



## 2024/2025 State Officers

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## State Deputy Message

Worthy Brother Knights,

Happy New Year! I hope that you enjoyed the Christmas Holiday, filled with Joy and good times.

With the onset of the New Year, we have the chance to look back at what we achieved in our lives and to set the course for what we plan to do in the upcoming year.

This is also a good time for us to look at what we as Knights of Columbus have accomplished in the first half of the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year, and where we should focus over the next six months. We as individual Knights, as Councils, and as a State Jurisdiction should take this time to make this assessment and set a course for the remainder of the year.

I am pleased to report that we have shown improvement in almost every area including our engagement in Faith in Action programs, Fraternal Benefit Events held, the number of Councils increasing their Membership, resulting in better Membership growth at the Council and State Level, and the number of councils that are Safe Environment compliant. This has been achieved through the efforts of the Council and their members across the state. Great job by all!

We have accomplished much, and a lot to be proud of, but we still have work to do! I want to encourage every Knight to be engaged in the charitable works of the council and to be diligent in inviting men to join the Knights of Columbus. It is through each of you and your efforts that your Council will be successful.

I encourage each council to double down their efforts and set a plan to strive to organize more diverse charitable programs, establish COR meetings, make a

concerted effort to welcome more members into the council, and both host and encourage council members and men of the parish to attend Fraternal Benefit Events.

With your commitment we will not only continue to improve but take the Knights of Columbus in Mississippi to new levels in charitable service to our Church, parish, community, and families. We will also strengthen our faith while also strengthening our Councils and our Jurisdiction with more Catholic men energized by the principles of our Order.

The entire State team is committed to walk with you, work with you, and stand by you, as we all work to make the Mississippi Jurisdiction one of the strongest and most engaged Jurisdictions in the Knights of Columbus.

Together we will succeed. I look forward to a tremendous second half of the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally.

Guy Heying  
State Deputy



# Great News!

## We improved in every area.



### Mid Year Scorecard



State			Councils			Councils		
Member Growth			Member Growth			Membership Active		
	Number	% Goal		Number	+/- Chg		Number	% Goal
2023	74	25.4%	2023	70		2023	22	33.9%
2024	96	28.9%	2024	80	114.29%	2024	29	44.6%

Online			Online		
Member Growth			Conversions		
	Number	+/- Chg		Number	Conv %
2023	51		2023	27	52.9%
2024	70	137.25%	2024	38	54.3%

Councils			Councils			Councils		
Program Active			Fraternal Benefit Events			Safe Environment		
	Number	% Goal		Number	% Goal		Number	% Goal
2023	22	36.7%	2023	4	6.7%	2023	9	15.0%
2024	25	41.7%	2024	9	15.0%	2024	21	35.0%

## Online Training Schedule

Conducted by experienced Fraternal Trainers, these hour-long sessions provide practical guidance and useful tips to enhance your skills and keep your council running successfully. They are tailored to meet the needs of both new and seasoned officers, as well as any members who are interested in advancing to officer roles in the future.

Register for upcoming online sessions by clicking on the links below.

Trainings are archived after each live session, and can be found in our library of [on demand training](#).

**Note: All Times are Eastern**

[January 7, 2025 8:00 PM](#)

[January 14, 2025 8:00 PM](#)

[January 21, 2025 8:00 PM](#)

[January 23, 2025 10:00 PM](#)

[Council Officer Succession Planning](#)

[Completing the Columbian Award Application](#)

[Financial Officer Training](#)

[Conducting In-Person Exemptions](#)



## State Secretary's Report

Worthy Brothers,

I hope all of you had a blessed Christmas with your family and friends. I'd like to wish each of you a Happy New Year. Hopefully all of your dreams will come true. I am also happy to report that we are down to only one council not having paid their per Capita/Insurance bill from July. We will continue to pursue this council and will add this bill on to their upcoming January, 2025 per Capita dues. As soon as Supreme releases the official Membership Data, I will prepare the new bills and get those out to all Councils.

