

2024/2025 State Officers

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State Deputy Message

Worthy Brothers,

I hope that by the time you are reading this you have been able to thaw out from the snows and frigid temperatures January brought to us here in the South.

As we close out January and begin to prepare for our State Convention in April and the end of the Fraternal year in June, I hope that we as individual Knights, and as Councils have set in place a solid plan for success. If not, now is the time!

In a few short week's we will begin the Lenten Season as we prepare ourselves spiritually for the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Our Lord. This is also a busy time for the Knights across the state as we host Fish Fry's and Lenten meals, lead Stations of the Cross and Rosaries, host Cor meetings and carry out other charitable works in our parishes and communities. I encourage each brother Knight to find a way to be involved in these programs, activities and events, and to invite a fellow Catholic man to be a part of the efforts and work beside you. Allow him to experience the fraternity and brotherhood of the Knights at work. He may even want to join.

In preparation for the State Convention, now is the time for each council to begin their delegate selections and submitting them to the State via the state website. It is also time to submit any resolutions the councils would like taken under consideration by the resolutions committee and delegates.

Our generosity across the state in support of our Seminarians and Retired Priests is the one thing I am most impressed with and proud of. Our financial commitments to pro-life and the ultrasound fund are also very impressive. I encourage every council to prayerfully consider their contributions to these funds and to get your checks in early. All donations must be received by March 15th to be included in our checks to the bishops at this year's convention. When allocating your donations this year I would like to encourage each council to consider a donation to the People with Intellectual Difficulties Campaign. The council will be able to identify where 80% of the donation funds will be disbursed. The remaining 20% will be included in our annual donation to Special Olympics.

Of course, we need to always be looking for ways to bring more Catholic men into the brotherhood of the Knights of Columbus. There are thousands of Catholic men in Mississippi who would join the Knights, if only they were invited. Let's be sure that no Catholic man goes uninvited to be a brother Knight. If you would like the State Officers to come to your council and hold a cookout this spring, help your council have solid membership growth between now and the end of March. Find out the details in this issue of the Magnolia Knight.



I wish you all a successful February and look forward to hearing about the great thinks the Knights are doing across the State of Mississippi! Thank you for all you do in your parishes and communities!

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally.

Guy Heying State Deputy

Third Quarter Council Incentive



- Awarded to the Two Councils with the highest Net Growth Percentage in the 3rd Quarter.
- All Councils Eligible- Based only on New Members gained in the 3rd Quarter (January- March)
- Net Growth Percentage = New Members gained as a percentage of Council's Annual Membership Quota
- A minimum of 30% Net Growth Percentage in the 3rd Quarter is required to qualify.

Examples: Council 12345 brought in 2 new members against a quota of 7 (2/7= 28.5%) Does not qualify.

Council 9876 brought in 3 new members against a Quota of 8 (3/8= 37.5%) Qualifies

Will we be cooking for your council?



State Secretary's Report

Worthy Brothers,

I hope the New Year is starting off well for each of you. I know it is flying by for me. February is already here. Soon it will be time for our State Convention again. With that said, one thing that must be complete for your council to be seated at the convention is for your Sate per Capita Tax to be paid up with the State Secretary. All bills were posted to the State Website on January 8. If you have not done so yet, please go online and retrieve them and pay them at once. You do not have to vote on this at your meeting. It is required in your by-laws. I have received about 1/3 of the checks so far.

The following five councils will not have to pay per Capita because they met the State Deputy's challenge of meeting their Membership Goal by December 31. Council 4472, Pass Christian; Council 6765, Starkville; Council 11541, Gulfport; Council 14051, Olive Branch; and Council 16433, Waveland. Congratulations again to those five councils for saving their councils a nice sum of money.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming convention in Jackson. May God bless all of you and Vivat Jesus.

Vivat Jesus!

