

2021/2022 State Officers

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State Deputy Message

Welcome to Eastertime,

Christ has risen, the Convention is done, and the State Fraternal Year starts anew. Traditionally, May is a month of renewal. I hope that the lessons we learned last year will springboard us into renewed vigor in the performance of community, faith, family and life programs for our church and community.



With this in mind, we voted in a new slate of State Officers during the Meridian Convention. They will take up their new positions and responsibilities July 1st. The new State Officers include:

State Deputy	Guy Herring
State Secretary	Kenny Gonzales
State Treasurer	Charles Hahn
State Advocate	Aaron Achord
State Warden	Lonnie Treadaway
IP State Deputy	Roy Gamez

May is also a time of reflection. Each council should run a 1728 and SP-7 excel file report from the State Programs Database and a special council meeting consisting of current and proposed officers to discuss plans for their next fraternal year based on what was accomplished this year and where they can make improvements. Having a plan of what you want to execute each month will help make your planning easier as you approach the execution each month.

Many awards were given out during the recent Meridian Convention. I hope to see your council among the reward recipients during next year's convention on the coast in Biloxi, MS. Reward recipients this year included:

Award Category	Recipient	Award Category	Recipient
Best Faith Awards	1 st Council 8848	Best Life	1 st Council 11934
	2 nd Council 802		2 nd Council 8848
	3 rd Council 1522		3 rd Council 1522
Best Family	1 st Council 1522	Best Vocations	Council 8848
	2 nd Council 10901	Best Council Awards	Large – Council 1522
	3 rd Council 802		Medium – Council 11934
Best Community	1 st Council 10901	Knight of Year	Teddy Harder Council 9094
	2 nd Council 8848	Family of the Year	James Gregory Family Council 802
	3 rd Council 1522	DD of the Year	DD#12 Bill Clark



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Honor Councils	Council 2180	Best Vocation Prog.	Council 8848
	Council 7854	Top Recruiters	James Huff Council 1034
	Council 9094		David Seymour Council 9094
Superior Councils	Council 898	Top Recruiting Councils	Council 14051
	Council 7120		Council 9094
	Council 8848	Councils Exceeding 100% Goal	Council 1034
	Council 9124		Council 1605
	Council 10901		Council 9094
Council of Excellence	Council 1134		
Best Councils	1522 (Large)	Council 1134	Council 14051
	11934 (Medium)	Council 14051	Council 16433
Top Gerow Funders	Council 802	Pro-Life Awards	Council 802
	Council 4898		Council 9543
Highest Gerow Funders Per Capita	Council 802		Council 1605
	Council 4898		Council 2180

In closing, I want to thank all of the convention delegates, State Officers, and especially Council 802 and Richard Greenwold for making this convention a reality and success. I also want to thank all the councils who took the time to prepare activities and write-ups for submission to the Meridian Convention and sent Delegates. It is only through participation that we can feel true fraternity with our fellow knights, and I felt a lot of fraternity throughout the convention in Meridian.

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

Blessed Michael J. McGivney



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

This 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.




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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
leonard.temple@gmail.com



Note from Our State Deputy Elect

Worthy Brothers All,

It is with great humility and excitement that I am able to write to you as your new State Deputy Elect for the very first time. I am honored and grateful that you Brother Knights have placed your trust in me to lead the Knights of Columbus organization in our State of Mississippi over the next fraternal year.

I wanted to let you each know that I am busily putting together the state team that will be serving you in the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year, and I am enthusiastic about the Brother Knights who are joining me to assist and guide the Council across the State of Mississippi.

As we enter the new year, I look forward to seeing us grow the good works of the Knights of Columbus as we expand our engagement in our parishes and communities, spreading our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Firstly, we must be steadfast in prayer and in our faith, so I encourage every brother Knight to embrace our focus on Faith Formation. Strengthened in faith, we must expand and reengage in the good works and service programs of the Knights of Columbus, focused on Faith Community, Life, and Family. When Knights are active and visible in our parishes and communities, we inspire the desire in other Catholic men to want to be a Knight. I truly believe that if we as Knights are active and visible our membership will grow exponentially.

I also want to remind each of you that the 2022-2023 fraternal year is not over yet. I encourage every council to continue to recruit and bring in new members. Every new Knight you bring in between now and June 30 will help us to zero in on our 2022-2023 targets and jump start your 2023-2024 State Membership numbers at the same time. If every Council brings in two new members between now and the end of June, we will blow this year's target out of the water. Additionally, if you haven't already done so, I encourage every council to submit their SP-7 Columbian Award Application, 2863- RSVP and Plaque Application, and 10057- Food for Families Report Form before the June 30 deadline.

Thank you for all you do as Knights of Columbus, and I look forward to an exciting and energetic new Fraternal Year.