All councils will receive a State per Capita bill except the following Councils. Council 6765 in Starkville, 11541 in Gulfport and 14051 in Olive Branch have already met their membership quotas for the 2024/2025 Columbian Year. Their reward for this outstanding effort is that their per Capita fees are waived by the State. How is that for a Christmas present. Congratulations to all three councils. We have a couple more that are close and I hope they can reach their quota also before Dec. 31.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming Mid-Winter meetings in January. May God bless all of you and Vivat Jesus.

Vivat Jesus,

Kenny



# SOWER'S CORNER – JAN 2025

## MS Evangelization & Faith Formation (EFF) News

**SEE GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE ON NEXT PAGE**

**Guidance on Council EFF Leadership**

**BUILDING BROTHERHOOD THROUGH COR**

[Click Here to View SHORT Video](#)

### Council's Wanting to Start *Cor*

### Council's Having *Cor* Gatherings

#### PHASE 1

1. Grand Knight:
  - a. Appoint Council EFF Director
  - b. Meet with Council and present "WHAT IS *COR*" 3.5-minute video & review "WHY *COR*" @ [www.kofc.org/cor](http://www.kofc.org/cor)
2. Grand Knight & Council EFF Director meet with Pastor & gain approval to:
  - a. Implement *Cor* for men of the parish
  - b. Partner with existing men's group
  - c. Advertise *Cor* in the bulletin
3. Council EFF Director:
  - a. Build Council EFF Team (2-3 men)
  - b. With GK assistance, meet with Council for buy in and invitation

1. Grand Knight:
  - a. Submit Council EFF Director contact information to [mak@emac-llc.com](mailto:mak@emac-llc.com)
  - b. Ensure EFF Director gains access to FORMED content
2. Council EFF Director:
  - a. Establish budget & obtain Council approval for funding *Cor* refreshments, etc.
  - b. KEEP IT SIMPLE
  - c. Train EFF Team to help lead *Cor* Gatherings, etc.
  - d. Coordinate with Program Director
  - e. Consider using KofC Faith Programs & CIS for *Cor* formation content
  - f. Develop strategy & implement communication/marketing program to GROW INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES

(See [www.kofc.org/cor](http://www.kofc.org/cor) for additional info)

The word 'cor' is Latin for heart and the root of the word courage. Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity all begin with the heart and direct the heart in relationship to God and each other.

*Cor* exists to strengthen and inform Catholic men in faith and virtue, as missionary disciples and to draw them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity.

Contact State EFF Director Mak Kersanac, 228-216-2442, [mak@emac-llc.com](mailto:mak@emac-llc.com) with any questions.

**I will come to your Council to help your EFF Director start YOUR *Cor* Gatherings**



# SOWER'S CORNER - JAN 2025

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## Grand Knights Message Guidance on Council EFF Leadership

### Worthy Grand Knight:

Your Council Evangelization and Faith Formation (EFF) Director needs to form a Team to help him accomplish the tasks shown below. Your EFF Director does not have to be the most spiritual Knight in your Council. As can be seen from below, leading, planning, organizing, delegating, and communicating are necessary skills for this role. Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead you to a candidate in your Council and INVITE him to serve. You probably have more Knights that will say YES to the invitation than you realize.

### [Council EFF Director Role Description www.kofc.org/cor](http://www.kofc.org/cor)

1. Appointed by the Grand Knight & reports to the Grand Knight
2. Facilitates the planning, structure and hosting of all *Cor* gatherings
3. Ensures adequate preparation for each *Cor* gathering including reserving space, communicating timing\content and ensuring excellent execution of every event.
4. Encouraged to build an EFF team to help with all aspects to support *Cor* gatherings
5. Promotes and communicates directives, opportunities and goals of State Council concerning evangelization and faith formation
6. Collaborates and consults these initiatives with:
  - a. The Pastor and/or Council Chaplain
  - b. The Council Membership and Program Directors
  - c. The State Director of EFF
7. Assists council leadership with this strategic planning.
8. Along with the Grand Knight, the EFF Director should coordinate and communicate with any existing parish ministries, particularly men's ministries in such a way that fosters collaboration and the possibility of a hybrid experience achieving the aims and goals of both groups.

Please submit the Council EFF Director Form, <https://s.alchemer.com/s3/Council-EFF-Director>

Our Supreme leadership has many resources to share with your Council EFF Director.

