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*"Strengthening
Catholic
Families."*

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From Our State Deputy, Jim McCraw



The theme for this month is The Domestic Church: Family Fully Alive. While preparing for this issue, I received comments from many of you about the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. The memories you have from that life changing storm will be shared many times this month. What I recall most was the living example of endless charity, "bound in unity" and the fraternal love shown to Mississippi by people from all over. Mississippi was one and the nation stood with us. While we have so many divisive issues tearing at the fabric of our country, let us remember when we were one people. Let us remember the gratitude we felt toward others. Volunteers didn't ask about race, religion or political party. There were no differences. We were one people... and God loved us.

I think our Katrina experience is a pure example of the Family Fully Alive, for during that time we were one family.



To all who were victims, heroes or both.. from the Great State of Mississippi... Thank You.

Vivat Jesus,
Jim

Seminarian Symmes Vists Picayune Council

On July 2 Seminarian Colten Symmes visited with Council 6872 at their monthly meeting. The Picayune Council has helped to support Colten since 2011. Enrolled at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, Colten will be ordained a transitional Deacon next year. It was great to connect with him and he says that he most appreciates our prayers.



Oxford Council 10901 Holds First Degree

The Knights council in Oxford recently held a First Degree. Pictured below are their new members.



1st Degree, Mike Abbott, Oxford, MS



1st Degree, Ronald Knapp, Oxford, MS



Transfer from Tupelo, Thomas Whitenton

August 9th Begins Orderwide Family Week

Just a reminder to all the councils Family Directors that August 9th is the start of "Family Week".

This would be a good time to start planning on some Family activities to honor the families of your community and councils.

Some activities to consider are a Family Picnic, a Family dinner prepared by the council, or you could schedule a Family Corporate Communion, and possibly invite them out to a breakfast afterwards.

I'm sure there are many more activities, that can be done to honor the families of your parish and councils. Lets not

forget your "Family of the Month" program. I'm sure that there is a Family in your parish or councils that is deserving of this most prestigious honor, But more on that in a later issue.

Any activity for the Families of your Community and councils, is better than no activity at all. For any further information please contact me Bob Leo at Hatchettman2@aol.com.

And thank you for all that you do.

Bob Leo
State Family Director

Mass Kits For The War Torn Middle East

Father Vincent Capodanno Assembly #2759 from the Gulfport Seabee Base has purchased a Mass Kit and all the necessary supplies to send to the Kingdom of Jordan. These Mass Kits will be utilized in the Middle East to bring the Mass and sacrament of Communion to those Catholics who are oppressed in Syria and other locations in the Middle East under control by Islamic Terrorists.

The Mass Kits are small, self-contained units that can be easily transported into a region by a Priest to provide Mass capabilities.



Jerry Schmuck holding the Mass Kit

Extra items were also included such as hosts, linens, cruets, finger bowls, etc. to have on hand to support this mission for an extended period.

These items are so badly needed in the war torn region to serve the needs of Catholics who are not allowed to practice their religion and could even lose their life if caught worshipping anything other than Mohammed.



Packing items in the box for shipment. L to R: Jerry Schmuck, Bill McClellan, Rather Jacob Matthew, Roger Hudson, Sr., Leonard Nahlen.

Youth Program Pointers



July is here and it is time to kick off the youth programs for the year. Supreme suggests ordering Essay Contest and Soccer Challenge kits now. I would suggest ordering all 5 kits now. Then you will have them on hand when you are ready to kick off your programs.

It takes about 10 minutes to fill out all five order forms and send them to Supreme. I strongly urge each council to participate in all 5 programs. If you do, you will have all the programs you need for the Youth area to earn honor council from the state and the Columbian award from Supreme. I

f you have council members who are active in a local soccer program, use them to help run the Soccer Challenge. It can be run in coordination with the fall kickoff for many local soccer programs. This same person may be tasked later to run the Free Throw Championship. Prizes for both the Soccer Challenge and Free Throw Championship are limited to ribbons and trophies. You can award ribbons for each age group with a trophy for the overall boy and girl winners or trophies for the winners of each age group.

