



2023/2024 State Officers

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State Deputy Message

Greetings Brother Knights,

As we kick off the new fraternal year, I first, want to express our gratitude to Immediate Past State Deputy Roy Gamez for his outstanding service to the State of Mississippi Knights over the past two years plus. Great Job IPSD Roy and enjoy your transition to your quieter Immediate Past State Deputy role. I would also like to express our gratitude to outgoing Immediate Past State Deputy Philip Jabour, who served an extra year in this role. Philip, thank you for your dedication!

I am excited as we transition to the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year. We kicked off the year with our Installation of State Officers and held a two-day Organizational Meeting with District Deputies, along with several of the State Directors and Chairmen. In July, we will hold two meetings with our new and returning Grand Knights in Brookhaven and Starkville to get them ready for the year. The Grand Knights, along with the District Deputy, will be communicating these details to the council officers in each district between now and August 15th.

During these meetings I shared my vision and focus for the upcoming fraternal year. Our mission is to Strengthen Catholic Men, and their Families, so that they can be Engaged and Active Members of their Parish, Family, and Community. To achieve this mission, we need to focus our efforts in the following areas:

Faith Formation – Strengthen our members' Catholic faith through our Evangelization, Faith, and Formation program as, well as hold COR Meetings in our parishes.

Faith In Action Programs- Encourage all councils to expand their participation in works of Charity in our parish and community.

Membership Engagement- Through Faith Formation and Faith in Action activities, we will provide the opportunity for our membership to share our faith, celebrate fraternity, and work side by side in charity

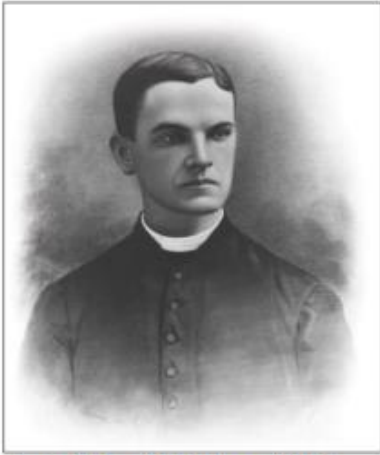
Membership Growth- Being visible and active in our Churches parishes and communities will inspire other Catholic men to want to join the Knights of Columbus.

Leadership Development- Strengthen leadership development from the council levels up to the State leadership team so that we build a strong future for the Order.

Active and visible Brother Knights are the key to our success across the state, are you one of these? If you are already engaged and active, please reach out to another brother knight, who you have not seen in a while, and invite him to a council event. If you have not been active lately, I encourage you to reengage with your council. If there is Faith In Action program that would interest you, let your Grand Knight know.

State Deputy
Guy Heying

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.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

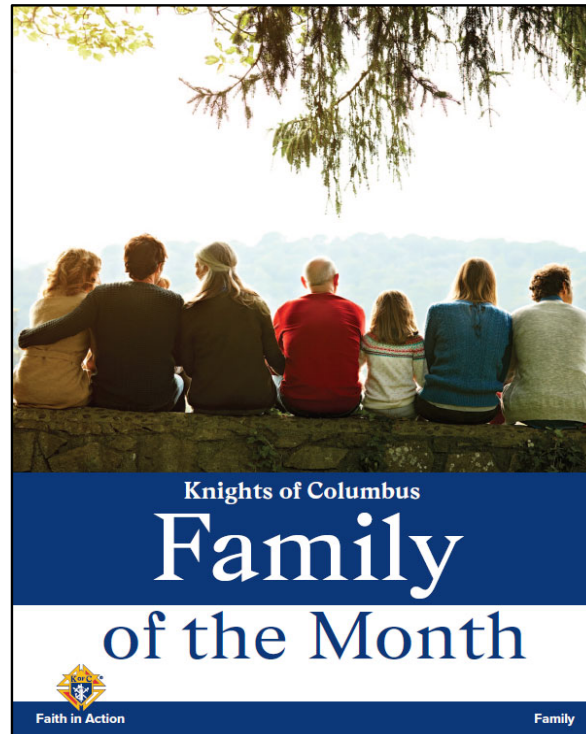
JUNE 2023

This month's winner:

Jurisdiction	Council Number	Nominee Name
Mississippi	13502	Denise Duffy

Council Participation List

Jurisdiction	Council Number
Mississippi	802
Mississippi	898
Mississippi	4472
Mississippi	7915
Mississippi	9124
Mississippi	10443
Mississippi	11934
Mississippi	13502