Fraternally,

Guy Heying
State Deputy Elect

Vivat Jesus



Spring is here, at least by the calendar, and it will soon be summer. Perhaps you're planning your summer vacation. Maybe you've not only planned it, but you've already booked your hotel, VRBO®, or Airbnb®. Maybe you've gone so far as to purchase plane tickets...or maybe your vacation spot will be within driving distance. You're already thinking of the clothes you'll have to pack and those new pieces that you'll have to buy. You've got a little extra cash saved to buy some special souvenirs. You are researching the area and finding the interesting historical sites to visit. Seeing where the fun spots are...checking out the local places to dine. How do you want to plan your week away? I'll admit it, I enjoy doing that research, especially when I'm driving. I like looking at maps and seeing what sights there are to see, the historical venues, the local restaurants. I like looking online (and maybe even getting some old-fashioned travel brochures) to check out my travel destination. If I'm driving, I like to pick a route. Not necessarily the fastest on my GPS though. The fastest route often bypasses the interesting sites. (Think of historic Route 66 and all the interesting places along that road!) When I'm all done and I've got everything laid out, I have a certain sense of accomplishment. I know I'm going to have a good time because I've looked at many options and picked the ones that mean the most to me. I think of working with you, my brother Knights, in much the same way. When I sit down with you and your spouse, we start with a financial needs analysis. We "drop a pin" on your map to show where you are now. We enter a destination of where you want to go. What do you want to see for your family if the unforeseen happens? That might be a situation where one of our products, life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance, or a retirement annuity, may be needed. Think of that product as the vehicle that gets you or your family farther along to a better place on your financial road map. Much like a vacation, we'll make stops along the way, take a look "under the hood," and make sure the strategy is still "running on all cylinders." There are many options to discuss, even within the different lines of products available, to help you get to where you want to go. Do you have a strategy? May I have the privilege of helping you and your family develop one or fine tune the one you have? I'll be calling soon to set up a time to get together to discuss your financial road map.

May the Lord bless you and your family always,

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Knights in Action



Mr. & Mrs. James Gregory
Family of the Year for the
Mississippi Jurisdiction

Mississippi Jurisdiction
Knight of the Year



Knights in Action (continued)

The following are some pictures from the 119th Knights of Columbus State of Mississippi Convention



Beautiful Friday morning Votive Mass in honor of Blessed Michael McGivney The Mass was co-celebrated by Father Augustine and the State KC Chaplain Father Mike Austin. That was followed by a delicious breakfast prepared by Sherry Graupman.



Friday's 4th Degree meeting



Friday night dinner

Knights in Action (continued)

More pictures from State Convention



Dignitaries at our annual Necrology Mass

Saturday night's banquet. Congratulations to all this year's winners of the various awards given during the banquet!



Honor Guard for Sunday morning's Mass at St Patrick Catholic Church.

Knights in Action (continued)

St. Mary, Woolmarket, led by the Knights of Columbus Council 9673 and Fr. Martin Gillespie, delivered their annual charitable donation to the Harrison County Senior Resources Agency. The Agency administers "Meals on Wheels" to low-income homebound seniors. Although food is available, the most needed items are toilet tissue, cleaning supplies, paper towels, disinfectant, and adult diapers. None of these items are supplied by governmental programs. We encourage other K of C Councils to adopt such charitable programs where such a need exists.



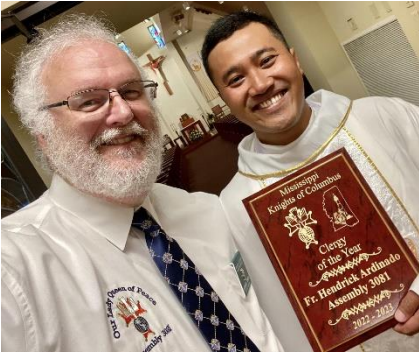
Council 898



Vicksburg Council 898 would like to thank brother Knights from Alex Semel Council #12989 of the Knights of Columbus of Lacombe, LA. for their tornado relief supplies and monetary donation for the Rolling Fork Tornado Relief.

Knights in Action (continued)

Council 14051/Assembly 3081



Congratulations to this year's "Clergy of the Year" Award for the State of Mississippi! Fr. Ardi from Council 14051.

Council 14051's Financial Secretary, Don "Pops" Ziglbauer presents a check for \$500. to the Olive Branch Food Bank. The council raised the funds from their Spaghetti Lunches. Thanks to all of you who continue to support us in our charitable fundraisers!



Honor Guard for the Feast of Divine Mercy at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Olive Branch.



Saint Joseph Starkville Knights of Columbus held their Lenten Fish Fry each Friday of Lent. The KCs dedicated their final fish fry proceeds to the Knights Tornado relief fund. The Starkville KCs raised \$670.00 towards the relief fund to benefit those in Rolling Fork and other counties impacted by recent tornadoes.



Pictured: Ben Bachman and Barbara Coats

Saint Joseph Starkville Knights of Columbus held their first “Trivia Night” in support of Annunciation Catholic School Columbus, MS. With \$1000.00 in matching funds from Barbara Coats of Woodmen of the World agency, the event raised \$2170.00 for Annunciation.



Good of the Order

- Please keep GK DJ Godwin's grandmother in your prayers as she is on hospice due to health issues.
- Please keep State Warden elect Lonnie Treadaway in your prayers as he continues to recover from kidney transplant surgery.
- Continue to pray for Ken and Wanda Lubbers of Council 7120 as they deal with health issues.
- Keep State Treasurer elect Charles Hahn in your prayers as he continues to recover from a broken arm.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of PGK Jose Lopez from Flowood. Keep his family in your prayers during this time as well.