State Secretary Jim McCraw and his wife Barbara, State Treasurer Noel Aucoin and his wife Patty and State Membership Director Mike Kassouf. Bob Theriot from Council 11654 in Wiggins also attended as a non-delegate member. As usual, the Masses were a thing of beauty with huge 4th degree honor guards (at least 150 sir knights) that included every color cape and chapeau in the Order.

The Masses were concelebrated by cardinals, archbishops, bishops, and priests from all over the world, including our State Chaplain, Fr. Bob Higginbotham. IPSD Jerry Schmuck and his wife Linda participated as gift bearers for one of the Masses and we had three PSD remembered during the Memorial Mass.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson gave an inspiring report on the state of the Order and I was privileged to be able to serve on the Laws and Resolutions Committee and to also present a motion to the delegates during the closing business session. Most of the proceedings were broadcast by EWTN and Salt & Light television and streamed live over the internet. I encourage everyone to make an attempt to attend a future Supreme Convention if you have the opportunity or to tune in through one of the media outlets if you cannot attend.

I was presented with the Marian Icon for this year, the Immaculate Conception, at the Supreme Convention and a travelling schedule has been prepared by our Marian Hour of Prayer Director, Bob Leo. Look for the schedule to be posted on the KC State website soon. In addition to the Marian Icon, the Silver Rose is currently traveling through our State. Silver Rose Chairman, Joe Jones, has done an excellent job scheduling stops at numerous councils and parishes throughout the State. We will pass the Silver Rose to the Louisiana jurisdiction after a ceremony hosted by Council 6872 in Picayune on Sunday, September 22.

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State Officers

State Chaplain
R. Bob Higginbotham, D'Iberville

State Deputy
David Scott, Madison

State Secretary
Jim McCraw, Jackson

State Treasurer
Noel Aucoin, D'Iberville

State Advocate
Philip Jabour, Flowood

State Warden
Ben Mokry, Jackson

Immediate Past State Deputy
Gerald E. Schmuck, Gulfport

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Bishop R. O. Gerow Priest Education Program

Since many of you were not able to attend the recent Schools of Columbianism, I thought it appropriate to share some of what was discussed. Both dioceses made large donations to the fund for 2013. The donation of the Jackson Diocese was less than prior years, but exceeded that of the Biloxi Diocese, which had increased. This now is history. Now we should be planning for 2014. Early program planning is a must if we desire to be successful. At least three should be fundraisers if we are to achieve our goal to support our church, youth, family, etc.

Let's get busy now to support the 2014 convention in Jackson.

Don Cox, Chairman
Bishop R.O. Gerow Program

Council 6765 Donates Wheelchair

On July 15, 2013, Fr. John P. Egan Council 6765, Starkville, donated a non-powered wheelchair to Helping Hands Ministries of Oktibbeha County in Starkville. Mrs. Kale Minor, Counselor of Helping Hands Ministries, gratefully accepted it promising that it will be of great help when serving persons with disabilities. Helping Hands is an Inter-faith organization supported by many local churches that provides outreach coordination to those in need. Call 662-323-1173 for additional information.

Grand Knight Danny Setaro, Community Programs Director Peter Hazen, and Church Programs Director, Charley Joel. Sitting: Mrs. Kale Minor, Counselor of Helping Hands Ministries.



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Supreme Council Families of the Month

The following are the Mississippi winners of the Supreme Council's Family of the Month contest for the month of July, 2013. They are obtained through a random drawing held at the Supreme Council office from among the many nominees submitted by local councils.

Hollis & Maria Felts
Council 848—Jackson

Benjamin & Gina Borrelli
Council 9409—Biloxi

Aswald & Annabelle Ledet
Council 11956—Tylertown

Councils are encouraged to submit their Family of the Month reports in a timely fashion in order for their submissions to be eligible.



District Deputies for 2013-2014 Installed



The District Deputies for the 2013-2014 fraternal year were installed at ceremonies held on Saturday, July 20th at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Madison following the 5:30 PM vigil Mass. Pictured from left to right are: Richard Sowers, District 4; Mark Fontenot, District 11; Luis Ybarra, District 7; Joe Suhanan, District 2; Larry Roberts, District 6; Bill Heath, District 9; Roy Gamez, District 10; O. D. Landrum, District 8; Joe McCormick, District 12; Stradtford Goins, District 13; Charles Hahn, District 5. Not pictured are: Mark Dye, District 1; and Bernie Brown, District 3.