August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		141st Supreme Convention				
		Form 365 DUE				
		Assembly Audit DUE				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
						Blessed McGivney's Birthday
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Blessed McGivney Memorial Council Audit DUE				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Pilgrim Icon Schedule District 6: Aug 1- Sep 15 District 10: Aug 1– Aug 31	



Knights of Columbus

Mississippi Knights of Columbus
2024 State Convention
3192 St. Charles Street
d'Iberville, MS 39540

We would like to invite you to advertise your business in the program book to be distributed to over 350 members and families attending the 2024 Knights of Columbus 120th Mississippi State Convention in Biloxi, Mississippi, on April 26, 27, and 28, 2024. The 54-page, glossy-pages, full-color program will feature all the Knights of Columbus councils and will have dedicated pages where you can advertise your business for maximum exposure to future customers and clients. Below are the details:

The deadline for ad submission is March 20, 2024

Please consider submitting your ads and checks as soon as possible. The earlier your submission the closer to the front of the Business Section your ads will be located.

All checks and hard copies of ads should be mailed to: David Seymour, 3192 St. Charles St., d'Iberville, MS 39540, OR collected by the individual giving you this information.

Please make checks payable to the 2024 K of C State Convention 2024.

Prices: Full-page ad: \$125.00

Half Page ad: \$75

Artwork must be submitted in .pdf format. If using photos or artwork, please use the highest possible pixel so it won't degrade when placed on the page and adjusted to fit.

Send artwork and a hard copy of your ad to David Seymour/Chairman.

Send electronic (soft copy) to David Seymour at davidasey1962@gmail.com

Any questions on designs should be addressed to Albert Allegue at allegue01@gmail.com or (228) 209-2114



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Additional ad order forms can be obtained from the Knights of Columbus State webpage - 2024 State Convention at www.kofc-ms.org.

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Life Program News

MS State Council Website Updates: Life Program

We revamped the “Life” section of the Magnolia Knight website. [Click here](#) to view the latest updates which include the following.



- **Map of MS Pregnancy Centers and Nearby K of C Councils** – Google map showing locations of all pregnancy centers and K of C councils in MS. The map is useful in helping identify pregnancy centers with numerous nearby councils, as well as centers without any nearby councils. We have vetted several centers to confirm they meet eligibility requirements (i.e., not hostile to Catholics or Church’s constant teaching on life, marriage, contraception). However, each council should perform its own due diligence prior to supporting a center to verify its ongoing eligibility for ASAP, Ultrasound initiatives or other K of C support.



- **USCCB Pro-Life Website** – Includes US Bishops’ Conference resources, including the ability to sign up for alerts regarding pro-life legislative action.
- **EWTN Pro-Life Weekly** – Access to Catholic media EWTN’s dedicated pro-life news outlet.



- **Charlotte Lozier Institute** – Link to leading Pro-Life think tank for groundbreaking scientific, statistical and medical research on abortion.



- **Links to Diocesan Pro-Life Websites** – We have updated links to the Biloxi and Jackson Diocesan websites.

For more information on the various Knights of Columbus “Life” program initiatives, visit [Supreme’s website](#).



Click graphic to or scan QR code below for info and registration.

Where and When:

- **Flowood, MS, Saturday, September 23**
- **Grenada, MS, Saturday, September 23**
- **Biloxi, MS, Saturday, September 30**



In 2022, Knights of Columbus councils across the state raised over \$3000 for Pro-Life Mississippi's (PLM) "Walk for Life". Let's show our support again this year by participating and raising donations.

Every walker that raises \$25 or more receives a t-shirt at the event.

Service hours available for students.

Money raised allows PLM to continue offering HELP and HOPE to MS families.



Online eMembership

Our State eMembership (ONLINE Membership) is now up and running for the new Fraternal Year, and we have received some new online members. It is easy to join Online and if you encounter any difficulties in the process, please don't hesitate to Email or call me.

W. Gary OWCHAR
Online Member Chairman
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SILVER ROSE PILGRIMAGE

Our annual Silver Rose Pilgrimage will begin on October 1st when we receive the Rose from Alabama. Our entry point to the State will be in Meridian with a transfer date of October 29th from Picayune to the Louisiana Jurisdiction. We have a number of Councils and Districts that are interested in participating in a Silver Rose ceremony through a Mass or Prayer Service. I'm asking all District Deputies and Grand Knights to contact me if you wish to host the Silver Rose. I would like to have your Councils scheduled by August 27th for publication in the Magnolia Knight.

