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State Deputy Message

Welcome to Ordinary Time,



Traditionally, June starts our march to Advent and the birth of Christ. Pentecost and the receipt of the Holy Spirit have been bestowed on believers.

Now is the time to select new officers are begin preparations for the new Fraternal Year. Start by looking at your 1728 submission and the programs that you accomplished last year. Use the ideas from your newly selected offices to springboard your council in stardom.

After completely over two years as your State Deputy, I will transition, the end of June, to my new position as Immediate Past State Deputy. From this position, I will continue to support our jurisdiction in all its future endeavors.

Recently we requested councils to consider donating money to the State's Disaster Relief Fund. Although some councils did provide some funding, much work is still required for those areas of Mississippi that have been hit by tornadoes and other natural disasters this spring. Below are a few pictures of the devastation in Rolling Fork as taken by Sir Knight Bill Clark during his recent visit to Rolling Fork to drop off supplies gather by Council 1605.



If your council would still like to donate money towards this cause, please make your check(s) out to the MS State Council and include Disaster Relief Fund in the memo field of your check. All

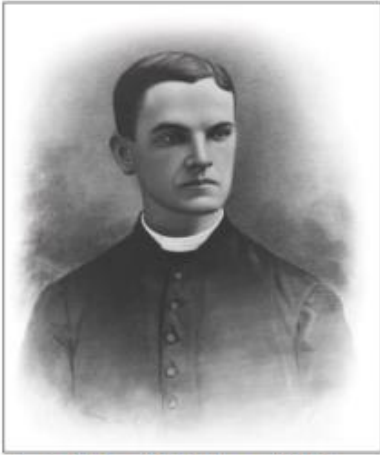
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donations should be mailed to:

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to thank all that have supported me during my years as State Deputy. I appreciate all your help to make our Jurisdiction stronger and better.

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!

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Knights in Action



GK Benny French, Council 9124,
presents St. Mary Graduates
Scholarships



Grand Knight Matt Zerangue,
Council 10901, presents St John
the Evangelist Graduates
Scholarships



Fourth Degree Honors were provided for the opening events for the
Special Olympics Games held at Keesler Air Force Base

Knights in Action (continued)

Council 9673



Knights and families putting out flags in honor of Memorial Day

Council 1583



Council 1583 held a "Sippy Cup" Drive. The proceeds were collected for Catholic Charities.

Knights in Action (continued)

Council 14051/Assembly 3081



Council 14051 hosted their “Welcoming Service” (aka Combined Exemplification). Congratulations to their new members, Arthur, John and Jeremy! Pictured with them are their families & friends’ the Exemplification Team and their Brother Knights.



Memorial Day BBQ Cooking Fundraiser



Memorial Day Celebration at Blocker Cemetery



Knights in Action (continued)

Council 16433/Assembly 3837



The Knights of Columbus Council 16433 hosted a free pancake breakfast after Mass



The Knights of Columbus Council 16433 supported Earth Day by planting trees at St. Clare Catholic Church



St. Clare Knights of Columbus Council 16433 & ladies Auxiliary hosted a Spaghetti Dinner.

All proceeds raised from the dinner will benefit young adults from the parish who will be travelling to Portugal to attend the World Youth Day with Pope Francis.

The St. Clare Knights of Columbus 4th Degree had the blessing of hosting the opening ceremony for the opening of our parish Seafood Festival.



Knights in Action (continued)



Honor Guard for the Diaconal Ordination for Tristan Stovall at St. Peter Cathedral in Jackson



The Meridian Knight



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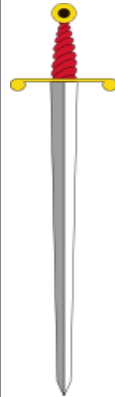


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Chaplain - Fr Augustine Palimattam
 Grand Knight - William (Bill) Nix
 Deputy Grand Knight - Bob Connor
 Financial Secretary - *open position*
 Chancellor - Robert (Bob) Leo, PGK
 Treasurer - David Stephens
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 Recorder - Frank Polizzi, PGK
 Lecturer - John Bennett, PGK
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 Inside Guard - Frank Sharp
 Outside Guard - Mark Hampson

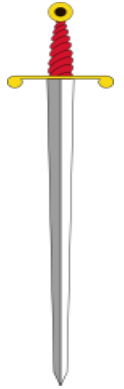
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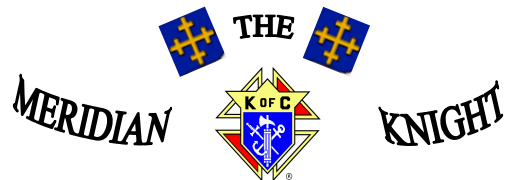


The Main Principles of our Order are

Charity
 Unity
 Fraternity
 Patriotism



Newsletter Editor George Walston



We Thank You Lord for all that you give us freely

Scheduled Events for June

Masses: **St Patrick** - Saturdays 5pm , Sundays 11am and 3pm. The 3pm Mass is bilingual, Spanish and English.
St. Joseph - Sunday 8:30am.

School Mass: No Mass until next year

Adoration: Beginning on June 1st Mass will start at 11:30 AM in the St. Aloysius Chapel as a lead in to Adoration from 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM **The 2nd Thursday of each month is staffed by members of Council 802**

Bingo - Thursdays 6:00 PM (We need more help at Bingo, especially from 7:30 until the end.)

Business Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 PM. 4th Tuesday Fourth Degree. 2nd Tuesday no meeting, but help is needed laying out the Bingo Bags for Thursday Night Bingo

**Faithful Navigator
David Stephens**



Greetings Brothers,

Thanks to all Sir Knights who helped, in any way, with Hosting the KC 2023 State Convention. It was one of the most successful Conventions to-date; of course, I might be a little biased. Hats off to SK/GK Bill Nix, who led the charge in making it happen.

Fathers' Day is June 18th. Happy Fathers' Day Brother Knights! Enjoy your Special day with family and friends experiencing Love, Happiness, and Good Food. May God continue to bless you!

Thanks to the Honor Guard Members, other Sir Knights, wives, widows, and others who participated in the Flag Ceremony on Memorial Day at St. Patrick Cemetery – Commemorating and Remembering those who have laid down their lives (died in military service) for the United States national defense. Names of participants are not available as of this writing.

Fourth Degree Exemplification in June:

Patriotic (4th) Degree Exemplification – Saturday, June 3rd, 2023, Vicksburg

During the month of June we have the following functions of which I am aware at this time:

Tuesday, June 27th, 7:00 p.m. – Business Meeting, KC Hall, Chamber Room

Help me help us invite Knighthood (3rd) Degree members to join Assembly 1251!!

Let's continue to make Msgr. John J. Burns Assembly 1251 the BEST it can be!!

Vivat Jesus!

David Stephens
Faithful Navigator
Assembly 1251
601-938-5757

Memorial Day Cemetery Service



Memorial Day Family Picnic

The Grill Masters



Fun, Games, and a Smorgasbord on Memorial Day 2023 At Council 802



Good of the Order

- Please pray for GK DJ Godwin's family. His grandmother passed away. Pray for comfort during this time.
- Please pray for SK Ken Lubbers of Council 7120 and his wife.
- Bill Fessler, from Council 9673, and his family need prayers. His wife passed away. Please pray for the repose of her soul.
- Brother Raymond L. Gouin, council 9409, Biloxi, passed away. Please pray for the repose of his soul.