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Coming Events

Sunday, July 10, Major Exemplification beginning with 1st Degree registration at 7:30 a.m., Biloxi Council 1244, 717 Water St., Biloxi.

Friday, July 15, State Organizational Meeting Reception-Social, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Church, 8343 Woolmarket Rd., Woolmarket.

Saturday, July 16, State Organization Meeting, 9 a.m., St. Thomas Church community center, Beach Blvd., Long Beach. Installation of state officers, 5 p.m. Mass, St. Thomas Church.

Sunday, July 17, District Deputy Training and Orientation, 8:30 a.m., Bishop Gunn Council 1583, 733 34th St., Gulfport.

Sunday, July 17, Southern School of Columbianism, 12 noon, Bishop Gunn Council 1583.

Saturday, July 23, Northern School of Columbianism, 12 noon, Rev. Clifford Meador Council 10443, Grenada.

Sunday, July 24, Central School of Columbianism, St. Richard of Chichester Council 15131, Jackson.

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From the State Deputy

Our Strength Is In Building Good Working Relationships

It is certainly difficult for me to believe that my two years as State Deputy of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus is already over. It has been an honor to be able to serve in that position. Thank you for putting your trust in me.

Many people have been responsible for the good things that have happened over these two years; mine alone is the responsibility for any shortcomings. To the past State Deputies, Grand Knights, District Deputies, State Program Directors, our state membership and program chairs, my sincere thanks for all the time and effort you have put forth these past two years. I think all would agree that Fred Middleton has done an outstanding job with this newsletter. Thank you, Fred.

One of the real strengths of the Mississippi Knights is the good working relationship among the state officers. I thank them for the support and advice during my tenure. I am certain we can look forward to more success in the coming years.

Going through my computer files related to State Deputy, I came across something Fr. Al Camp, our State Chaplain, sent to me last year, his homily for Fathers' Day. It seems appropriate to share his thoughts on Fatherhood and the Knights for this Fathers' Day. Consequently, I will say thank you again and goodbye for now. Keep up the good work.

From Fr. Al Camp, State Chaplain

A little boy of five was left alone with his father at bedtime. It had never happened before. After some maneuvering and a lot of fun, the father finally got the little fellow into his night clothes and was about to lift

him into bed when the child said, "But Daddy, I have to say my prayers." He knelt down beside the bed, joined his hands, raised his eyes to heaven and prayed. "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord

my soul to keep."

That was the usual prayer. But tonight he looked up at his Dad, then raised his eyes to heaven and prayed, "Dear God, make me a great, big, good man like my daddy. Amen."



In a moment he was in bed and in five minutes asleep. And then the father knelt down by his son's bedside and prayed, "Dear Lord, make me a great, big, good man like my son thinks I am."

I think that is what Fr. McGivney had in mind when he founded the Knights of Columbus — to help the Knights become great, big, good men.

A few years back, Fr. O'Malley, a religion teacher at Fordham Preparatory School in New York City, wrote an article for **America Magazine**, *Fathering the Adolescent Boy*. It is a classic. I won't give you the whole thing. But he ends with a few paragraphs on legitimate suffering. Fr. O'Malley's conclusion:

:Perhaps the example of the perfect father is, again, where it has always been. The good father is the man who patterns his life on the Father above before whom all of us are children. Our father doesn't fight our battles for us, but he's always there, urging us on, if we allow him to. And he never tires of listening to us. And he rarely interrupts. But if we
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Biloxi Hosts Major Exemplification

Biloxi Council 1244 will host a Major Exemplification on Sunday, July 10, at the Council home at 717 Water St.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., with the 1st Degree ceremony at 9. Registration for the 2nd and 3rd Degrees continues until 9:45 a.m..

Candidates for the 1st Degree should present a Form 100 and a membership card, both signed by the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary; and Rosary, "These Men They Call Knights" book and membership pin.

Cost for the 2nd and 3rd Degree is \$16. Lunch will be served at no cost.

Email trahanrk@bellsouth.net with numbers for each degree as well as names for pre-registration.

Dress attire is dress slacks and dress shirt. Tie and coat are optional.

Larry Tabor Heads State Foundation

What was formerly known as the People with Intellectual Disabilities campaign, a program of the Mississippi K of C Foundation, has a new name and a new director.

The designation of the program was changed to the Campaign to Support Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities, and Past State Deputy and Past State Master Larry Tabor was appointed Executive Director of the Foundation. He succeeds Jim Farris of Horn Lake, a member of Hernando DeSoto Council 7120 in Southaven.

Program information and forms are available on the Mississippi K of C web site at www.kofc-ms.org.

All checks, requests for disbursement, correspondence and inquiries should be sent to the following address: Larry J. Tabor, 9601 Blossman Dr., Biloxi, MS 39532-9707. Other contact information: LNDtabor@cableone.net; cell: 228-365-6516; office: 228-377-3062; home: 228-392-6379.

Long Beach Hosts State Organizational Meeting, Installation

The 2011 state organizational meeting, installation of new officers, a training session for District Deputies and the Southern District School of Columbianism are scheduled for July 15-17 at various sites on the Gulf Coast.

Activities begin at 6 p.m. Friday, July 15, with a reception-social hosted by James D. Hart Council 9673 of Woolmarket at St. Mary's Church at 8343 Woolmarket Rd.