For the essay and poster contest, look to council members, wives or other parish members who have teaching or similar experience to judge these competitions. Supreme has the entry forms available electronically for the Essay Contest, Substance Abuse Poster Contest, and Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Work your Catholic school, parish DRE, or even local schools to execute these competitions. Prizes for these contest may be gift cards (\$25 for example) for the winners. If you have any questions, contact me at cdhpc2@yahoo.com or 601-831-1057.

Charles Hahn
Youth Director

2015 Ladies Auxiliary Officers Installed In Picayune

Past State President Sharon Wyndham, assisted by State Vice President Darlene Catania, came to Picayune to install our 2015 officers on July 11th. Current State President Marcia Flagg was unable to attend because of scheduling conflicts but she sent along an uplifting and supportive letter which Sharon read to the assemblage.

Officers installed are from right to left: Lynne Adams Barze', president; Cindy Failla, vice president; Cathy Deily, secretary; Claire Schneider, treasurer; Faye Dufourneaux, chaplain; and Vicky Hollard, parliamentarian (standing in for her, past president Brenda Wilder).

May our Blessed Mother continue to guide us in our mission to fulfill her Son's wishes.

Lynne Adams Barze'



Catholic Support Group Assists Throughout The Community

An organization hosted by St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church has been serving older people and meeting for prayer in Oxford since 2008. The Community of Sant'Egidio in Oxford was started by Will Schenck and Sarah Moses after they moved from Boston to work at the University of Mississippi.

The Community as has its center the Church of San'tEgidio located in Rome, Italy. A group of high school students started the movement in 1968 in response to the spirit of the Second Vatican Council. Today the Community is present throughout Italy and 70 other countries. All members of the Community share a common spirituality and shape their lives according to the principles of prayer, communicating the Gospel, solidarity with the poor, and prayers for peace.

The Community of Sant'Egidio at St. John meets for evening prayer once a month. It is this coming together in common prayer and service to the poor that forms the strength of the Community. The Community based out of St. Johns visit residents at

the Oxford Health and Rehabilitation Nursing Home and has done so since the Community's formation.

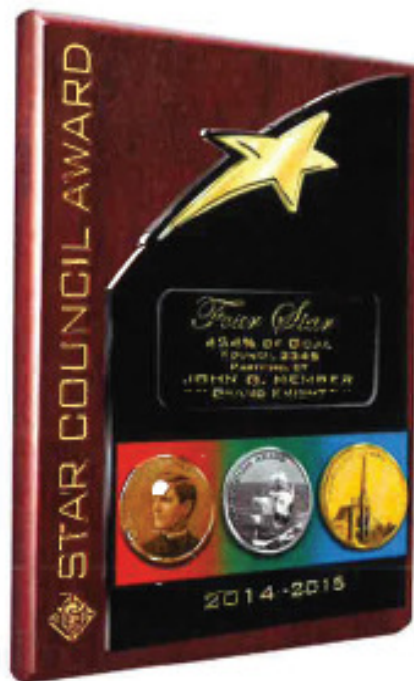
The Community has neither a membership chairperson nor collects dues but maintains a steady prayer group from 5 to 10 at their monthly

meetings. Sarah and Will share the organizational duties.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Community of San'tEgidio at St. John can contact Will Schenck at schenckwc@hotmail.com.



Members of the Community of Sant'Egidio are shown at prayer at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. The Community of Sant'Egidio began in the U.S. in 1993 and since that time has spread throughout the country. The Communities pray together regularly and serve the poor through outreach to elderly persons, sponsor a School of Peace for children, and visit and correspond with prisoners. From Oxford, left to right: Megan Abbott; Will Schenck; Sarah Moses; and Matt Abbott, a 1st Degree Knight in Council 10901.



