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Mississippi Annual Convention 2009

**105th Annual State Convention
Mississippi Jurisdiction
April 24-26, Jackson Marriott
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Councils in the Jackson Metro area are reminded to invite widows of our deceased Knights to attend the Saturday Memorial Mass at 7:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle, the breakfast afterwards and the Ladies Luncheon. The luncheon ticket is \$25 and requires a registration.

Also, please be sure to send your Council's necrology so Knights who passed away during the past year can be remembered in the Mass. Invite their families to join us. Archbishop Thomas Rodi and Bishop Joseph Latino celebrate the Saturday morning Mass.

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**Late Push Needed
For Gerow Fund Raising**

*By Don Cox, Chair
Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund*

Just a few days remain before we assemble for the State Convention in Jackson. Donations to the Bishop R.O. Gerow Memorial Fund are coming in, but not at the rate I had hoped and prayed for.

As you recall, I challenged all Councils, Assemblies and Ladies Auxiliaries at the mid-year meetings to make a donation so we could reach our support goal for priest education.

As of April 11, we had received \$23,367.24 for the Biloxi Diocese and \$6,910 for the Jackson Diocese. This equates to donations from approximately 50 percent of the Councils in the Biloxi Diocese and 15 percent of the Jackson Diocese Councils. This is a long way from our goal.

I challenge those Councils, Assemblies and Ladies Auxiliaries that have not made a contribution. Even in these difficult economic times, we must remember our commitment to support the educational pursuits of our priests.

The deadline for contributing to the current year's drive is April 18. Donations made by Councils at the State Convention will not be counted in the current year but will be go to the 2009-10 Fraternal Year fund-raising effort. Please make every effort to see that contributions made in the next few days meet the deadline to help us with the current year's drive.

**Convention Basket of Cheer
for Seminarian Education Fund**

Tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5, 6 for \$9. Tickets available at the convention site. Drawing for the \$500 basket is Sunday afternoon. You do not have to be present to win.

A Word from the State Deputy

**State Convention:
A Time for Sharing**

By Danny Lechner

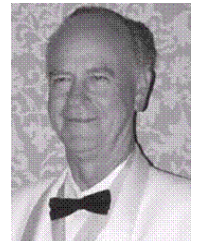
The State Convention will soon be here. It is a time when many of our brother Knights, from all over the state, come together to share ideas, ideals, and friendships.

I look forward to seeing and being with each of you during the weekend and wish God's blessings on you and your families.

Reminders: In order for delegates to be seated at the convention, the Council must be current with its State and Supreme per capita.

Council elections will be held soon. I urge you to vote for the best qualified candidate. The future of your Council depends on it.

Vivat Jesus!



**Laurel, Oxford Families
Selected by Supreme**

*By Carl Brochard
State Family Director*

Clifford and Sue Hess of Laurel Council 2180 and Paul and Jan Cassisa of Oxford St. John Council 10901 received the Supreme Family of the Month award for February.

Other Councils submitting families for the month were 802, 898, 1908, 2134, 2180*, 4898, 5556, 5654, 6872, 7120, 7211, 8848, 9094, 9124, 9543, 9673, 10216, 10443, 10499, 10901*, 11934, 11956 and 12271.

Thanks to all Councils for increasing the number of families submitted during the past year. See you at the Convention, and please remember to submit families for the Convention.



West Point Immaculate Conception Installs Ecclesial Minister

The installation of Deacon Larry Campbell as Ecclesial Minister at West Point Immaculate Conception was supported by a 4th Degree Honor Guard that included several members of Sir Knight Larry's former Assembly, Fr. Gregory Bezy of Southaven, and Sir Knight Eugene T. Hicks Assembly of Starkville.



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The Convention Liturgy Committee is working on the Masses for the week-end. If you are a Deacon and want to assist at a Convention Mass, please inform Ben Mokry at bmokry@aol.com. Masses are Friday at 7:20 a.m., Saturday at 7:30 a.m. and Sunday at 8 a.m. Let Ben know which Masses you are available for. We will involve as many Brothers as we can.

The schedule has Fr. Jeffrey Waldrep, Pastor of St. Peter Cathedral, celebrating Friday's mass; Bishops Latino and Rodi celebrating Saturday; and Bishop Latino celebrating Sunday.

The full Convention schedule of events is available on the state web site at www.ms-kofc.org.

Another reminder: This is a wonderful opportunity for your Council's new members to experience a State Convention without travel or hotel expense if within 40 miles of Jackson.

Guy Heying, Convention Chair

Pro-Life Action

April Is Organ Donor Month

By Raymond Cole

April is designated as Organ Donor Month, a perfect time to arrange for your Council or your Parish to host a blood drive. Blood is an important component for life and an easily replaceable organ for those of us healthy enough to donate.

Check with the blood collection agency in your area to arrange a date for the drive and do your part to promote and encourage participation. With enough donors, your entire Council or Parish can be protected for an entire year. Even if you don't get that many donors, each donor and his/her family are protected for an entire year. This is something we can each do for each other and for our church family.

