



*"Strengthening
Catholic Families."*

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From Our State Deputy, Jim McCraw



"...Echoes of our Actions"

It's funny how a simple expression in a homily can catch in your mind. That one seemed very profound as I noticed a little girl look up at her Dad. That's when I heard Father Anthony Quyet talk about "our children are the echoes of our actions".

I've thought about this a lot since that Sunday. Very few of us are politically astute or vain enough to think out exactly what we say or do. The exception might be when you're "coaching" and have a message or lesson to convey.

I think we all agree that you never know who is watching or listening. Making the Sign of the Cross and blessing your food in public can send a powerful and symbolic message. A child might wonder what you're doing. A fallen away Catholic might remember when his or her family used to do that at every meal. Is that an act of

State Deputy's Words of Wisdom

evangelism? Maybe but it's not why you do it. The effect of that or holding the door for a lady without thinking... can produce unknown results.

Think about this. How often have you had a lousy morning and your mood reflects it... You're walking down the seasonings aisle in the grocery store and someone smiles at you. Your mood changes. The power of a smile? Yes but even more, you were acknowledged. You are important. Without thinking, you smile at someone too. You just became the echo of someone's actions.

Take that lesson to mass or to a Council meeting. Speak to someone. Shake his hand. Let your act of hospitality speak for you. Whether it's a stranger at a KC meeting or a person you've seen for years but have never spoken to. Get out of your comfort zone. Evangelize through your actions. When you feel the bluest, shake a hand. Speak to a stranger. Hold the door. Say Thank You. Little things can change a life.

October is Parish Drive month. Many of you will bring in good catholic men, while others may be disappointed with the results of their Parish Drive. Don't

be. Membership is like farming. The drive gives those men who are ready, an opportunity to act. For others, you're planting seeds.

The good works the council does nurtures those seeds of interest. Regular contact without pressure, like being greeted by the smiling fellows wearing KC name tags as you enter Church, opens the door of possibility.

DO conduct a membership drive! It's a terrific way to promote the council and allows the pastor a chance to brag about the good works his knights are doing. His endorsement and the wives influence will make your drive a good experience. *Another benefit of an active Ladies Auxiliary!*

I consistently remind you to bring me good Catholic men, not numbers. As a Thank You, those who do this will have his name entered in the quarterly State Convention drawing for each new or former member recruited. Winners and wives will be our guests at the upcoming State Convention in Natchez.

May the Echoes of your Actions be a reflection of your character!
Jim

From The State Family Director

Council family Council Directors, How are your family program progressing, did your "Family week programs go well? how is your " Families 4 Food " drive going? These are all programs that should have been completed in the Month of August, except maybe the Food 4 Families, this probably should be an on going project for your council to consider.

I am a little concerned about the, "Family of the Month " program. on the 15th of the month for the month of August , when the Family of the Month reports are due, I have only received six (6) reports for the Family of the Month, in the July I have only received eleven (11) reports. out of 67 councils in the state.

Council directors, I am sure that there is a lot of deserving families in your parish or community, that are eligible for this monthly award, ask your priest, ask your Ladies Auxiliary, ask yourselves, What family can be nominated for this award.

The qualifications for this award are:

- 1- has the family made significant contributions to the church,community and /or council?
- 2- Does the family enjoy another ?
- 3-Does the family share experiences?
- 4 Does the family communicate openly and honestly?
- 5-Does the family pray and attend Mass together?

Does the family spend time its time together interacting instead of in front of the television set?

These are areas to consider when choosing a "Family of the Month ". Let's see if we can improve on the program. I would like to see each council in the state submit a report to be eligible for a 100% participation plaque at the State Convention, Remember you need to submit a copy of the report to, Supreme Council, your District Deputy, and to me,State Family Director.

Bob Leo
State Family Director

First Degree In Clinton

Holy Savior Council 7854 hosted a 1st Degree exemplification in Clinton on Sat. Sept 12th and 4 men became 1st Degree members.