Star Council Award Incentives

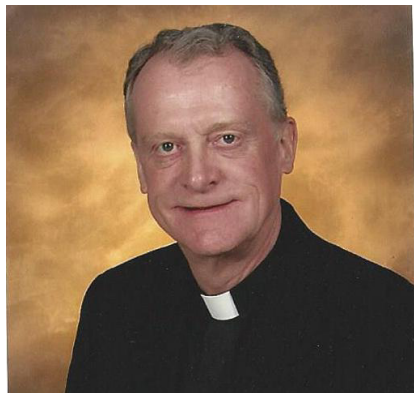
2015-2016

- Newly designed Plaque with Council's Net Membership goal attained
- Star Council Lapel pins for the Council Grand Knight, Membership Director and Program Director
- 10,000 VIP points per Star attained up to 5 Stars
- 20% Bonus on VIP points for those councils who attained Star Council status last Fraternal year and earn the same level or higher status this year

If you achieve this year:

& Last year (2014-2015)	Star Council 2015-2016	Double Star 2015-2016	Triple Star 2015-2016	4- Star 2015- 2016	5 Star or more 2015-2016
Did not attain Star Council	10k Pts	20k Pts	30k Pts	40k Pts	50k Pts
Star Council	10k+2k Pts	20k+4k Pts	30k+6k Pts	40k+8k Pts	50k+10k Pts
Double Star	10k Pts	20k+5k Pts	30k+7k Pts	40k+9k Pts	50k+11k Pts
Triple Star	10k Pts	20k Pts	30k+8k Pts	40k+10k Pts	50k+12k Pts
4- Star	10k Pts	20k Pts	30k Pts	40k+11k Pts	50k+15k Pts

State Chaplain's Report



Dear Brother Knights,
In just a few weeks schools will be in session, thus signaling the unofficial end of summer. It also lets us know it is time to plan our yearly council activities. There are three items I encourage you to include.

The first is the Holy Family Icon. The Holy Family Icon will arrive in Mississippi mid-August. It will be traveling throughout the Diocese of Biloxi and Jackson for about six months. I hope every council will welcome the Icon and host a prayer

service honoring the Holy Family. A recommended prayer service is provided with the Icon. Contact your district deputy to schedule the Icon for your parish if you have not already done so.

Second, I encourage your support for "The Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive," a program developed by and sponsored by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. It is a program to strengthen families and to unite them to our Church. It consists of suggested prayers and activities for individual families and for councils. This year we are renewing efforts to promote the program. It is available as a printed booklet. Sample booklets will be sent to all councils in the state very soon. The program is also available as a free download from the Knights of Columbus national website.

Third, I urge your support of "The Fifth Sunday." Councils are encouraged to lead the rosary before

Mass on the fifth Sunday of each month. Please check with your pastor about volunteering to lead the rosary on these Sundays if you have not done so already.

We live in a society and culture whose values are diametrically opposed to Catholic family values. Obviously, family life needs to be a major focus of our work. We need to take the initiative in helping our families cherish and live those Catholic values that promote the sanctity of marriage and the value of every human life. Our work as Knights is more important than ever before.

May the Lord bless you and your family.

Vivat Jesus,

Msgr. Elvin Sunds
State Chaplain

Council Provides Mass Kits For Franciscans

Three Mass Kits are on the way to Syria. Franciscan Fr. Jacob Matthews asked fellow Knights of Columbus for help for his fellow Franciscan Friars. Religious supplies are being destroyed by ISIS terrorist along with churches. Fr. Jacob knows many of these Friars and feels for their needs to minister to the faithful and is paying the shipping costs himself. The kits alone cost about \$314 each.

Picayune Knights "passed the hat" at their June meeting picking up \$310. BINGO donations and donations for other sources raised enough for Council 6872 to send another kit. Council 7087 covered the cost of a kit also and is managing this project for Fr. Jacob.





