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From Our State Deputy

"Our goal is very specific.

Developing Catholic Leaders.

Strengthening Catholic Families."

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Congratulations to each Council for their active participation to date!

Mississippi has submitted 100% of our 185 Council Officers Reports and 365 Service Program Reports!

In talking with council leaders, Member Management was a key factor. It has also simplified the Council Audit process. Only 8 Councils have not submitted their audits. Most of these are still using the old manual record keeping system.

Supreme has informed me that **the manual system may continue as long as supplies are available.**

With this in mind, I urge... very strongly... for those who currently use this process to take advantage of the many upcoming FS Training classes to learn more about Member Management and how it can make your job easier and simplify record keeping, reporting and preparing records for the semi-annual audit.

We are welcoming a number of new Financial Secretaries this year. One of the downsides to the status quo is they are being taught that **the Trustees perform the semi-annual audits.** They are also being taught that **the Retention Committee is responsible for contacting members with delinquent dues.**

Developing Catholic Leaders:

Let's go back to those 365 reports for a moment. I am

relying on the Grand Knight and the Council Program Director to give these men responsibilities and the authority to carry them out. State Program Director Guy Heying just received his first email list of the various council chairmen from Supreme. The next step is to distribute this information to the appropriate state chairmen who will soon begin sending information to their council counterparts.

Developing leaders involves planning, delegating, team building.... the goal should always be: Doing! 90 days of preparation. Now... let's get into Action!

Recruiting, Retention & Roundtables!

By now all of our Grand Knights and District Deputies have received the Star Council Award DVD. Make STAR your Council's Goal. We have 53 Councils who have the potential to attain STAR. I've personally met with a number of Grand Knights over the past few weeks and am confident all but I will make Star. That I have recruited 70% of the men in the parish. Meanwhile, they are fully engaged in the life of the parish and the community. Exactly what Fr. McGivney envisioned his councils would do.

We are nearing the end of our **Silver Rose program** in Mississippi. It has been extremely successful and innovations are being added that make it even more impressive. More of our priests are

demanding more lead time so they can bring a larger audience. What was sometimes considered a pro-life project is becoming a beautiful devotion to the Blessed Mother. You now have it in context, my brothers.

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As we begin this 2nd quarter, let us focus on our obligation. That obligation is to invite every eligible Catholic man to become a Knight of Columbus. **Develop your Admissions Committee.** Make sure the candidate is comfortable becoming a Knight. It's better for a man to decide not to join than to join and decide not to stay. Remember, we are recruiting families. We promote 1st degrees in every council every month. Some prefer a 1st degree somewhere in the district once a month. Problem is, few are doing either. Too much talking, let's just do it.



SD Jim McCraw accepting the Silver Rose from Alabama SD Peter Parrish at EWTN

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Schedule your degree and then recruit your candidates.

Post it on the state calendar. Be consistent. September was a wonderful month for attending Officer Installations and visiting with Grand Knights. I was very proud of the way our District Deputies conducted the installations and how our priests were involved. I was proud of the commitment I heard from our GKs at those installations, or home and office visits. All believe they will be successful this year. It is contagious. I believe it too.

Let me close by reminding each of you of the important role you play as a Catholic man.



SD Jim McCraw and GK PJ Carter
at St. Joseph in Meridian MS

Joseph Jones, State Youth Director

Brothers,

It is time for your councils to be doing your soccer shoot outs and getting your essay contest moving along.

The subject for this year's essay contest is the same as last years, The Importance of Religious Freedom.

Please try to get working on them now. In very short order it will be time to start on the Poster Contest. I hope that many more of our councils will start these programs if not already doing them.

All of these cost very little to do and don't take a lot of time or work.

The program kits can be gotten from Supreme at no cost and please send all the results to me.

Any other question that you have please contact me and I will do my best to give or get you an answer. Thanks to all of you for supporting our youth. I can be reached at 601-940-0078 cell or 601-856-6888 at

Save The Date; Meet the Bishop

Sunday, November 2 the Knights of Columbus, Council 15131 will host their annual Msgr. Glynn Vocations Brunch.

Bishop Joseph Kopacz will celebrate the 10:30 mass. Some of our diocesan seminarians will be the altar servers.

