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State Deputy Message

Happy Spring Brother Knights.



Traditionally, April is dedicated to the Holy Eucharist. Just as April showers bring May flowers, I hope that your preparations for our State Convention are nearly complete.

There are a couple of items that all Councils should keep in mind. The first is that any Council that is not current with its State Per Capita is subject to having its delegates not seated at the convention. As a result, we will be accepting checks on the day of registration, but please try to submit your payments before your arrival. Secondly, each Council should have all their State Programs documented and Supreme Reports up to date to be eligible for State Awards. So, please get your activities documented and all required reports completed and submitted.

On the following page is another copy of the Convention checkoff sheet for your information and use. I am also attaching an abbreviated convention agenda in this issue for your information. I look forward to seeing many of you at the convention in Meridian, April 28-30. Please come and enjoy the fellowship.

April is also the start of a new State Fraternal Year. Please take some time to pull a report of what you accomplished last year from the State Directory to help with your planning for your next year. Ben Mokry, our Webmaster, has developed several very useful reports for your use.

In closing, I know that this has been a tough year for some councils. Coming back alive after the COVID-19 Shutdowns has not been an easy task, but we have come through the storm, and we will hopefully have a smoother time during the 2023-2024 timeframe.

Please ensure that all delegates and State Officers planning on attending this year's convention have registered for the convention

and have made their room reservations. There is plenty of information on the state website to complete both actions. I look forward to seeing all of you at the convention in Meridian.

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



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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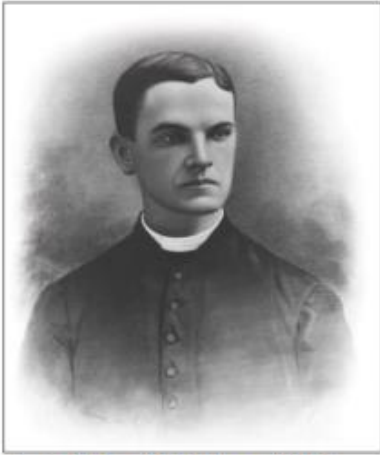
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Blessed Michael J. McGivney



*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.

April 2023

State Deputy Calendar

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Abbreviated State Convention Ageda
27, 28 29 & 30 April 2023
Meridian, Mississippi

Friday, 28 April 2023

- 8:00 a.m. Votive Mass for Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney– State Chaplain, Father Mike Austin, St. Patrick’s
- 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Breakfast – Father Vally Room, St. Patrick’s Parish Center
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. State Officers Meeting – Board Room 4, Fourth Floor
- 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Convention Registration – Grand Lobby
- 1:00 – 5:30 p.m. Delegate Registration – Right Booth, Rear of Theater
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. District Deputies Meeting – Classroom 3C, Third Floor
- 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Mississippi District, Fourth Degree Meeting – Meeting Room 3B, Third Floor (4th Degree Members ONLY)
- 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Banner procession rehearsal (NOTE: Upon arrival, banners and stands are to be placed in the “Charles Young Exhibit Hall”.)
- 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. FIRST BUSINESS SESSION – Theater, 2nd Floor (3rd Degree Members ONLY)

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SOCIAL

- 6:15 p.m. Cash Bar Opens – Grand Lobby and Lobby
- 6:45 p.m. Friday Night Dinner Social-Honoring Clergy and Religious – Charles Young Exhibit Hall
**“NOTE: The Friday Night Dinner is Business Casual for all except the head tables.”
(All men seated at the head tables will be dark suits and appropriate lady’s attire.)**
- 9:00 – p.m. Hospitality Rooms Open

Saturday, 29 April 2023

- 8:00 – a.m. Memorial Mass w/Necrology of Deceased Members and Wives – St Patrick’s- Concelebrated Mass with Bishop Kopacz as Principal Celebrant - Necrology by State Secretary, Guy Heying
- 9:00 –10:00 a.m. Donuts & Coffee – Father Vally Room, St. Patrick’s Parish Center
- 9:30 –11:30 a.m. Chaplain Meeting – St. Patrick’s Family Life Center
- 9:00 –10:00 a.m. Convention Registration – Grand Lobby
- 9:00 –10:00 a.m. Delegate Registration – Right Booth, Rear of Theater
- 9:00 – 5:00 p.m. Adoration – Classroom 4B
- 10:00 – 11:45 a.m. CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1. Convention Awards Voting (10:00 – 11:45) – State Program Director, Ted Lander

NOTE: The following committees will meet in the rooms indicated During the time period indicated above.