**Please contact me so that I can help you in any way. I will come and help your EFF Director run his first *Cor* gathering.**

Contact State EFF Director Mak Kersanac, 228-216-2442, [mak@emac-llc.com](mailto:mak@emac-llc.com) with any questions.

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## State Warden Message

Our Mid-Winter Meetings, which will start on **Saturday, January 4th, at 9 AM in Biloxi at Our Lady of Fatima**. Please register on the Mississippi Knights of Columbus website as soon as possible. I have added a link to the site in this email.

The **North Meeting** in Oxford and the **Central Meeting** in Flowood will occur on the weekend of the **18th and 19th**.

Council Officers, DDs, State Directors, and Chairmen in the area of meeting location should attend. As always, any former State Deputy is invited!

### State Mid-Year Regional Meetings

#### **South**

Jan 04, 2025

9:00am - 3:00pm

Our Lady of Fatima, 2090 Pass Rd, Biloxi 39531

#### **North**

Jan 18, 2025

9:00am - 3:00pm

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 416 South 5th St, Oxford 38655

#### **Central**

Jan 19, 2025

11:30am - 4:30pm

St. Paul Catholic Church, 5971 Lakeland Dr, Flowood 39232

I look forward to seeing you in the upcoming days! If I can ever be of help do not hesitate to contact me.

Prayers and blessings to you and your families.

Lonnie Treadaway  
State Warden



# Sign Up Today!



Want to receive the Magnolia Knight Issues and Good Of the Order Announcements direct to your email?

Sign up today by going to the State Website [www.kofc-ms.org](http://www.kofc-ms.org) and click the link outline in red below. We are rebuilding our distribution lists so that all members around the state receive this important information.

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IN SERVICE TO ONE ANOTHER TO ALL

Mississippi State Council

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**Knights in Action**

**Msgr. John J. Burns Council 802, Meridian**, held its recognition banquet in June. Scouts from Troop 46 assisted at the event and earned a sincere "Thank You" from the Council.

**Council News**

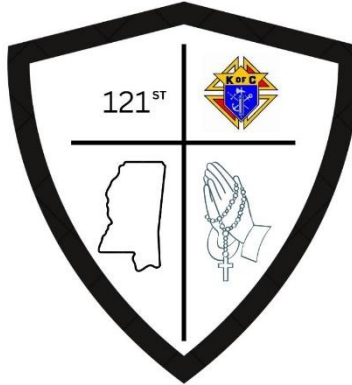
The **Magnolia Knight Newsletter** and **Good of the Order emails** will be restarting soon. Sign up now to keep up with news around Mississippi! If you signed up in the past, please sign up again. Previous recipient lists are no longer in use. [Sign up here](#)

**Patriotic Degree**

**Provincial Meeting**  
September 21, 2024  
St. Francis of Assisi Family Life Center  
[Announcement & Registration Form](#)  
[2023 Provincial](#)

# 2025 MISSISSIPPI STATE CONVENTION

## Jackson, MS - April 25-27, 2025



Brother Knights: The 121<sup>st</sup> State Convention is fast approaching. The Jackson Area Councils are hosting the 2025 State Convention at the Hilton Jackson located at 1001 East County Line Road, Jackson, Mississippi 39211. Please check the State website where more details and information regarding the Convention, including but not limited to registration and deadlines, will soon be available. Please be mindful that the deadline for Convention Ad submission for the Program Booklet is March 25, 2025. Additional Ad information and order forms are attached. Please note there are additional ad options available this year.

The entire 2025 State Convention Committee welcomes everyone to Jackson and looks forward to a successful convention. Should you have any questions please contact one of the following members of the Convention Committee:

- Louis Clifford, Chairman, email: [louis@clifford-law.com](mailto:louis@clifford-law.com), Ph. (601) 506-5644.
- George LaFontaine, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, email: [elizabeth11022020@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth11022020@gmail.com), Ph: (601) 715-9053.
- Robert Munroe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman, email: [rmunroe2@comcast.net](mailto:rmunroe2@comcast.net), Ph: (601) 672-6630.
- Richard Martin, Ad Chairman, email: [rmartin@residentialmortgagecorp.com](mailto:rmartin@residentialmortgagecorp.com), Ph: (601) 540-0419.
- Allen Scott, Registration Chairman, email: [ascott@engservice.com](mailto:ascott@engservice.com), Ph: (601) 506-8434.