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Silver Rose Chairman
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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



Brother Knights

I enjoyed meeting many new people at the School of Columbianisms in Brookhaven and Starkville. I hope you found my talk to be enlightening and inspirational.

I wish to inspire each council to be actively engaged in both programming and membership recruiting. Each Parish in Mississippi needs have an active and visible Knights of Columbus presence. Councils who get to a fast start with membership recruiting can have enough bodies and new ideas to have a tremendous program.

So far in July, our jurisdiction has brought in nine new members. Welcome to those who have joined. As the vacation season has ended and a new school year is beginning, now would be an excellent time to be engaged in new member recruiting. Be visible at you Parish’s welcome back events. Have online membership cards available at Mass. I believe that the Mississippi Jurisdiction can have a fruitful year in membership recruitment.

If you have any questions or need help, I am available for you.

Vivat Jesus

Jacob Eftink

State Membership Director

Mississippi Jurisdiction

membership@kofc-ms.org

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Brother Knights

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pilgrim Icon Schedule District 6: Sep 1- Sep 15 District 5: Sep 16- Sep 30 District 9: Sep 1- Oct 15					1	2
3	4 Labor Day 	5 St. Teresa of Calcutta	6	7	8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 District Deputy Report DUE	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Feast of the Archangels	30



**1st Annual Veteran's Day Gumbo Cookoff
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
Oxford, MS
November 11, 2023**



Taste and vote on your favorite Gumbo from 20 different Gumbo Chefs and Gumbo prepared by the Knights of Columbus of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Tickets include Gumbo, drinks, dessert, and entertainment. Come and vote for your favorite Gumbo Chef!

Would you like to enter your Gumbo Recipe? Contact krahaim@yahoo.com for an Application

**Cost of Admission: \$10 per person; \$25 per family
Served from 6 – 8 PM, St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Oxford, MS**



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY GALA CONCERT

Part of the proceeds will benefit The Tree of Life Clinic

SATURDAY
AUGUST 12
6:00 PM

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH | SHELTON HALL
1911 N GLOSTER ST, TUPELO, MS 38804

\$25
PER PERSON

Heavy hor d'oeuvres
will be served

FOR MORE INFO OR TO PURCHASE TICKETS

DAVID FRILOUX | 662-213-3742

ROBBY PARMAN | 662-871-8995

JONATHAN SMITH | 662-401-9092

CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO KC COUNCIL 8848. YOU CAN DOP OFF AT THE
CHURCH OFFICE OR CONTACT DAVID, ROBBY, OR JONAHTAN.

COME ENJOY TALENTED MUSICIANS WILE WE RAISE FUNDS FOR THE TREE OF LIFE CLINIC



Faith in Action
Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Program
Father Reitmeier KoC Council #8848
Tupelo, Mississippi

For many years council #8848 has supported the local crisis pregnancy center, Parkgate Pregnancy Center. Parkgate offers high quality, confidential services. The center has an outstanding, dedicated staff including supportive counselors and a sonographer to guide their clients along the way. All services are free of charge made possible by generous community members, including the Knights of Columbus. Services include pregnancy tests, ultrasound sonography, and counseling. Parkgate also provides the Empower program, a relevant, real-life class for students in grades 7-12 teaching healthy decision making, sexual risk avoidance, and more. Other services include parenting for first time parents; mentor programs to support new Moms and Dad. Parkgate connects clients with other resources in the community.

The unique location of the pregnancy center provides visibility to potential clients in an underserved community. The nearest abortion clinic is in Memphis, TN about 100 miles away. There are two major universities and a U.S. Air Force base within 60 miles of the center.

Parkgate’s need to replace their aging, leased ultrasound machine and the Supreme Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Program was a natural fit. The program has well defined parameters and criteria. With the support of KofC supreme and state officers, our local council was able to successfully navigate through the process.

Parkgate Pregnancy Center formally qualified for the ultrasound program after a thorough survey on December 6, 2021 by the Catholic Diocese of Jackson. The Tupelo KoC council’s major fund-raiser event, the 6th Annual Charity Concert Gala, took place on August 13, 2022, at St. James Catholic Church. The concert featured extremely talented musicians from the region. There were over 200 concert goers from the parish and community. Ultimately, about \$11,000 was raised at the event. The Mississippi council generously contributed \$7,000 for a total of \$18,000 raised. Supreme Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Program added the other 50% of funds for a grand total of \$36,000 for the final purchase of the GE Ultrasound machine. Collaboration among the Pregnancy Center, Jackson Diocese, then local, state, and supreme KoC council has been inspiring. This was truly a Blessed project.

