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March 2024

The convention is fast approaching! All councils need to make sure they have registered their delegates and finalize all necessary reports.

If there is any information, reports, or events that anyone wants included in future editions of the Magnolia Knight, please submit it to DJ Godwin at djgodwin2416@gmail.com by the 25th of each month.



Worthies

I hope your Lenten Fish Fries are doing well. I wish I could attend every one. Lenten Fish Fries are an incredible recruiting tool. Have a recruiting table at the Lenten Fish Fries.

We are closely approaching the end of February. If you know a possible new member, ask him to join this week. We are very close to reaching our monthly goal. Keep up the momentum.

Yesterday I attended an outstanding in-person exemplification hosted by council 8848. Please let me know if your council or district is hosting an exemplification. I would be happy to know the exemplification schedule in each district. Remember to invite the area councils when hosting an in-person exemplification.

March is Membership Recruiting Blitz Month. Ask your Parish Priest if he knows of potential good new Knights. Remember to do a church drive and bond with your Parish's RCIA class. Have Knights be Ushers at Mass to interact with the Parishioners as they enter the church.

We have recruiting incentives for you and your councils. As mentioned at the mid-winter meetings, Supreme has offered a Sprint to Founder's Day Incentive. If your council brings in SIX new members through an exemplification by March 29, the council will get a nice, personalized banner. I look forward to seeing council 8848's banner at the state convention. Also, the first 25 members who sign up 3 new online members will get a sweet Knights of Columbus USA flag hat! 👍 💰 💰

"Hot off the presses"... For every one new member recruited, the proposer will get 500 VIP points which can be redeemed for free Knights swag and bling on the Knights Gear website.

Please Pass this Good News to your Councils.

www.kofc/join

Three new members per district per month!

Thank You!!

Thank You!!

Thank You!!

Jacob Eftink

State Membership Director

DD #1

Mississippi Jurisdiction

Blessed Michael McGivney pray for us!!



2024 State Convention Newsletter

Biloxi, MS 26-28 April 2024



Convention Website <https://www.kofc-ms.org>

Welcome to Lent



This is a time of preparation for the Passion of Christ. It is also a time when each council should be preparing itself for the coming State Convention in April. The convention is the time we highlight the hard work of each council's membership, under the Grand Knight's leadership, in accomplishing faith, family, community, and life programs for the past year. It is only through the council's program submissions and documentation that the council's hard work can be recognized. Otherwise, the council is just another group of Catholic men in the Mississippi Jurisdiction.

Please keep in mind that there are several cutoff dates for convention submissions. Below is a list of some of those dates:

- 28 February Deadline for Resolution submissions with copies to State Deputy and Advocate
- 10 March Deadline for registration of Council Delegates in the State Convention Website (FS should print, sign, and affix council seal to all delegate slips.)
- 15 March Deadline for all State Program submissions (Convention Delegates, Best Programs, Knight/Family of the Year, Program and Necrology Database updating)
- 15 March Deadline for all State Donations.
- 20 March Cutoff for Convention Ads
- 31 March Cutoff for Convention T-Shirt orders
- 31 March Cutoff for Convention Registration without a **\$20 Late Fee** additional cost
- 20 April Necrology database Updating
- Golden Nugget Room Reservations are good until the limit of set-aside-rooms is met. Reserve your room early!

Time is growing short to order a Convention T-Shirt; register your Council's Delegates; reserve a room at the Golden Nugget hotel; purchase a Council Convention Ad; update the Necrology Database for deceased members; pay your Per Capita Taxes; review your Council's Safe Environment compliance, discuss, prepare, and submit your council's best programs; and discuss, complete, and submit your Council's Donations form.

If you have any questions, please contact your DD or call Robert Barr (228) 990-8023. We want this to be a great convention and for your representatives to have a good time while on the coast.

David Seymour, GK 9094
2024 Convention Chairman
(228) 861-9096



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Convention Checkoff Sheet

- All form 100's submitted to Supreme.
- All Per Capita Payments for State and Supreme are current.
- Submit the SP-7 report.

Convention Registration Site:

- Best Activity forms completed and submitted.
- Best Vocations Project Form submitted.
- Best Council write-up completed and submitted.
- Family of the Year form completed and submitted.
- Knight of the Year form completed and submitted.
- Convention registration complete (including the Ladies' Luncheon!!)
- Convention Ad placed by Council/Assembly/Ladies Auxiliary/Squires Circle
- Delegate slips filled out, printed, and sealed by the Financial Secretary
- Charitable Donations Submitted

Council Programs and Necrology Reporting:

- All programs recorded in the State Programs Report Database
- Necrology form filled out and submitted.