They are Front row L- R: Sebron Harrison (Jackson St Peter Council 848), Glenn Sandroni, Sean Dubra and Adam Martino (Clinton Holy Savior Council 7854)

PSD Richard Lieding was in attendance and is pictured with the Degree Team from Holy Savior.

Middle row: Lloyd Everhardt, Chuck Weiss and Bill O'Connor

Back row: Richard Lieding, Steve Miller, Craig Harrell and Chris Halliwell





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

Dear Brother Knight,

Pope Francis's historic visit to the United States has inspired our nation toward a greater commitment to the flourishing of all of creation through respect for the dignity of the human person, especially the most vulnerable among us, including the unborn. This week we have the opportunity to put this call into action.

The U.S. House of Representatives will consider a bill, H.R. 3495, "The Women's Public Health and Safety Act," which will allow states the freedom to exclude abortion providers from Medicaid funding. [Please contact your representative with this message and encourage him or her to vote for this important legislation.](#) Taxpayers should not be forced to fund the abortion industry, either directly or indirectly.

In his address to the U.S. bishops last week, Pope Francis reminded us of our responsibility to speak out to protect life:

The innocent victim of abortion, children who die of hunger or from bombings, immigrants who drown in the search for a better tomorrow, the elderly or the sick who are considered a burden, the victims of terrorism, wars, violence and drug trafficking, the environment devastated by man's predatory relationship with nature – at stake in all of this is the gift of God, of which we are noble stewards but not masters. It is wrong, then, to look the other way or to remain silent.

Supporting this legislation is one small but important step we can take on behalf of those who need of our protection. Thank you once again for your efforts on behalf of human life.

Vivat Jesus!

Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

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The Global Wheelchair Mission

The Knights of Columbus and The Global Wheelchair Mission have teamed up to help bring wheelchairs to those who lack freedom of mobility. It is estimated that more than 100 million people throughout the world are in need of a wheelchair but cannot afford one. The Global Wheelchair Mission purchases wheelchairs in bulk and delivers them by sea containers around the world. They are distributed with the help of numerous non-governmental organizations, Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis Clubs, and since 2003, the Knights of Columbus.

Since 2003 Knights in the U.S. and Canada have sponsored the distribution of some 55,000 wheelchairs in Afghanistan, Argentina, Colombia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, Oman, Panama, the Philippines, Poland, the U.S. and Vietnam.

On average, developing countries around the world have about three percent of their population physically disabled and unable to afford a wheelchair. In the 60 or so countries with civil unrest, landmine and unexploded ordnance problems the percentage can rise as high as Angola's twenty percent! Afghanistan, Iraq, Cambodia and Sierra Leone are not far behind.

For every donation of \$150 received by The Global Wheelchair Mission, it can deliver a brand new wheelchair which would cost over \$500 in a medical supply store. They are shipped in containers of 100 to 280 wheelchairs each directly from the factory to the destination countries at no cost to the recipients.

The delivery of wheelchairs to the disabled allow children to go to school, adults to go to work and provide for their families and the elderly to get out of a bed they may have been in for years. A wheelchair does not only change the life of the recipient. It is estimated an average of ten lives are improved by the delivery of each wheelchair. Families can attend worship services and social gatherings together; people who have crawled on the floor or ridden on a skateboard can now look family in the eye for the first time and feel dignity. The entire family is changed with this gift. Won't you please help?

You can make a donation through the www.kofc.org website and the American Wheelchair Mission Online Donation Form. Credit cards and checks are welcome. If I can be of any help please let me know.

Council 1522 Holds Day of Prayer, Reflection

The Chaplin for Council 1522, Father Walt Bracken, has put together a day of reflection and prayer for Council 1522 Officers and Members. The retreat was scheduled for this Sat. (9-19-2015). The day allowed for personal contemplation "Just to be with God." The time spent gave Council Officers and members an opportunity to ruminate on how we fit into God's love and how does God's love affects our very lives.

Picture is of the Council 1522 participants who took part in Saturday's day of reflection.



State Deputy Acknowledges Star Councils

I received Star Council awards for the following 17 Councils.