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Sample

Recruiter's Award**1st Quarter****2015-2016**

In honor of Pope Francis' visit to the United States in September, 2015, we are offering a special incentive to all recruiters. Between July 1, 2015 and September 30, 2015, you will receive 2,000 VIP points for every new or former member recruited in this time period in addition to a medallion similar to the one above for the first new or former member recruited only.

Examples:

1. You recruit 5 new members in this time frame: you get only one medallion plus 10,000 VIP points.
2. You recruit 1 new member in this time frame: you get only one medallion plus 2,000 VIP points.

Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive

As part of our Strengthen Catholic Families theme, the State Council is 100% in support of the Supreme “Building the Domestic Church; The Family Fully Alive”. All Grand Knights, District Deputies and other leaders, will receive a copy of the booklet in August. Please note the icon in the photo below is the Supreme icon for 2015-2017 and will begin circulation in Mississippi September 1.

State Chaplain Msgr Elvin Sunds will coordinate this program along with Guy Heying, State Program Director and our state directors: Ted Lander, Bob Leo, Charles Hahn, Bryan Cassagne, Elvis Gates and Dennis Reicke.

Councils should make plans now so they will be prepared to begin activities for their parish, council and families to coincide with the September 1 launch of the Holy Family Icon.

The following is taken from the Family section of the booklet. (www.kofc.org/familyfullyalive)

For Families

Since this program is rooted in prayer, the first step is to set aside a space in your home as a prayer corner. This area should be the focus of the home prayer portion of the program. The icon for this initiative is “Holy Family,” a drawing by Giovanni Balestra, based on a painting by Sassoferrato. Copies of this [image](#) (8x10 and 5x7) suitable for framing an two prayer cards featuring this image (“A Family Prayer” card, [#10086](#)) will be provided in the booklets. Additional copies of the icon and the prayer card may be ordered from the Supply Department.

The prayer associated with the program is “A Family Prayer,” composed by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori. Your family should include this prayer in your daily prayers.

Along with this prayer, you will find in the pages of the [booklet](#) monthly themes, projects, songs and psalms for your family to undertake together as a way to strengthen the faith of your family and each member’s individual faith.



The photo shows how simple yet sacred this prayer corner can be.

Navy Chaplains Bring Church To Chattanooga Service Members

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By Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Michael J. Lieberknecht, Navy Public Affairs Support Element East CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (NNS) -- Navy chaplains from areas surrounding Tennessee held ministry services July 26 at the Air National Guard building for Sailors and Marines displaced from their offices after the shooting at Navy Operational Support Center Chattanooga July 16.



"We are here because we want to be here for the Sailors and Marines," said Lt. Cmdr. David Hicks, a Navy chaplain from Charleston, South Carolina. "They don't have the choice of going down the street to their regular church, so we come here to give them that which they cant have."

Services were offered in two different rooms for Catholic service and Protestant worship. The focus of the services was coming together for healing.

"The uniform of faith is not about our differences, but our unity as people," said Lt. Joel DeGraeve, Navy chaplain from Columbus, Ohio. "To reach out to each other and build each other up when we're having life struggles is the real church."

The supporting chaplains arrived in Chattanooga shortly after the shooting to provide any peace of mind to the service members.

"Through counseling, prayer, encouragement and good solid advice and being able to comfort them at a time like this are things we have been doing every day," said Lt. Cmdr. Dan Reardon, Navy chaplain from Meridian, Mississippi. The chaplains will continue to work 14- to 18-hour days with Sailors and Marines affected by the events on July 16.

"In this situation we're focused on supporting our families, Sailors and Marines in this community," said Reardon.

Assistant State Chaplain Appointed



Father Scott Thomas, pastor of St. Elizabeth Seton in Clarksdale and Chaplain for Council 2969, has been appointed Assistant State Chaplain. A Jackson native and Mississippi State graduate, Father Scott also served as State Friar for the Fourth Degree.

He will assist State Chaplain Monsignor Elvin Sunds in the Jackson Diocese. His first assignment is to represent Mississippi at the State Chaplain's meeting during the Supreme Convention in Philadelphia, PA, Aug 3-6.