Convention Officer Reports

- GK, DD, State Chairman and State Officer reports submitted.



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Mississippi State Council Donation Form

Make checks payable to: **Mississippi State Council**

Mail All Check(s) and copy of Transmittal to:

State Secretary – Kenny Gonzales
1024 Pelican Cove, Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Council #	<input type="text"/>	Assembly	<input type="text"/>
#Ladies Auxiliary #	<input type="text"/>		
Person Submitting Form	<input type="text"/>		
Date Mailed	<input type="text"/>	Due Date	3/31/2024

Program Donation	Amount	Check #
MS Memorial Prolife Fund	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Ultrasound Fund Donation	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Bishop RO Gerow Fund	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Bishop William Houck Fund	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Christopher Fund	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Military Chaplain Fund	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Email or mail a copy of the transmittal as follows:

Bishop R. O. Gerow Fund
Funding our Seminarians Education
Chairman Michael Robinson
153 Clearview Dr W, Madison, MS 39110
robinson557176@bellsouth.net

Mississippi Memorial Pro-life Fund For Our Bishops Pro-Life Programs
Chairman Dennis Riecke
157 Eastside Dr, Brandon, MS 39047
dennisr@mdwfp.state.ms.us

Bishop William Houck Fund Funding our Priest Retirement Fund
Chairman Dan Bicknell
3390 Ohara Cv, Hernando, MS 38632
sthouck@kofc-ms.org

Ultrasound Fund
For Placement of Ultrasound Machines
Chairman Dennis Riecke
157 Eastside Dr, Brandon, MS 39047
dennisr@mdwfp.state.ms.us

Military Chaplains Fund
Funding Military Chaplains Fund
District Master Craig Harrell
2877 Wells Road, Raymond, Mississippi 39154
stmaster@kofc-ms.org



Knights of Columbus

Mississippi Knights of Columbus
2024 State Convention
3192 St. Charles Street
d'Iberville, MS 39540

Convention Ads

The deadline for ad submission is March 20, 2024

Please consider submitting your ads and checks as soon as possible. The earlier your submission the closer to the front of the book your ads will be located.

All checks and hard copies of ads should be mailed to: David Seymour,
3192 St. Charles St., d'Iberville, MS 39540

Please make checks payable to the 2024 K of C State Convention Committee

Prices: **Full-page ad: \$125.00**
 Half Page ad: \$75.00

Artwork must be submitted in .pdf format. If using photos or artwork, please use the highest possible pixel so it won't degrade when placed on the page and adjusted to fit.

Send artwork and a hard copy of your ad to David Seymour/Chairman.

Send electronic (soft copy) to David Seymour at
davidasey1962@gmail.com

Additional ad order forms can be obtained from the Knights of Columbus State webpage – 2024 State Convention at www.kofc-ms.org.

Any questions on designs should be addressed to Albert Allegue at
allegue01@gmail.com or (228) 209-2114



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2024 State Convention
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We would like to invite you to advertise your business in the program book to be distributed to over 350 members and families attending the 2024 Knights of Columbus 120th Mississippi State Convention in Biloxi, Mississippi, on April 26, 27, and 28, 2024. The 54-page, glossy-pages, full-color program will feature all the Knights of Columbus councils and will have dedicated pages where you can advertise your business for maximum exposure to future customers and clients. Below are the details:

The deadline for ad submission is March 20, 2024

Please consider submitting your ads and checks as soon as possible. The earlier your submission the closer to the front of the Business Section your ads will be located.

All checks and hard copies of ads should be mailed to: David Seymour, 3192 St. Charles St., d'Iberville, MS 39540, OR collected by the individual giving you this information.

Please make checks payable to the 2024 K of C State Convention 2024.

Prices: Full-page ad: \$125.00
Half Page ad: \$75

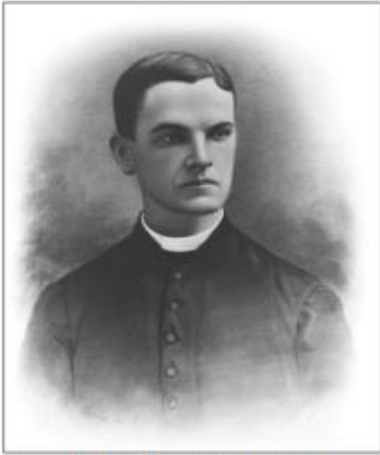
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Blessed Michael J. McGivney



*Father Michael J. McGivney, 1880 /
Charcoal drawing by John J. Tierney /
Knights of Columbus Museum Collec-
tion*

This is a special time to remember the life and legacy of our Order's Founder

On August 12, 1852, Blessed Michael J. McGivney was born into such a family. He was the oldest in a family of thirteen, of which only seven would survive their childhood. He completed his primary education at thirteen and then worked in factories for a few years to help his family before he pursued his calling to the priesthood. Unfortunately, Father McGivney's father passed away while he was in the seminary, and he had to return home to support his family once again.