Kenny

January Webinar: Council Preparations for Lent & Easter







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MS Evangelization & Faith Formation (EFF) News

SEE GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE ON NEXT PAGE

Guidance on Council EFF Leadership

Lent is a Great Season to Implement COR in YOUR Parish

Click Here to View on Demand Webinar on Council Preparations for Lent & Easter
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(Register to Access Recorded Webinars)

Coordination with Parish Priest is CRITICAL to Starting\Growing COR

Click Here to View on Demand Webinar on Working with Your Pastor

Council's Wanting to Start Cor

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
- 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

(See www.kofc.org/cor for additional info)

Council's Having Cor Gatherings

- 1. Grand Knight:
 - a. Submit Council EFF Director contact information to 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

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 help focus Catholic men on Jesus by building Christ-centered brotherhood through a simple, flexible framework of prayer, formation and fraternity.

Contact State EFF Director Mak Kersanac, 228-216-2442, mak@emac-llc.com with any questions. I will come to your Council to help your EFF Director start YOUR Cor Gatherings







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Page 2 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

- 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.

Click Here to for Guide on Working with Your Pastor

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Mississippi State Council 121st Annual State Convention April 25-27, 2025 Jackson, Mississippi

GENERAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

Convention Hotel and Primary Location:

Hilton Jackson, 1001 East County Line Road, Jackson, Mississippi 39211

Convention Registration Rates:

- •Member or Guest Weekend Package \$130
- •Friday Dinner \$65
- •Saturday Banquet \$75
- •Ladies Luncheon \$45
- •District Deputies Lunch \$45
- •Past State Deputies Lunch \$45
- •Late Fee \$20 (for All registrations after March 31, 2025).

All payments must be made by check to "Knights of Columbus" and mailed directly to: Allen Scott, P.O. Box 553, Raymond, MS 39154

Questions regarding registration, payment or to request a refund? Contact: Allen Scott, Registration Chairman, Ph. 601-506-8434, email: allen@scott39154.com.

Hotel Registration:

- o Hilton Jackson Hotel Make reservations directly with hotel.
- o Use Code: KC25 (Cannot be combined with Hilton Honor points or discounts of any kind)
- o To Register Call: 601-957-2800
- To Book Online:

 https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=JANJHHF&groupCode

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- Rates
 Thursday-Saturday Queen (taxes and fees are additional) \$137.00. The deadline is April 2, 2025 for booking rooms at the \$137.00 per night rate, after that date guests will not be able to reserve any overnight rooms at the rate of \$137.00 per night.

If you need assistance from the Host Committee with Accommodations contact: Louis Clifford, Convention Chairman, Ph. 601-506-5644, email: louis@clifford-law.com.

Convention Ads: Deadline for all ads: March 25, 2025

Individual Knight \$40.00 Business card 2"x3.5"

Half page \$75.00 Full page \$125.00 **Inside front cover** \$300.00 Outside back \$500.00 Inside back cover \$300.00

Submit pdf copy of Ad to: KC2025ConventionMS@mail.com

Mail check and hard copy of Ad to: Louis Clifford, Convention Chairman, 1755 Lelia Drive, Suite 303 Jackson, MS 39216

Make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus

Questions about Ads? Richard Martin, Ad Chairman, Ph. 601-540-0419,

Email: rmartin@residentialmortgagecorp.com.

Ladies Auxiliary and Ladies Luncheon:

Auxiliary contact: Heather Harrell, State President Ladies Auxiliary mrscsharrell@gmail.com

Luncheon contact: Kerrie Heying, Chair Ladies Luncheon:

Convention Committee Contacts:

- Louis Clifford, Chairman, email: louis@clifford-law.com, Ph. (601) 506-5644.
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- Richard Martin, Ad Chairman, email: rmartin@residentialmortgagecorp.com, Ph: (601) 540-0419.
- Allen Scott, Registration Chairman, email: allen@scott39154.com, Ph: (601) 506-8434.

^{*}Ad submission forms are available on the State website or by requesting one from Richard Martin, Ad Chairman.

Ladies Spring Social 2025 K of C Convention

\$45.00 a person

Table centerpiece making

Inspirational Speaker

A lunch, with a choice of two

Salad entries, Dessert, Tea and

Coffee.