848 Jackson	9543 Madison
1244 Biloxi	10216 Flowood
1522 Bay St. Louis	10901 Oxford
7087 Kiln	11995 Pass Christian
7120 Southaven	13471 Philadelphia
7910 Gulfport	15121 Poplarville
8054 McComb	15131 Jackson
8912 Corinth	15382 Hattiesburg
9094 D'Iberville	

I wish to personally present these awards and ask that the DD's coordinate an appropriate place and time for that to happen. Be sure to let me know in advance before finalizing the date. Once the date is set, the DD's should encourage the council to also invite the state officers.

If a council has been moved into a new district, or the DD is new, it would be appropriate to invite the former DD to attend the presentation.

As in all great events, let's make sure to have photos and someone write a brief article for the Magnolia Knight for each presentation.

The challenge will be for these excellent councils to repeat this accomplishment and for others that missed due to membership challenges, to step up this year.

The DD's role in these accomplishments is to insure the councils have access to regular 1st degrees and to coordinate 2nd & 3rd degrees so we have "No Members Left Behind".

Vivat Jesus!
Jim

District Deputy Presents Columbian Award

District Deputy Danny Setaro presents
Columbus Council 7974 PGK Carl Garton
with 2014-2015 Columbian Award



Clinton Council 7854 News



Installation of Officers at Holy Savior Council 7854 in Clinton Aug 29th by DD Charles Hahn.



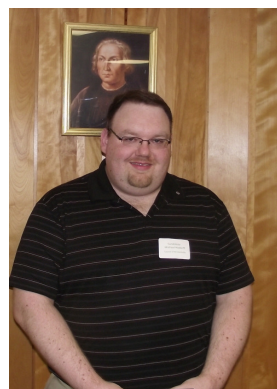
Presentation of \$838.50 check to Clinton Jr High School Life Skills Students by GK Craig Harrell from proceeds of Tootsie Roll Drive.



Holy Savior Knights of Council Columbus 7854 sponsored a KC Family Fishing Day at Lake Eileen on the Weisenberger property. There was a large turnout and a great time was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Family Program Chairman Bill O'Connor for heading up this event and special thanks to the Weisenberger Family for hosting this event. Thanks also to the Knights who once again gave of their time to bring joy to others!

First Degree In Starkville

Starkville Fr John P Egan Council 6765 held a First Degree Sunday September 20 and exemplified Mike Nadorff into the Order.





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

Dear Brother Knights,

Congress is set to vote in the coming days on three important pro-life measures. In the House, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act (H.R. 3134) would put a one-year moratorium on funding for the organization unless it agrees to abandon its abortion practice. Also in the House, the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 3504) provides federal criminal and civil penalties for failing to provide care to an infant who has survived an abortion attempt. Next week, the Senate is expected to take up the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (S. 1553), which bans abortions after 20 weeks of gestation, the point at which experts agree that the unborn feel pain. Please contact your elected representatives in support of these measures.

[Click here to take action on the Defund Planned Parenthood Act \(H.R. 3134\)](#)

[Click here to take action on the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act \(H.R. 3504\)](#)

[Click here to take action on the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act \(S. 1553\)](#)

At the heart of these three pieces of legislation is recognition of the dignity of the unborn child. In the past several weeks, through the release of several [undercover videos](#), the United States has received a distinct call to reexamine its conscience regarding abortion, which claims the lives of over a million unborn children every year in this country.

As you may know, most of the videos show or explain some aspect of the harvesting of organs for monetary compensation, including the grisly details of how these organs are extracted from recently aborted babies, many of them late-term.

Congress has held two hearings, one in the House [Judiciary Committee](#), and one in the [Energy and Commerce Committee](#), investigating the practices of Planned Parenthood and shining a light on this disregard for human life.

I was moved recently to see [this video interview](#) of Utah Congresswoman Mia Love discussing the Planned Parenthood videos: "Here we are in the United States of America, and our job is to protect life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness—first and foremost life," she said.

There simply is no good reason for taxpayers to fund Planned Parenthood or any organization that performs abortions.

Thank you for all you do in support of the dignity of human life.

Vivat Jesus!