Afterwards, Bishop Kopacz will join the parishioners for brunch in Foley Hall.

Do not miss this opportunity to meet the bishop and seminarians. The brunch is "first-class".

Watch the bulletin and emails for ticket information.



Message From Our State Chaplain

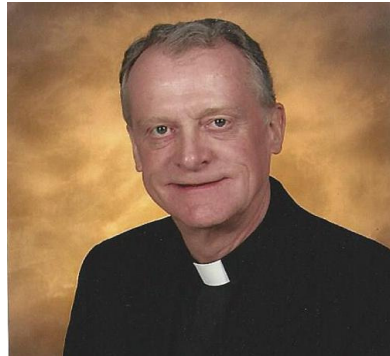
Dear Brother Knights:

The month of October presents some unique opportunities for us to celebrate the Catholic Gospel values which are at the core of our Order.

As we all know, the family is the basic building block of society. It is also the basic building block of our Church. This is why the Second Vatican Council referred to the family as the "domestic church."

This is especially reflected in the beautiful blessing bestowed upon a father at the baptism of his infant son or daughter. The priest or deacon prays over the father, "God is the giver of all life, human and divine. May He bless the father of this child. He and his wife will be the first teachers of their child in the ways of faith. May they be also the best of teachers by what they say and do, in Christ Jesus our Lord." The priest or deacon similarly blesses the mother and gives thanks for the wonder gift of this new life.

Together with the Lord, parents give to their child the gift of life and the gift of faith. As they help their child grow in the love and knowledge of God, they become a reflection of God's



Msgr. Elvin Sunds

love. They are the first experience their child will have of God's unconditional love. For this reason, they really are the "domestic church."

This October the Order is inviting us to participate in a new initiative called, "Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive." The program seeks to develop strong Catholic families through a month-by-month guide with which councils can involve families in prayer, faith formation, works of mercy and family activities.

The guide is available in booklet form. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William

Lori have urged each council to make a copy of the booklet available for every council family. I join them in urging every council to promote this program and make the booklet available to every council family. Our families deserve every opportunity to grow strong as a "domestic church," and our Church needs strong faith-filled families!

Secondly, October is Respect Life Month. As Knights we have a unique opportunity to proclaim to the world the sacredness of all human life from the moment of conception to natural death. I urge my brother knights to witness to the sacredness of human life. A wonderful way to do this is to lead the rosary before weekend Masses as a prayer for life. If your parish is not already doing this, why not ask your pastor if a knight could lead the rosary 15 minutes before Mass as a witness for life.

May we all celebrate the gifts of life and faith, not just in October but every month of the year!
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Elvin Sunds
State Chaplain

Waveland Color Corp Service At Park Dedication

Assembly 560 of Waveland provided Color Corps for the dedication of Waveland's Veteran Memorial Park, which had recently undergone renovation to repair damage caused by several past Hurricanes.

Providing the Color Corps was District Deputy Chuck Heim, Assembly 560 Faithfull Navigator Jay Gamble, Faithfull Captain Paul Pitts, and Rich Hazen. Ceremony ended with the proper disposal of retired U.S. Flags by fire.

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Vocations Week Set For November 2—9

The Knights of Columbus has designated November 2—9 as Vocations Week. Our Worthy State Deputy has requested that Councils submit photo/articles about what they're doing to raise money for Vocations.

Does your Council or Assembly sponsor a seminarian or seminarians. Give us the stories about how they put those RSVP dollars to use and how important the cards and letters are. We know a few of the coast councils that provide funds for some of the Polish seminarians to visit their home country.

A lot of great things no one knows about except the seminarian and the council.

Let's tell some of those stories.

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters.

Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require.

Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in Him, with Him and through Him we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Starkville Holds First Degree



Two members joined the ranks of Knighthood as followers of Christopher Columbus Wednesday September 10th. (right to left) Samuel Rust a Sophomore from Hattiesburg and Taylor Tidwell a Senior from Clarksdale. Both new Brothers are attending Mississippi State University and are engineering majors.

DANCE!

Saturday, November 22, 2014
at KC Hall- Picayune MS
Music by Flipside



TICKETS ARE \$15.00 PER PERSON
SETUPS AND REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED
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Council Raises \$3500 For Pro-Life Charity

On September 5—7 Council 6872 in Picayune held it's 5th Annual Art Show showcasing 35 artists who had over 145 pieces of art on display.

