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Brother Knights,

I want to thank you for putting your trust in me, beginning as Warden and subsequently as, Advocate, Treasurer, and State Secretary. At our April State Convention, you honored me by electing me State Deputy. I went to New Haven in June for the State Deputies meeting. It was a moving experience to attend Mass at St. Mary Church where Father McGivney started what was to become the Knights of Columbus. His tomb is in the Church and when I stood next to it, I was overwhelmed. I had the privilege of having the Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, put the State Deputy ribbon around my neck during the Mass at St. Mary.

My wife Linda and I were in New Haven from 6/6/18 through 6/10/18. They kept me busy and they had nice trips planned for the

wives. I toured the home office and met a lot of the officers and people that worked there. Hopefully, by building relationships with people that work there, I can better serve the Knights of Mississippi. I officially become State Deputy July 1, 2018. But, Supreme has been sending me paperwork to fill out for weeks. They even sent me some things to do before I was elected. I remember when I was Deputy Grand Knight of 10216, I thought I knew what a Grand Knight did. However, when I was elected Grand Knight and was installed, I found out there were a lot of things that the Grand Knight did or had to take care of that I never knew about. I am afraid I am learning the same lesson while moving from State Secretary to State Deputy. But, with your help, we will get everything done.

I want to thank current State Deputy, Noel Aucoin, for being so helpful to me as we have moved up the offices together. He has gone out of his way to help me and was like an older brother for me. Noel will be quick to tell you, I have a few years on him. But, he still treated me like a brother and showed me the ropes. IPSD Jim McCraw has never been at a loss for words or advice. Thank you, Jim. The State Officers travel often together as we go to a lot of out of town Knights' functions. That creates a real bonding experience. All of the Past State Deputies have taught me a lot over the years. David Scott could argue both sides of an argument without missing a beat. Peter, Jerry, Danny, Larry, Rich, and the late Tom Chady were all willing to help me along the way. Thanks to all. That is just to name a few. I have had many other Knights help me along the way. Thanks to everyone.

So much for the past. Let's look to the future. You, my Brother Knights, have done a tremendous job the past few years. We have surpassed 7,000 members in Mississippi. We were stuck in the high 6,000's for several years and could not get to 7,000. But, you did it. We had not won Circle of Honor since Danny Lechner was SD, ancient history. Sorry Danny. But, with your hard work, Jim McGraw received the award for us and then, Noel did too. I am writing this a few days before July 1, but we have a chance to make it for the third year in a row. Thank you, Noel and all my Brother Knights, for working so hard. Hopefully we win, but either way we have worked hard and done tremendous things for our Church and our Communities. I am proud of all we do.

We will have the Schools of Columbianism on 7/8 in Starkville, 7/14 in Biloxi and 7/15 at St. Richard in Jackson (all beginning at 12:00 with lunch being served at 11:30).

Please try to get members and the leadership of your Council to one of these. There are a lot of changes coming down from Supreme and we will do our best to give you a heads up on the changes.

I will discuss other things in the coming months. But let me assure you that I will do my best to give you the leadership you deserve. I have some big shoes to fill, but with your help we can keep Mississippi at the top where we belong.

Vivat Jesus

Philip Jabour
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RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



“It is in accordance with their dignity that all men, because they are persons, that is, beings endowed with reason and free will and therefore personal responsibility, are both impelled by their nature and bound by a moral obligation to seek the truth, especially religious truth. They are also bound to adhere to the truth once they come to know it and direct their whole lives in accordance with the demands of truth. But men cannot satisfy this obligation in a way that is in keeping with their own nature unless they enjoy both psychological freedom and immunity from external coercion. Therefore the right to religious freedom has its foundation not in the subjective attitude of the individual but in his very nature.” (Dignitatis Humanae, Second Vatican II Declaration on Religious Liberty, 2).

The Knights of Columbus promotes a robust vision of religious liberty that embraces religion’s proper role in both its private and public dimensions. As both Catholics and Americans, we celebrate the essential relationship shared between religion and liberty, a relationship which has uniquely defined our country’s identity and has fostered our country’s development.

Every major achievement that has taken place within the American enterprise—the American Revolution; the abolition of slavery; the civil rights movement; reforms in education, labor and woman’s rights—has been at the urging of religious people seeking a more just and humane society.

In this light, the Knights of Columbus recognizes religious liberty as an indispensable condition for authentic human development.

