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A WORD FROM OUR STATE DEPUTY



State Deputy Larry Tabor

Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and fellow Knights of the Mississippi Jurisdiction:

As we wrap up Supreme's fraternal year which ends on June 30, I can honestly say we gave it our best attempt to make our membership quota for the year. Close, but no cigar. As of today, we fell short by 76 new members. This picture is not as bad as it all seems and here is why. As a group, we did real well recruiting new members; however several Districts and many councils did the great part of our gains. On the other hand, we had several councils who suspended large numbers of members for non-payment of dues. The problem most common suspensions were that many members were in the arrears for more than 2 years in their dues. If councils adhere to proper billing procedures AND if the Retention Committee follows their required procedures, many of these members could have been saved—or at least they would have not gone past 2 years in their dues.

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As I close out the end of my term as your State Deputy, I have many things to be thankful for and owe many Knights a debt of gratitude for their support. It is indeed an honor to serve as a State Deputy; it calls for much of one's time and dedication. Had it not been for the interruption caused by Katrina, I would say everything went smoothly. If I had to do it over again, I would not have a full time job while serving as State Deputy. I am extremely proud of our State Family; I believe our State Officers have worked very well together in managing the State's operation and assets. Our 12 District Deputies did their part to make the past 2 years a success and I appreciate their efforts. Many thanks to Martin Bisek for his untiring efforts as State Membership Director. I sincerely appreciate what Billy Waggoner did for us as State Program Director. Our many Service Program chairman did a superb job aiding our councils in their program activity areas. Last, but certainly not least, I must also thank the wives of these gentlemen, for without their understanding and sharing their husbands with us, we would not have done what we have accomplished.

Upcoming Events

◆ Exemplifications

Sunday, 3 Jun. 4th Degree,
Council Long Beach

Saturday 9 Jun 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Degree Council 9094
D'Iberville

Monday 4 Jun 1st Degree
Council 9673 Woolmarket

Wednesday 27 Jun 1st
Degree Council 5654 Ocean
Springs

◆ Noteworthy Dates

Memorial Day 28 May

Flag Day 14 June

Father's Day 17 June

Columbian Award
application due 30 June

RSVP application due 30
June

WOW! What a State Convention! I think we all owe Biloxi Council 1244 a round of applause for the great job they did planning, organizing, and executing the convention. I was so worried about the Friday night event I couldn't sleep days before the convention. There could have been many things go wrong, but thanks to the men (and women) of Council 1244, Friday's outdoor fish fry was a resounding success. Many people told me how much they enjoyed it because it was much more different than we had done in the past. Three cheers for 1244! Hats off to Grand Knight Dick Benton and Convention Chairman Tom Easter! Hoorah for the support of their members who worked so hard to make the convention a great success.

Thanks to all who contributed and supported the Priest Education Fund—best year yet!

We still have some business to tend to before we close out. I ask the District Deputies to ensure your Grand Knights send in the Election of Officers for 2007-2008 form as soon as council elections are held. Continuing and outgoing Grand Knights must submit this information to Supreme, copy to their District Deputy, and the State Deputy. Financial Secretaries should also ensure new council officer information is updated in the electronic State Directory.

In closing, I want to wish the new State Deputy Elect Danny Lechner and other State Officers best wishes for a successful fraternal year. Welcome aboard to our new State Warden Elect, Jim McCraw.

My standard closing: Please contact me or any of the other State Officers or your District Deputy if you have any questions or in need of assistance. My home phone number is 228-392-6379, work 228-377-2222, and cell number is 228-365-6515. My email address is: Statedep@datasync.com.

Denise and I look forward to seeing all of you at the Installation of State Officers here in Biloxi.