Brookhaven Council Installs Officers And Recognizes Brothers

The Joseph Bonfiglio Council 7915 in Brookhaven, MS recently held their Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet at Mitchell's Restaurant. First picture is Patrick and Kellie Barrett who were awarded 2014-2015 Family of the Year award. The second is Luis Ybarra was presented with 2014-2015 Knight of the Year award and the third picture is most of the officers for the 2015-2016 year.



Insurance News

State of the Agency

Well, I am happy to report things are really going well, and we have seen tremendous growth this year. We recently welcomed Jim Priddy of council 7120 to the agency, and he has been well received. Thanks for your efforts so far Jim, and we pray for success in your endeavors as a Field Agent with the Order. Benji Borrelli has been a great asset to the agency, as well as to the Mississippi region. His first six months in his increased roll in management has been challenging and rewarding, and he has been key in helping his fellow agents increasing their business. Benji and I met this week, and we are putting a plan in place to finish fully staffing our North Mississippi territories.

All of the agents in Mississippi are doing more business in 2015 than the first half of 2014, and for that, I offer my thanks for your support, and solicit your continued support.

Serving our Brothers as Best we Can

I had a complaint recently (we get very few) from a Brother Knight who had applied for life insurance, but was not offered a standard rate. He became somewhat irate, and stated that in his opinion, the Knights of Columbus should offer every Brother Knight insurance regardless of health. I made very little headway trying to explain our position before he hung up on me.....so I thought the least I could do is share my thoughts on this subject.

First of all, if we don't operate a strong, viable, and profitable insurance operation, we would cease to exist. Assessing risk according to the laws and rules of the countries in which we do business is a must, otherwise we would no longer be allowed to solicit any business. And finally, to the upset Brother, I would ask this question: Should we as members be more concerned with what we get out of being a Knight, or what we put in to being a Knight? We made a fair assessment and offered a very fair solution, and because it was a few dollar more a month, he left his family unprotected. I would offer that perhaps that is not a prudent decision.

Don't wait until you know you need it.

Contact me, or your agent if you know him, today.



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EXEMPLIFICATION of the FOURTH DEGREE August 22, 2015

Hosted by: Our Lady Queen of Peace Assembly

Location: 8455 Germantown Road,
Olive Branch, MS 38654

Date: Saturday, August 22, 2015

Honoree: Reverend Leonard F. Elder, SCJ

Schedule: 11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.- Registration
1:30 P.M. Exemplification
5:00 P.M. Mass
6:00 P.M. Social
6:30 P.M. Dinner

Candidate Eligibility: Must be a Third Degree Knight in good standing.

FEES: The exemplification fee is \$70.00 per candidate. Included with this fee, each candidate will receive a Fourth Degree social baldric, a Fourth Degree lapel pin and banquet. Your checks should be made payable to Bill O'Connor, Send checks and completed Form 4's to the District Master Bill O'Connor, at the address below. **Deadline for receipt is Tuesday August 18, 2015**

NOTE: Please ensure all information on the Form 4 is complete. Especially your membership number, 1st degree date and all signatures.

Banquet: Tickets for candidate's wives, members and their wives, and all other guests are \$20.00 each. Checks should also be made payable to Bill O'Connor, District Master. Please send guest banquet ticket payments to the District Master at the same time you submit your exemplification fee.

Dress: All candidates and Fourth Degree member observers are **required** to wear a black tuxedo, black bow tie, pleated white tux shirt with lay down collars (*no butterfly collars*), 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.

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Please contact John Chiumento or District Master Bill O'Connor if you have any questions.

Fraternally,
Bill O'Connor
District Master



MISSISSIPPI STAR RECRUITER



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Recruit a member and receive a Mississippi Star Recruiter Pin.

Each new recruiter is entered into a drawing.

Drawings – October 1st, January 1st, April 1st, July 1st 2016.

