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"Our goal is very specific.

Developing Catholic Leaders.

Strengthening Catholic Families."

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State Deputy's Address

The Schools of Columbianism are complete and folks are still saying "Wow"! State Membership Director Paul Mitchell and State Program Director Guy Heying came prepared to blow the doors off status quo and that is exactly what they did. The high attendance was an indication that our councils are ready and our District Deputies are just as fired up. Without a doubt, we have assembled an awesome team of men, committed to insure every council has the opportunity to be successful. This attitude was rampant among the energized attendees. Expect a record setting number of surprise Star Councils this year!

"Strengthening Catholic Families" One of my first official acts as State Deputy was to attend the State Ladies Auxiliary meeting in Jackson. It gave me an opportunity to personally and formally express my support for the Auxiliary, for President Marcia Flagg and her officers, and for the tireless effort of Past President Bobi Frey. There is no question that I have high expectations for them.

We need the ladies involved in our efforts to develop programs for young families, our youth and to make our events pleasant. I love my brothers but the Ladies have a much better understanding of what it takes to welcome families, especially the young mothers who are much too far from their own Mom and need that special attention only a mother or grandmother can provide. We do a fine job recruiting good Catholic men but our need today is to recruit Catholic families. For that to happen, the wives must feel there is a place for them. An active auxiliary can fill this need nicely.

I want to congratulate Jay Gamble and GK Paul Pitts of Council 1522 for reactivating their Squires Circle under the name of Fr. Peter Mockler. Many, if not all, of the boys knew Father Peter personally. It was my pleasure to attend their Investiture at St. Clare in Waveland and I commend everyone involved for a beautiful ceremonial. Several councils have requested information from State Squires Chairman Quincy St. Pierre. Picayune is



State Deputy Jim McCraw

close to reactivating and Vicksburg is beginning to energize their Circle. Please pray for the safety of your delegation to the Supreme Convention in Orlando as we travel the first week in August. Look for us on EWTN. We'll be the folks making you proud!

Never forget how important you are and the difference you make in someone's life.

Vivat Jesus!


K of C Family Week Scheduled for August 10th—17th

Knights of Columbus Family Week is set for August 10th through 17th. The is an order-wide time for all councils to celebrate with some sort of family activity.

Not only can this be done in a council or assembly setting, it can also be done in our homes. If your council/assembly has

something special planned for this period let us know what it is. If not, it is not too late to plan something now. Some ideas for events include:

- Conduct an outdoor rosary or Mass before a family picnic.
- Family or parish visits to convalescent homes.
- Serve a meal at a hospice or community soup kitchen.
- Hold a family night at your council's meeting place to allow families to play games and socialize.
- Distribute "Families Come First" flyer (#4552) at all Family Week events.

34th ANNUAL
"\$10,000.00" DRAWDOWN
SATURDAY • AUGUST 9, 2014
 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
COUNCIL 7087
KILN, MISSISSIPPI
\$100.00 PER TICKET
(ALL TICKETS WILL BE DRAWN)
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOME
HWY 603-KILN, MISSISSIPPI
DRAWING STARTS APPROX. 7:30PM

Roundtable Hosts Spaghetti Dinner

The K of C Roundtable at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in Senatobia will host a Spaghetti Dinner in the Parish Hall on Saturday, August 9th at 5:30pm.

The proceeds from the dinner will be used to support the recently formed Catholic Student Association at Northwest Mississippi Community College.

Both Lajuan Tallo and Julie Corroero of St. Gregory parish lend their time as advisors to

the students as the group grows to include more activities and support for the community. Fr. Greg Schill is the spiritual advisor and friend to the group.

The group meets monthly on campus and will provide bottled water to students as they return to campus for fall registration.

The St. Gregory Roundtable is active throughout the year and is part of Council 7120 in Southaven.

Council 9409 Reaches Out to Community with Blood Drive

**"The Knights of
 Columbus
 record over
 400,000 blood
 donors each
 year."**

On July 13, 2014, the Brother Reinhart Council 9409 in conjunction with the American Red Cross held the Semi-Annual Blood Drive. The goal established by the Red Cross was to collect 50 units of blood. Thanks to the efforts of our Brother Knights we were able to collect 74 units total! Unfortunately, because we

were so successful, the Red Cross ran out of blood storage containers so we had to turn about 30 patrons away.

To learn more about hosting a blood drive in your community contact the American Red Cross at <http://redcrossblood.org/hosting-blood-drive>.



Biking for Babies

On July 13th, St. Richard Council #15131 hosted a meet and greet for 8 young men and women cycling their way from New Orleans to Chicago.

This mission is to bring recognition, and, where possible, funding through t-shirt sales and parish generosity.

This was 15131's 2nd year doing this event and look forward to many more.

www.bikingforbabies.com is the web address to learn more about this worthy organization.

You may order t-shirts online at <http://www.bikingforbabies.com/t-shirts/t-shirt-order/>.



New Fraternal Year Grows Installations Around The State

July 1 kicked off the new fraternal year which means officer installations are occurring around the state. Here are pictures of these events.



7120 Southaven



**9409 Brother Rheinhardt
Biloxi**



DD#2 Joe Suhanin

A Message From State Chaplain, Msgr. Elvin Sunds

First of all, I would like to say that I am honored to be State Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus of Mississippi. The Knights of Columbus have done a tremendous amount of good for the Catholic Church in our state and for all the people of Mississippi, both Catholic and non-Catholic. You can be justly proud of your accomplishments. I look forward to working with you. And from time to time, I will provide a reflection in the State Newsletter.