Consistent with the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we believe that man, created in the image and likeness of God, possesses the natural right to be recognized as a free and responsible being, especially in moral and religious matters. Our Order remains steadfast in its conviction that religious liberty “is an inalienable requirement of the dignity of the human person.” (Catechism, 1738).

We are therefore called to defend religious liberty against cultural trends that are increasingly hostile to Christianity, and impede men and women from freely exercising their religion by living in accordance with it. As the Second Vatican Council noted, although we must respect the just autonomy of the secular sphere, we must take into consideration the truth that there is no realm of worldly affairs that can be separated from God.

St. John Paul II witnessed that when a society attempts to close the door to religion, it inevitably falls prey to a totalitarian reading of the human person that recognizes only the state as the ultimate arbiter of right and wrong. It is our duty as men of both Catholic faith and patriotism to resist militant secularism and to defend religious liberty at the international, national, state, and local levels. Without this necessary check on the power of the state, no principled limit can be recognized to prevent the expansion of government’s power at the expense of personal liberty.

Making The Most Out Of Summer

By Lisa Klewicki, Ph.D.

What is your first thought about summertime? “Yay, no more schedules! Time to have fun!” or “Uh-oh, what do I do without the school-year routine? The kids will be bored.” Whether you are looking forward to the unstructured freedom of summer or not, the question remains, what will you do with the kids all summer long?

Many children look forward to summer because it is a time to relax and be lighthearted. They need a break from their studies and school responsibilities to enjoy themselves and develop a healthy, balanced life. This does not mean they are released from family chores and responsibilities, but they should have a more relaxed time for the few months of summer to de-stress and increase their creativity. For parents, summer is the time to create kid-friendly spaces and provide kid-friendly activities to help foster your children’s creativity and attitudes of fun and excitement. Create a space in the house—maybe a spare bedroom, playroom, or corner of the kitchen—stocked with age-appropriate board games, a deck of cards with some card game instructions, arts and crafts, and building sets like LEGO or craft sticks and glue.

Keep a routine

A strict schedule is not necessary in the summertime, but a regular routine can be helpful for both you and your children. Having your child spend some time each day in their fun space is important. Children learn all kinds of social skills while playing games together or sharing arts-and-crafts materials. Children enjoy time with other children. Having multiple ages play together allows the older children to be role models and helpers and allows the younger children to look up to and assist someone other than Mom and Dad. This situation gives both older and younger children confidence in who they are and inspiration to strive for the good of others. Some alone time is also necessary for decreasing stress and increasing relaxation, appropriate individuality, and self-sufficiency.

In their fun space, children can learn to be imaginative when given opportunities to create something original. Without specific guidelines, they begin to think “outside the box” and become independent individuals with a sense of autonomy. Free creative play teaches children to think through problems and apply different solutions until they find one that’s best. It also increases a sense of well-being and actually heightens school performance, especially regarding analytical tasks.

In addition to spending time in the indoor fun space, children also need outside playtime each day. Helping them to have fun in the sun not only increases Vitamin D in their systems but also increases creativity and decreases stress. One of the best ways to relax is to walk or actively play outside. Outside activities physically tire children out, which decreases emotional stress levels. If your children or grandchildren need some encouragement to play outside, get a book of outside games to introduce them to new activities. If you provide them with some basic outside toys, such as sidewalk chalk and tennis balls, they can foster their own imaginative play and increase their abilities to think differently.

Playtime with the kids

Summer is the time not only for playing alone and with other children but also being together with parents or the whole family. Find activities to do with your children and grandchildren. Join them as they play with Play-Doh or challenge them in a card game or board game. Children thrive when they have attention from their parents and grandparents. Summer is a time when you can increase family time on a regular basis. Yes, the large family vacation is great, but ongoing family time is important, too. Enjoy a family hike or create a family scavenger hunt. Children’s sense of self-worth is often dependent on how a parent enjoys time with the child. When children sense that they are worth their parents’ and grandparents’ attention, they feel better about themselves and are more confident in their interactions with others. So, play together often one-on-one and as a family.

Break from screen time

Notice that I have not mentioned screen time; I have not recommended computers, iPads, or TV time as part of a regular summer schedule. Children need a break from these activities, too. These days the school year is filled with electronic usage that is necessary for schoolwork, especially as children get older. However, too much screen time has been linked to shortened attention spans and emotional overstimulation. Helping children detach from electronics as their main form of entertainment during their summer break is important for their emotional well-being. Away from electronics, children can learn to attach to other people as their primary means of enjoyment. The benefits of personal interaction far outweigh the benefits of electronic interaction, for both children and their parents.