VIVAT JESUS!
Larry J. Tabor
State Deputy

2007 STATE AWARD WINNERS

INSURANCE AGENCY AWARDS

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION TRUST FUND (BILOXI DIOCESE) - OSCAR J. GELPHI COUNCIL 6872 PICAYUNE
 SEMINARIAN EDUCATION TRUST FUND (JACKSON DIOCESE) - ST. PAUL COUNCIL 10216 BRANDON
 SEMINARIAN EDUCATION TRUST FUND INSURANCE AGENT AWARD - PAUL BYRNE

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

DRUG ABUSE AWARENESS

8 TO 11 YRS OLD: SHAYNE BRENNAN COUNCIL 9543 MADISON
 WARREN BEEBE COUNCIL 9543 MADISON
 SARAH LAMBERT COUNCIL 7120 SOUTHAVEN

12 TO 14 YRS OLD:

ALCOHOL ABUSE AWARENESS

8 TO 11 YEARS OLD: CHRISTOPHER HANNEKE COUNCIL 9543 MADISON
 12 TO 14 YEARS OLD: MATTHEW JONES COUNCIL 7120 SOUTHAVEN

TOP PROPOSERS AWARDS

TOP PROPOSER -**TOM CHADY**- COUNCIL 898 - VICKSBURG

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

SMALL

HIGHEST NET GAIN FR.LEO JOHN DEHON COUNCIL 14051- OLIVE BRANCH
 HIGHEST PERCENTAGE GAIN FR.LEO JOHN DEHON COUNCIL 14051- OLIVE BRANCH

MEDIUM

HIGHEST NET GAIN ST. JOHN COUNCIL 10901 - OXFORD
 HIGHEST PERCENTAGE GAIN ST. JOHN COUNCIL 10901 - OXFORD

LARGE

HIGHEST NET GAIN FR. PATRICK MCALPINE COUNCIL 9094 - D'IBERVILLE
 HIGHEST PERCENTAGE GAIN FR. PATRICK MCALPINE COUNCIL 9094 - D'IBERVILLE

EXTRA-LARGE

HIGHEST NET GAIN ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL 9543 - MADISON
 HIGHEST PERCENTAGE GAIN MSGR. P.J. CAREY COUNCIL 1605 - PASCAGOULA

TOP GUN COUNCILS

JOHN T. SAVAGE	COUNCIL 848	JACKSON
MSGR. P.J. CAREY	COUNCIL 1605	PASCAGOULA
MSGR. JAMES T. MCKENNA	COUNCIL 2969	CLARKSDALE
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	COUNCIL 4898	LONG BEACH
OSCAR J. GELPHI	COUNCIL 6872	PICAYUNE
W. H. BILL JOLLY	COUNCIL 7974	COLUMBUS
ST. THERESE	COUNCIL 8285	JACKSON
ST. JOSEPH	COUNCIL 8760	HOLLY SPRINGS
ST. JAMES THE LESS	COUNCIL 8912	CORINTH
FR. PATRICK MCALPINE	COUNCIL 9094	D'IBERVILLE
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI	COUNCIL 9543	MADISON
ST. PAUL	COUNCIL 10216	BRANDON
REV. CLIFFORD MEADOR	COUNCIL 10443	GREENADA
MSGR. GREGORY KENNEDY	COUNCIL 10499	OCEAN SPRINGS
ST. JOHN	COUNCIL 10901	OXFORD
ST. LUCY	COUNCIL 11904	LUCEDAILE
FR. LEO JOHN DEHON	COUNCIL 14051	OLIVE BRANCH

HONOR COUNCIL AWARDS

BILOXI	COUNCIL 1244	GULFPORT
BISHOP GUNN	COUNCIL 1583	CLARKSDALE
MSGR. JAMES T. MCKENNA	COUNCIL 2969	CLEVELAND
FATHER ROTONDO	COUNCIL 5556	BASSFIELD
FR. MALACHY BURNS	COUNCIL 6592	STARKVILLE
FR. JOHN P. EGAN	COUNCIL 6765	SOUTHAVEN
HERNANDO DESOTO	COUNCIL 7120	BROOKHAVEN
JOSEPH BONFIGLIO	COUNCIL 7915	PEARL
ST. JUDE CENTENNIAL	COUNCIL 8038	HOLLY SPRINGS
ST. JOSEPH	COUNCIL 8760	TUPELO
FR. ROBERT REITMEIER	COUNCIL 8848	GAUTIER
ST. MARY'S	COUNCIL 9124	WEST BILOXI
REINHART SCHROEDER	COUNCIL 9409	WOOLMARKET
JAMES D. HART	COUNCIL 9673	WEST HARRISON
FR. R.J. SORIN	COUNCIL 11995	SEABEE BASE
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER	COUNCIL 12271	DEDEAUX
SACRED HEART	COUNCIL 12331	