Wine Tasting after for an extra fee Of \$20.00 per person

** Please sign up when registering for the Convention.

Convention check list

	All form 100's submitted to Supreme
	All Per Capita Payments for State and Supreme are current(March 31st)
	Submit the SP-7 report (March 31st)
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	Convention Registration Site:
	Best Activity forms completed and submitted (March 15 th)
	Best Vocations Project Form submitted (March 15 th)
	Best Council write-up completed and submitted (March 15 th)
	Family of the Year form completed and submitted(March 15 th)
	Knight of the Year form completed and submitted (March 15 th)
	Convention registration complete (including the Ladies' Luncheon!!)
	Convention Ad placed by Council/Assembly/Ladies Auxiliary/Squires Circle
	Delegates and Alternates Registered on State Website(March 31st)
	Delegate slips filled out, printed and sealed by the Financial Secretary
	Charitable Donations Submitted (March 15 th)
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	Council Programs and Necrology Reporting:
Ш	All programs recorded in the State Programs Report Database (March 31st)
	Necrology form filled out and submitted (March 31 st)
	Convention Officer Reports
	☐ GK, DD, State Chairman and State Officer reports submitted (March 15 th)
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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 <u>www.kofc-ms.org</u> 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.





State Program Report

The Mississippi jurisdiction just received the Sacred Heart of Jesus traveling Icon. The Icon is based on a 1767 painting by Pompeo Batoni which is now located in the Church of the Gesù in Rome.

The Icon will begin traveling in mid-February. The schedule will be announced immediately before the Icon's journey begins. The District Deputies will aid in making sure the Icon follows the schedule. When the Icon is in your district, please make sure you share the Icon with the other councils.

It is encouraged to display the Icon during a Holy Hour or Adoration. Prayer cards will be included with the Icon. With the permission of your Parish Priest, the Icon can be displayed at weekend Masses. This Icon is a treat to have in our jurisdiction, let's do our best to do wonderful services with it.





Faith Programs Update Feb. 2025

Worthy Brother Knights,

We hope you and your families had an opportunity to participate in last month's Pro-Life activities.

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 <u>Facebook pages or send in articles and pictures of your activities so that we can post them in the Magnolia Knight.</u> (Send to mak@emac-llc.com)

THE LENT & EASTER SEASON IS APPROACHING

Lent is a period of deep reflection as we prepare for the most sacred celebration, Easter.

<u>Click Here to View on Demand Webinar on Council Preparations for Lent & Easter</u>

(Register to Access Recorded Webinars)

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)

State Catholic Citizenship Essays Due 2/15/25
State Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winners Due 2/26/25

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 2ND 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

Go to Sacred Heart of Jesus Program Information

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









Council 6765
Starkville Pregnancy Care
Center Donation



The End of Original Solitude

"It is not good that the man should be alone; I want to make him a help similar to himself" (Genesis 2:18)



Fresco of God presenting Eve to Adam in the Garden of Eden (Cathedral of St. Peter - Dakovo, Croatia)

"How great is the dignity of chaste wedlock, Venerable Brethren, may be judged best from this that Christ Our Lord, Son of the Eternal Father, having assumed the nature of fallen man, not only, with His loving desire of compassing the redemption of our race, ordained it in an especial manner as the principle and foundation of domestic society and therefore of all human intercourse, but also raised it to the rank of a truly and great sacrament of the New Law, restored it to the original purity of its divine institution, and accordingly entrusted all its discipline and care to His spouse the Church"

Papal Encyclical Casti Connubii (On Christian Marriage) - Pope Pius XI, 1930

Proclaiming the Truth, Beauty and Unchangeable Reality of Marriage

PROCREATIVE | UNITIVE | INDISSOLUABLE

In observance of National Marriage Day February 9 and National Marriage Week February 7-14

Mission of the Family Video Series

The Mission of the Family is a new Knights of Columbus video series that proclaims the truth and beauty of the Catholic vision of marriage and family life in the modern world.



Click <u>here</u> to for more information on the "Mission of the Family" program and to watch all 6 episodes

The Mission of the Family Trailer

Marriage: The Foundation of the Family

Healing in the Family

The Catholic Family in a Post-Christian World

The Gift of Children

Creating a Legacy of Faith

Papal Writings on Marriage and Family

The following are links to key 19th and 20th century papal documents on Marriage and Family.	
1) <u>Familiaris Consortio</u> (On the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World) - Pope John Paul II, 1981	
2) <u>Humanae Vitae (On the Regulation of Birth) - Pope Paul VI, 1968</u>	
3) Address to Midwives on the Nature of their Profession – Pope Pius XII, 1951	
4) <u>Casti Connubii (On Christian Marriage) - Pope Pius XI, 1930</u>	
5) Arcanum (On Christian Marriage) - Pope Leo XIII, 1880	



Knights in Action



Oxford Council 10901 participated in the USCCB Respect Life 9 Days for Life Novena. On the final day of the Novena, Grand Knight Dave Ray led 25 people in a pro-life Rosary at St. John's Parish. The Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon was present at the Rosary.



