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Mid-Year Meeting Dec. 11

The Jurisdiction's mid-year meeting for State Officers, District Deputies and Program Chairs is scheduled for Dec. 11 at Madison St. Francis Church. The day-long event begins at 9 a.m.

A Mass concludes the event at 5:30 p.m.

A block of rooms is available at the Hilton Garden Inn in Madison for the evening of Dec. 10. To register for a room, log on to http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/J/JANMHGI-61C-20101210/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG.

Regional meetings are scheduled Jan. 8 in the south, Jan. 9 in the central area and Jan. 15 in the north.

Coming Events

Saturday, Dec. 11, 9 a.m., Mid-Year Meeting of Jurisdiction Officers, District Deputies and Program Chairs, St. Francis Church, Madison.

Tuesday, Jan. 11, March for Life, Washington, DC.

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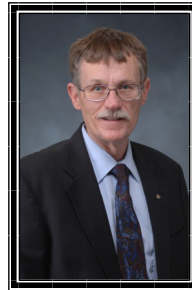


From the State Deputy

'Go and Do Likewise' Challenges Us as Knights

By Peter C. Sukanek

This past weekend, I attended the mid-year State Deputies meeting in Baltimore. At the outset of the meeting, the Supreme Advocate, John Marrella, announced that the Court of Appeals in Boston rejected the challenge to the words and "One nation under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. (You can read more about this on line, if you have not already, on the KofC website - www.kofc.org.)



As in previous cases, the Knights of Columbus was a "defendant intervenor" represented by counsel before the court. "In reciting the Pledge," the court said, "students promise fidelity to our flag and our nation, not to any particular God, faith or church." The primary effect of the New Hampshire law "is not the advancement of religion, but the advancement of patriotism," the court said. (The original lawsuit was brought against the state of New Hampshire.) The decision, as well as the words of the court, is something for which we should all be grateful and proud. The Knights of Columbus was instrumental in putting "under God" in the pledge and in keeping it there.

This victory supports one of the four principles of our Order, patriotism. In addition, as the Supreme Knight pointed out, the decision is especially significant in that it affirms our belief that the State is not supreme, but is accountable to a higher power: our actions are accountable to God. As Catholics, we believe we are commanded to love God and to love

our neighbor. The Supreme Council has named this year once again "The Year of the Volunteer" and has continued with the theme of this year's Supreme Convention, "I am my Brother's Keeper." Both themes certainly describe the Knights of Columbus. We are the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world, donating over \$150 million to charitable causes and giving over 69 million hours of volunteer work in 2009. We are the volunteers who do Christian charitable work.

At our Mass on Saturday morning, we were reminded of the parable of the Good Samaritan. The expert in the law asked, "Who is my neighbor?" which prompted Jesus' story. At the end, when asked by Jesus, "Who was this man's neighbor?" the expert responded, "The one who showed charity." Jesus did not respond, "That's correct" or "You're right." His response was simply, "Go and do likewise." That is Jesus' command not just to this individual, but to all who would follow him.

The Supreme Knight has challenged each of the more than 14,000 Councils throughout the Order to continue and to extend their charitable works in this fraternal year. To demonstrate to all that we live by our principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, he has asked that each Council sponsor one additional program in each of our six program areas: Church, Community, Council, Family, Pro-Life and Youth. Is that something your Council can do? Can we demonstrate to our communities in tangible ways that "We are our Brothers' Keepers"?

FS Quick tips

**New Honorary
Per Capita Charge**
By Mike Kassouf

Financial Secretaries received a letter in October from Supreme Advocate John Marrella announcing the Order's decision at the last convention to adjust the annual payment for Honorary Members.

Formerly, the annual payment was fixed at \$10, which included State and Supreme per capita charges and levies. As amended, the annual payment for Honorary Members will include the Supreme per capita charge of \$3.50, the Catholic Advertisement assessment of \$1 and the amount of the annual State Council per capita charge of \$2.70, which equals \$7.20. This is the amount you should bill each Honorary Member. Honorary Members on disability are exempt from all dues payments.

In Member Billing do the following: Billing Information > Class List under class for Honorary Members enter \$7.20. When you run billing for 2011 in December, this amount will populate those members who are designated as Honorary Members.

2011 Membership Cards - Effective with 2011, the Supreme Secretary has decided that all future Council membership cards will be white paper, and all future Assembly membership cards will be blue paper. For Member Billing, order #4817 for Council white cards and #4818 for Assembly blue cards.

**D'Iberville 9094 Hosts
Bowling Tournament**

Cypress Lanes in D'Iberville is the site of the K of C 2011 State Bowling Tournament scheduled Saturday and Sunday March 19-20.

Entry forms and additional information will be available on the state website at www.kofc-ms.org.

D'Iberville Council 9094 is host for the tournament and invites participants to partake of its Lenten fish fry on Friday, March 18.

Courtyard Marriott (228-392-1200) is



New State Master Installed

Larry Roberts (center) of Madison Bishop Brunini Assembly 2269, was installed as Mississippi State Master in a ceremony in Little Rock, AR. Vice Supreme Master of the Bienville Province G.V. 'Skip' Gentle (left) conducted the installation, which also involved State Deputy Peter Sukanek. The State Master also accepted the award as outstanding Assembly in the district comprised of Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Alabama and Louisiana.

Bishop R.O. Gerow Program

Investing in the Church's Future

By Don Cox, Program Chair

During a recent conversation with a priest who is involved with the seminarian education program in Mississippi, I learned that the cost per year to house and educate each seminarian is approximately \$38,000. That is a staggering amount but understandable with the condition of our economy.

