

The Magnolia Knight

A Word from the State Deputy

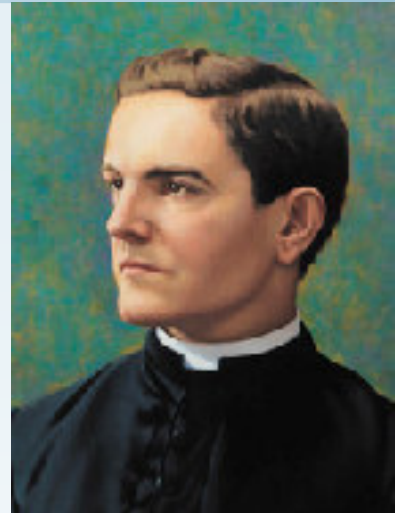
Giving Thanks



Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the many blessings we have received from God. It is also a time to give thanks to all those who have made a difference in our lives. I give thanks for our Holy Father, Pope Francis. His actions have portrayed a compassion for all of God's children that reminds me of Mother Theresa. He is a man that makes me proud to be Catholic. I give thanks to my fellow state officers. Their support and prayers for me and one another provide a great foundation for the Knights of Columbus in Mississippi. I give thanks to the DD's, the GK's, state program chairmen and all those

who take a leadership role in the Knights of Columbus. While our Jurisdiction is small in comparison to some other states, we take a backseat to no one. Fr. McGivney's dream of a Catholic fraternal society that promotes charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism is a reality due to the dedication of many of these KC leaders. I give thanks for all the KC councils in our State. Each council makes a difference in its parish and its community. I especially give thanks to our Bishops and priests in Mississippi. They have selflessly given their lives to serve God and his people. They provide us with comfort and compassion in times of need, understanding and education in times of confusion, forgiveness in times of sinfulness and friendship and kindness in times of loneliness. For this gift, I am more than grateful, I am deeply thankful. Have you thanked a priest today?

David Scott
State Deputy



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Send Council, Assembly and Circle
news to John Lacourrége at
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Bishop R.O. Gerow (Priest Education) Program

Only 5 months remain to get your donation to this worthwhile program that supports the education of our future priests. During a recent conversation with a priest who is involved with the seminarian program, I learned that the cost per year for each seminarian is approximately \$38K. That is a staggering amount but understandable with the condition of our economy. I hope you will consider this information when you plan your program activities and your donation in April.

According to available records the program over the years of its existence we have raised over \$1.9M. That means that if we match last year's donation we will surpass \$2.M. That is something we all can be proud.

Looking forward to seeing you at the coming year's Mid-Winter Meeting.

Vivat Jesus
Don Cox
Chairman, Bishop Gerow Program



Supreme Council Families of the Month

The following are the Mississippi winners of the Supreme Council's Family of the Month contest for the month of September, 2013. They are obtained through a random drawing held at the Supreme Council office from among the many nominees submitted by local councils.

Keith & Dana Knight
Council 2180—Laurel

Buddy & Miriam Honeycutt
Council 10443—Grenada

Councils are encouraged to submit their Family of the Month reports in a timely fashion in order for their submissions to be eligible.

Tax Reporting Tips from the State Advocate



Brother Knights,

As State Advocate, part of my job is giving the Councils and Assemblies information about filing yearly with the IRS. Depending on whether you chose a calendar year or the Supreme year which ends 6/30 your 990 filing with the IRS is due 5/15/2013 or 11/15/2013 respectively. So your filing is already due or will be due on 11/15. Both Councils and Assemblies have to file the 990 yearly.

You will need your EIN number to file. Unless your annual income is greater than \$50,000 you can file on

line. The State website www.kofc-ms.org has a 25 page information sheet that Supreme sent to me. It goes into great detail about what you need and how to file. It also tells you how to get an EIN # if you do not have one. In a lot of cases the bank where you have your checking account will have the EIN in their records. Check with them if you cannot find it.

Go to the website listed above and click on "for officers". Then click on "forms, contacts and more". The third topic down is "IRS information". Click on "form 990/990EZ information". That will bring up a 25 page PDF file from the Supreme Advocate. As mentioned earlier it goes into great detail about how to file, shows examples of forms, and has frequently asked questions at the end.

Also in that same field is "IRS Exempt Organization Check". If you click on that it will take you to an IRS website to see if your Council or Assembly has filed. You will need your EIN # to use this.

You have to be registered with the IRS and Supreme to use our 401-c exemption. If Supreme has not told the IRS that you are under their banner, the IRS will not recognize you.

If you have read the 25 page PDF file that I mentioned earlier, and you still have questions, contact me about your problem to see if we can resolve it. My email is philip-jabour@bellsouth.net. I am also the contact for the State Insurance program that the Councils and assemblies can participate in. But, that is a topic for another day.

I look forward to working with you, if you have any needs that the State Advocate can help with

Vivat Jesus!

