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FROM THE STATE DEPUTY

TIME TO REVIEW, TAKE STOCK AND ADJUST PLANS FOR MAKING THIS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR YOUR COUNCIL AND THE JURISDICTION

BY GERALD E. 'JERRY' SCHMUCK

Do you remember the last time you heard the words "Tempus Fugit?" Time is definitely flying by. It is hard to believe that we are almost at the halfway point in our State Fraternal year. Looking back at the various reports that you have been sending in, it appears that many of you are doing exceptionally well. I think we will see a lot of "Top Gun" Councils at the convention and hopefully more Star Councils than we had last year.

Some Councils, however, are struggling. If your Council falls into the latter category, then it's time to look back at your goals and see how you are doing. What, no Council goals? Maybe that could be the reason why

some of you are struggling. It's not too late, though; there is still time left. Your mid-year programs report will be due soon and your Supreme Fraternal Surveys will be due shortly after. It's time now to review, take stock of where you are, what you have accomplished and make your plans on what you need to do to make this a successful year.

During the month of October, we observe Respect Life Month, Columbus Day and Halloween. While we will always work for Pro-Life, now, more than ever, we must promote a respect for the dignity of life from conception to grave. Take advantage of the information our Pro-Life couple, Dennis and Muna Riecke, have available and plan a program to show our support for the unborn.

This would also be a good time to hold a membership drive to help celebrate Columbus Day. If you need help planning for one, your District Deputy, State Membership Director or any of the State Officers are willing to help. All you have to do is ask.

Fall is in the air, and Halloween is approaching. Now is also a good time to plan for an open house or maybe a fall festival or a costume party for the Parish. Hosting activities such as these are not only fun, they could help to recruit new members.

As many of you know, the "Our Lady of Guadeloupe" Icon is travelling through our state. I'm not sure where

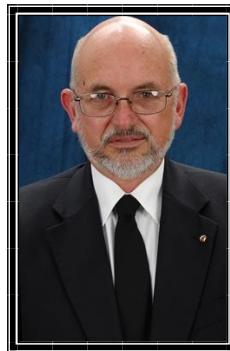
it is at this time, but I'm sure that our icon chairman, Bob Leo, has everything well in hand. When the icon comes your way, get the word out and put her on display as much as you can for the adoration she deserves.

We also have another icon coming soon. Later this month the Silver Rose will once again be passing through our state. I will be picking the Rose up from Alabama State Deputy Ray Carney on the 16th of this month and from there, we'll start moving it through the state from Meridian to Picayune before passing it on to Louisiana. There are several locations on the schedule. If you are interested in visiting this icon, see or contact Joe Jones for the details and schedule.

One last thought: Next month we will go to the polls and cast our votes; at least I know I will. Remember our forefathers fought for the freedoms we enjoy today. Because of that, I feel that it is not only our RIGHT to vote, it is also our OBLIGATION. If we are to remain a free nation, under God, we must all fulfill our obligation and cast our votes.

In closing I would like to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication to our Order. You have truly shown that we, the Mississippi Knights of Columbus, are "Our Brother's Keeper."

VIVAT JESUS!!



Gerald Schmuck



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the Personhood Amendment



Knights of Columbus

Mississippi State Council

MEMORANDUM CONCERNING THE 'PERSONHOOD AMENDMENT' BY GERALD SCHMUCK, STATE DEPUTY

Brothers:

Recently we have received inquiries from several of you on how the Knights stand concerning Amendment 26, also known as the Personhood Amendment, which will be coming up for a vote this November.

Each person must make up his or her own mind on this issue. However, because of the specific wording of the amendment, we have decided that the Knights of Columbus cannot endorse it. If you look at the specifics of the amendment, it says that life begins at conception whether it be by natural means, cloning or artificial insemination. We do not want to publicly endorse this and have some other organization take our endorsement out of context and declare to the world that the Mississippi Knights endorse cloning or artificial means of fertilization. . . .

Please understand that this lack of endorsement on the state's part in no way diminishes our support of Pro-Life. We will ALWAYS support life from conception to natural death. All I can say is, consider all sides of the proposed amendment thoroughly and vote your conscience. If you have questions or concerns, please contact any of your State Officers.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE FOURTH DEGREE

Hosted by: C. Mark Landry Assembly 3007

Location: Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Hall, D'Iberville, MS

Date: Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011

Honoree: Father Robert Higginbotham

Schedule: Noon to 1 p.m.: Registration. Lunch at Council Hall cost for \$5 per person 1 p.m.: Exemplification Begins (should be completed by 2:30 p.m.)

