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From Our State Deputy

"Our goal is very specific.

Developing Catholic Leaders.

Strengthening Catholic Families."

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Through the leadership of our State Chaplain, Msgr. Elvin Sunds, the Magnolia Knight now goes to all the priests in Mississippi with email access. Regardless of their affiliation with the Knights of Columbus, we are honored and proud to have them in our midst.

For those priests who are members but no longer receive Columbia Magazine, or unassigned and would like to visit with a nearby council, whatever your question or need, the Knights welcome the chance to serve you. Feel free to visit our state website www.kofc-ms.org for information and be sure to see the state calendar of events. There's also a spot where you can submit questions.

While our mission hasn't changed, we have made changes in our ceremonies. If you have not attended a degree in some time, consider attending one. Even better, ask your council to host one so you won't have to travel far. Are there men in your parish that could benefit from the Knights?

Among our many targets this year, retention is near the top. Hosting a degree at your council is another.



State Deputy Jim McCraw

When you do have one scheduled, invite a brother who hasn't been active lately. Pick him up and bring a candidate with you. Always remember to invite your pastor. He's the best recruiter in the parish.

Roundtables and the Marian Hour of Prayer Icon are another great combination. It's in your district for a month so take advantage of that and hold a prayer service at a mission parish. Take photos and submit them to the Magnolia Knight, Mississippi Catholic and/or Gulf Pine Catholic.

Installations are winding down. The state officers are hoping to make more of them and look forward to seeing them in conjunction with a mass so the parish can participate. Work with your pastor so that at the very least, you are able to process in as a group and he can recognize the Knights in his parish and commend them for their good deeds. Dress nice and take group pictures. Put them in the local newspaper as well. It's community news.

Congratulations to Picayune Council 6872 on another outstanding interfaith prayer breakfast. Terrific coverage for a beautiful faith event.

Leaders: Sometimes it's not how we say something, it's what we say. As Council officers, we must always remember our charge. We represent not just our council but the Knights of Columbus.

As I close, let me remind each of us of our obligation to make a difference, to evangelize through our actions and to pray the rosary.

Vivat Jesus!

Upcoming Events:

Sep Latin Mass Cathedral of St. Peter, Jackson, 7pm.

Sep 7 7am Sunday Mass on EWTN. Alabama State Deputy Pete Parrish and I will present the Silver Rose at the start of mass. Later that day, Council 802 will kick off our Running of the Silver Rose in Mississippi with a prayer service at St. Joseph Church in Meridian. That continues throughout the state at a very fast pace, ending in Picayune on Oct. 5 at St. Borromeo. We turn it over to our brother knights in Louisiana.

Sep 8 Annual Blue Mass Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Biloxi, 11am.

Sep - Oct TBA Financial Secretary and Grand Knight training.

The Silver Rose Comes to Mississippi



The Silver Rose will start its journey in Mississippi traveling over 1100 miles throughout the Jurisdiction Starting Sunday September 7th. Meridian Council 802 will initiate the first service at St. Joseph Catholic Church at 4:30 pm. It will end its Mississippi journey in Picayune Council 6872 where it will be handed over to Louisiana as it advances to its final destination at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Basilica in Mexico. State Deputy Jim McCraw will participate in a televised Mass at EWTN Sunday Morning September 7, where He and Alabama State Deputy Pete Parish will bring the Silver Rose in at the beginning of Mass and place it on the pillow in front of the assembly.

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program began in 1960 as a project of the Columbian Squires of North America to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. The program has continued since then as a project of Squires circles, councils and Fourth Degree assemblies in several jurisdictions. In 2001, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson expanded the program by beginning the "Running of the Rose" from the 119th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council in Ontario. Today six Silver Roses travel from Canada to the United States to Monterrey, Mexico, arriving at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe there on Dec. 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

In earlier years the one rose was run from London, Ontario, through 10 states in the United States, and then crossing at the International Bridge and ending in Monterrey, Mexico. Now six roses travel simultaneously.