Pictured from left to right are Immediate Past State Deputy Gerald E. "Jerry" Schmuck, State Secretary Jim McCraw, State Deputy David Scott, State Treasurer Noel Aucoin, State Advocate Philip Jabour, and State Warden Ben Mokry

State Officers for 2013-2014 Installed in Ceremonies at St. Francis of Assisi, Madison

On Saturday, July 20, 2013, in ceremonies following the 5:30 PM vigil Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Madison, the 2013-2014 officers of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus were installed.

Your state officers are as follows: David Scott, State Deputy; Jim McCraw, State Secretary; Noel Aucoin, State Treasurer; Philip Jabour, State Advocate; and Ben Mokry, State Warden.

Following their installation, attended a banquet prepared by members of the Council 9543 Cooking Team. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all as can be seen in the accompanying pictures.



Life Insurance Awareness Month: Time for a Forecaster



First and foremost, I want to say it was surely a pleasure getting to know many of you over the past

month. My hope is that together we can be the generation that makes every Catholic man a member of the finest family service organization in the world. Thanks to all of you for your continued support, and my agents and I look forward to many years of serving our Brothers here in the great State of Mississippi.

Now for the news:

Each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of the product among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that more than 75 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor. Sixty-eight percent of that same survey group said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable.

In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn.

As a member of the Knight's, you should look no further. Contact myself or your local agent, and have a Financial Forecaster done at no charge. Most financial planners and advisors will have a fee for a service that we can perform just for the chance to see if one of our valuable products will help solidify your current financial situation.

Charity Begins At Home.

Call my office at 866-513-5235, or email us at sticeagency@kofc.org

Submitted by John H. Stice, Knights of Columbus General Insurance Agent

Track Activities as They Occur

An updated State Program Activities Report for the new year is posted to the State website so Councils can begin tracking activities as they occur rather than trying to remember at the last minute everything the Council did in the report period.

State officers added several new program suggestions for counsels including:

- Perform their own First Degree Exemplification;
- Host or perform their own Second and Third Degree Exemplifications;
- Participate in the State Second Responders Program.

There is a plan for the development of an on-line database that would make it easier for officers to keep up with activities as the year unfolds. For now, however, officers can print the report from the State website and check off activities as they occur. That should make it easier to keep tabs on activities to include in the mid-year report that is due on or before Nov. 1.

Twenty-two Councils in the state did not file the report last year. Officers are encouraged to visit the State website to review the form and plan activities for delivery in plenty of time to meet the deadline. Visit the State website at www.kofc-ms.org/programs/2014/instructions.htm for instructions on completing the form and help increase the number of Councils reporting this year.

Fred Middleton
State Program Director

Meetings and Reports

Please send all reports on or before dates shown. State Program Director email address: programs@kofc-ms.org. District Deputy email address is in State Directory. The following requirements **MUST BE MET** in order for your Council to qualify for state awards.

REQUIRED FIELDS	
COUNCIL NUMBER: <input type="text"/>	COUNCIL NAME: <input type="text"/>
Respondent Name: <input type="text"/>	Email: <input type="text"/>
Telephone: <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> At least one Council member attend the School of Columbianism	
<input type="checkbox"/> At least one Council member attend the Mid-Winter Meeting	
File Supreme/State Reports	Due Date
<input type="checkbox"/> File Form 185, Report of Council Officers	Jul 1, 2013
<input type="checkbox"/> File Form 385, Service Program Personnel	Aug 1, 2013
<input type="checkbox"/> File Form 1295, Semi-Annual Audit Report	Aug 15, 2013
<input type="checkbox"/> File MID-YEAR State Activities Report	Nov 1, 2013
<input type="checkbox"/> File Form 4584 Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics	Jan 31, 2014
<input type="checkbox"/> File Form 1728, Annual Fraternal Activity Report	Jan 31, 2014
<input type="checkbox"/> File Form 1295, Semi-Annual Audit Report	Feb 15, 2014
<input type="checkbox"/> File YEAR-END State Activities Report	Mar 31, 2014
<input type="checkbox"/> File Form SP7, Columbian Award Report	Mar 31, 2014