COUNCIL OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

BISHOP R.O. GEROW	COUNCIL 1034	NATCHEZ
FR. KORSTENBROEK	COUNCIL 2134	GREENVILLE
LAUREL	COUNCIL 2180	
FRED L. WSTBROOK SR.	COUNCIL 5654	OCEAN SPRINGS
FR. A.C. DENIS	COUNCIL 7087	KILN
CHARLES R. BRILL	COUNCIL 8054	MCCOMB
REV. CLIFFORD MEADOR	COUNCIL 10443	GRENADA
GLUCKSTADT	COUNCIL 11934	
FR. PATRICK QUINN	COUNCIL 11956	TYLERTOWN

DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL

MSGR. JOHN J. BURNS	COUNCIL 802	MERIDIAN
VICKSBURG	COUNCIL 898	VICKSBURG
BISHOP FAHEY	COUNCIL 1908	HATTIESBURG
HOLY SAVIOR	COUNCIL 7854	CLINTON
W.H. "BILL" JOLLY	COUNCIL 7974	COLUMBUS
ST. JOHN	COUNCIL 10901	OXFORD
ST. JUDE	COUNCIL 13936	COLUMBIA



2007 STATE AWARD WINNERS cont....

STATE LADIES AUXILIARY AWARDS**COMMUNITY**3RD PLACE - HONORING FATHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY # 11995 WEST HARRISON2ND PLACE - ST. ANN PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICE/BEREAVEMENT GOWNS #13936 COLUMBIA1ST PLACE - HOPE # 848 JACKSON**YOUTH**3RD PLACE - TRUNK OR TREAT #898 VICKSBURG2ND PLACE - LUNCH W/ PETER COTTONTAIL/BREAKFAST W/SANTA #13936 COLUMBIA1ST PLACE - CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PARTY #848 JACKSON**CHURCH**3RD PLACE - CELEBRATING 2 SACREMENTS #11995 WEST HARRISON2ND PLACE - GARAGE SALE #848 JACKSON1ST PLACE - ST. JOSEPH ALTER #13936 COLUMBIA

MEMBERSHIP - #848 JACKSON

FAMILY OF THE MONTH AWARDS**100 % SUBMISSION**

MSGR. JOHN J. BURNS	COUNCIL 802	MERIDIAN
VICKSBURG	COUNCIL 898	
BISHOP FAHEY	COUNCIL 1908	HATTIESBURG
LAUREL	COUNCIL 2180	
FATHER ROTONDO	COUNCIL 5556	CLEVELAND
FRED L. WESTBROOK	COUNCIL 5654	OCEAN SPRINGS
FR. PATRICK MCALPINE	COUNCIL 9094	D'IBERVILLE
ST. JOHN	COUNCIL 10901	OXFORD
ST. LUCY	COUNCIL 11904	LUCEDALE

BEST NEWSLETTER (SMALL/MEDIUM COUNCILS)

SECOND PLACE: FR. PATRICK QUINN	COUNCIL 11956	TYLERTOWN	GK HARRY SMITH , JR
FIRST PLACE: ST. JUDE	COUNCIL 13936	COLUMBIA	GK BOB FREY

BEST NEWSLETTER (LARGE/EXTRA-LARGE COUNCILS)

SECOND PLACE: MSGR. JOHN J. BURNS	COUNCIL 802	MERIDIAN	GK JOHN KASPER
FIRST PLACE: HERNANDO DESOTO	COUNCIL 7120	SOUTHAVEN	GK BILL SONNEMAN

BEST COUNCIL SCRAPBOOK (SMALL/MEDIUM COUNCILS)