The organizational meeting for State Officers, District Deputies and State Program personnel begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 16, at St. Thomas Church community center on Beach Boulevard in Long Beach. The installation of State Officers will occur at a 5 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas Church. State Officers and District Deputies should wear white dinner jackets and assemble at the church no later than 4:45 p.m. A social and banquet follow the Mass. Please contact State Deputy-elect Gerald Schmuck (jschmuck@cableone.net, 228-861-3459) or Michael Morgan (mklmorgan1@gmail.com, 228-547-6727) by July 6 to confirm attendance at the banquet.

A training and orientation session for District Deputies is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Sunday, July 17, at Bishop Gunn Council 1583 Council Hall located at 733 34th St. in Gulfport. The

Supreme Regional Coordinator and State Deputy will facilitate this meeting.

The Southern Region School of Columbianism begins at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, July 17, at the Bishop Gunn Council Hall. All Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Membership Directors, Financial Secretaries, Treasurers, Program Directors and District Deputies 8 through 12 should plan to attend this meeting.

"Our team is enthusiastic about the challenges ahead," said State Deputy-elect Schmuck. "We will need to work together, communicate with our Council officers and get our message to all eligible Catholic men in the state. Each one of us has accepted a responsibility, but all are working toward a common goal."

Schools of Columbianism for the Northern and Southern Regions are scheduled July 23 at Rev. Clifford Meador Council 10443, Grenada, and July 24 at St. Richard of Chichester Council 15131, Jackson, respectively.

A block of rooms is available at the Holiday Inn Express, 300 W. Beach Blvd., Long Beach, for the July 15-17 events. Contact the hotel at 228-864-5440 or 888-465-4229 and ask for the Knights' meeting room rates (\$119 plus tax). The Friday and Saturday meetings at St. Thomas Church are a short distance from the motel.

Summary of Donations for Bishop R.O. Gerow Memorial Fund for Seminarian Education

Biloxi Diocese

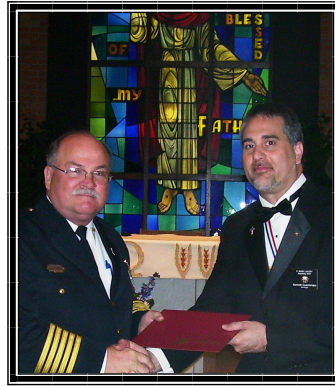
Total Received Prior to Convention	\$31,177.94
Total Council Checks at Convention	7,233.20
Total Assembly Checks at Convention	700.00
Total Ladies Aux. Checks at Convention	500.00
Total Received 2010-11	\$39,611.14

Jackson Diocese

Total Received Prior to Convention	\$32,012.44
Total Council Checks at Convention	17,015.00
Total Assembly Checks At Convention	1,650.00
Total Ladies Aux. Checks At Convention	700.00
Total Received 2010-11	\$51,377.44
Mississippi Jurisdiction Grand Total	\$90,988.58

D'Iberville Salutes Public Service with Blue Mass

By Ed Guardanapo



Master of Ceremonies Larry Tabor and Fr. Robert Higginbotham at left; Sir Knight Ed Guardanapo presents Certificates of Appreciation to D'Iberville Police Chief Wayne Payne and Biloxi Assistant Police Chief Rodney McGivey; and Mississippi Highway Patrol Public Service Director Albert Santa Cruz recognizes the outpouring of support from communities throughout the state during the recent Mississippi River flooding.

With an Honor Guard provided by Mark Landry 4th Degree Assembly 3007, Sacred Heart Church of D'Iberville, led by Fr. Robert Higginbotham, conducted a "Blue Mass" on Sunday, May 22, in recognition of the service to the community by policemen, fire fighters and first responders in Harrison and Jackson Counties and the Mississippi Highway Patrol.

"We want to take this opportunity to

welcome and thank all of you for your service to the community on this solemn occasion," said Fr. Higginbotham, "and to give special recognition to those who gave their lives in unselfish performance of their duties."

Master of Ceremonies Larry Tabor then recited the names of those who died in the line of duty, and then passed out Certificates of Appreciation provided by the Supreme Coun-

cil to each of the public service representatives of the organizations that were present.

Mississippi Highway Patrol Public Service Director Albert Santa Cruz spoke on the need for continued assistance in the Delta and Mississippi River communities where residents were flooded out of their homes and thanked everyone for their prayers and efforts on their behalf.

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make ourselves vulnerable to him, we hear what every son – and father – yearns to hear, "You are my son, in whom – no matter what – I am well pleased."

Perhaps the first step for a father – at no matter what cost of embarrassment to him or his son – is God's consistent way with Israel: to get him off into a place alone. Then, to put his arms around the boy and say, "Son, I know we both screw up sometime. But I love you. God, how I love you."

It's worth a try.

Supreme Court Rejects Challenge to 'Under God' in Pledge of Allegiance

NEW HAVEN, CT – The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal of a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the Pledge of Allegiance, thus ending a seven-year battle involving two separate cases, one originating in California and the other in New Hampshire.

The Knights of Columbus, represented by the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, played a key role in defending the Pledge as a "defendant intervenor" in both cases.

"The Knights of Columbus is proud to have played a major role in successfully defending the constitutionality of the words 'under God' in the Pledge of Allegiance," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. "We were instrumental in persuading Congress to add those words to the

Pledge in 1954, and they express a fundamental belief that we have held as a nation since our founding, that we 'are endowed by our creator with certain unalienable rights.' The notion that this somehow violates the First Amendment has now been soundly rejected by both the First and Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeal, and the Supreme Court has now allowed both decisions to stand. It is a victory for common sense."

The Ninth Circuit upheld the constitutionality of the Pledge in March 2010 and the Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal of the California case in March 2011. The First Circuit upheld the constitutionality of the Pledge in November 2010 and the Supreme Court denied certiorari in that case June 13.

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