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Appreciation Dinner

Holy Savior KC Council 7854 hosts Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, Sept 12th.



Financial Secretary / Leadership Training Held

Financial Secretary/Leadership Training was held in District 9 hosted by Council 11995 Pass Christian Sunday September 20.

Left to right are FS Richard Hoda – Council 7087, FS Tom Ward – Council 12331, District Deputy 12 Joe Goellner, FS John Gleber – Council 1522, District Deputy 9 Chuck Heims, Deputy Grand Knight Garland Moran – Council 9958, FS Wally Clifford – Council 9958, Former District Deputy Joe McCormick Grand Knight Thomas Moran – Council 9958. Not Pictured but attended, Grand Knight Paul Pitts – Council 1522, FS David Herbert – Council 11995.



Oxford Council 10901 Holds PID Drive

St. John the Evangelist, Knights of Columbus Council 10901 held their annual community service drive popularly known as the Tootsie Roll Drive September 19th. You may have seen the Knights outside Kroger or Larson's Cash Saver with their yellow vests and buckets. The Tootsie Roll Drive is an annual service project of the Mississippi and Oxford Knights of Columbus. The Oxford drive was organized by K of C Council 10901 members George Read and Jacob Eftink. All donations collected by the Knights support local organizations that minister to those with physical or intellectual disabilities.

Photo: Carolina Cassisa, daughter of Jane and Paul Cassisa of Oxford, accepts a donation from a shopper at Larson's Cash Saver. Carolina was assisting her father during the St. John the Evangelist, Knights of Columbus Council 10901, annual Tootsie Roll Drive. (Photo, Eugene Buglewicz)



Silver Rose Throughout Mississippi

Brother Knights from Council 7120 German Romero, Jose Hernandez, Grand Knight Ted Lander, Miguel Paez, and Ivan Duran before the 12:30 Spanish Mass at Christ the King Southaven. Also pictured is prayer service held after Family Pancake Breakfast served by Council 7120 to benefit Seminarian education.

This is the first time Council 7120 has participated in the Silver Rose program and we look forward to expanding it to our other parishes in future years.

Vivat Jesus! Ted Lander Grand Knight



The Silver Rose prayer service, which honors Our Lady of Guadalupe, was held at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Madison, St. Anthony Elementary School, and St. Joseph Catholic School in late September. Larry Roberts, a Sir Knight at the Knights of Columbus Council 9543 at St. Francis, brought the silver rose icon into the sanctuary during the service at St. Francis. Fellow Sir Knight Harold Adcock gave the introductory reading and led the attendees in the Rosary. Grand Knight Ed Marsalis gave the closing reading.



Silver Rose Throughout Mississippi



St. Richard Council 15131 held their Silver Rose prayer service the 26th of Sept. The formal ceremony was preceded on the Friday the 25th with a School Children's Rosary with Rose on display with Honor Guard. On Saturday the Rose was processed and displayed at Mass then retired to Foley Hall for prayer service, Fr. John Bohn presiding.

“Each of us is responsible for honoring the trust that our members, our clients, and their families have placed in us.”

Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight

2015 Knights Of Columbus Art Show



Council 6872 in Picayune held it's Annual Art Show on September 11-13. We took in just over \$3,000. Ten percent went to our State Ultra-Sound Fund and the rest to Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Support Services in Picayune. With the Awards Presentation falling on 9-11 we went with "Life, Liberty & the pursuit of Happiness" as our theme.

Gautier Council Presents PID Check

Gautier Council 9124's Mental Health and Intellectual Developmental Disability Drive Chairman Ron Myers presents this year's proceeds from the local Tootsie Roll drive to Singing River Services Region XIV Executive Director Sherman F. Blackwell III.

Chairman Myers was accompanied by Council 9124's Grand Knight Rusty Anderson, right, who is a local councilman and Community Director Gordon Gollott, left, who is also the Mayor of Gautier.