- a. Faith – Meeting Room 2D, Second Floor
- b. Public Relations – Meeting Room 2A, Second Floor
- c. Community – Meeting Room 2A, Second Floor
- d. Life – Meeting Room 2B, Second Floor
- e. Family Life – Meeting Room 2B, Second Floor
- f. Vocations – Meeting Room 2D, Second Floor
- g. Disaster Relief – Meeting Room 2C, Second Floor



Saturday, 29 April 2023 (continued)

2. The following committees meet at the times and in the rooms indicated:
- a. Credentials Committee (10:00-10:30) – State Secretary, Guy Heying, Board Room 3, Third Floor
 - b. Convention Committee (10:30-11:45) – William Nix/Richard Greenwold, Board Room 3, Third Floor
 - c. K of C Audit (10:00-10:45)– Jerry Schmuck, PSD, Meeting Room 3D, Third Floor
 - d. Mileage and Per Diem (10:45-11:45) – Acting State Treasurer, Philip Jabour, Meeting Room 3B, Third Floor
 - e. Resolutions Committee (10:00-11:45) – State Advocate – Kenny Gonzales, Board Room 4, Fourth Floor
- 10:00 – 12:00 p.m. State Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting – The Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Experience (The MAX)
 - 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Past State Deputies Luncheon – Weidmann's Restaurant
 - 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. District Deputies and Former District Deputies Luncheon – Threefoot Hotel
 - 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Ladies Luncheon – The Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Experience (The MAX)
 - 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch – On your own
 - 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. SECOND BUSINESS SESSION – Theater, 2nd Floor (3rd Degree Members ONLY)
 - 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. EVANGLEIZATION and FAITH FORMATION – Theater, 2nd Floor (Open to everyone)

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

NOTE: The Saturday Night Banquet is Formal Dress. (All participating in the procession, Sate Officers, District Deputies, Program Director, Membership Director, Past State Deputies, Ladies Auxiliary President, etc. [White Tux and Formal Wear {Long Dresses}])

- 6:00 – p.m. Cash Bar Open - Grand Lobby and Lobby
- 6:00 – p.m. Dignitaries Assemble for Procession – Studio Theater
- 6:00 – p.m. Color Guard Assembles – Studio Theater
- 6:30 – p.m. Doors to Banquet room opened – Charles Young Exhibit Hall
- 9:00 – p.m. K of C Insurance Social, Meridian Museum of Art Sunday, 30 April 2023

Sunday, 30 April 2023

- 8:00 – a.m. Concelebrated Convention Mass with Bishop Kopacz as Principal Celebrant – St Patrick's
- 9:00 –10:00 a.m. Donuts & Coffee – St. Patrick's Family Life Center
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Credentials Committee – State Secretary, Guy Heying, Board Room 3, Third Floor
- 10:30 – a.m. THIRD BUSINESS SESSION – Charles Young Exhibit Hall, 1st Floor (*3rd Degree Members ONLY*). Election of new State Officers.



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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May 2023

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Knights in Action

Several Councils held Fish Fry's during Lent.

Council 14051



Council 898



Council 9673



Council 9673 invited 3 new members into the Knights of Columbus.

Knights in Action (continued)

Council 802



New ultrasound machine at Center for Pregnancy Choices thanks to the continued support from Council 802!

These group of Knights helped clean up the grounds and exterior of the KC Hall.



Council 898



St. Patrick's Day social. Irish Stew, shepherd's pie, and soda bread!



Knights in Action (continued)

Council 14051/Assembly 3081



Sir Knights serving Honor Guard during Eucharistic adoration after Holy Thursday's Mass!



Assembly 3081 lead the congregation in the Stations of the Cross.



Grand Knight Alan Wier and PID Director Jeff Bell present a check for \$4,100. to the Directors of SOMS Area16, Mary & Dwayne Wims. Pictured with them are Special Olympics team members and members of the Knights of Columbus.



Knights in Action (continued)



Holy Thursday Mass and Eucharistic Adoration from Most Holy Trinity Parish. Honor Guard from Assembly 3625.



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



March 2023

MISS-LOU PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER RECEIVES DONATION FROM COUNCIL 1034

UPCOMING EVENTS

3-13 KC Business Meeting
6:30 pm

3-17 St. Patrick's Day
(No Fish Fry)

2-21 Mardi Gras

3-24 Lenten Fish Fry
3 pm – until

3-27 KC Potluck Dinner
6:30 pm (TBD)

3-31 Lenten Fish Fry
3 pm - until



Brother Kevin Friloux (Council 1034) presents check to Ms. Kimberly DeLoach, Director of the Miss-Lou Pregnancy Resource Center.

Brothers,

We kicked off the Lenten Fish Fry on February 24 and we have had an outstanding response each week. Many thanks to all of who have supported the cause and a special thanks to those who have helped with prep, serving and clean-up. All help is greatly appreciated!



Good of the Order

- Keep the wife of FN Matt Hatch, Karen, from Assembly 2195 in your prayers as she recovers from health issues.
- Please keep DD Lonnie Treadaway in your prayers as he recovers from a kidney transplant.
- Please keep SK ken Lubbers and his wife, Wanda, in your prayers as they deal with health complications.
- Pray for all who needs God's intervention.