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## State Deputy Message

Welcome Brother Knights,



December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of Mary, 8 December, but the Catholic church also places Mary's Divine Maternity at the threshold of a new fiscal year.

During November we remembered our past, and now Mary as the Ark of the New Covenant will usher in a new year and all that it holds for us. We have accomplished much in the last nine months, but we still have three months left in the State Fraternal Year to complete what we had planned to complete.

Now is the time to account for what you have accomplished and what you still need to accomplish before 30 March and the close of the State Fraternal Year. To assist you in this effort. I am attaching a pre-convention checkoff sheet to assist you in this effort. I am also providing a list of some of the reports and actions that you must accomplish in the near future. Please pay attention to the attached calendars as well.

District Deputies, I expect that each of you have completed your required 944 submission. Please monitor the submission of all reports by your councils and assist where needed.

As another reminder, we will have only a single Mid-Winter meeting this year. A registration Tool has been added to the State Website ([Mississippi Knights of Columbus \(kofc-ms.org\)](http://MississippiKnightsOfColumbus.com)) for registering for the 10 December Meeting in Flowood, MS at St. Paul Catholic Church 5971 Hwy 25. All GKs, DGKs, and FSs are encouraged to attend, but at least one member of each council should be present. Registration will help Council 10216 gauge the amount of food that they will need to prepare for a lite lunch. A tip buck will be available to help defray the cost of the meal.

In closing, I hope that you and yours have a Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year's Holiday. Please keep in mind that we need everyone's strength and input to make things work. It is only through participation that we can feel true fraternity with our fellow Knights.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus,  
Roy Gamez  
State Deputy Mississippi Jurisdiction



# End of the Year Checkoff Sheet

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

## **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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1. IRS 990 Tax Exempt Reporting – IRS Website – Before Council Audit but at least by 15 April
  2. Free Throw Program Report – 10787 – 31 January
  3. Fraternal Activities Report – 1728 (online) – 31 January
  4. Special Olympics Report – 10787 – 31 January
  5. Semi-Annual Audit – 1295 (Include 990 Info) – 15 February

December 2022

*State Deputy Calendar*

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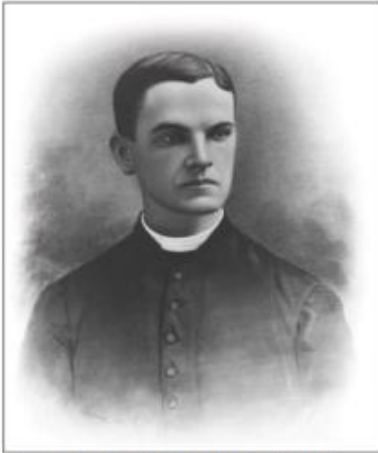
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## Blessed Michael J. McGivney



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

### **August 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.

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## 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.



## 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](mailto: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  
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January 2023

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## **Knights in Action**

### **Council 7854**

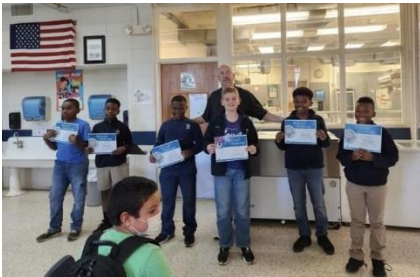


Look what the Knights are up to at the Carmelites. They noticed that this handicap ramp built by the Knights was in need of a good cleaning. Thanks to Mike Harkins and others, the entire ramp was pressure washed and stained with a deck protective substance.

A donation of two dozen new winter jackets to the Morton Community and Learning Center was made.



### **Council 802**



Congratulations to this year's winners of Council 802's Soccer Challenge!



**Knights in Action (continued)**

**Council 14051/Assembly 3081**



Newest members presented their 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Certificates.



Lt. Col Bill Horne PFN and current Color Corps Commander was honored by the Olive Branch High School ROTC for his continued work with the students at OBHS. Congratulations Sir Knight!



KCs served the PREP students dinner and hosted the art activity-Keep Christ in Christmas.