Starting April, six roses will travel simultaneously through 53 states and provinces before entering Mexico for the final leg of the pilgrimage to Monterrey.

"The 'Running of the Rose' is a perfect program for the Knights of Columbus," said Supreme Knight Anderson. "Through it we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe and express the unity of the Order, but we also reaffirm the Order's dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of 'One Life, One Rose,' it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the 'Miracle of the Roses.' "

"Through the Silver Rose Program the Knights of Mississippi show our support for the Church and its bishops and priests as we pray for the continued strength to do so in these trouble times. The Silver Rose also symbolizes our commitment to restoring respect for the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. As we think in terms of 'One Life, One Rose,' it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses," said Jim McCraw, State Deputy, chief executive of the Knights of Columbus in Mississippi.

Traveling Schedule for Silver Rose

Date	Day	District	Council	Location
7-Sep	Sunday	4	802	Meridian
8-Sep	Monday	4	13471	Philadelphia
9-Sep	Tuesday	4	6765	Starkville
10-Sep	Wednesday	1	10901	Oxford
11-Sep	Thursday	3	10443	Grenada
12-Sep	Friday	3	5556	Cleveland
13-Sep	Saturday	5	848	Jackson - St Peter's
14-Sep	Sunday	5	8285	Jackson
15-Sep	Monday	5	898	Vicksburg
16-Sep	Tuesday	6	10216	Flowood
17-Sep	Wednesday	6	11934	Gluckstadt
18-Sep	Thursday	6	11934	Sacred Heart in Canton
19-Sep	Friday	6	9543	Madison
20-Sep	Saturday	5	15131	Jackson - St Richard's
21-Sep	Sunday	OPEN		
22-Sep	Monday	11	9409	Biloxi
23-Sep	Tuesday	OPEN		
24-Sep	Wednesday	12	9124	Gautier
25-Sep	Thursday	9	7087	Kiln
26-Sep	Friday	OPEN		
27-Sep	Saturday	9	1522	Bay St. Louis
28-Sep	Sunday	10	12271	Gulfport
29-Sep	Monday	OPEN		
30-Sep	Tuesday	OPEN		
1-Oct	Wednesday	8	15382	Hattiesburg - St Thomas
2-Oct	Thursday	10	7910	Gulfport
3-Oct	Friday	12	5654	Ocean Springs - St Alphonsus
4-Oct	Saturday	OPEN		
5-Oct	Sunday	9	6872	Picayune

Council Join Together For Installation Of Officers

For over 10 years in District 12, Pascagoula Councils 1605 Msgr John Carey and 12166 Sacred Heart, and 9124 St. Mary in Gautier have installed councils officers together. This year, the event was held at St. Joseph in Pascagoula where a

corporate mass preceded a pot luck dinner and the installation. District Deputy Joe McCormick commended the councils on their many good works. Special guests State Secretary Noel Aucoin and State Deputy Jim McCraw pledged the support of

the State Council and challenged the leadership to reach out to parishes without a KC presence, establish roundtables and evangelize through their action. Fr. Thomas Pazhepa offered blessings on the new officers.



State Secretary Noel Aucoin addresses District 12 leaders with State Deputy Jim McCraw.



DD Joe McCormick installing 9124 GK Rusty Anderson, 12166 GK Jim Broussard, and 1605 GK Steve Frederic, Sr.

Starkville Installs Officers

District Deputy Danny Setaro installed the newly elected Officers of the Starkville Council Thursday August 14. The celebration started with a Mass to commemorate the 124th anniversary of the passing of our founder the Venable Fr Michael McGivney. After Mass members and their families enjoyed a social and meal followed by the installation.

From the left: Chaplain Fr. Lenin Vargas, Advocate

Mike Hicks, Trustee Randy Follett, Recording Secretary Tom Carskadon, Deputy Grand Knight Gary Gist, Warden Brent Lyles, District Deputy and Trustee Danny Setaro, Grand Knight Tomasz Haupt, Financial Secretary Mike Kassouf, Curt Delouche standing for Chancellor John Obringer, Garrett Marshall standing for Treasurer Frank Smith Jr., Inside Guard Noel Bondi, Outside Guard Thomas Hannigan IV.