**Knights of Columbus**  
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**Councils 848, 7854, 8038, 8285, 9543,**  
**10216, 11934, and 15131**



**Program Booklet Advertising Order Forms**

Worthy Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators, Brother Knights All –

The Jackson Area Councils are planning the 2025 Convention for April 25-27, 2025 at the Hilton Jackson located on County Line Road, including the convention program book with advertising. As has been mentioned previously, the financial success of the convention is directly related to the sales of advertisements for the program booklet.

*If the councils help with the sale of ads (from councils, assemblies, businesses and individuals) the funds raised would allow the convention committee to cover all anticipated costs*

**Please be sure to use the correct form for the business ads** – there are separate pages for the business ads.

Please use the Council/Assembly order form **only** when submitting an ad for the council/assembly. Likewise, use the Individual Knight Order form when submitting an individual ad.

**We would very much appreciate the money coming in for the council & assembly ads early!**

For those councils/assemblies that have not budgeted for this expense, one possibility would be for individual members to donate towards the cost of the ad and mention them in the ad itself (thanking them by name). This would have no impact to the council/assembly's bank balance, and would still allow for recognition of every council & assembly. You decide how your space is used – just please remember we're Knights.

***Vivat Jesus!***



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**Program Booklet Advertising Order Form**

Purchaser of Advertising **Council or Assembly #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please select the size and price of the ad of your choice:**

- One (1) Full-Page Council/Assembly..... \$125.00
- One (1) Half-Page Council/Assembly..... \$75.00
- Full- Page Front Inside Cover .....\$300.00\*
- Full-Page Back Inside Cover.....\$300.00\*
- Full-Page Outside Back Cover.....\$500.00\*

\*These Ads are first come, first served.

***Submit ad copy in Word and PDF formats no later than March 25, 2025.***

**Please email your ad to: [KC2025ConventionMS@mail.com](mailto:KC2025ConventionMS@mail.com)**

*Need help? Just ask (but ask early!)*

**Please mail this order form, a copy of your ad and a check payable to “Knights of Columbus” to:**  
**(In the memo line please write: convention ad)**

**Louis Clifford  
 1755 Lelia Drive, Suite 303  
 Jackson, MS 39216**

Thank You! Vivat Jesus!

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Program Booklet Advertising Order Form**

**Individual Knights can now be sponsors and get their name and Council and  
Assembly Numbers printed in the program book for \$40.00.**

**\*The Individual Knight Ad is NOT available for  
council, assembly or business ads\***

Purchaser of Advertising for **Individual Knights Sponsorship Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Council and Assembly Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

This Individual Knight Ad is available in only one-size - standard business card (3.5" x 2").

***Submit this completed form no later than March 25, 2025 – earlier is encouraged.***

**Please email this completed form to: [KC2025ConventionMS@mail.com](mailto:KC2025ConventionMS@mail.com)**

Please send the following:

- This Program Booklet Advertising Order Form.
- Your \$40.00 check payable to "Knights of Columbus".
- Ad information (or a printed reply confirmation the ad was received)

Email sent on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) from email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this order form, a copy of your ad and a check payable to "K of C convention") to:  
(In the memo line please write: convention card ad)**

**Louis Clifford  
1755 Lelia Drive, Suite 303  
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**Dear Mississippi Business Owner/Operator:**

**RE: Program Advertising – Knights of Columbus 121st Mississippi State Convention April 25-27, 2025**

On **April 25-27, 2025**, over **300 members** of the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization, will come from all over Mississippi to meet in Jackson for our 121<sup>st</sup> annual State Convention. Mississippi's over 7,000 Knights of Columbus volunteer their time and talents to improve hundreds of communities throughout Mississippi, helping people of all races and creeds who are in need.

Spouses and families of the Knights will also be in Jackson for the weekend, and as they will not be involved in meetings, they will be free to explore the Metro Jackson area. We encourage all Knights and their families to stay an extra day or so and enjoy some of what the area has to offer.