This expense includes tuition and room and board at seminary. I hope Councils and Auxiliaries will consider this information when planning program activities and donations to the Bishop R.O. Gerow Program at the State Convention in April.

This program's annual collection is a the official hotel for the event.

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primary source of funding for seminarian education in our Jurisdiction. According to available records, the program over the years of its existence has raised over \$1.9 million to assist in the education of our seminarians. That means that if we match last year's donation of \$91,813, we will surpass \$2 million. That is something of which we all can be proud.

Educating seminarians is an investment in the future of the Church in Mississippi, and the contribution of the Knights of Columbus goes a long way toward fulfilling this obligation.

(For a summary of seminarian support in the Diocese of Jackson, see Page 4.)

**2011 State Convention
Tupelo, April 29 - May 1
Hosted by District 1**

16 Silver Rose Masses Conducted in Jurisdiction

By Robert Barr, District Deputy 12



District Deputy 8 Joe McQueen conducted a Silver Rose Mass at Sacred Heart in Hattiesburg on Oct. 24. The Mass was celebrated by Father Ken Landry and was attended by representatives from Councils 1908, 2180 and 7211 as well as DD 9 Bill Heath and DD 12 Robert Barr. An Honor Guard was provided by Bishop Fahey Assembly 562.



Districts 10 and 11 conducted a Silver Rose Mass at Our Lady of Fatima in West Biloxi on Oct. 25. The Mass was conducted by Father Sergio and attended by Council 9409's Grand Knight, Bill Roberts.



District 12 conducted a Silver Rose Ceremony at St. Mary in Gautier on Oct. 27. The Mass was celebrated by Father Charles Nutter and representatives from Councils 1605, 9124 and 10499 along with DD 12 Robert Barr were in attendance.



The final 2010 Mississippi Jurisdiction Silver Rose Mass and transfer ceremony was conducted by DD 9 Bill Heath at St. Charles Borromeo in Picayune on Oct. 31. Mississippi's KC State Secretary along with representatives from Councils 6872, 9958, and 12331 were present.

As Catholics, we are called to be a people of life. Each year, the Knights of Columbus sponsors the "Running of the Silver Rose," which entails the traveling of three silver roses throughout the US as proof of our commitment to pro-life causes and Our Lady of Guadalupe, who is claimed as the patroness of the pro-life causes.

The three roses, which travel separate routes, come together in Laredo, TX, in December of each year for delivery to the Mexican Knights of Columbus Jurisdiction, where they are then used in the annual feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City on Dec. 12.

This year, the eastern Silver Rose traveled the length and breadth of Mississippi during the period of Oct. 10-31. During this period, five Masses were conducted in the Northern District; seven Masses in the Central District; and four Masses in the Southern District prior to its being passed to the Louisiana Jurisdiction on Oct. 31 in Picayune, MS.



Happy Halloween

More than 35 children dressed in their Halloween finery joined Biloxi Council 1244 for a Halloween party on Oct. 24 at the Council hall. Council members, their families and friends helped make this fun-filled event more enjoyable by taking part in all of the games, enjoying good food and treats and good company. (Submitted by Joseph Ravita.)

Veterans' Day Observance



Pascagoula Msgr. P. J. Carey Assembly 0561 conducted a Veterans' Day wreath-laying ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Veterans' Memorial located at the Mississippi Jackson County I-10 Welcome Center. This year's wreath layer was Air Force Master Sergeant Adam Rupert (holding wreath in left photo), retired, who is currently employed by Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding, Gulf Coast. Joining him in the ceremony were Honor Guard members Leo Borosky, Richard Clement, Benny French and Robert Barr and at the marker John Albano, Barr, French, Borosky, Deacon Mike Gilly and Clement.

Brandon, Madison Knights Shine in Grillin' for Life Competition



Brandon Council 10216 (left) captured first place overall in the K of C Division of the 6th Annual Grillin' for Life event held in Ridgeland. Members of the team were Bill Morris, Ted Gray, Rick LeBlanc, Dale Harris and Anthony Carpenter. Madison Council 9543 was first in ribs and first in chicken in the K of C division. Team members were Richard Cameron, Jessie Barrilleaux, Captain Chris Manning, Doug Leo and Ed Marsalais.

Summary of RSVP Participation, By Deacon Larry Campbell, State Vocations Chair

This status of participation in the K of C Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) in the Diocese of Jackson is based on reports made through Nov. 5. At that time, six seminarians received RSVP support from 13 Councils and one Assembly in the Diocese.

Participation is as follows, with the seminarian and the support provided:

John Chavajay, Starkville St. Joseph 6765, \$50/mo., and Vicksburg 898, \$100/mo.; Jason Johnston, Olive Branch Fr. Leo J. Dehon 14051, \$50/mo., and Jackson St. Richard's 15131, \$50/mo.; Bihn Nguyen, Meridian Msgr. John J. Burns 802, \$150/mo., and Flowood St. Paul 10216, \$50/mo.; Adam Nobles, Gluckstadt St. Joseph 1934, \$50/mo., McComb Charles R. Brill, 8054, \$30/mo. and Starkville St. Joseph 6765, \$50/mo.; Jose de Jesus Sanchez, Oxford St. John 10901, \$100/mo., and Clinton Holy Savior 7854, \$50/mo.; and Aaron Williams,

Olive Branch Queen of Peace 3081, \$50/mo., Jackson St. Peter 848, \$50/mo. and Natchez Bishop Gerow 1034, \$50/mo. Greenwood Msgr. John Clerico 5267 will assist Aaron Williams with trip expenses to the March for Life event in Washington in January.

Studying in the Republic of Mexico and not to be supported at this time are Candido Alvarez, Cesar Sanchez and Adolfo Suarez.