It is amazing to me how much my daughter talks when we cook together. She asks meaningful life questions and engages in deeper emotional conversation when we engage in a common activity together. In the context of a shared experience, the pressure is removed from our relationship as we work together toward a common goal. We spend time looking through cookbooks, planning the meal, shopping together, and then cooking. We are proud of what we made together and enjoy sharing the results with our family, which provides the opportunity to engage everyone in meaningful conversation. The experience gives my daughter a sense of accomplishment and a connection with me at the same time.

Hopefully, you now have some ideas about what to do with your children or grandchildren this summer. Making the most out of the summer includes getting your children to be creative and social, both inside the house and out. Summer is the perfect opportunity to share quality time with your children or grandchildren one-on-one and as a family. Help your children to be psychologically healthy by allowing them to remain children while they can and providing them with the opportunity and means to be creative and play. Get out there and have fun this summer!

Family of the Month

I would like to congratulate the (4) Families that were picked by Supreme for the Month of May.

Council 802 Gerard Koca
Council 898 John Piazza
Council 4472 Roger Shaw
Council 9543 Timothy Prater

Thanks to the other (16) councils that took the time to turn in a family.
802*,848,898*,1034,1583,2134,2180,4472*,4898, 5654, 8038, 9124, 9543*,10443,11995, 14051.

If you don't see your council and you turned in a Family please send me the name.

I have also notice several councils forget to make a check by the month they are turning in a family, Supreme does not give you credit if you don't make a check by the month.

Thanks
Carl Brochard
Mississippi KC Family Director
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The Knights of Columbus Councils from the **D'Iberville and Woolmarket** will be conducting a collection drive on **Friday, June 15, and Saturday, June 16, 2018**, from noon to 6 PM each day. The Knights have made arrangements with both Wal Marts in D' Iberville to solicit donations for our annual drive to entitled "**Program to Support Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities**". This drive is often referred to as our "**Tootsie Roll Drive**", as each donor receives a Tootsie Roll in exchange for their monetary donation.

City of D' Iberville Mayor Rusty Quave signed a proclamation at Tuesday's City Council meeting declaring Friday and Saturday as "**Knights of Columbus Program to Support Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities Days**" within the City.

The D'Iberville Knights of Columbus Council has designated their proceeds of the drive go to three local middle school's Special Ed Programs. The Woolmarket Council has designated Area



Top Row: Council member's from left to right are Robby Ellis, Craig "Boots" Diaz, Joey Bosarge, Henry Toncre, and Randall Pelous.

Front Row: Larry Tabor, Project Chairman, Mayor Rusty Quave, and Patrick Chubb, Project Co-Chairman.

3 Special Olympic Mississippi, which serves Harrison County.

Council 9094 PID drive

On June 15 and 16, the Fr. Patrick McAlpine Council 9094 in D'Iberville held their annual drive for People With Intellectual Disabilities outside of Wal-Mart.



Front ; Al Allegue, Back: David Whitman

Bishop R. O. Gerow Assembly 554 Knights presenting the Colors at Trustmark Park for Catholic Night at the Mississippi Braves.



St. Richard Knights of Columbus 15131

St. Richard Knights of Columbus 15131 presenting Fr. Nick Adam with a Knights of Columbus Chasuble and Stole.



Picture L to R : Mike Prince, John Wren, Fr. Nick Adam, Louis Clifford DGK, John Curley, Rusty Haydel, Robert Munroe GK, and Josh Garner.

C. Mark Landry Assembly 3007

On June 10, the C. Mark Landry Assembly 3007 in D'Iberville hosted a blood drive. The Assembly collected 40 units for the American Red Cross.



Biloxi council 1244

On June 9, Biloxi council 1244 hosted a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree exemplification where they brought in 34 new knights. Congratulations to all of these new members.



Council 8285, Jackson

A dozen Knights from Council 8285, Jackson worked the St. Therese garage sale July 7. Catholic Women's Association, parish youth, St. Vincent DePaul, and KCs shared in the proceeds



Pictured Ben Mokry, Alex Bufkin, Giovanni Altamirano.