An 8.5" x 11" *convention program* will keep the delegates on schedule and feature welcoming correspondence from various dignitaries. Most of the convention program is reserved for sponsored advertisements from businesses like yours. **A Knights of Columbus State Convention program ad is an effective, inexpensive way to let convention delegates and their spouses know about your business.** Revenue from ads and direct donations will be used to cover printing costs and to offset convention expenses.

<u>Ads</u>	<u>Price</u>
FULL PAGE	\$125.00
Half Page	\$75.00

**We must receive your ad order by **March 25, 2025** to meet our printing deadline.  
Having the final copy in earlier is strongly encouraged.**

Please email your ad copy and camera-ready art to: [KC2025ConventionMS@mail.com](mailto:KC2025ConventionMS@mail.com)

**Please mail the order form (with check payable to "Knights of Columbus") to**  
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**Purchaser of Business Advertising:** \_\_\_\_\_

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- One (1) Half-Page..... \$ 75.00
- One (1) Full-Page..... \$125.00

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## Membership Report

GOD IS GOOD “ALL THE TIME”  
And “ALL THE TIME” GOD IS GOOD.

A new Pastor was recently assigned to our Parish and in talking to him I learned that he is an Honorary Life Brother Knight. Throughout the mass he proclaims GOD IS GOOD and we reply ALL THE TIME, and he repeats ALL THE TIME we reply GOD IS GOOD. As Knights we should pray to God for an increase in vocations, guide us in our Mission as Knights and pray that men will answer the call and Join Us. Let us meditate and pray on the fact that God is Good all the time.

By now Advent has passed, Christmas and all related activities are over, the relatives have gone home, and the tree and all the trimmings have been put away and we have celebrated the New Year of 2025. So where do we go from here?

Let us adopt the “Fishers of Men Initiative” where in Matthew 4:19, Jesus called out to His disciples, “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men,”

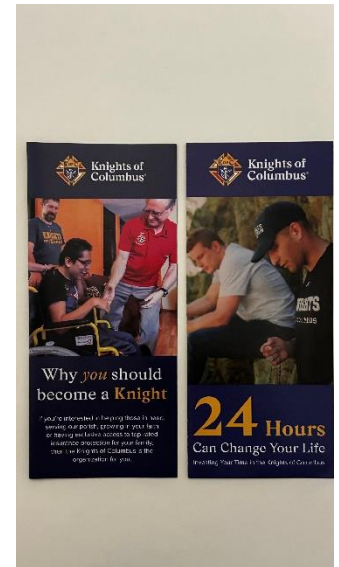
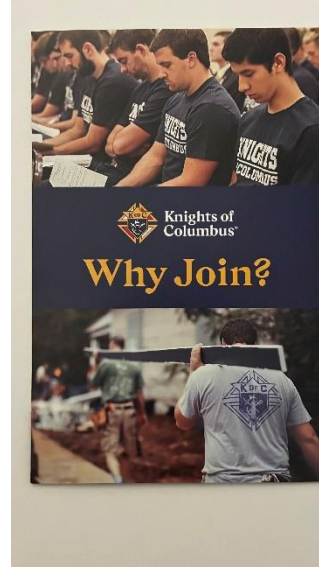
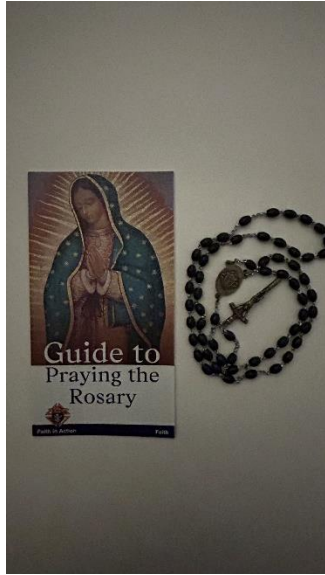
So, lets hang out our “GONE FISHING” sign and use some of the photos below as lures in our quest to become Fishers of Men.

HAPPY NEW YEAR Brother Knights.

W. Gary Owchar  
Membership Director



**Magnolia Knight**  
Serving the Mississippi Jurisdiction Of  
the Knights of Columbus





## Webinar Re-Broadcast: Clear Talk About Leadership Roles

Join us for a special re-broadcast, on Monday, January 6, at 8:00 PM ET, of Clear Talk About Leadership Roles! This webinar is intended for those who are new or interested in holding a leadership position. Learn what is involved, what to expect, and how you will be supported.