This years theme was "Life Finds A Way" with Save-A-Life Pregnancy Center being the beneficiary of the event.

In addition to the art sales other monies were raised

through silent auctions and raffles that helped to achieve the \$3500.00 figure.

To date, the annual event has raised a total of \$13000.00 that has been donated to the pro-life movement.



Member Management and Member Billing Workshops

Five Member Management/Member Billing Workshops have planned throughout the state for all Financial Secretaries and Faithful Comptroller's. We're urging Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators and District Deputies to also attend for a better understanding of what the FS and FC duties are. Workshops will be divided into two parts 10 am to 12 pm – Intro to Member Billing, New Members Entry's and FS/FC Responsibilities, attendees - all Financial Secretaries, Faithful Comptrollers. 1 pm to 4 pm - Member Management, Tips for Retention, Audit Reports, Highlights of FS/FC responsibilities as they relate to the operation of the overall council/ assembly, attendees - all Financial Secretaries, Faithful Comptrollers, Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators, District Deputies. 12 pm – 1 pm on site meal will be prepared by host council. Wi-Fi will be available at all locations and you are encouraged to bring laptop or iPad but not necessary. See locations are below.

Host Council	Location	Day	Date	Time
8848	Tupelo	Saturday	October 25	10 am to 4 pm
7915	Brookhaven	Saturday	November 1	10 am to 4 pm
2134	Greenville	Saturday	November 8	10 am to 4 pm
9124	Gautier	Saturday	November 15	10 am to 4 pm
1522	Bay St Louis	Saturday	November 22	10 am to 4 pm

Please register by emailing kassouf@bellsouth.net with the following information;

Your name:

Council Number:

Officer Position:

Which session or both:

Do you have access to Officers Online:

All Financial Secretaries and Faithful Comptrollers should attend. Councils/Assemblies that are fully utilizing these web based Supreme systems can complete a Semi Annual Audit in about 15 minutes.

Soccer Challenges Taking Shape



On Saturday, September 13, Vicksburg Council 898 held their annual soccer challenge at the Bovina Soccer fields. 27 girls and boys participated.

Winners were: 9 year old, Mincer Minor IV (boys) and Grace Windham (girls), 10 year old, William Farthing (boys) and Nura Patel (girls), 11 year old, James West III (boys) and Leah Larson (girl), 12 year old Ann Elizabeth Farthing (girl), 13 year old Logan Hodges (boys) and 14 year old Emily Hahn (girls).

Thanks to Brother Matthew Farthing and his wife Dawn for heading up this event again.



The Silver Rose Ceremony

At 4:30 pm on Sunday, September 7th, Mississippi State Deputy Jim McCraw accompanied by our Fourth Degree Honor Guard walked to the altar of St. Joseph Church and presented the Silver Rose to Council 802's Grand Knight Patrick J. (PJ) Carter. The Rose was placed on a pedestal and the ceremony began.

Prayers were said in English and Spanish by Past State Deputy Tom Zettler and Juan Carlos Garcia. John Maloney, PGK, led the congregation in the Glorious Mysteries of Our Lady's Rosary, followed by scripture readings, again in English and Spanish. The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary was recited, followed by closing prayers which were led by Fr. Jose' de Jesus Sanchez.

Under her title of our Lady of Guadalupe the purpose of the ceremony was to remind us of the sanctity of life from conception to natural birth. Approximately fifty one people were in attendance. Special thanks to our Honor Guard members; Sir Knights Bob Leo, Bob Connor, David Viger and Roland Stewart. Thanks also to Sir Knight Richard Semmes for leading the singing and to Sir Knight George Walston for taking the pictures of the event.



Pictured Left to Right: State Deputy Jim McCraw presents Silver Rose to Meridian Grand Knight Patrick J. (PJ) Carter; Fr. Sanchez gives the final blessing; Grand Knight PJ Carter passes the Rose to Mike Kassouf to be delivered to the Philadelphia MS council.



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Join The Father Michael McGivney Guild

The Father Michael McGivney Guild is open to anyone who desires to see our Venerable Founder raised to the honors of the altar.