There will not be a banquet held in conjunction with this exemplification.

Candidate Eligibility: Must be a member of the Knights for more than six months, and a Third Degree Knight in good standing.

Fees: The exemplification fee is \$50 per candidate. Included with this fee, each candidate will receive a Fourth Degree social baldric and a Fourth Degree lapel pin. Checks should be made payable to **Larry Roberts**, Mississippi District Fourth Degree Master. Send checks and completed Form 4s to the District Master at the address below. **Deadline for receipt is Wednesday, Oct. 26.** Please ensure that all information and signatures are completed on the Form 4 application.

Dress: All candidates and Fourth Degree member observers are required to wear a black tuxedo, black bow tie, white tux shirt with lay down collars (no ruffled shirts), black cummerbund, and black footwear. Military personnel may wear dress uniforms. Priests may wear dress clerics. Candidates do not need to have a sword or regalia for the exemplification.

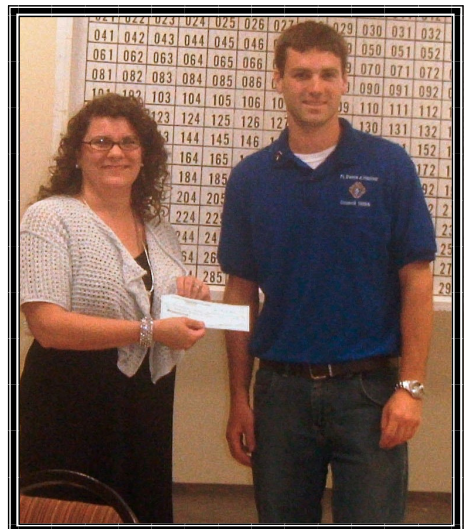
Contact: Sir Knight Mark Fontenot, 6721 Washington Ave, Apt 3G, , Ocean Springs, MS, 39564, 228-875-7105, (cell) 228-355-3248, LCA_fontenot@att.net

Mail Form 4s and Checks to: Larry Roberts, District Master, 304 Crestview Dr., Madison, MS 39110



SAV-A-LIFE CENTER BENEFITS FROM PICAYUNE ART SHOW

Picayune Oscar J. Gelphi Council 6872 attracted 300 pieces of artwork from 88 artists for its 2nd Annual ProLife Art Show entitled 'Life Is All Around Us.' The show netted \$5,000 that was contributed to Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Center in Picayune. Past Grand Knight and the Council's Pro Life Director Richard Mahony and Show Coordinator Eve Mahony (on left) joined Grand Knight Ted Barze in presenting the check to Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Center Executive Director Mary Fowler.



VANCLEAVE COUNCIL 15155 STAGES BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Vancleave Fr. Denis Harlow Council 15155 contributed \$1,000 to the Pascagoula School District Teen Mom Program and \$500 to the Mississippi ProLife Memorial Fund from money raised by the First Baby Bottle Drive. Grand Knight Chris Fetters presented the check to the Teen Mom Program's director, Dr. Connie Jo Williams.

16 FROM NORTHERN DISTRICT ADD DEGREES



Sixteen Knights from the Northern District added 2nd and 3rd Degrees of Unity and Fraternity in an exemplification hosted by Grenada Rev. Clifford Meador Council 10443 that included State Master Larry Roberts (standing left) and Co-Ceremonials Director Rich Lieding (standing right). Knights who added the degrees are Robert Adams, Max Baer, Bill Biese, Patrick Doyle, Michael Holden, Allen Latimer, Pat Nelson, Miguel Paez, Kenneth Steed, Michael Sterling, Joseph Stronski and Larry Wade, all of Southaven Hernando DeSoto Council 7120; Ben Stewart and Dallas Trost of Grenada; and Javier Cantu and Morris Anderson of Batesville Fr. Thomas M. Boyce Council 13502.