## January Webinar: Council Preparations for Lent & Easter

Join us on Thursday, January 16, at 8:00 PM ET for an informative fraternal webinar entitled **Council Preparations for Lent & Easter**

Summary of December Meeting : 2 new members joined our council—Father Paul Hoang and Jeremy Natoes—December 3 manger lighting Knights will serve Hot Coco and cookies— members were encouraged to join the Men’s Prayer Breakfast—after Christmas Party will be held on Saturday Jan 11—need members to attend a meeting in Oxford MS - Be sure and attend Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass on December 12 Bilingual mass at 7:00PM at Christ the King –Coat for Kids raised \$2800 — Knight of Month Rafael Gonzalez Family of Month Ken and Fran Barker

### New Brothers in the Knights



Left to right front row DJ Godwin, Matt Hatch, Jeremy Natoes ( new member), Father Paul Hoang ( new member) , Jim Tarver. Back Row Left to Right Nick Bickle, Dan Garrigan, Lonnie Treadaway, Fred Ward.



## State Program Report

Brothers

I hope everyone had a great Christmas week. I would like to spend the next few months focusing on Faith in Action programs which could help councils and Brother Knights grow in service. This month, I would like to discuss the Helping Hands program. Everyone likes to help the less fortunate during the holiday season. The helping hands program allows councils year around.

There are many examples of potential Helping Hands programs. The council can always work in a soup kitchen or More-than-a-Meal program. Councils can also organize collection drives for supplies such as blankets, backpacks, toiletries, and clothing. Councils can raise money for supplies for a local soup kitchen, homeless shelter or other nonprofit organizations. Brother Knights can teach a trade which help people find needed jobs.

For questions, use the resources <https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/programs/10617%206-18%20Helping%20Hands%20SS.pdf>

Fr McGivney founded the order to help the less fortunate. Consider doing a Helping Hands program.

Jacob Eftink  
State Program Director  
Mississippi Jurisdiction



## Faith Programs Update Jan. 2025

Worthy Brother Knights,

We hope you and your families had a fruitful & joyous Advent Season and Christmas.

Thank you for everything you do for your Council, Parish and community. I know you are doing many programs and ask that you update your **Facebook pages or send in articles and pictures of your activities so that we can post them in the Magnolia Knight.**

### THE LENT & EASTER SEASON IS APPROACHING

Lent is a period of deep reflection as we prepare for the most sacred celebration, Easter. [CLICK HERE](#) to register for 1/16/25, 8:00 PM ET ***Council Preparations for Lent & Easter*** webinar

Join us as we explore the tools and resources available to help you and your council have an impactful Lent and Easter.

(Don't forget to select link to add event to your Google or Outlook calendar.)

### IMPORTANT DATES (SEE 2024-2025 FRATERNAL PLANNER)

**Form 1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity is due by Jan 31, 2025**

Consider using Form 1728a, *Individual Member Worksheet* to help track community service volunteer hours throughout the year

### HAS YOUR COUNCIL UPDATED YOUR PLANS FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> HALF OF THE YEAR?

Now is a great time for reviewing\updated your Council's plans for finishing the year strong.  
The Goal of Faith Programs is to strengthen a Knight's Faith Formation  
CONSIDER COR FOR FAITH FORMATION

The following activities are excellent Faith Programs to consider:

- Building the Domestic Church Kiosk
- Holy Hours (Featured) \*\*
- Rosary Devotion \*\*
- Eucharist Processions
- Seminarian Support (RSVP-Featured)
- Into the Breach (Featured) \*\*
- Sacramental Gifts
- Spiritual Reflection (Featured) \*\*
- New Pilgrim Icon – SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAUNCHING EARLY 2025



