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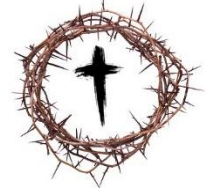
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State Deputy Message



Welcome Brother Knights to “Lent.” This month’s theme is based on St. Joseph. It is a time of preparations for the Passion of Christ.

By the time you read this edition of the Magnolia Knight, your council should be well on its way to preparing for the upcoming State Convention. Much hard work goes into making each year’s convention a reality. If you have never been part of a convention committee, it is like organizing the biggest council program that you can imagine times five.

Each council, however, is responsible for documenting its council programs, submitting required reports, assigning and registering delegates, consider purchasing of a council advertisement for inclusion in the convention program, making charitable donations, and updating of the necrology database for deceased members.

Convention information is 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. All council reports and registrations need to be completed by 31 March 2023.

In closing, I hope that you each have a great Lenten season and programs. 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

March 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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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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April 2023

State Deputy Calendar

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Knights in Action



Congratulations to the men of Holy Savior Council 7854. They earned the Columbian Award for outstanding service

Council 2180



Knights in Laurel participating in a chili cook off

Knights in Action (continued)

Council 898



Council 898 wishes to thank Corner Market and the people of Vicksburg/Warren County for another very successful food drive to benefit the Storehouse Community Food Pantry. They collected over \$1300 in cash and an estimated 1,500 pounds of non-perishable food.



Knights cooking a fish meal for the Haven House Family Shelter



Council 14051



THANK YOU to Bryan Smith and Lexus of Memphis for donating these Awesome Grizzlies Tickets to our 'Create a Memory' contest! Grizzlies Super-fan Steven Dudas won the tickets and brought his brother Shawn (and his mom & dad) to the game where they cheered their team to victory!

Knights in Action (continued)

St. James Council 11541 conducted a new member initiation. Pictured are the State Deputy, Council GK Jack Healy, DD # 15 John Barnes, and the 2 newest members. Congratulations Brothers!





Knights of Columbus
Bishop R.D. Gerow Council 1034
August J. Stone Assembly 559
NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2023

COUNCIL 1034 MEMBER ATTENDS MARCH FOR LIFE

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2-13 KC Business Meeting
6:30 pm
- 2-14 Valentine's Day
- 2-21 Mardi Gras
- 2-22 Ash Wednesday
- 2-24 Lenten Fish Fry
3 pm – until
- 2-27 KC Potluck Dinner
6:30 pm



Brother Jay Gamberi (Council 1034) and daughter, Gracie, at the March for Life in Washington, D.C. in January.

Brothers,

We begin the month on a slow pace but are fast approaching one of our busiest times of the year. The weekly Lenten Fish Fry is due to begin on February 24 at the FLC. Prep work begins at 3 pm with meals served from 5 to 7 pm followed by clean up. All help is welcome and greatly appreciated.



Good of the Order

- Please continue to keep DD Lonnie Treadaway in your prayers during his recovery from kidney transplant surgery.
- Please pray for Stephen Frazier's wife of Council 7120. She is in the hospital in serious condition.
- Keep Ken Lubbers from Council 7120, and his wife, in your prayers. They are both dealing with health issues.
- Pray for the grandmother of Council 7120's GK Daniel Godwin. She is in a swing bed in the hospital dealing with complications from various health conditions. She seems to be doing ok right now. Just please pray that she continues to improve.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul for the brother of Bill Heath, former DD #9. He passed away after suffering a stroke. Keep his family in your prayers.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sir Knight Don Schwartz. Pray for his family and friends during this time of his passing. He was a member of Laurel Council 1908 and Assembly 563. Don has served the Knights for 47 years with various assemblies and councils and has been a member of the Laurel Knights for many years. He will be missed by his Brother KCs.
- Brother Knight Rick Darrah, Council 9409, Biloxi is in the hospital. He will be in there for a few weeks. Please keep him in your prayers as he goes through these trying times.