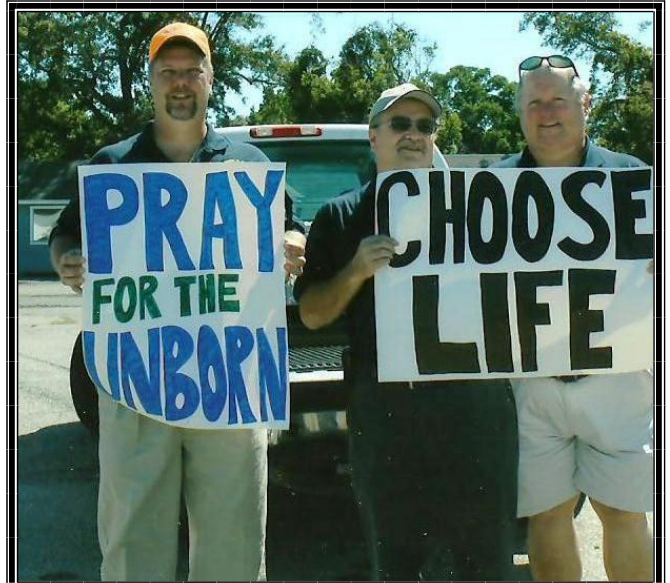
GEROW PROGRAM ENTERS 56TH YEAR

BY DON COX, GEROW PROGRAM CHAIR

Fall is in the air and we will soon be in the Thanksgiving season and a time to show our thanks and appreciation for all that our priests and future priests do for us and our families.

In these difficult economic times that impact us today it is especially difficult for our Bishops to fund the education of our future priests. They desperately need our assistance. I hope that you are planning your program activities accordingly.

Recently, Past State Deputy and Past Faithful Navigator John P. Myers of Meridian did some research on the history of the Bishop R.O. Gerow Program. In reading through state convention programs, he found the first entry of this fund was in 1956, even though there were checks to support priest education as early as 1947. Based upon this information, 2011-12 is the 56th year of the Bishop R.O. Gerow Program for Seminarian Education.



PASCAGOULA P.J. CAREY COUNCIL 1605 HONORS SERVICE, JOINS PROLIFE CHAIN

Shannon Gilly, Sr. (right in left photo), a Knight for 64 years and counting, stands with officers of Pascagoula P.J. Carey Council 1605 and his pastor in celebration of his 86th birthday during the recent Our Lady of Victories Parish picnic. Joining him to mark the occasion were (from left) Past Grand Knight Steve Overman, Fr. Tony Arguelles, Deacon and Trustee Frank Martin and Grand Knight Steve Frederic. Treasurer Joe Farr stepped out of the celebration long enough to snap the photo. Steve Overman, Deacon Martin and Steve Frederic were among Council members who participated in a recent ProLife Chain on Highway 90 in Pascagoula. (Photos by Joe Farr; submitted by Mike Gilly.)

D'IBERVILLE COOKS SALUTE DIOCESE OF BILOXI DIACONATE CANDIDATES

BY ED GUARDANAPO

Members of D'Iberville Fr. McAlpine Council 9094 prepared lunch and dinner for participants in the formation program for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Biloxi and their wives as the candidates completed their first week of course work and study.

Fr. Mike O'Connor, Past State Chaplain and Rector for the Dedeaux Religious Center, explained that "those aspiring to become deacons must complete a four-year course of study with the first year dedicated to discernment and the following years comprised of postgraduate-level academic studies."

It has been a custom to invite the candidates' wives to join their husbands for lunch and dinner following completion of the first week of study. Among the candidates is Council member Milton Standridgel, who extended the invitation for the Council



Members of the D'Iberville Fr. McAlpine Council 9094 who participated in the salute to Diaconate candidates included Butch Philio, Art Dunn, Roger Fettes, Chef Drew Aucoin, Noel Aucoin and Ed Guardanapo.

to prepare the meals.

Lunch was burgers, but for dinner, the Kitchen Krewe, comprised of State Advocate Noel Aucoin, District Deputy Roger Fettes, Butch Philio,



Past State Deputy Art Dunn and Ed Guardanapo, had a surprise for the attendees – dinner prepared by professional chef Drew Aucoin, Noel's son.

STARKVILLE RECOGNIZES EUGENE COLUMBUS' 44 YEARS

There are several milestones for a member of the Knights of Columbus, including receiving the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees and perhaps election to an office. But none is more special than to be recognized as an Honorary Member or Honorary Life Member.

Our Supreme Secretary's office now has automated this recognition process, making it easier for a Council to note this achievement.

When a Brother is eligible for either honor, a permanent membership card is created and mailed to the Financial Secretary on record. The Grand Knight's manual includes a ceremony that can be followed for the presentation, or a simple recognition by the Parish priest is a wonderful way to honor these man.

Items that can be ordered to celebrate this occasion include the Honorary Certificate and folder and lapel pin.