It should also be noted that it is never too late to have a speaker at Sunday Masses to encourage those present to sign up as organ donors. Remind the parishioners that all they have to do is go to their Driver's License Renewal office and have a new license made--with the little heart on it designating them as an organ donor.

They can choose which organs they specifically want to donate or can designate simply that medical personnel use whatever organs are suitable for donation. As many as 50 people can be helped by the organs from one donor.

Remember, this is truly the gift of life in its finest form. What the donor will never be able to use again will certainly give others a chance at a new life. As Christians, this is our finest gift and a last chance to help others on this earth.

If you have not already responded to the appeal of our Bishops about Congress not rescinding the protection of medical personnel who object to performing abortion on demand, please do so today and encourage your members to do so also. This is not something we can put off and still say in good conscience that we support pro-life activities.



AGENDA

Friday, 24 April 2009

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| 7:20 a.m. | Mass for the Cause of Father Michael J. McGivney - Bishop Latino, Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle |
| 8:30 a.m. | Golf Tournament |
| 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. | State Officers Meeting – State Deputies Suite |
| 11:00 - 5:30 p.m. | Registration – Mezzanine South |
| 11:00 - 5:00 p.m. | Registration – Officers/Delegates/Dignitaries – Mezzanine South |
| 2:30 - 3:45 p.m. | 4 th Degree Honor Guard Competition – Windsor IV & V |
| 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. | Mississippi District Fourth Degree Meeting – Windsor IV & V |
| 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. | FIRST BUSINESS SESSION – Churchill I/II (<u>Members ONLY</u>) |
| 7:30 p.m. | Friday Night Dinner Social– Windsor Ballroom I/II/III |
| | Welcome Speaker: Honorable Delbert Hosemann, Secretary of State |
| | Response: Dr. Peter Sukanek, State Secretary |
| 10:00 p.m. | Credentials Committee – State Secretary, Dr. Peter Sukanek – Churchill I |
| 10:00 p.m. | Resolutions Committee – State Advocate, David Scott – Windsor IV & V |
| 10:00 p.m. | Mileage and Per Diem Meeting – State Treasurer, Gerald Schmuck – Churchill II |

Saturday, 25 April 2009

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| 7:30 a.m. | Memorial Mass with Necrology of Deceased Members and Wives. Concelebrated Mass with Bishop Rodi as Principal Celebrant - Necrology by State Warden, Jim McCraw, Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle |
| 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. | Breakfast available in St. Peter Parish Hall |
| 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. | Registration – Mezzanine South |
| 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. | Registration – Officers/Delegates/Dignitaries – Churchill I |
| 9:30 - 12:00 a.m. | SECOND BUSINESS SESSION – Churchill I/II (<u>Members ONLY</u>) |
| 10:00 - 12:00 p.m. | State Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting – Surrey I/II |
| 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. | Past State Deputies Luncheon – St. Peters, Rectory |
| 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. | District Deputies and Former District Deputies Luncheon – St Peters, Hall |
| 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. | Lunch (Bar-B-Q plate lunches available in St. Peter Parish Hall) |
| 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. | Ladies Luncheon – Windsor III |
| 1:00 - 2:15 p.m. | CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS |
| | Audit – Thomas Chady, PSD, Manchester |
| | Good of the Order – Dr. Paul Gospodarski, Windsor V |
| | Ceremonials – Richard Leding, PSD, Warwick |
| | Public Relations – Fred Middleton, Windsor IV |
| | State Convention – Guy Heying, Winston I |
| | Financial Secretaries – Jim Farris, Canterbury |
| | Membership – William Waggoner, Winston I |
| | Council Activities – Raymond Ball – Windsor II |
| | Community Activities – Richard Greenwold – Churchill I, North Side |
| | Church Activities – Donald Cox – Windsor II |
| | Family Life Activities – Carl Brochard – Churchill II, North Side |
| | Youth Activities – Joseph Jones – Churchill II, South Side |
| | Pro-Life Activities – Dennis Riecke – Surrey I |
| | Vocation Activities – Deacon Larry Campbell – Surrey II |
| 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. | THIRD BUSINESS SESSION – Churchill I/II (<u>Members ONLY</u>) |
| | SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET |
| 6:00 p.m. | Cash Bar Open - Mezzanine |
| 6:30 p.m. | Dignitaries Assemble for Procession – Warwick Board Room |
| 6:30 p.m. | Color Guard Assembles – Canterbury |
| 7:00 p.m. | Doors to Banquet room opened – Windsor Ballroom I/II/III |

Sunday, 26 April 2009

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| 8:00 a.m. | Concelebrated Convention Mass with Bishop Latino as Principal Celebrant – Windsor I/II/III |
| 10:30 - 1:00 p.m. | FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION – Churchill I/II (<u>Members ONLY</u>) |