Philip Jabour
State Advocate

Sir Knights Help Bring Year of Faith to a Close



An Honor Guard made up of Sir Knights from both Bishop Gerow and Bishop Brunini assemblies escorts Fr. Mike O'Brien, pastor of St. Richard Chichester Church in Jackson during a procession of the Blessed Sacrament around the church property on Sunday, November 24th. (Photo by Denzil Lobo)

On the sunny but cool and windy afternoon of Sunday, November 24th, faith communities from around the Jackson area gather at St. Richard Catholic Church on Lynwood Dr. in Jackson to celebrate the conclusion of The Year of Faith.

Following an Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 1:00 PM, Sir Knights from the two area assemblies escorted Fr. Mike O'Brien as he carried the monstrance from the main altar in the church to each of three beautifully adorned altars set up at intervals around the church property. At each altar, Fr. O'Brien placed the monstrance on the altar where a Gospel was read and hymns were sung by the members of the faith communities who had built and lovingly decorated each one.

PFN Johnny Biggert, FN John Lacourrége, Chris Callegan and Steve Miller carried the canopy, while State Secretary Jim McCraw and CCC Craig Harrell (not pictured) escorted the priest.

Upon returning to the sanctuary, benediction prayers were said by all, and the consecrated Bread was returned to the tabernacle in a fitting end to beautiful and reverent ceremony.

Pro-life News Sources

[In last month's issue of *The Magnolia Knight*, State Pro-life Couple Dennis and Muna Riecke shared some of their trusted sources of pro-life news. Space did not allow the full list to be published in that issue, Here as promised is the continuation.]

Rachel's Vineyard

<http://www.rachelsvineyard.org>

At the home page click on "Books and Resources" then "Newsletters", then "Vine and Branches" then "Subscribe". Concentrates on helping women heal after abortion through weekend retreats.

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortion emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing.

The Elliot Institute

<http://www.afterabortion.org/elliott.html>

At the home page click on "Join our List on the left. Concentrates on researching the effects of abortion and why women choose abortion. Most abortions are coerced.

In 1988, Dr. David Reardon founded the Elliot Institute in order to conduct original research on the effects of abortion on women, men, families and society. With a lot of hard work and the help of our friends, we are now one of the leading organizations researching the impact of abortion. In addition, we serve as a major resource for organizations around the world who are concerned about protecting the rights of women and their unborn children. Our mission also includes educating others about abortion's injustice, trauma, and risk to all involved, and raising This mission has led us to undertake numerous efforts in the areas of research, education, and advocacy awareness of the urgent need for meaningful support and healing.

Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute (C-FAM)

<http://c-fam.org/en>

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At the home page click on "About Us" then "Subscribe".

C-FAM works at the United Nations and at international institutions to defend life and family to publicize debates on life issues. They work to preserve international law by discrediting socially radical policies at the United Nations and other international institutions. C-FAM's core values are; Fidelity to the teachings of the Church, Perseverance, Professionalism and Truth Telling.

If you want to know how abortion is being forced on countries throughout the world this weekly Email newsletter is for you. C-FAM is the most effective prolife organization combating the promotion of the Culture of Death at the United Nations.

Human Life International (HLI)

<http://www.hli.org>

At the home page enter your Email address in the box on the upper right.

Concentrates on training and empowering local prolife activists in 160 countries. Human Life International is a Catholic apostolate seeking to respond to our calling as followers of Jesus Christ by building a Culture of Life and of Love around the world through education, outreach, advocacy, and service. HLI believes the specific concerns and needs of local communities can be best identified by those who live there. In fulfilling this mission we strive to train, organize and equip pro-life leaders around the world. While we are completely faithful to the Holy Father and the Magisterium, we are also ecumenical and work with people of all faiths to advance the cause of life. Since our founding in 1981 by Reverend Paul Marx, O.S.B., HLI has sponsored more than 70 international conferences and over 50 conferences in the United States. By means of our pro-life missionary trips, we've also advised, inspired and trained pro-life leaders, families, seminarians and students in approximately 160 foreign lands.

(Watch for more sources next month.)

District Deputy Luis Ybarra in Action



DD #7 Luis Ybarra presents PGK Andy Spinnato with the very first Double Star Council award earned by the Knights of St. Alphonsus Council 8054 in McComb surrounded by several of those whose time and hard work garnered this prestigious honor.

On Tuesday, October 8th, Luis Ybarra, District Deputy #7, visited St. Alphonsus Council 8054 to present them with their first-ever Double Star Council award. The Brothers of the council were justifiably proud of receiving this recognition of the time and hard work they had put in over the previous year.



Financial Secretary Thomas Corkern of Joseph Bonfiglio Council 7915 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Brookhaven receives one two awards from DD #7 Luis Ybarra. The council earned the Father Michael McGivney Award and Columbian Award.