→ \*\* Suitable for COR Content



# MERRY CHRISTMAS



**Council #1583**



**Council #802**



**Council #898**



MERRY CHRISTMAS 2024  
**KOC/KCLA**

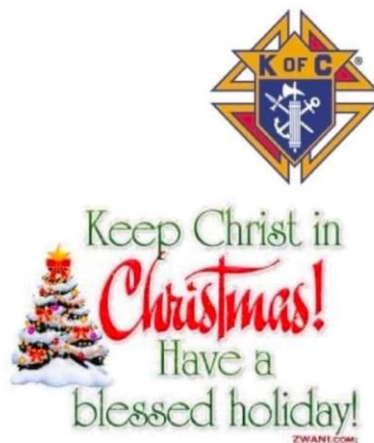
**Council #16433**



**Saint Joseph  
Starkville MS**



**Council #7120**



**Council #1605**



**Council #12331**



## Helpers loading the Toys at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School



**Thank You to Brother Darin Freeman Chief of the Pass Christian Police Department and his Officers who helped us load the Toys and 65 Bicycles at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School. Also thanks to the Teachers, Students and Parents for the great donation for the less fortunate. It was a great year for our Toys for Tots Program.**

## Our Annual Toys for Tots

### Picture



**A Special Thank You to Brother Rusty Bohn. Rusty has been the Chairman of this event for many years.**

**We thank all our Brother Knights for their help and donations to this event. Every Year the Marines attend and tell us we are one of their favorite events. We are already working on next years program.**

**Thanks to everyone!!!!!!**



# March for Life

Organized by Vicksburg Council 898

Saturday January 25, 2025

St. Aloysius High School

1900 Grove St, Vicksburg, MS 39183



## Schedule:

- Arrive at St. Aloysius parking lot at 11:00 AM
- Leave at ~ 11:30 AM and arrive at the Monument for Life around 12:00 PM (corner of Sky Farm and Lover's Lane)
- Pray the rosary at the monument
- Return by bus to St. Aloysius High School

## For More Information Contact

Charles Hahn

(601) 831-1057

[cdhpc2@yahoo.com](mailto:cdhpc2@yahoo.com)

## **Support ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy)**

Help to build a culture of life in America by supporting mothers and their children through ASAP. Over \$1.5 million has been donated to pregnancy centers and maternity homes this fraternal year! For every \$500 your council donates, Supreme will donate another \$100 (up to \$400). To learn how your council can participate and find a local pregnancy resource center to support, visit <http://kofc.org/asap>

## **National March for Life**

The schedule for the National March for Life on January 24, 2025 in Washington, D.C., is now available. Click [here](#) to view the event list and information on organizing bus trips and lodging. In addition, Supreme is seeking volunteers to help distribute signs for the March for Life on that day from 9am - 12pm. Any amount of time you can volunteer is welcome! Participants will receive free K of C apparel. Click [here to sign up!](#)



# BINGO



## CHARITY BINGO AND SILENT AUCTION FOR DANNY LECHNER



Danny has worked the Our Lady of Fatima Bingo games for 36 years. In November, Danny fell at Bingo and seriously injured his back. He is currently bedridden. All proceeds will go to his family to help with medical bills.

# SUNDAY | JAN 12TH

## Bingo Game Information

Doors Open: 11 a.m.

Early Bird Games: 1 p.m. (\$4)

Regular Games: 1:30 P.M. (\$10/\$15/\$20)

Extra Games: \$5

Children are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Kitchen will be open to purchase food and snacks.



**Silent Auction**  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

To donate directly to the family:

@DanetteHennig

@Danette-Hennig

\$DanetteHennig

Our Lady of Fatima  
2090 Pass Road  
Biloxi, MS 39531

Contact Person for Silent Auction Items  
Carol Rigby  
228-435-5583



## Knights in Action



This is a Council 15131 event. For December we join up with St Richard Parish organizations to have a Santa Breakfast. They prepare, serve and cleanup the breakfast. The St Richard Children's choir provides musical entertainment. Santa Claus is present thanks to MR Chris "Spanky" Nix from St Paul Parish. The ladies from the parish are available to wrap up in gift paper any and all Baby Jesus - Jesu Bambino statutes from creche scenes in parishioners' homes. The families then place the wrapped child in their creche scenes or under their trees for the children to open up Christmas. It is truly a parish event enjoyed by all with the full support of their Pastor Fr Joe Tonos.



