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Catholic Families."*

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From Our State Deputy, Jim McCraw



Heroes Continue to Inspire Us

In a time when our Catholic beliefs are challenged and deemed irrelevant, prejudicial or bigoted, when it would certainly be easier to succumb to indifference, Knights of Columbus, recalling the powerful lessons of the Second Degree, serve as everyday heroes quietly exemplifying the ideals established by the Venerable Servant of God, Fr. Michael J. McGivney. Regardless of stature, they are defiant in the battle of morality, sanctity of marriage protection of the unborn.

These are the caliber of men I know in councils throughout Mississippi and the Order worldwide.

Retention: Each month I urge councils and districts to hold more Second Degrees. It is an important milestone for any member to achieve but even more important is the lessons taught in this, the Formation Degree.

For many years councils had access to a 2nd degree maybe twice a year. We have smashed that concept. It is up to you to work with your DD to arrange one, or even better, host one. I've attended degrees with 30 candidates and with 6. The lessons are the same. Large classes always impress me. For a council to host a second degree is sign of strong leadership. Helping them to advance fulfills your obligation to them and reinforces their importance to your council.

Generosity: I am humbled by your donations to the Knights of Columbus Foundation of Mississippi to support agencies in your area that assist persons with mental disabilities. I had the honor of attending a Memorial Mass for Deceased Members at Council 1605 with MPC Joe Ramirez, State Membership Director Mike Kassouf, District Deputy Joe Goellner and my good friend, Derek Medjesky, our Honorary State Chairman for Special Olympics. Derek reminded me how proud he is to have this position and is so grateful for the love and support that his brother knights are providing his friends. When you present your checks to the agency, consider inviting Derek as a state dignitary and as my official representative.

So often, fundraising becomes just another project. By that I mean we forget the impact these dollars have on agencies. Visit those agencies from time to time so you stay personally connected. If you aren't sure what all they do, remember, they are friends of Derek, a proud 4th degree Knight of Columbus.

Heroes: A few months ago the world was taken aback when a bishop instructed his priests to remain with their people in very dangerous conditions in Iraq, Syria and other hot areas. The shock was many would, and in fact did face death. In our indifferent politically correct atmosphere, that was bizarre.

The Holy Father himself demonstrated his commitment by a two day visit in Central Africa Republic where conflict had erupted. The Holy Father was exemplifying to his priests to do as I do. He has described indifference among priests and religious as offensive to God.

As kids, how many of you blessed yourself when passing a catholic church? I admit I've lost that habit myself. Watching a recent KC pass by the Cathedral in Jackson at lunch and make the sign of the cross. It was his faith. He was not worried about what someone might think of him. He was witnessing to my own indifference. He made me proud. I believe he might be a hero that day.

I wish each of you and your families, good health, good faith and the love of Christ surround all ya'll.

In Christ's Love,

Jim

Mass Kits From Kiln Council 7087 Arrive In Syria



This is to show that your box of Mass kits from the Kiln council 7087, did arrive in Jordan and has been taken into Syria. Take care, God bless, and have a blessed Thanksgiving.

- Fr. Jacob Mathew

State Soccer Challenge Winners

The 2015 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge has been completed. One hundred forty-two youth participated in three council competitions. Thanks to Councils 898, 1908, and 11654 for participating.

The 2015 winners are:

9 year old girl - Katie Farthing Council 898

9 year old boy - Haddon Rowland Council 898

10 year old girl - Chelsie Neal Council 1908

10 year old boy - Reese Sullivan Council 1908

11 year old girl - Gracie Falla Council 1908

11 year old boy - Will Farthing Council 898

12 year old girl - Ella Mercer Council 1908

12 year old boy - Zachary Fontes Council 1908

13 year old girl - Rebecca Hahn Council 898

13 year old boy - Cameron Musiac Council 11654

14 year old girl - Jordan Pete Council 11654

14 year old boy - Chad Hudson Council 11654

Congratulations to all who participated. As soon as we get trophies, I will contact the DD and GK about awarding the trophies.