During the last several weeks the Sunday Gospel readings have focused on the theme of the Kingdom of God. Through various parables Jesus has tried to provide a deeper understanding of the Kingdom of God. Like viewing a fine diamond, by reflecting on various facets of the Kingdom of God we come to a deeper appreciation of that Kingdom and of our role in spreading the Kingdom.

In the parable of the seed falling on good ground, we see that when the message of Jesus takes root in fertile soil it produces an amazing harvest. In the parable of the mustard seed we see that the Kingdom starts out small but grows slowly until it become so large that even the birds of the air find shelter in it. In the parable of the yeast in the dough we see that the message of Jesus permeates and transforms all the dough.

These parables provide two very important lessons for us as

Knights in Mississippi. The first lesson is that although we as Catholics are very much a minority in our state, we are called to share our faith by word and action. By living and sharing the Good News of our Catholic faith we are sowing the seeds of the Kingdom of God. By the work we do as Knights of Columbus we put into action our faith. I believe it was St. Francis of Assisi who said, "Proclaim the Gospel always, and if necessary use words." By our actions and the work we do, we are inviting others to learn about the Catholic Church.

There is a second lesson we can learn from the parable of the yeast in the dough. Yeast permeates and transforms the dough. Likewise, by our actions as Knights of Columbus we can permeate and transform our state. As Catholics we may always be a minority. However, like yeast in the dough our Catholic values can transform our culture and our state.

Among those values are respect for all life from the moment of conception to natural death, respect for the dignity of every person regardless of race, economic or social status, compassion for the most vulnerable, the sacredness of marriage and family, and love of country. These can be summed up in the four principles of our order – charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

May God bless you and your good works!

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meetings.....
We joined
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A Message From Our State Program Director

Brother Knight's:

First, I would like to say how honored I am to serve you as the State Program Director for the 2014-2015 Fraternal Year. I am humbled by the confidence our Worthy State Deputy Jim McCraw has placed on me to guide the state programs and activities this year.

As we launch into this new year, the State Program Directors and myself will be focused towards a common vision:

To inspire membership engagement across the Mississippi Jurisdiction by way of energized programs and activities across the state, allowing all members the opportunity to be active Members of the Knights of Columbus.

As a team, we are committed to be engaged with the council level Program Chairman to help each council to energize programs and activities, sharing

with each, activities that are happening around the state, which each council can do, expand upon, or piggyback on to inspire new activities.

We have very aggressive goals around activities this year, which we believe are achievable and will allow all members to be engaged and active:

- 30% Increase in Total Activities Reported
- 100% Active Council Reporting
- 20% Increase in Councils Reporting 4 or more Activities in Each Category
- Double Best Project Submittals
- Triple Councils Submitting Best Projects

Programs and activities are where the Knights of Columbus show prove to be **The Strong Right Arm of the Catholic Church**, by being a visible presence within our Church and community.

They also enforce and promote the 4 Principals of Our Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. I ask that each of you commit yourself to become more active and engaged, as we all show the strength of the Knights in our communities and Church.

To quote our Worthy Deputy Supreme Knight Logan T. Ludwig:

“None of us joined the Knights to attend meetings.....We joined to make a difference.”

Programs and Activities are where we as Knights of Columbus members” Make a Difference”. I look forward to serving you this year and I am excited for a very successful year for each of you, your Councils and the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!
Guy J. Heying
Mississippi Jurisdiction



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Council 5654 Awards Annual Scholarship

KC Council 5654 (St. Alphonsus) made their annual scholarship presentation Sunday, July 27th at 7:30am Mass. The Chris Neilsen Scholarship is presented to two or three high school seniors every year based their essay-writing skills.

The Scholarship is sponsored council 5654 and by Mrs. Jean Neilsen remembering her late son, Chris, who was a member of the Council. This year, the \$500 (each) scholarship went to Crislen Lesso, Myranda Gallagher, and Bradley Dalton.



I. to r.: Crislen Lesso, Mrs. Jean Neilsen, Myranda Gallagher, Mr. Carl Brochard, presenter from KC Council 5654. Not pictured is Bradley Dalton who was out of town.

Schools of Columbianism

Our State Council has just concluded a tour of the Magnolia State presenting the School of Columbianism to council officers in the central, north, and south regions.

The main focus of the training was Membership and the Service Program.

Valuable information for council and assembly success was passed down to those in attendance.



State Deputy Jim McCraw
at St. Ann Catholic Church
in Batesville on July 26



PSD Jerry Schmuck and IPSP David Scott



State Membership Director
Paul Mitchell



State Advocate Ben Mokry



State Secretary Noel Aucoin,
IPSP Scott, and SD McCraw

Council 15382 Serves At Civitan Camp

Knights of Columbus Council 15382 in Hattiesburg has just finished one of our summer projects. For the past 3 years the council has cooked hamburgers and pancakes for Addie Rogers Civitan Camp. On July 18th and 22nd the council grilled 320 hamburgers and several cases of french fries.

On July 17 and 24 pancakes were fixed (about 600 each day) for the campers. The council had 7 members giving their time which came out to 95 service hours.

Abbie Rogers Civitan Camp was started in 1961 by Abbie Rogers when she combined her work with Girl Scouts and her dedication to individuals with disabilities. Abbie always had the belief that through friendships we learn that we all more alike than different.



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Insurance News

We Stand Strong On Ethical Ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies..

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order

takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that

violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."

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