The photo from Assembly 3826 who volunteer every 2nd Thursday at the VA center CLC dept in Jackson, MS. Working with the VA Volunteer Dept they provide bingo with small cash awards and snacks guiding veterans in need of assistance to play. The group is led by Larry Moeller on the left with Assembly 3826. From Larry's Assembly there is Lloyd Everhardt and Bob Summers on the right. Assembly 3826 includes St Paul and St Jude parishes. Also assisting is George LaFontaine from Assembly 3863 with St Richard Parish next to Larry. Not in this picture is John Malanchak from 3863.





### Holy Family Assembly 3281

Holy Family Assembly 3281 will meet Tuesday January 7th after the Third degree meeting. All Sir Knights are asked to attend.

On January 18th, there will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification at Our Lady of the Gulf Conference Center in Bay St. Louis. The Exemplification usually starts at 1:00pm.



Honor Guard at the 6:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve at Holy Family Church. Thank You Sir Knights



## **Msgr. Leech Council 4472 Insurance Representative**

**Brother Luke McClure Assistant General Agent**

**Retirement, Estates & Life Insurance Planning**

**11975 Seaway Road**

**Gulfport, Ms. 39503**

**228-380-0604**

**[Luke.mcclure@kofc.org](mailto:Luke.mcclure@kofc.org)**

### **St Louis Cathedral Choir and Symphony**



**Congratulations to Msgr. Leech Council 4472 for Helping secure the Choir and Symphony of St. Louis Cathedral to Present the Program Noel A Night of Everlasting Love: The Story of Christmas at Holy Family Catholic Church.**

# PATRIOTIC DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Saturday January 18, 2025  
HONORING  
SK Robert “Bob” Hubbard III

Hosted By:

Fr. William Kelley, SVD Assembly #560  
Pere Le Duc Council #1522

Our Lady of the Gulf Church  
228 S Beach Blvd  
Bay Saint Louis, MS 39520



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**FOURTH  
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## **EVENT SCHEDULE**

12:00 - 1:00 pm — Candidate Registration  
12:30 - 1:15 — Light Lunch  
1:30 - 1:50 pm — Candidate Preparation  
2:00 - 4:00 pm — Exemplification  
4:00 pm — Presentation of Certificates / Group Photo  
5:00 pm — Mass  
6:00 pm — Banquet



### **Candidate Fee**

**\$70**

#### **Candidate Fee includes:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Membership Pin
- Certificate
- Banquet
- **Additional Banquet tickets \$20 per guest**

**Candidate Fee is \$50 without Banquet**

### **PLEASE NOTE**

Payment and Completed Form 4's are to be submitted no later than  
December 18, 2024

Make checks payable to:

Bill Clark, District Master

Please send payment and Form 4's to:

William Clark, District Master

3604 Dale Lane

Moss Point, MS 39563

For More Information Contact:

Bill Clark, District Master

228-990-0390

[kocbclark@gmail.com](mailto:kocbclark@gmail.com)

or

Jordan Roy, FN

228-363-3632

[jordanr3632@gmail.com](mailto:jordanr3632@gmail.com)



**Dress Code: Candidates as described below:**

Dark Blue, Grey, or Black business suit, white dress shirt with lay down collar (no collar buttons); tie; dark socks; and dress shoes.



**Dress Code Exceptions (for candidates)**

Military—Dress Uniform  
Police and Firemen—Formal Dress Uniforms  
Priests—Regular Clerical Dress  
Seminarians—Dark Suit and Tie or Seminarian Collar with Black Suit

**Dress Code for Others**

**4th Degree Members/Observers**

- New uniform.
- Dark suit with tie and social baldric

**Honor Guard**

- New uniform.

**Color Guard Flag Bearer**

- New uniform, Service Baldric / no Swords

**Color Guard Escorts**

- New uniform w/Swords



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## Message from the Editor

Worthy Brothers,

If there is any pictures or information that a Council or Assembly would like in the Magnolia Knight monthly newsletter needs to be submitted by email no later than the 25th of each month. Anything submitted after this date will not be included until the following newsletter.

You can email them to Magnolia Knight Editor, DJ Godwin, **OR** Magnolia Knight Content Coordinator, Mak Kersanac.

If there are any questions, please contact me through email, or call/text.

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