Charles Hahn
State Youth Chairman

Madison Council 9543 Hosts Special Event

Father Binh Nguyen shares the blessed sacrament with members of St. Francis of Assisi parish at the home of Chris and Mary Manning last month. The annual celebration began with a Rosary to honor widows of deceased Knights of Columbus, a Mass at sunset led by Father Binh, and a potluck supper provided by attendees. Photo taken by Sheri Krause.



St. Richard Council 15131 Donates Media Kiosk To Parish

Council 15131 donated a Lighthouse Media Kiosk today (11/23/15) to St Richard Parish, Jackson. There for the assembly were Dave Fisher GK, Robert Munroe DGK, Brother Bill Hulett Coffee and Creed Facilitator and Steve Thomas Kiosk project Chairman. After funds were generously raised by the Council, the Coffee & Creed group offered to maintain the Kiosk as a Service Project.



Dave handing the keys and transferring Kiosk to Coffee and Creed



Dave, Robert & Steve in moment of reflection



Bill making some precision adjustments

Knights of Columbus Senior Thanksgiving Dinner

Sponsored by Councils 7087 Kiln & 12331 Dedeaux



The Sunday before Thanksgiving we served over 200 seniors a turkey dinner with all the fixings plus desert! The blessing was given by Rev Satish Adhav of St. Matthew Parish.

Music was provided by Brother Keith Hoda & Brother Lavern Moran with the "Country Sounds

Band". Afterwards the participants enjoyed a BINGO with gifts. Hancock Medical Center was there with information and gifts also. The councils sliced up 15 turkeys provided by the Hancock County Sheriff's Office. Many of the elderly of the area look forward to this event every year.

Knights Join Forces To Support Local Veterans

D'Iberville Council 9094 and Assembly 3007, with help from Councils 15155, Van Cleave and 9673, Wool Market, took part in the Salute to Our Veterans Program that took place at the Veterans Admin Health Care System, Biloxi, MS, on Friday, Nov 6th.

This marks the 7th anniversary for this event, which featured a fish fry. The program was sponsored by the D'Iberville Knights of Columbus, Council 9094, the American Red Cross, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans Administration Health Care System. The goal is to provide a meal for 300 hospitalized veterans, their medical staff, and other support groups that has always pleased the veterans that always look forward to "outside" cooking.

The salute to our veterans program kicked off with the Posting of Colors by the Picayune Navy JROTC Color Guard and then the introduction of the Guest Speaker, Col Michael Manion, Vice CMDR, 403rd Wing, Keesler AFB, Biloxi, MS. Then the Kitchen Krewe provided a fish plate with baked beans, Cole slaw, hush puppies and dessert.

This years event featured a special, first program addition that was put together by Mark Fontenot, District 11 Deputy and member of Assembly 3007 and his employer, D'Iberville Wal-Mart: They collaborated with their employees and customers the collection of winter clothing items and toiletries for use by the hospitalized veterans. These items were greatly received since the VA staffs cannot solicit donations and rely on the hearts of the community to assist them in the needs of the veterans, many of whom do not have families who can support them with such things as lounging items, sweat shirts and pants, white tee shirts and bathroom toiletries.

It was a great "Salute to Our Veterans" Program this year and based on the kudos received by the knights who did the preparation for the food, no one left hungry and we all look forward to next year for the time we all salute our veterans for their commitment and dedication to have served or are still serving our nation.



GN Jeff Riopelle, Council 9094, blue polo in the back ground, observes the serving line featuring the event's guest speaker, Col. Michael Manion, Vice CMDR, 403 Wing, Keesler AFB, Biloxi, MS, and Van Dase, member of Council 9094 (blue polo).

“ Our ‘Keep Christ in Christmas’ program is more important than ever. Our work to keep Christ in Christmas helps everyone remember that you can’t have Christmas without Christ.”

Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight

Family Of The Month

Congratulations To these families that were awarded the Family plaque from Supreme, for the Month of September.

The Family of Richard & Kay Benton, Council, 1244, Biloxi, Ms.

The Family of Richert & Eve Mahony, Council, 6872, Picayune, Ms.

The Family of Paul & Jane Cassiisa, Council, 10901, Oxford, Ms.

Many thanks to the councils for submitting their applications to Supreme, for them to receive this award.

