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State Deputy Message

Worthy Brother Knights,

March is upon us and with the turning of the calendar page we enter the Lenten Season, when we prepare ourselves in prayer and fasting, so that we might be ready to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Lent is always a busy time for our Councils, across the state, as we lead Lenten Rosary and Station of the Cross services, hold Bible studies and COR meetings, and serve our parishes Friday Fried Fish meals. I want to remind each Knight, that no matter how busy things get, take some extra time to spend some personal time with Our Lord. Please also remember to extend a welcome to all Catholic men to become a brother Knight. Invite a brother Catholic to join the guys in preparing our Friday meals or a to help in leading one of the Lenten services.

The 121st Mississippi State Convention team is also busy getting everything ready for us to gather in Jackson in less than 60 days. The team would like to remind everyone to ***please register*** for the convention as soon as possible and to also book your hotel rooms at the Jackson Hilton. Information for registering is in the pages to follow.

This year's convention will have ***Fewer Meetings, More Free-Time, and Fun Events***. We kickoff the weekend with a Friday Evening Social Event including Great Food, Cash Bar, Live Music, Dancing and Award Presentations. On Saturday, the ladies will have the chance to try their hand a Floral Arrangement before Lunch and enjoy a Wine Tasting Event following lunch. We have scheduled time for a Saturday Afternoon Fraternal Social Hour before having to rush off to get ready for the Saturday Evening Banquet. We encourage all Brother Knights and their Wives to come out and enjoy a great time of fun and fraternity the weekend of April 25-27 at the Hilton in Jackson, MS. You do not have to be a Delegate to attend. All Knights are welcome!

I encourage the Councils to get their Delegates registered, their Programs entered on the State Website, their Best Program Reports submitted, their Donation Checks for the State Funds mailed, and enter their members who have passed away since April 1st onto the Necrology list on the State Website. All of these have a March 15th deadline.

Brothers, I wish all of you and your families a faith filled Lenten Season, the Councils great success in their Lenten meals and I look forward to seeing all of you a next month's State Convention.

Vivat Jesus.

Fraternally,
Guy Heying
State Deputy

*Every Catholic Man deserves the opportunity to be asked
to become a Knight of Columbus.
Invite a man to Join Today!*



State Secretary Report

Worthy Brothers;

February is already gone. 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 State 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 2/3 of the checks so far. I will be contacting those who have not paid in the near future.

All donations to our State Charitable Funds are also starting to come in. With Easter being late and fish fry's happening later, let's hope that your council can still find the funds to get those donations in. Please use the Donation Form found on the State Website. Remember, if they are sent in after the deadline, they will be rolled over to next year's donations. Please continue to support all of our worthy causes.

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



**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:

- Hilton Jackson Hotel - Make reservations directly with hotel.
- Use Code: KC25 (Cannot be combined with Hilton Honor points or discounts of any kind)
- To Register Call: 601-957-2800
- To Book Online:
<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=JANJHHF&groupCode=KC25&arrivaldate=2025-04-24&departuredate=2025-04-27&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>
- 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.

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

Ladies Auxiliary and Ladies Luncheon:

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

Luncheon contact: Kerrie Heying, Chair Ladies Luncheon: _____

Convention Committee Contacts:

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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)

Convention Registration Site:

- Best Activity forms completed and submitted (March 15th)
- Best Vocations Project Form submitted (March 15th)
- Best Council write-up completed and submitted (March 15th)
- Family of the Year form completed and submitted (March 15th)
- Knight of the Year form completed and submitted (March 15th)
- 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 15th)

Council Programs and Necrology Reporting:

- All programs recorded in the State Programs Report Database (March 31st)
- Necrology form filled out and submitted (March 31st)

Convention Officer Reports

- GK, DD, State Chairman and State Officer reports submitted (March 15th)

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 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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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](#)



State Program Report

Brother Knights

As State Program Director, I have always believed that one of the most important things the Order does is to put our FAITH IN ACTION! The Knights of Columbus in Mississippi are encouraged to improve putting our FAITH IN ACTION! We need to support our FAITH and be strong attendees at Masses.