KC Motorcycles Riders Group

Recently, several fellow KC members who own and enjoy riding their motorcycles were wondering if there would be other Brothers within the State interested in forming a Riders Group. Imagine the fun-filled events we could host, sponsor, and participate in as a group.

I ride my 2012 Harley Davidson Electra Glide as often as I can and ride in poker runs, plus escorted joy rides with a 100 or more bikes. I have even



ridden in the Biloxi KC sponsored Toy and Doll run where the price for an individual to ride with the group is a donation of a child's toy. Bikes from all of over the coast participate in this worthwhile event.

Of course, I have a group of friends who ride whenever the opportunity arises.

If you are interested in establishing a State-wide KC Riders Group, I would love to hear from you. As I hear from interested KCs, I will build a group email distribution list and we can all share our ideas and join in on the discussions. How about it?

For more information contact Larry Tabor, PSD, at kcridersgroup@cableone.net or on my cell at 228-365-6515.

Bishop Celebrates 100th Anniversary Mass

Father Clarence Meyer Assembly 2131 Tupelo, MS and Saint John Paul II Assembly 2913 Corinth, MS provided a 4th Degree Honor Guard for for Jackson Diocese Bishop Joseph Kopacz as he celebrated the 100th Anniversary Mass with St. James Catholic Church in Tupelo on July 27th, 2014.

Council 8848 Tupelo, MS also supported the 100th Anniversary weekend celebration by providing safety guards for parish wide small

hike, a miniature version of the Camino de Santiago or "The Way of St. James", ushers for the Mass, music, and cooking hamburgers and hotdogs for the luncheon after the mass.

Pictured above with Bishop Kopacz are Sir Knights Mark Dye, Glen Frelichowski, Billy Hoing, and Oliver Delongne.



Scholarship Presented

Fr Lenin Vargas and Grand Knight Tomasz Haupt present a \$1000 scholarship to Ian Prester, a Senior at Mississippi State, majoring in Mechanical Engineering and a member of Fr John P Egan Council 6765.

The Starkville Scholarship Committee selects two Catholic students each year from the completed applications. The scholarships are funded by Council activities and from a Kiwanis Club grant.



Picayune Council On The Move

Photo on left is a \$2,000 donation to Bridgeway Apartments from our Tootsie Roll Drive. L-R is Ron Sperier, Chairmen; Daryl Bruno, Bridgeway Director; Bryan Cassagne, Grand Knight. Another \$4,000 was donated to Picayune & Pearl River Central School Systems Special Ed Departments.



Second photo: DA Hal Kittrell & Sir Knight Ted Barze from our August 13th Interdenominational Prayer Breakfast. Mr. Kittrell was our featured speaker. Over 80 people attended plus our servers and cooks. A full breakfast was served and other speakers/readers came from nearby churches. St. Charles Borromeo's Choir was present as well as our Pastor Fr. Truong Trinh and Deacon Doug McNair. \$610 was raised and will be split between our Knights of Columbus Ronald J. Cassagne Memorial Scholarship and the Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund.

Council Presents Annual Scholarships

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 for the past 25 years, based on their essay writing skills and their needs. The Scholarship is sponsored by council 5654

and Mrs. Jean Neilsen remembering her late son, Chris, who was a member of the Council when he died. This year, the \$500 (each) scholarship went to Crislen Lessio, Myranda Gallagher, and Bradley Dalton.



Welcome Breakfast For Parish Priest

On Sunday August 3rd 2014 Council 5654, the church Office manager Shannon Williams, and Ronda Rosetti, gave a welcoming breakfast for Father Ryan McCoy to meet all of the parish members of St. Alphonsus in Ocean Springs. They came to meet and eat breakfast with Fr. Ryan.



We served grits, eggs, sausage, and pan cakes. All of this was free to all that came. We served around 300 people, with about 20 members and 6 ladies Aux. helping.



Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators, Brother Knights

Mississippi Knights place a high priority on the sanctity of life. You are invited to support Life and participate in a fun competition to see which KC Brothers know their way around a BBQ grill the best. Saint Therese Council 8285 Jackson is hosting a Grillin' For Life barbeque cook-off on October 3rd - 4th.



All money raised from entry fees will go to Pro Life

The cook-off is only open to teams sponsored by KofC Councils, 4th Degree Assemblies, or any Catholic parish that does not have a KofC presence. This cook-off will award one trophy for Grand Champion. The Grand Champion trophy will be a traveling trophy with the name of each year's winning team added to the trophy. Each year the reigning champion will return the trophy to go to the next winner.

Water, bathrooms, and security will be furnished, but no electricity.

If you need electricity you will need to bring a generator.

Date: October 3rd – 4th

Location: Saint Therese Catholic Church, 309 W McDowell Rd, Jackson 38204.

Categories: Chicken, Ribs (loin or spare), Pork (boston butt/picnic/whole shoulder), Beef Brisket

For information: Julian Valencia, Grand Knight, Council 8285, valencialawns71@gmail.com 601-906-1967 (c)

Grillin' for Life 2014

Entry Form

Registration Deadline: MM/DD

Team Name:

Council #:

Name of Team Contact:

Email:

Phone:

Categories Entered: Chicken ____ Ribs ____ Pork ____ Brisket ____

Entry Fee: Each categories will be \$50.00 each BUT if you want to compete for the Grand Champion you have to enter all 4 categories. 4 categories \$175.00.

Mail with check for entry fee made out to "Knights of Columbus Council 8285" to:
Knights of Columbus Council 8285, PO Box 6672, Jackson MS 39282



Raffle - 2 Guided Deer Hunts

The Oxford Knights of Columbus are raffling tickets to 2 guided deer hunts on a local farm with an abundance of wildlife and trophy bucks.

The first hunt will be on Saturday Nov 22nd, and the second will be on Saturday Dec 27th. One winner will be chosen for each day. Each winner will be allowed one gun and to tag one deer.

The day of each hunt the winner will get a light breakfast in the cozy cabin on the farm. The guide will escort the winner to a prepared stand for the morning hunt. Following the hunt, the winner will get a hearty lunch while warming by the fire in the cabin.

If no deer was tagged in the morning hunt, the guide will escort the winner to a prepared stand for the afternoon hunt. A great time and entertaining day is guaranteed. Skinning and quartering service will be provided.

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

Please see one of the **Oxford Knights of Columbus** for details.



Thanks for your Support!

Best of Luck!

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"In Service to One, In Service to All."

The Round Table Corner

Does your Council serve or have members from multiple parishes? Does your parish have any nearby parishes that do not currently have a Knights of Columbus presence?

Across the State of MS we have currently 154 parish or mission churches and 61 current councils. The difference between these two numbers is the opportunity we have to bring Knights of Columbus to the remaining parishes, assistance to the Pastors and Priests that serve multiple parishes, and works of charity and service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

A parish round table is an extension and part of a Council that helps support the individual needs of the nearby parish through local activities, service and ministry. For example Council 7120 in Southaven supports currently three parish round tables at Holy Spirit in Hernando, St. Gregory the Great in Senatobia, and Good Shepherd in Robinsonville/Tunica. In Northwest MS, Catholics are a very small minority of the population so we are bonded together in faith as one Catholic community. The Council activities bring us together as Brothers and members of the parish round tables schedule local parish events (spaghetti dinners, Lenten fish fry's, Family social nights, service projects, etc.) at their own parishes based on their individual needs.

More information on parish round tables will be sent in the coming weeks to your Worthy Grand Knights, Church Activity Directors, and District Deputies. Just as a circle has no beginning and end, this article will continue over future newsletters to highlight happenings with current parish round tables and announce new ones that have been formed. So I end with an excited to be continued...

Vivat Jesus!

Ted Lander

**State Church Director, Round Table Chairman and
Grand Knight 7120 Southaven**