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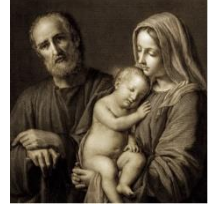
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State Deputy Message



Welcome Brother Knights to
“Ordinary Time”. This month’s

theme is based on the Holy Family. It is a time of preparations for
Lent and the Passion of Christ.

We should also be preparing our councils for the upcoming
State Convention. Much hard work has occurred to make this
year’s convention a reality and it is each council responsibility to
ensure that we help make it as informative and enjoyable event by
doing our part in preparing and submitting required reports and
documenting all of our council’s programs.

The registration of Delegates, updating of the necrology
database for the state, and registering for the convention along with
a host of other information is now available on the state website
home page (<https://www.kofc-ms.org/convention/2023/>). Don’t
wait to the last second to get your council registered.

The convention is time for each council to highlight its
programs and growth. It is only through the hard work of you the
individual councils that Mississippi is recognized. Without your
hard work we are just another state chapter.

I also hope that each council has completed its

- 1728 Reporting to Supreme,
- 10784 Special Olympics reporting to Supreme,
- their semi-annual Council Audits,
- and Council should consider submitting their 990_E-
Postcard submission to the IRS (unless your Council uses a
financial cycle other than January-December).

In closing, I hope that you and yours had a Happy and Safe
Mardi Gras Season. 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

February 2023

State Deputy Calendar

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End of the Year Checkoff Sheet

- 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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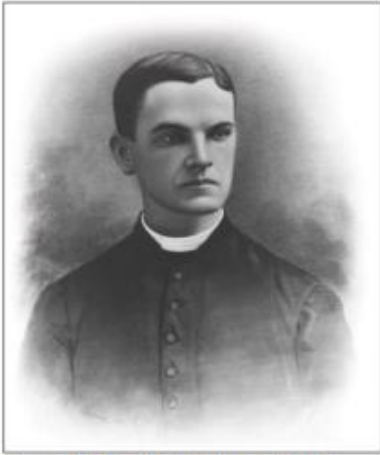
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Blessed Michael J. McGivney



*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.

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 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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March 2023

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Knights in Action

Ukrainian Mass for Peace at Our Lady of the Gulf Bay St. Louis 14 January 2023



In attendance were Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi Archdiocese of Mobile; Bishop Louis F. Kihneman, III Diocese of Biloxi, MS; Bishop Vitaliy Kryvytskyi, S.D.B Diocese of Kyiv-Zhytomyr, Ukraine; and Most Reverend Marcelo Sanchez Sorondo Chancellor Emeritus of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences



State Officers in attendance



State Deputy Gets Blessing

Knights in Action

Council 14051/Assembly 3081



Memorial Mass for Felix Kristian Sandio, Younger brother of Fr. Ardi, Scj at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Olive Branch.

Council 898



The winners of this year's freethrow contest

Knights in Action

Standing behind the degree team and between the Color Corps are the 9 newest members of the 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus who participated in a Patriotic Degree held at Holy Savior Catholic Church in Clinton.





Good of the Order

- It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Sir Knight, Albert Jones of Holly Springs. Albert was a proud member of Assembly 3081 in Olive Branch. Please keep his wife Jacquelin and their family in your prayers. Eternal rest granted unto him O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen
- Please keep DD Lonnie Treadaway in your prayers. He will be undergoing a kidney transplant this month. May God allow that his body accepts the transplant, and for a speedy recovery.