Pretty soon, the Lenten season will be upon us as well as the Easter Triduum. Last year, I had the opportunity to celebrate the Easter Triduum with family members in another state. I was able to attend Easter Sunday Mass at the Parish in which I was Baptized. I was discouraged by the attendance at this Mass at this Parish. Easter is the most important part of the Liturgical calendar. As a Knight of Columbus, I would like to make a difference and improve Mass attendance during the Easter Triduum.

The Knights of Columbus has a program titled Good Friday Family Promotion. The purpose of the program is to increase the attendance by families at the Good Friday services. This program also will educate families about the importance of Good Friday in our FAITH. I'm ambitious, I would like to see Knights of Columbus in Mississippi encourage families in our Parish to attend all three services during the Easter Triduum.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday on March 5th, the Knights should begin promoting Easter Triduum Mass attendance in their respective Parishes. Councils can have discussions about this subject at their business meetings. Councils can order prayer cards and flyers for distribution at Masses or Lenten Fish Fries. Brother Knights can invite prospective new members to join them in attending a church service during the Easter Triduum.

I am looking forward to visiting with everybody at the State Convention the weekend after Easter. I thoroughly enjoy fraternizing with my Brother Knights while discussing the successes and future plans of each council among other things. Have a good spring!

Jacob Eftink
State Program Director
Mississippi Jurisdiction



Catholic Prohibitions Against In-Vitro Fertilization and Various Assisted Reproductive Technologies

A Collection of Key Catholic Documents

“The teaching of the Church is founded upon the inseparable connection, willed by God and unable to be broken by man on his own initiative, between the two meanings of the conjugal act: the unitive meaning and the procreative meaning.”

Papal Encyclical Humanae Vitae (On the Regulation of Birth), Pope Paul VI, 1968)

God completes His creative act in cooperation with married procreative love through the “one-flesh” union proper only to husband and wife. Cardinal Carlo Caffarra once said, “God celebrates His creative act in the holy temple of conjugal love”. Because God’s creative act is an act of love, the child deserves, and it is only fitting, that he or she be brought into being through a human love act that is worthy of cooperating with God’s creative love.