The purpose of the Guild is to keep its members informed as to the progress of this quest and to solicit prayers of support for all concerned. It is well to remember that there is NO cost for membership and one of the benefits is the Guild Newsletter published every other month. I

admit that I am biased, but I simply cannot understand why every Knight in our

Jurisdiction is not a member of the Guild.

Who would not like to be a member of an organization founded by a Saint of the Church? I have been the Chair of the McGivney Cause for about seven years and we have made slow progress each year as to the number of members of the Guild in our Jurisdiction. When the Guild was first established years ago, we had in the neighborhood of 115 members. Over the ensuing years that number has risen to just over 900. But that is a far cry from the number we ought to have. I am asking

District Deputies and Grand Knights to promote the McGivney Guild as often as you can. It is simple sign up procedure.

You can utilize the Supreme Council web page or sign up via mail using the coupon in every issue of COLUMBIA. (In the August issue the application is on Page 32.) I ask each and every one of you, if you are not a member of the McGivney Guild, please take the two or three minutes to join. You certainly will not regret it and I again repeat that it costs you nothing!!

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Zettler, PSD



Agency Selects New Field Agent

Dear Fellow Knights,

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Ken North, newly appointed field agent with the Knights of Columbus serving Councils 802, 7854, 11934, 13471, 8038, 9543, and 8285. I am 4th degree Knight and have been a Knight in the Madison, MS Council #9543 since 2008.

As you may already know, the Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world, offering insurance to only



Knights of Columbus members and their families. The Knights of Columbus Insurance Program is designed to fulfill Fr. McGivney's dream of taking care of our own. The products

and services offered to you and your family consist of a no-cost financial assessment designed to help you reach your financial goals and insurance needs.

We offer numerous types of life insurances, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance, and annuities. This month, the Knights of Columbus achieved a significant milestone as they reached the \$95 billion benchmark of total policies in force.

I am looking forward to meeting each member and their families, and will be contacting each of you to offer my services. In the meantime, feel free to call, text or email me.

My contact information is as follows: Ken-north.north@kofc.org; 601-573-5710.

Yours in Christ,
Ken North

Greenville Council #2134 Announces Family Of The Month

On Sunday August 17th to celebrate Knights of Columbus Family Week. Greenville Council #2134 presented certificates for the last Fraternal year at each of the weekend masses.

Pictured are Frank John and Rayetta Serio and their children Elise and Frank Joseph.



Agency News and Membership Referral



First and foremost, I want to welcome Ken North to our ranks in the Jackson area. Ken is a very passionate individual and will carry that passion with him as he fulfills the dream of the Venerable Father McGivney. He can be reached at (601) 573-5710 or Kenneth.North@kofc.org.

I would also like to share with you that Brother Rene Davidson, through difficult times with his wife's health, is having a very good year so far, and is on track to reach some new found heights. Thanks so much to Rene for his efforts in carrying out our mission.

I am still in need of men to talk to about this career all over the great State of Mississippi, so please feel free to call and visit with me about any man who you think might benefit both his family and the Order in a role as a Fraternal Benefits Advisor.

Speaking of Referrals:

As a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most is when one of my brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to me. This is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they were so pleased with what I helped them accomplish that they want me to help others achieve the same level of financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis that I provide.

Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they've never been asked and don't know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own.

If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me or your Grand Knight. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It's always more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don't worry if the candidate is outside the area I serve or beyond the district of the local councils, we can make sure we put these future members in touch with the right people in their communities.

New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.475 billion to charity and provided in excess of 673 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential.

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Silver Rose Celebration

Council 1522 of the Knights of Columbus celebrated a prolife event at St. Clare Church on Saturday September 27, 2014. The Silver Rose, symbol of prolife was the center of the commemoration, as it made a stop at St. Clare's on its way to Mexico to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe. Council 1522's Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight wore full Regalia as they carried the Rose to the front of the church before St. Clare parishioners, fellow knights and the Women's Auxiliary to begin the decades of the Rosary. The service was led by St. Clare and Fellow Knight, Deacon Mike Saxer, whose homily inspired all in attendance to not be complacent with everyday activities but rather strive to turn to our Blessed Mother to promote God's love in our daily actions.