The local Ultrasound Program officially concluded with a dedication ceremony on May 23, 2023 at Parkgate Pregnancy Center. Parkgate staff, board members, parishioners from St. James Catholic Church, and KoC members were in attendance to enjoy the celebration. One of the highlights was when the sonographer, Stacy Armstrong, demonstrated the new machine and the images of unborn babies it produces. She commented the new machine’s quality is a marked improvement over the old one. We agreed the ultrasound room is sacred space where decisions for life are made every day as a direct result of mothers seeing the images of their unborn children.

Submitted by,

David Friloux
Ultrasound Program Chairman
KoC Council #8848
Tupelo, Mississippi



Knights in Action

Pictures from this year's Supreme Convention in Orlando, FL.



Knights in Action (continued)



State Chaplin Fr. Mike Austin and State Deputy Elect Guy Heying with Supreme Knight Patrick E Kelly at The McGivney Center in New Haven.

State Officers and District Deputy meeting. Discussing new and better ways to grow “The largest fraternity of Catholic men in the world”.



Installation of State Officers for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Installed by State Deputy Guy Heying.

Fr. Augustine Palimattam was presented the Blessed Michael McGivney Award for Mississippi. The Award honors a Knights of Columbus Chaplain for their work. Fr. Augustine is Chaplain to Council 802 as well as being Pastor of St. Patrick and St. Joseph Parishes in Meridian. The award was presented by Past State Deputy Roy Gamez.



Knights in Action (continued)



Pictured are the 10 newest members of the Patriotic Degree along with the Degree Team (seated), District Master and District Marshal. They joined at the exemplification hosted by Vicksburg Council 898/Assembly 558 on June 3, 2023.

Honor Guard for Ordination of Fr. Carlisle Beggerly at Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle in Jackson, MS on May 27, 2023.



IPSD Roy Gamez is recognized by Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly at the 2023 Supreme Convention.

Knights in Action (continued)

Council 7854



Thanks to all the great volunteers who came out to the Carmelite Monastery. A great deal of clean-up work was done on the grounds.

Council 2180



Corpus Christi Procession at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Laurel. Knights helped carry the canopy and control traffic.

Council 802



John Maloney the oldest member present cutting the cake at the K of C Council 802 120th anniversary celebration. He then presented that piece to the newest member present Chris Doss

Council 802 sponsored a trip to Pearl to see the Mississippi Braves play the Pensacola Wahoos for altar servers, lectors, ushers and others involved in the Liturgy at both St. Joseph & St. Patrick.



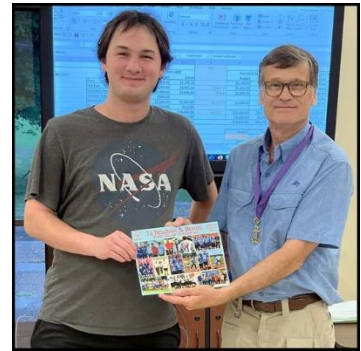
Knights in Action (continued)

Council 14051/Assembly 2195



Assembly 2195 hosted a yard sale to gather funds for their Patriotic Programs

Matthew Bell thanks Council 14051 for supporting Special Olympics. He is shown here presenting Grand Knight Alan Wier a Thank You certificate from Mississippi Special Olympics.



Council 14051 is participated in this year's 'Byhalia Backyard Bar-B-Que Cooking Contest'.

Knights in Action (continued)

Council 12331



Knights helping to lead the Eucharistic Revival Procession.



The Knights of Columbus sponsored a day on the river for the Sacred Heart youth group.

Council 898/Assembly 558



KC night at the Braves



Officer Installation for Council 898



Good of the Order

- SK James Tarrant of Council 5654/Assembly2059 passed away. Please pray for him and his family.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ken Girten.
- Please pray for the health of SK Joe Blake and his wife, Celia.
- Brother Knight Deacon Martin Finnegan passed away. Please pray for him and keep his wife Brenda, their children, and grandchildren prayers.
- Please pray for Brother Knight Bob Fell of Council 1244 as he battles cancer. Keep him and his family in your prayers.
- Please pray for the repose oof the soul of Msgr. Thornton. He was a Brother Knight from Biloxi.
- Please say a quick prayer for the healing for our Immediate Past 1st Lady, Betty Gamez. Betty took a nasty fall at the Supreme Convention as she was on her way to the opening Mass. She fractured her upper arm/shoulder. Pray for her speedy recovery.