Fr. A.C. Denis Council 7087 & O.J. Shiyou Assembly 3464

Kiln, MS. Annunciation & St. Matthew the Apostle Parishes

February Anno Domini Nostri Jesu Christi 2025



Council 7087

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Grand Knight – Elbert Cuevas

Brother Knights,

This Sunday, February 2nd, is The Presentation of the Lord. St. Matthew's will celebrate Candlemas with a procession into the church.

We completed another successful Giving Tree this past December where many children from needy families of Hancock Middle School received marvelous gifts for Christmas. Thank you to everyone who participated. Please check out the pictures below.

The Gun Raffle drawing will take place Saturday, February 22nd. Please make sure to finish selling your books of tickets and pick ones up that may have been distributed. Remember, it is through such programs as this that we raise the funds to support our charitable efforts. Check out the flyer below.

Also, don't forget that the Annunciation Catholic Church conducts its "\$800 Giveaway" every month. Tickets are \$50 and each month there is a drawing of \$800. See the details below.

The next KC Council 7087 meeting is on Thursday, February 6th. Please join us and let's plan our future charitable events together!

GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Assembly 3464

Faithful Navigator Elbert Cuevas

Faithful Comptroller Richard Hoda

Faithful Friar

Faithful Captain Wayne J Hoda

Faithful Pilot Philip E Moran

Faithful Purser Mike Ladner

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Faithful Outer Sentinel Alvin W Cuevas

Faithful Admiral Timothy J Cameron

Faithful 3yr Trustee Jed M St Amant

Faithful 2yr Trustee Glenn D Stennett

Faithful 1yr Trustee Roger K Hoda

Elbert

Every Knight joins for a reason: whether to grow in faith, to serve our communities or protect those most in need - we work together to make a difference. There is much work to be done in our world — good work, necessary work — bold acts of heroism, and simple gestures of kindness. Our communities need our help, and we can't do it without men just like you.

KC Council 7087 Gun Raffle

Knights of Columbus, Fr. A.C. Denis Council 7087 Kiln, MS.



4 - Gun Raffle

All tickets drawn go back in. Chance to win all 4 Drawings!

Drawing 1) Henry Golden Boy .22
Rifle

Drawing 2) Browning A-Bolt 270 Rifle

Drawing 3) Smith & Wesson M&P Shield 9mm Auto Pistol

Drawing 4) Mossberg Wood 500 Field



Drawing to be held February 22, 2025 - at ACD Home Hall on 22424 Hwy 603

Winner need not be present.

Guns provided by Davis Sports and Outdoors Picayune, MS.

Giving Tree









ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH, KILN, MS. "\$800 GIVE AWAY DRAWDOWN"



\$800 GIVEN AWAY EACH MONTH FOR 12 MONTHS!

The 1st ticket drawn will receive \$500.

There will be 3 more tickets drawn for \$100 each.

All winners are eligible to win again!

The four drawings will be on the 1st Sunday of every month beginning August 4, 2024.

Tickets are \$50.

For tickets, please contact the parish office, 228-255-1800 Mon.- Fri. 8:30-12:30

Don't miss out!!



Holy Family Assembly 3281

Holy Family Assembly 3281 will meet on Tuesday February 4th in the Parish hall immediately after the 3rd Degree meeting. All Sir Knights are asked to stay after the 3rd Degree meeting and attend.

Congratulations to our Assembly's newest Sir Knight Pete Furze. Pete was a member of the class that was exemplified in Bay St. Louis on Saturday January 18th.

Thanks to Sir Knight Elvis Gates for raising Holy Family Assembly 3281 Banner at the Biloxi Diocese Walk for Life on Sunday January 19th in Biloxi. Great job Sir Knight Gates.





Message from the Editor

Worthy Brothers,

If there are 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.

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Vivat Jesus!

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