Council, Family Activity directors, please keep in mind, that when choosing your Family of the Month that you have to submit the application to the Supreme Council by the 15th of the following month. For example, if you chose a "Family of the Month" in September the report must be in to the Supreme council, by the 15th of October. This also applies to the State report., Although the State is a little more forgiving, if it comes to me a little late, you will still be eligible to receive a plaque for 100% participation in the "Family of the Month" program.

As of this newsletter I have received only 12 reports for the Month of October out of 63 councils in the state.

I would like to wish all the members, and their Families, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year.

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Bob Leo

State Family Director

Natchez Council 1034 Welcomes New Third Degree Knights

Knights of Columbus Council 1034, Natchez, is proud to introduce the newest Third Degree Members inducted into full Knighthood:

Wesley Steckler, James Shaidnagle, Joseph Gunning, Ken Burnette, Charles Garritty, Brian Warren.
Congratulations Brothers on attaining full Knighthood!





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

Dear Brother Knight,

Please act now to encourage Congress to protect the rights of conscientious objectors to abortion, sterilization, and contraception. These rights are under attack.

In California, for example, the state government has issued a directive requiring all health plans to cover abortions. Religious ministries in the state, including Catholic schools, are right now being forced to add abortion to their health plans.

This sort of coercion violates federal law, but these federal conscience protections have not been enforced. More protection is needed as similar violations occur throughout the country. Health care workers and organizations need the ability to act on their own to defend their rights in court.

The Abortion Non-Discrimination Act (ANDAs) grants this by providing victims a means for protecting their conscience rights through legal action. [Contact your members of Congress to support ANDAs.](#)

Immediate action is necessary. Consider the case of Cathy Cenzone-DeCarlo, RN, a nurse in New York City, whose employer forced her to choose between assisting in a late-term abortion and losing her job:

[T]he hospital where I work coerced me to assist in a 22-week abortion. They were well aware that as a faithful Catholic, I could not participate in the killing of a pre-born child. Yet, they threatened my job and my nursing license if I did not take part in the murder of a baby.

Her story is here: <https://youtu.be/uknrxrMI61WI>

As Pope Francis has said, "conscientious objection is a right, and part of the body of all human rights. If we want to make peace, we must respect all rights."

Thank you for doing your part to protect conscience rights and to build a Culture of Life.

Faternally,

Carl Anderson
Supreme Knight

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MISSISSIPPI'S NEWEST KNIGHTS

JOINING IN NOVEMBER 2015

Council		New Knight		Council		New Knight	
2134	Greenville	Will	Hanos	7974	Columbus	Peter	Tortorici
2969	Clarksdale	Samuel	Erby	7974	Columbus	Rene'	Machado
2969	Clarksdale	Trent	Williams	7974	Columbus	William	Adams
2969	Clarksdale	Eugene	Hymel	9094	D'iberville	Christopher	Patti
2969	Clarksdale	Garrett	Radiciconi	9673	Woolmarket	Bryan	Hall
6872	Picayune	Stephen	Heck	11995	Pass Christian	Brian	Finnila
7854	Holy Savior	Sam	Temple	11995	Pass Christian	Gerald	Ladner
7854	Holy Savior	Brantley	Jones	13502	Batesville	Eddie	Deese
7854	Holy Savior	Wayne	Johnson	13502	Batesville	Robert	Carroll
7854	Holy Savior	Kavanaugh	Breazeale	13502	Batesville	Alton	Bloodworth
7974	Columbus	William	Jones	13502	Batesville	Lawrence	Deese
7974	Columbus	Ken	Penouilh	15382	Hattiesburg	Al	Acosta
7974	Columbus	Michael	Cancellare				

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE GENTLEMEN FOR JOINING THE RANKS OF
KNIGHTHOOD AS FOLLOWERS OF THE GREAT CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS





MISSISSIPPI STAR RECRUITER NOVEMBER

Council	Location	Star Recruiter	Council	Location	Star Recruiter
2134	Greenville	Bernard Brown	9673	Woolmarket	Thad Anderson
2969	Clarksdale	Joseph Radicioni	11995	Pass Christian	Richard Finnila
7974	Columbus	Carl Garton	11995	Pass Christian	David Herbert
9094	D'Iberville	Stephen Dunn	13502	Batesville	Billy Haire

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 December 31

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.



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