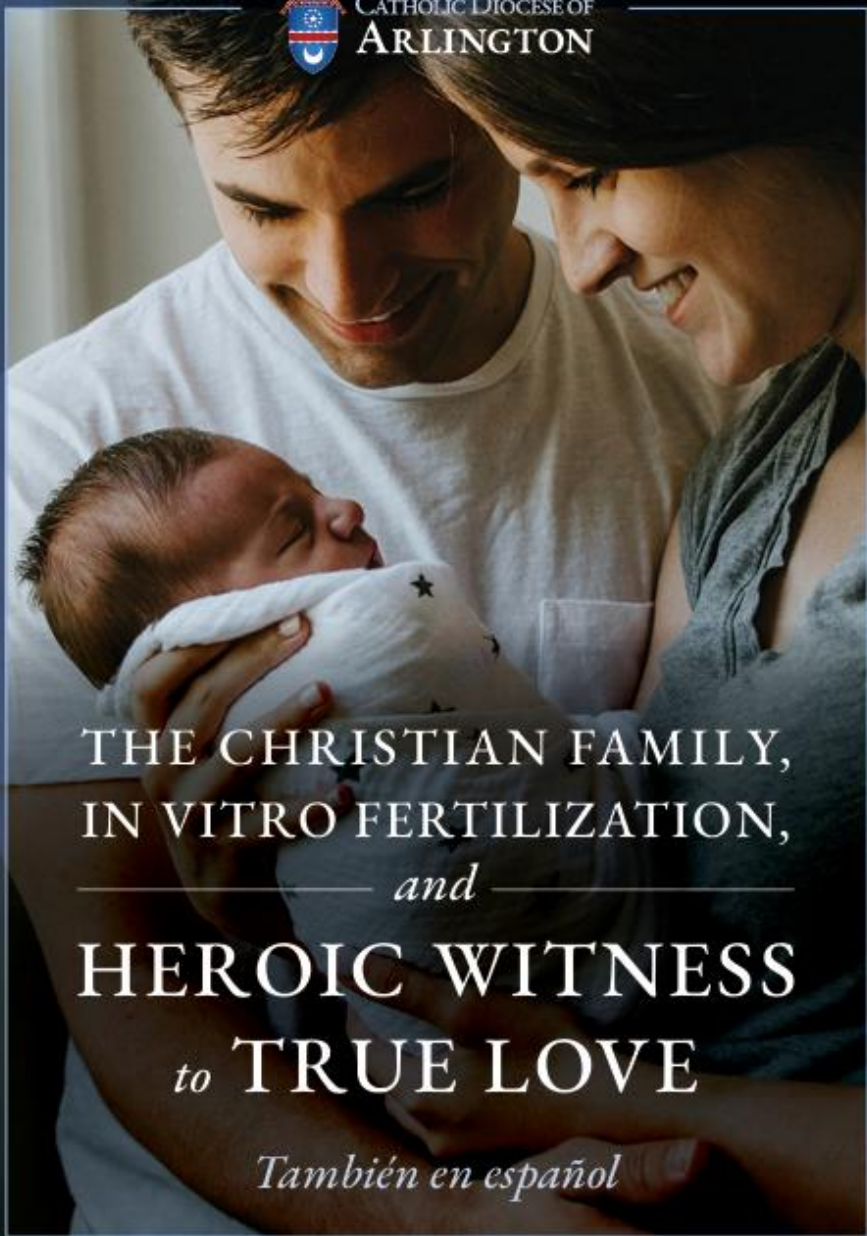
Just as contraception separates the *unitive* from the *procreative* ends of marriage, In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF) and the various forms of Assisted Reproductive Technologies (e.g., artificial insemination, surrogacy, human cloning) separate the *procreative* from its *unitive* ends. Through IVF, new human life originates outside the sexual joining of the married man and woman in a lab setting under medical supervision. IVF advances a eugenic and abortive mindset. There is a tendency to view the child as a “right” or “product” and not a gift whom God entrusts to the parents’ care as a visible and permanent sign of their love. Since more embryos (human persons) are created than needed, the unwanted embryos are aborted or frozen. In fact, a recent [National Catholic Register](#) article cited Center for Disease Control statistics which claimed IVF causes more than double the number of abortions than directly-procured abortions.


In his January 2025 Pastoral Letter titled “*The Christian Family, In Vitro Fertilization, and Heroic Witness to True Love*” (see next page for link), Arlington VA Diocese Bishop Michael Burbridge cited a recent and disturbing Pew survey that stated 65% of American Catholics view IVF access as a ‘good’. We hope that our membership will use the resources in the following pages to educate themselves, their families and others and reduce that percentage.



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Click [HERE](#) to Access Bishop Burbridge's Pastoral Letter & Video



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IN VITRO FERTILIZATION,
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A Pastoral Letter





MOST REVEREND MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE
BISHOP OF ARLINGTON



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Additional Reading on Assisted Reproductive Technologies

The table below contains links to Catholic documents on IVF and other Assisted Reproductive Technologies. These documents are listed in ascending order of publication.

Document Title (Linked)	QR Code
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Moral Problem of Artificial Insemination</u> Cardinal Carlo Caffarra, 1980 Founding President, Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Donum Vitae (Instruction on Respect for Human Life in its Origin and on the Dignity of Procreation)</u> Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (future Pope Benedict XVI), 1987 Prefect, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Begotten Not Made: A Catholic View of Reproductive Technology</u> John M. Haas, Ph.D., S.T.L., 1998 President Emeritus, National Catholic Bioethics Center</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Dignitas Personae (Instruction on Certain Bioethical Questions)</u> Cardinal William Levada, 2008 Prefect, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith</p>	



Sacred Heart of Jesus Schedule



Attached is the schedule for the Sacred Heart of Jesus traveling Icon. Please schedule with your District Deputies during your district's time period.