Winner Receives Hotel and Registration fee's free for the next State Convention for him and his wife. Prize is not transferable. Entry names are taken from the form 100's that are emailed to membership@kofc-ms.org.

July 1 to September 30th

Receive 2000 VIP points for every new or former member recruited plus in honor of Pope Francis' visit to the United States in September you will get a special medallion minted for his historic visit for recruiting in the First Quarter.

MISSISSIPPI STAR RECRUITER COUNCIL INCENTIVES

Council that meet Supreme Quota By:

Date:	State per Capita Credit
Sept. 30	\$200.00
Dec.31	\$150.00
March 31	\$100.00
June 30	\$50.00

Bonus*- \$10.00 for every member above Quota as of June 30th

COUNCIL BATTING CHALLENGE

Council recruits new or former members between 7/1 and 9/30 your council will win;

- Recruit 5 New Members Win A Miniature Louisville Slugger Bat.
- Recruit 10 New Members Win A Full Size Personalized Louisville Slugger Bat.
- Added Bonus – for each or former member your council recruits within the first 3 months of the Fraternal Year the council will receive 1,000 points per member recruited.

D'Iberville Council Supports Supports Persons With Intellectual Disabilities

Ms. Jane Sema, Principle of Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary School, D'Iberville receives two checks totaling \$1,000 from Grand Knight Jeff Riopelle, Council 9094, Knights of Columbus, D'Iberville, that will be used for Special Education Programs at her school.

Each year, Knights of Columbus councils throughout the nation conduct a "Tootsie Roll Drive" collecting money for People with Intellectual Disabilities. Then, these funds are turned in to the State Council who determines the amounts to be allocated for each council to pass on to schools who have special education programs.



Jeff Riopelle, Grand Knight of Fr. Harlow Council 9094, Knights of Columbus, D'Iberville, and Ms. Jane Sema, Principle of Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary School, D'Iberville

"The family is where our children learn from their mothers and fathers what life is all about. The family is where the next generation is given the tools to live a life of Catholic virtue."

- Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight

Clinton Council Hosts Third Degree

Holy Savior Council 7854 in Clinton hosted a 3rd degree on July 27. Conferring Officer Rich Lieding, PSD and PFC Jerry Schmuck, PSD, elevated 30 candidates from the Metro area and McComb into the 3rd degree. The ceremonial was followed by a delicious spaghetti dinner. Special thanks to Field Agent Ken North for the amazing panoramic photo as well as the traditional group shot.



Remembering August 29, 2005 In Bay St. Louis And Waveland

The following picture was taken from the third story balcony of Saint Stanislaus College located next door to Our Lady of the Gulf church in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi on the morning of August 29th, 2005. This is believed to be the initial tidal wave from Hurricane Katrina. The tidal wave was approximately 35 to 40 feet high when it slammed into the beach front

communities of Bay Saint Louis and Waveland Mississippi to completely destroy 99% of every structure along the beach for 9 miles and over a mile inland. The destruction only started there. The flooding that continued inland destroyed the contents of all but 35 homes in these two communities of approximately 14,000 people.



Our Lady of the Gulf as it appears today. A symbol of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Faith.



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State Retention Procedure

1. Intent to Suspend reports need not be sent to District Deputies nor to State at sdreport@bellsouth.net. We have a different mode to view what you have submitted to membership records. See sample.
2. Check for name of Retention Chairman.
 - Cannot be Financial Secretary as that would be a conflict of interest.
 - Should be Deputy Grand Knight.
 - Or another member who will work closely with the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary each month to monitor the status of the current membership.
3. The Semi Annual audit must show delinquent members.
4. Request to Grand Knight for Retention Committee notes regarding their findings when personal contact was made with member before Knight Alert letter was send to member. If contact notes are sent then skip item 5 and 6.
5. Wait 7 days and send second request via email.
6. If Council does not provide Retention Committee notes State Deputy will ask Membership Records at Supreme to return all Intents to Suspend back to Council as correct billing procedure was not followed – No contact was made with member in arrears.
7. State Retention Chairman mails letter to each Member in arrears after notes are received from Council.
8. State Retention Chairman will research any incorrect mailing addresses on any mail that has been returned. – GK or FS supplies information
9. Research of findings provided to Grand Knight and Financial Secretary.