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Always keep in mind the basic principles of our Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Promote Charity by conducting programs. Strive to keep your council programs balanced with activities in all the program areas of church, community, council, family, youth, culture of life and vocations. Promote Unity with a strong retention program. Getting your members involved in programs makes retention easy. Fraternity should be promoted through your membership recruitment programs. Every eligible Catholic male should be given the opportunity to join our Order. Patriotism is promoted primarily through the Fourth Degree. Encourage members to become fully engaged as a Knight and join the Fourth Degree.

Vivat Jesus!

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A Southern Knight Goes to Connecticut



PGK of Council 8054 in McComb Andy Spinnato stands next to the portrait of our founder, Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, CT.

Sir Knight, Andy Spinnato, Past Grand Knight of Council 8054 in McComb, made a pilgrimage to New Haven, Connecticut, in July, 2013, to visit the Knights of Columbus Museum and to pay his respects at St. Mary's Catholic Church, the burial site of Fr. Michael McGivney, founder of our organization. Brother Andy said that it was a unique spiritual experience to be able to visit these sites where our brotherhood began, to see artifacts from our history and to say a prayer at Fr. McGivney's tomb on behalf of all our Mississippi councils. May the Lord bless us and grant us prosperity on our journey of charity, unity and fraternity.



Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney's 1879 daily diary.

Hit the Links for Special Olympics

Special Olympics Mississippi has scheduled its First Annual Golf Classic for Monday, September 23rd at the Canebrake Country Club in Hattiesburg. Registration will begin at 10:30 AM, putting contest at 11:00 AM, and a shotgun start at noon. Lunch will be provided by Canebrake Country Club. There will be prizes for longest drive, straightest drive, and closest to the hole. There will also be door prizes and goodie bags. The Award Presentation will be at 5:30 PM. Sponsors and participants are being solicited to support this worthy cause.

As you know, the mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The Knights of Columbus have long supported the wonderful programs of the Special Olympics on behalf of these members of our communities with very special needs.

Sponsorships start at \$100 for an individual hole sponsor. The entry fee for a four-person team is \$400. Interested parties may call Helen Parish at 800-655-6742 ext. 12, Terry Shinall at ext. 18.



Special Olympics
Mississippi

First Annual
Special Olympics Mississippi
Charity Golf Classic
Four Person Scramble



CANEBRAKE COUNTRY CLUB
ONE CANE DRIVE
HATTIESBURG, MS 39402



Monday, September 23, 2013
10:30 a.m. — Registration
12:00 p.m. — Shotgun Start

Sir Knights Play Bingo for Veterans



FN of Assembly 2269 John Lacourrége calls a game of bingo for the veterans at the G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center on Wednesday, July 17th.

The Sir Knights of Bishop Gerow Assembly 554 and Bishop Brunini Assembly 2269 show their patriotism by providing the veterans a the G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center in Jackson with an evening of bingo on the third Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Assembly 554 handles the festivities on the even-numbers months of the year, while Assembly 2269 takes care of the odd-number months.

While on of the Knights calls the games, others roam around the room assisting the players with marking their cards, checking those of the winners and passing out booklets of Bingo Bucks the winners can use toward purchases of personal items from the hospital stores.

A grand time is had by all as these Knights show how much they appreciate the service these patriots have given our nation.

Catholic Charities Celebrating 50 Years

On October 29, 1963, under the leadership of Bishop R. O. Gerow and his Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Brunini, the charter of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Jackson A was approved. It's mission is and has been to be a visible sign of Christ's love by helping the poor and vulnerable in our diocese.

In celebration of its 50th Anniversary of its founding, Catholic Charities will hold a Journey of Hope luncheon at noon on Tuesday, October 15th at the Downtown Marriott in Jackson. The luncheon is free and will be an excellent opportunity for those attending to learn about the good works performed by Catholic Charities.

Councils and Assemblies are invited to send groups of as many as ten of their Knights to attend.

If you are interested in hosting a table call either Catherine Haggwood at 601-326-3758 or Michael Thomas at 601-326-3714

Greg Patin, Executive Director