SECOND PLACE: ST. JUDE	COUNCIL 13936	COLUMBIA	GK BOB FREY
FIRST PLACE: FR. PATRICK QUINN	COUNCIL 11956	TYLERTOWN	GK HARRY SMITH , JR

BEST COUNCIL SCRAPBOOK (LARGE/EXTRA-LARGE COUNCILS)

SECOND PLACE: HERNANDO DESOTO	COUNCIL 7120	SOUTHAVEN	GK BILL SONNEMAN
FIRST PLACE: VICKSBURG	COUNCIL 898		GK JOHN PIAZZA

FOURTH DEGREE AWARDS**SIR KNIGHT OF THE YEAR -**

NOEL AUCOIN - (BILOXI DIOCESE)
 MICHAEL J. KASSOUF - (JACKSON DIOCESE)
 POPE JOHN PAUL II - CORINTH (JACKSON DIOCESE)
 BISHOP ANDREW LEANE - PICAYUNE (BILOXI)
 DANIEL & MRS. LECHNER (BILOXI DIOCESE)
 BRIAN & MRS. ENGELLAND (JACKSON DIOCESE)
 GARY & MRS. MCFADYEN (JACKSON DIOCESE)

ASSEMBLY OF THE YEAR -**SIR KNIGHT & FAMILY OF THE YEAR-****APPRECIATION AWARDS:**

PETER SUKANEK
 SKIP MURPHY
 ROBERT "BOB" LEO
 WILLIAM A. O'CONNOR

BEST PRO-LIFE PROJECT (BILOXI DIOCESE)

FIRST PLACE:	ROSARY FOR PRO-LIFE LAYING OF WREATH AT MEMORIAL BISHOP FAHEY COUNCIL 1908 HATTIESBURG GK BEN VELASQUEZ
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BEST PRO-LIFE PROJECT (JACKSON DIOCESE)

SECOND PLACE:	PRO-LIFE BILL BOARD - COUNCIL 898 - VICKSBURG GK JOHN PIAZZA
FIRST PLACE:	"A CULTURE FOR A DAY" - ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL 9543 MADISON GK LARRY ROBERTS

BEST VOCATIONS PROJECT - (BILOXI DIOCESE)

SECOND PLACE:	KNIGHTS & COMMUNITY SUPPORT STATIONS OF THE CROSS & LENTEN FISH FRIES BISHOP FAHEY COUNCIL 1908 - HATTIESBURG - GK BEN VELASQUEZ
FIRST PLACE:	K C KITCHEN CREW - FR. PATRICK MCALPINE COUNCIL 9094 - D'IBERVILLE GK ROGER FETTERS

BEST VOCATIONS PROJECT - (JACKSON DIOCESE)

SECOND PLACE:	SEMINARIAN SUPPORT - COUNCIL 898 VICKSBURG GK JOHN PIAZZA
FIRST PLACE:	GOLF TOURNAMENT - ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL 9543 MADISON GK LARRY ROBERTS

CHRISTOPHER AWARD

BILOXI DIOCESE -	FR. PATRICK MCALPINE COUNCIL 9094 - D'IBERVILLE
JACKSON DIOCESE -	FR. JOHN P. EGAN COUNCIL 6765 - STARKVILLE

BEST CHURCH ACTIVITY

SECOND PLACE:	LENTEN PROGRAM - ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL 9543 MADISON GK LARRY ROBERTS
FIRST PLACE:	TABERNACLE RESORATION - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COUNCIL 4898 LONG BEACH GK ELVIS GATES, JR

BEST COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

SECOND PLACE:	EAST MS STATE HOSPITAL VISITS - MSGR. JOHN J. BURNS COUNCIL 802 MERIDIAN GK JOHN KASPER
FIRST PLACE:	NURSING HOME FISH FRY - COUNCIL 11934 GLUCKSTADT GK JOE JONES