Our Mission is to ensure we've make personal contact with each Brother that we asked to join and re recruit them back into our Councils prior to being suspended.

Retention Committee Formed

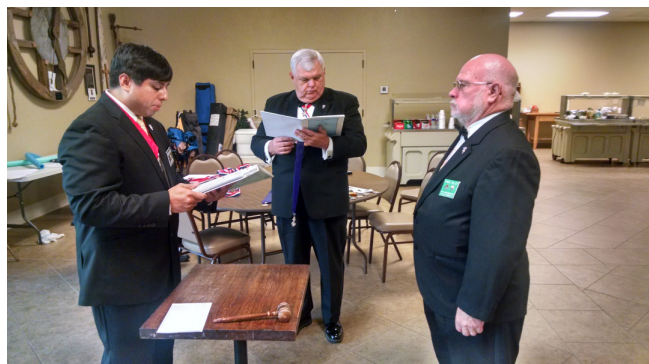
State Deputy Jim McCraw discusses a conservation report from Council 1034 with Treasurer Conrad Anderson, Grand Knight Dan Miller and District Deputy 7 Luis Ybarra.

A retention committee was appointed and before the meeting ended, it was determined all of the members would be retained. As the State Deputy said, "Retention is the key to our continued growth and therefore, our ability to fulfill the vision of Father McGivney".



Council And Assembly Installations

Pictures of Installation of Officers for Council 1034 and Assembly 559. Please feel free to pick out the appropriate ones for the Magnolia Knight. Installation was done on July 14th in the O'Connor Family Life Center.



Third Degree Held In Picayune



Oscar J. Gelphi Council 6872 in Picayune hosted a Third Degree Exemplification on July 26, 2015, advancing 7 excellent candidates from surrounding councils.



State Deputy Jim McCraw reviews potential 2nd degree dates and locations with DD9 Chuck Heim and DD13 Stradford Goins

Blue Mass Held To Honor First Responders And Their Families

Knights of Columbus members, parishioners and Pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic church, Fr. Bob Higginbotham welcomed members from Jackson and Harrison County Police, Fire and other "First Responders" Departments to a Blue Mass, held on Sunday, July 19th. "The event was conducted to thank all first responders for their dedication and their diligent effort in preserving and protecting the citizens they represent," said Fr. Higginbotham. He added further, "We are especially grateful to God for providing us with such talented and resourceful individuals who perform their duties regardless of the dangers they face protecting all of us." After the Mass, the First Responders, their wives and families, plus members of the Knights of Columbus who co-hosted the event, were treated to a wonderful meal and desserts provided by the K of C Kitchen Krewe.



D'Iberville Police Dept attendees to Blue Mass: L to R Wayne Payne, Chief of Police, Clay Jones and Major WSalter Keck.



Biloxi Police Dept attendees: L to R: Chief of Police John Miller, Assistant Chief Rodney McGilvary, Chaplain Robert Burris and Jackie Rhodes.



Dept of Marine Resources attendees: L to R: Chief Keith Davis, Jacob Johnson, Scott Anderson John Ewing and Thomas Jennings.

Council 9409 Installs Officers

Photo of newly installed officers of Council 9409 Reinhardt Schroeder receive blessing from Chaplain Fr. Thomas White at Our Lady of Fatima. July 26, 2015



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Programs At-A-Glance

ORDER MATERIAL

- ORDERWIDE CHURCH DRIVE

PROMOTE ACTIVITY

- CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST
- SOCCER CHALLENGE

CONDUCT ACTIVITY

- CORPORATE COMMUNION
- ORDERWIDE FIRST DEGREE WEEK
- FAMILY WEEK EVENT