Fr. John Bohn, Pastor of St Joseph's in Starkville, presented Brother Eugene Columbus, a member of Starkville Fr. John P. Egan Council 6765, with his Honorary Life Certificate and Membership card following mass Oct. 16. Bro. Eugene has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 44 years.

COMING EVENTS

Monday, Oct. 24, Silver Rose, 6:30 p.m., St. Peter Cathedral, Jackson.

Saturday, Oct. 29, 4th Degree Exemplification, D'Iberville C. Mark Landry Assembly 3007, Registration at Noon.

Sunday, Oct. 30, 2nd and 3rd Degree Council 10216, registration at 11:30 a.m., 5971 Highway 25, Flowood.

Monday, Oct. 31, Marian Hour of Prayer, Last Date in Districts 6 and 12.

Tuesday, Nov. 1, Marian Hour of Prayer, First Date in Districts 5 and 11.

Sunday, Nov. 6 (Date Change), 1st Degree Exemplification, 3:30 p.m., Hernando DeSoto Council 7120, 785 Church Rd. West, Southaven.

Saturday, Nov. 12, Gulf Coast Veterans Day Parade 2011, 11 a.m., D'Iberville.

OLIVE BRANCH COUNCIL BEAUTIFIES COMMUNITY WITH CEMETERY CLEANUP PROJECT



Olive Branch Fr. Leo John Dehon Council 14051 put its best foot forward with its cemetery clean-up community involvement project. The cemetery is owned by an elderly lady who was very appreciative because the site has been neglected for several years. The dense overgrowth was a challenge in itself, but the Knights also had to be extremely careful not to overlook any hidden graves. Six tree stumps were uprooted and removed. Many graves were the burial site of veterans of World War II as well as many paupers whose graves were long forgotten. Tombstones were carefully repaired and straightened before the lawn was mowed. Knights and neighbors who participated in the project were Alexander Barber, District Deputy 2 Joe Suhanin, Deputy Grand Knight Joe To-man, Spencer Crow, Kathi Chiumento, Matt Dewerff, Tammy Dewerff and Grand Knight John Chiumento who worked under the supervision of Patsy L. Chiumento.



PROLIFE OBSERVANCE

October is ProLife Month as the nation's K of C Councils and Assemblies become proactive in their communities in support for the unborn. Members of D'Iberville Knights of Columbus Council 9094 and Assembly 3007 gathered in front of Sacred Heart Church to place crosses and raise two posters in support of ProLife efforts in their community. "Each year we Knights place over 300 crosses in the ProLife memorial dedicated to the aborted innocents," stated District Deputy Roger Fetters. "This year, with the support of pastor Fr. Robert Higginbotham, we were able to purchase two posters that will be displayed year-round for all individuals who travel . . . in front of our church to see and take notice that we are proud of our ProLife stance and support our church and clergy in that effort."



ST. THERESE PAINTERS

Members of Jackson St. Therese Council 8285 added a fresh coat of paint to the Council's storage building located on the Parish grounds. The painting team included (from left) Past Grand Knight Marvin Cannon, Jim Norrid (also on ladder), Deputy Grand Knight Julian Valencia, Past Grand Knight Bill Singletary and Grand Knight Rusty Kemp.

DOWNTOWN D'IBERVILLE, MISSISSIPPI
Gulf Coast
Veterans Day Parade 2011
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
11:00 AM

HONORING ALL WHO SERVE

THE 2011 PARADE IS DEDICATED TO THE VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II. FOR THEIR GALLANT EFFORT, THEY ARE TRULY THE "GREATEST GENERATION"

PARADE ROUTE:
Beginning at Popp's Ferry Road, then south to
Automall Parkway to Central Avenue and
Ending at the D'Iberville Town Green

Participating:
Motorcycle Groups
Antique Military Vehicles
Mississippi School Bands
Junior ROTC Marching Units
Keesler AFB Marching Units
NCBC Gulfport Marching Units
NASA and Stennis Space Center

Grand Marshal
Albert G.
"Al" Ballus, Jr.

JOIN US IN THIS CELEBRATION OF VETERANS
FOR A MAP OR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.msveteransparade.com

PASS CHRISTIAN
MSGR. LEECH COUNCIL 4472
\$3,000 DRAWDOWN, NOV. 12
West Harrison Civic Center
Doors Open 6 p.m.; Drawing 7 p.m.
Tickets \$30 (Admits Two)
Dinner, Beer, Soft drinks are in-
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Proceeds go to St. Vincent de Paul
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