MISSISSIPPI'S NEWEST KNIGHTS

JOINING IN SEPTEMBER 2015

Council		New Knight		Council		New Knight	
802	Meridian	James	Baron	7854	Clinton	Adam	Martino
898	Vicksburg	Michael	Woodrick	7854	Clinton	Glenn	Sandroni
1034	Natchez	Don	Lambert	7854	Clinton	Sean	Dubra
2180	Laurel	Michael	McCool	10499	Ocean Springs	David	Grizzard
6765	Starkville	Michael	Nadorff	10499	Ocean Springs	Luke	Brenner
6872	Picayune	Charles	Champagne	10499	Ocean Springs	Andrew	Marcano
7087	Kiln	Charles	Harrison	12271	Gulfport	Charles	Wormeley
7087	Kiln	Lugis	Ladner	15131	Jackson	Rusty	Haydel
7087	Kiln	Dewey	Hoda	15131	Jackson	Harold	Hardin
7087	Kiln	Lynn	Ladner	15155	Vanceleave	David	Fonda
7087	Kiln	Ray	Necaise	15155	Vanceleave	Jeffrey	Blalock
7087	Kiln	Per-Owe	Anderson	15382	Hattiesburg	Jeff	Rodriguze
7087	Kiln	Mark	Barnes	15382	Hattiesburg	Kevin	Comel
7087	Kiln	Douglas	Bourgeois	15382	Hattiesburg	Timothy	Hackbarth

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CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS





MISSISSIPPI STAR RECRUITER SEPTEMBER

Council			Star Recruiter		
802	Meridian	George Walston	9094	D'Iberville	Walter Freeman
848	Jackson	Paul Byrne	9409	Biloxi	Jerry Thompson Jr
898	Vicksburg	Paul Donovan	10499	Ocean Springs	Rene Davidson
4472	Pass Christian	Douglas Schmitt	10499	Ocean Springs	Gary Vaughn
2180	Laurel	Patrick Buisson	10499	Ocean Springs	Joe Goellner
6765	Starkville	Tomasz Haupt	12271	Gulfport	Robert Zeller
6872	Picayune	Charles Champagne	15131	Jackson	Dave Fisher
7087	Kiln	Gary Cuevas	15155	Vancleave	Bob Davis
7087	Kiln	Dewey Hoda Jr.	15155	Vancleave	Peter Dias
7854	Clinton	Charles Collins	15382	Hattiesburg	Frank Holifield
7854	Clinton	Charles Weiss	15382	Hattiesburg	Ken Robinson

The above Brother Knights have qualified for the drawing – Congratulations!

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 the State Membership Director at 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.



October Is Respect Life Month

Each October is Respect Life Month. For many years our Supreme Council has been sending our Financial Secretaries a Respect Life Program Packet. Your Financial Secretary should provide this packet to either their Grand Knight or the council prolife chairman. That packet really has lots of good information in it. There are sample brochures that you can order, homily suggestions, prolife intentions and a great prolife resource catalog.

Here are some ideas on how your council can participate in Respect Life Month:

1. Order and display prolife materials in your church or parish hall after receiving permission from your pastor to do so.
2. Consult with your pastor to designate one Sunday in October as Prolife Sunday – ask your pastor the homily suggestions and prolife intentions at this mass.
3. Have a parish wide Rosary and use the Prolife intentions as prayers between the decades of the rosary.
4. Have a parish meal and accept donations for the benefit of a local crisis pregnancy counseling center.
5. Contact your local crisis pregnancy center and ask them what your council can do for them. They may need baby clothes, office items or a monetary donation. A list of these centers is attached.

I encourage every council to have someone sign up to receive these informative Email newsletters from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Go to : <http://www.usccb.org/subscribe/email.cfm>

And choose the Life Issues Form (biweekly, op-ed column) and/or choose the People of Life (monthly)

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Programs At-A-Glance

ORDER MATERIAL

- COATS FOR KIDS
- KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

PROMOTE ACTIVITY

CONDUCT ACTIVITY

- CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST
- SOCCER CHALLENGE
- ORDERWIDE CHARITABLE SERVICE OUT-REACH WEEK
- ORDERWIDE CHURCH DRIVE
- ORDERWIDE FIRST DEGREE WEEK