Now Father McGivney's story could have ended when he returned to help support his family, but his calling was strong and with the help of the Bishop of Hartford, Connecticut he returned to complete his studies and was ordained on December 2, 1877. Once a Priest, Father McGivney realized that there were many in his congregation who had similar problems to what he experienced during his youth. Asking a group of men in his parish to step out of their

comfort zones he helped found the Widows and Orphans Fund that would later become the insurance program the Knights of Columbus enjoys today.

Unfortunately, at the age of 38, Father McGivney died of pneumonia during an outbreak of the Russian flu, but the knights he helped found continued and has become a worldwide movement in the Catholic Church. On 31 Oct 2020 the Venerable Fether Michael J. McGivney was beatified and became Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney. Every year on 13 August we celebrate and honor Blessed Father McGivney. If you aren't a member of the Blessed Michael McGivney guild, please consider becoming one, and pray for a second miracle for use in his canonization as a saint. This is the link for joining the guild <https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/ssl-join-the-guild.html>. Please continue to pray for our Founder's elevation to sainthood so that in the near future, we might offer our prayers to Saint Michael J. McGivney.

Family of the Month



All FOM reports to Supreme must be submitted by the 15th of each month to be eligible for their monthly drawings. Please remember that all Family of the Month submissions will only be accepted through online submissions made through the **Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784)** beginning this fraternal year (**[Tutorial video](#)** link for training).

What to consider in the search for the "Family of the Month"?

- Is the family tight knit? Does the family spend quality time together?
- Does the family attend weekly Mass together? Does the family pray together outside of Mass?
- Has the family made significant contributions to the parish and church community?
- Does the family serve as a model of Catholic family values?
- Does the family spend its time together interacting instead of in front of the television set?
- Six of 12 Families chosen can be non-KC member families. The other six must be KC.
- Family of the Year submission must be a KC Family.



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State Convention Minutes Archive

Announcing the creation of the Robert Fratesi State Convention Minutes Archive

Past State Deputy Robert Fratesi, Council 2134 Greenville, faithfully preserved convention minute books over four decades. He transferred them to the State to post on the state website. He passed away in April 2019 so did not see the result of his diligent archival work. The Knights of Columbus of the Mississippi Jurisdiction will be forever grateful to Brother Fratesi for maintaining this record of our work.

The archive can be accessed here: <https://www.kofc-ms.org/convention/minutes.php> Access it from the front page of the state website using the "About Us/Archive" menu path. It currently contains minutes between 1971 and 2017. If you have hard copy or pdf versions of minutes not currently available in the archive that you'd like to donate, please let me know. You can contact me here: webmaster@kofc-ms.org or 601.259.7926

“Knights on Bikes”

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC BIKERS!



We're looking to increase the membership of our new Mississippi Knights on Bikes group! If you ride a motorcycle and are a member in good standing with your council we want you to join us! No annual dues, just a brotherhood of fellow Catholic men who like to ride!

Message me and I'll email a Membership Application!

Leonard Temple
leonard.temple@gmail.com



Knights of Columbus Council 9543

Luella and Floyd Q. Doolittle Memorial Golf Classic

benefitting the Seminarian Education Fund of the Diocese of Jackson



Saturday, April 13, 2024 - Whisper Lake Golf Club - 414 Annandale Parkway, Madison, MS

4 Person Scramble Format – Includes food, beverages, and practice balls!

Four-person best ball, open to the public, shotgun start at 1 p.m. All player registrations and sponsorships of \$500 or more include practice balls, goodie bag, beverages, lunch (prior to start), and a meal/family social at the end.
Prizes for first, second, and third place finishers, closest to pin, longest drive, and straightest drive plus everyone gets a door prize.

- **PUTTING CONTEST:** Closest to the hole 40-foot putt wins \$100, \$5 per attempt, \$10 for three.
- **MULLIGANS:** \$5 each (max. 4 per person) and may be used on any shot. One per hole.