## Knights in Action (continued)

### More from Council 14051/Assembly 3081

The following are pictures of the Honor Guard from the Funeral Mass of PGK Clinton P Hegwood Jr.



Spaghetti luncheon put on by Knights at Queen of Peace Catholic Church.



Smoked Turkey fundraiser for Thanksgiving.



## Knights in Action (continued)

### Council 898/Assembly 558



Trivia Night with the Knights.



Food drive for the Storehouse Community Food Pantry of Vicksburg, MS at Corner Market. 1640 lbs of food and a little over \$1300 in cash!



Annual Turkey Dinner hosted by Knights.

Also, the Ladies Auxiliary hosted a Bake Sale.



## Knights in Action (continued)

### More from Council 898/Assembly 558



Knights celebrating a Memorial Mass with Fr. Robert Dore officiating. This Mass honors deceased Knights over the past year.



Dinner appreciation for First Responders.

### Council 16433



St Clare Knights of Columbus Council 16433 and Assembly 3837 had their annual "Fried Turkey Fundraiser."

The knights prepared 84 turkeys. In conjunction with St. Vincent de Paul, St Clare Conference the turkeys and other food was donated to 17 families.



## Knights in Action (continued)

### Council 11934



Veteran's Day Ceremony in the Cemetery at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Gluckstadt.

Followed by a reception in the Parish Hall sponsored by Council 11934.



(Left) Coats for Kids Delivery to Father Sanchez, Pastor at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Carthage.

(Right) Cornhole Tournament to benefit ASAP Program. Eight teams competed. Winners pictured with Chairman Samuel Rust, Chancellor of Council 11934.



Truckload of baby supplies delivered to Born Free/ New Beginnings and received by Ms. Barbara Courtney, Asst. at BFN.

## Knights in Action (continued)

### Council 9094



Council 9094 Parishioner Appreciation Barbeque a bit cold good turn out. It was a lot of fun. Good bonding time for MROD (Men Road to Discipleship) lightning fires, pulling pork, and watching football. a fish fry.



Fish, Beer, and good people successful and decent turn out.



### Assembly 559



(Left) Sir Knight Ricky Warren was honored in Natchez by the Home With Heros for his work with the Scouts and throughout the community.

(Right) Darren Cowart and Eddie Stutzman, lead the procession with the flags for Christ The King from St Mary Basilica to the bluff. Other members, Jim Maier, Joe Garrity, Joey Gunning and Cam Huff, carry the canopy down Main Street.



**Exemplification of our newest members  
Brothers John Huck & Elijah Williams.**



## Years of Service

Greg Niolet 12/1/1976 46 Years, Richard Ward 12/19/2001 21 Years, James Fowler II 12/17/2003 19 Years, Alan Bradford Jr. 12/6/2016 6 Years, Eric Brown 12/15/2016 6 Years, Anthony Piazza 12/15/2016 6 Years, William Ware 12/15/2016 6 Years, Clyde Schepens 12/7/2017 5 Years, Joshua Perrone 12/21/2021 1 Year.

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## Brother Tony Investing Candidates with the Rosary of Mary







## **Good of the Order**

- SK Clinton P. Hegewood, PGK of Council 14051 in Olive Branch has passed away. Please pray for Pat and his family.
- Brother Norm Nyary, Council 9409, Biloxi, passed away. Please keep Norm, his wife Janie, and their family in your prayers. May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
- Please pray for Bobby Folsom, Faithful Comptroller Assembly 558, member Council 898, Vicksburg. Bobby had a stroke and was put on life support and was unresponsive. Keep him and his family in your prayers.
- From David Morris, Council 7211: My sweet daddy gained his heavenly wings early this morning. He was the most amazing man, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was honorable and loyal and faithful. He is now at peace. Please continue to pray for my sweet mama and our family.
- PSD Dave Atterbury is in a Senior Citizen's home undergoing rehabilitation for balance as he has fallen several times. Please keep Dave and his wife Ann in your prayers.