If you have any questions about the schedule, contact State Program Director Jacob Eftink

Schedule		
District	Start	End
Northern Districts		
District 1	2/13/2025	3/26/2025
District 2	3/27/2025	5/7/2025
District 14	5/8/2025	6/18/2025
District 4	6/19/2025	7/30/2025
District 3	7/31/2025	9/10/2025
District 6	9/11/2025	10/22/2025
District 5	10/23/2025	12/3/2025
Southern Districts		
District 7	2/13/2025	3/26/2025
District 8	3/27/2025	5/7/2025
District 13	5/8/2025	6/18/2025
District 12	6/19/2025	7/30/2025
District 11	7/31/2025	9/10/2025
District 15	9/11/2025	10/22/2025
District 10	10/23/2025	12/3/2025
District 9	12/4/2025	1/4/2026

Knights in Action



Past District Deputy Mark Dye and Community Program Chairman Jay Nguyen of Council 8848 display the Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart of Jesus ICON at Saint James Catholic Church in Tupelo for the 2/23/2025 Masses. The ICON was present for an exemplification held after the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass.



Council 15131 Knight Steven Cochran recently attained the status of Colonel with the Army National Guard here in the Jackson metro area. Aside from his military duties all week Steve is married with 3 children. He is our Deputy Grand Knight and Membership Director here at Council 15131.

Several members of St Richard Church attended his pinning. Knights of Columbus were there to proudly to support our brother Knight. Fr Joe Tonos of St Richard gave the invocation and Fr Andre Beaudoin was in attendance also. Attached are three photos from the event.



Knights in Action (continued)

Council 11541



Council 11541 in Gulfport announces their upcoming fish fries at Saint James, all Fridays of Lent beginning March 14. Each plate is \$12 and includes piping-hot catfish and french fries, cold drinks, and delicious side dishes and dessert. Dine-in or takeout available.

Also, council members recently helped St. James Catholic School with storing supplies for their Santa Shop program. Students can purchase these items this upcoming Christmas season for friends and family, making their shopping a breeze while providing income for the school.



Several council members participated in the Diocese of Biloxi Rosary Rally and Walk for Life on January 19. Attached is a photo of council treasurer Nathan Cothorn and his children Patrick and Hannah, presenting the gifts to Bishop Kihnemann during the Rosary Rally Mass at Nativity Cathedral in Biloxi. (Photo credit to Juliana Skelton with the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi.)

Installation of Fr. Mark as Pastor of Annunciation Parish



Annunciation Catholic Church \$800 Give Away Drawdown

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!!



On February 13, 2025 members of Monsignor Leech Council 4472 of the Knights of Columbus in Pass Christian Mississippi presented Police Chief Daren Freeman and his staff with a donation of winter coats to be distributed to those children in need in our local schools as part of the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Program. Since 2009 the Annual Program has provided over 1 million winter coats for children in need around the country. Once again, good things come from Community Policing and the partnership between our local men and women in blue with the Knights of Columbus.

Brother Tony Diaz del Valle PGK, Grand Knight Christopher Smythe, Brother Rusty Bohn PGK, Brother Greg Niolet PGK, and Brother Daren Freeman Chief of Police, and members of the Pass Christian Police Force with Coats to be distributed by the Police Department School Resource Officers. Thanks to Chief Darren and the Pass Christian Police Department for their Help with our Coats for Kids

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Donald Rafferty 3/17/1988 37 Years, Dewayne Mallini 3/1/1990 35 Years, Deacon Hector Garcia Jr. 3/1/1993 32 Years, Rev. Trong Trinh 3/27/1999 26 Years, Carl Mayeaux 3/16/2003 22 Years, Doug Kouba 3/1/2005 20 Years, Stephen Schruff 3/27/2008 17 Years, John Putnam 3/10/2010 15 Years, Charles Saussy 3/11/2011 14 Years, David Spence 3/14/2013 12 Years, Richard Alarcon 3/20/2014, Jeremy Mayeaux 3/20/2014 11Years, Kevin Trochesset Jr. 3/15/2016, Joseph Church 3/18/2017 8 Years, John Hayden Jr. 3/26/2017 8 Years, Kendall Dunn 3/22/2018 7 Years, Stuart Farr 3/22/2018 7 Years, Kirk Kimball 3/14/2021 4 Years, Donald DeMetz 6/13/2022 3 Years, Nicholas Guillot 3/22/2024 1 Year.



Police Officers with Coats



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.

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

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Vivat Jesus!

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