11:45 am	Registration opens, practice begins.
12:00 - 12:45 pm	Registration, Lunch and Putting Contest
1:00 pm	Shotgun Start
4:45 pm	Dinner and awards

Checks payable to: KofC 9543 (Knights of Columbus Council 9543)

Mail to: Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament; c/o KofC 9543, 4000 Tidewater Lane, Madison, MS 39110

Or Email Registration Form to: kc9543@stfrancismadison.org

Questions, contact: Tunney (601-622-4145 or tunneyv1@icloud.com) OR Art (601-559-8581 or somerville3817@gmail.com)

PLAYER or TEAM REGISTRATION

PLAYER REGISTRATION: Mark one choice below and include name and contact information for player(s). *Includes lunch, dinner, snacks, beverages, practice balls, and a goodie bag.*

- \$95 - One Player Registration** (Your team will be determined day of event.)

Player Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

- \$380 - Team Registration** (Four players - list below. *Team Captain will be the contact for tournament news.)

*Captain Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Player 2 Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Player 3 Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Player 4 Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

PAYMENT: Check enclosed for \$ _____ I will pay in full the day of the tournament

- I cannot play but have enclosed a tax-deductible contribution of \$ _____ for Seminarian Education.**

*Make checks payable to: **KofC 9543** (Mail to: Knights of Columbus Council 9543, 4000 Tidewater Lane, Madison, MS 39110)*

Your Support is Greatly Appreciated! The recruitment and training of seminarians is a significant but critical investment for the Diocese of Jackson. It is important to support the young men who have heard the call from God. The road to becoming a priest is challenging, long, and expensive. The cost of college education can reach well into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. It is imperative that our diocese be able to offer financial assistance to educate our future priests.



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TOURNAMENT SPONSOR

SPONSORSHIP: (Required) Fill out all information below. Sponsors may provide prizes or any other monetary contribution. Donation in excess of the team/individual registration fees are tax deductible. Players receive lunch, dinner, beverages, practice balls, and a goodie bag.

Sponsor Company or Hole Sponsor: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Email: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Contact me about an in-kind donation: (ex: sponsor logo shirt, balls, tees, snacks, etc.) _____

PLEASE MARK SPONSORSHIP LEVEL BELOW:

\$1,000 - Corporate Title Sponsorship (Includes registration for TWO four-player Teams, TWO premier hole sponsor signs, plus post tournament publicity) (8 player registrations-list names below)

\$500 - Team Sponsorship (Includes four-player team registration and sponsor sign at hole.) (4 player registration, *Team Captain will be the contact for tournament news.)

Corporate Title Sponsor	Second Team
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*Team 1 Captain Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Player 2 Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Player 3 Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Player 4 Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

*Title Team 2 Captain Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Player 2 Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Player 3 Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Player 4 Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

\$195 - Hole Sponsorship and Player Registration Combo (Includes single player registration and a complimentary sign at hole.)

Player Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

\$100 - Hole Sponsorship (Includes complimentary sponsor sign at hole.)

PAYMENT: Check enclosed for \$ _____

I will pay in full the day of the tournament

Checks payable to: **KofC 9543** (Knights of Columbus Council 9543)

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Knights in Action

Council 11934



Due to the extreme generosity of parishioners at St. Joseph during our latest Baby Bottle Boomerang and ASAP drives, Council 11934 was able to provide monetary donations to Born Free / New Beginnings in the amount of \$1,600 and other material items worth approximately \$240. Thanks to all who supported this very worthwhile activity.

Council 2180

These Laurel Knights competed at the Magnolia State Bank Chili Cook-off



Knights in Action

Council 802



Card party for Knights and ladies



Council 802 had a new Pro Life signed installed.

Council 898



March for Life held this February



Council 898's food drive collection

Knights in Action

Council 14051/Assembly 3081



District Deputy Leonard Temple presents Grand Knight Alan Wier with the 'Contest of Champions' award. Council 14051 earned this award for exceeding their goals of good deeds and service to the community by 180%! Congratulations Olive Branch!

Honor Guard at the Funeral Mass for our brother Knight, Joe Voss. Pictured L-R: Don Zigelbauer, Gonzo Suarez, Jim Ralph, Leonard PaPaw Temple, Michael Dudas, Joe Toman and Steve Haslett.



Council 14051 hosted its 1st Fish Fry of the Lenten season. Looks like a pretty good turnout.



Knights in Action

The following picture is from the 4th degree ceremony held in Pass Christian on January 20, 2024. Congratulations Sir Knights!