BEST COUNCIL ACTIVITY

SECOND PLACE:	PARISH FALL FESTIVAL - JOHN T. SAVAGE COUNCIL 848 JACKSON GK JOE BLAKE
FIRST PLACE:	NEW HOME FOR A BROTHER KNIGHT - COUNCIL 1244 BILOXI GK RICHARD BENTON

BEST FAMILY ACTIVITY

SECOND PLACE:	CAMPOUT AND MEMORIAL - ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL 9543 MADISON GK LARRY ROBERTS
FIRST PLACE:	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BASEBALL FAMILY NIGHT OUT - JOHN T. SAVAGE COUNCIL 848 JACKSON GK JOE BLAKE

BEST YOUTH ACTIVITY

SECOND PLACE:	YOUTH ACTIVITY BUILDING - COUNCIL 898 VICKSBURG GK JOHN PIAZZA
FIRST PLACE:	SCHOOL CAFETERIA & KITCHEN - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COUNCIL 4898 LONG BEACH GK ELVIS GATES, JR.

2007 STATE AWARD WINNERS cont....

BEST COUNCIL AWARDS

BEST SMALL COUNCIL

ST. JUDE COUNCIL 13936

BEST MEDIUM COUNCIL

ST. JOHN COUNCIL 10901

BEST LARGE COUNCIL

JACKSON COUNCIL 848

BEST EXTRA LARGE COUNCIL

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL 9543

COLUMBIA GRAND KNIGHT BOB FREY

OXFORD GRAND KNIGHT JACOB EFTINK

JACKSON GRAND KNIGHT JOE BLAKE

MADISON GRAND KNIGHT LARRY ROBERTS

PAST STATE DEPUTIES AWARD FOR BEST DISTRICT DEPUTY

PHILIP JABOUR DISTRICT DEPUTY #6

MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

BROTHER DON SCHWARTZ COUNCIL 2180 LAUREL

MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL FAMILY OF THE YEAR

LARRY AND MARIA EVERS COUCIL 9094 D'IBERVILLE

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PROUDLY SPONSORS
"SPECIAL OLYMPICS"**

Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi recently hosted the Summer Games of the 2007 Special Olympics for the State of Mississippi. The Mississippi Knights of Columbus have supported the worthy cause for many years and honored the Order with a plaque presented to the State Deputy, Larry Tabor during the reception for the opening ceremonies. Members of the Fourth Degree under the direction of Marshal, Ken Broussard and Commander, Skip Murphy, presented swords as the participants paraded onto the field during opening ceremonies.

Derek Medjesky, a 4th Degree Knight of the Msgr. P. J. Carey Council no. 1605, won two silver medals during swimming events during the Sate-wide Special Olympics. Derek is a member of Our Lady of Victories Parish in Pascagoula and the son of Mike and Karen Gilly



This banner was placed across from the reviewing stand at Keesler AFB. An unidentified participant looks on as the different Areas of the Special Olympics parade pass the reviewing stands.



Derek Medjesky takes first place during the Area 12 regional games of the Special Olympics.

**Inviting All
Mississippi
KofC Councils!**

**3rd
Annual**

BBQ Cooking Competition

August 4, 2007 - 4pm - 8pm
St. Joseph Catholic School
Madison, Mississippi

**Proceeds Benefit
Mississippi
Pro-Life Organizations**

Gerry Clark (Council 8285)
601-214-9463

FINAL CAR RAFFLE TOTAL

Gentlemen,



Thanks to each of you for your hard work on our raffle this year. It appears that we made approximately \$30,000 on this event. I will let you know what the exact amount is when I get all of our numbers tallied up and audited. Hopefully all checks from buyers will clear respective banks.

**Thanks again!
Vivat Jesus!
Deacon Larry**



JOIN THE DIOCESE OF BILOXI SIERRA CLUB

Father Dennis Carver, the Vocations Director for the Diocese of Biloxi, is asking that all Councils, Assemblies and Ladies Auxiliaries join the Diocese of Biloxi Sierra Club. The Sierra Club is an international organization that promotes priestly vocations. Please ask them to contact Fr. Carver or Deacon Bob Jones for more information regarding Sierra International.

