



*"Strengthening
Catholic Families."*

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From Our State Deputy, Jim McCraw



Here I am Lord

I had the pleasure of attending the official launch of the Holy Family Traveling icon at St. Therese in Jackson just before Christmas. State Chaplain Msgr Elvin Sunds was the celebrant at the preceding mass. Many of those present were KC families and were impressed with an impressive honor guard. His homily was focused on family. He was directing it to me.

Last month we talked about *indifference* and the harm it causes not just in society but even at our supper table. One of my favorite TV shows is Blue Bloods. The Reagan family gathers each Sunday after mass for lunch as a family. No plates on coffee tables or in a lap. They all sit around the family table and pray our traditional blessing. Topics usually float between honor, integrity and the sometimes heavy burden of doing the right thing. Sometimes tempers flare and feelings get hurt, just like at home. The one constant is their love for one another. In every instance, things are resolved within sixty minutes. In real life, those hurts and resentments can for run years before they are addressed. Some continue after one of the parties dies. More often a healing begins as the result of a wedding or a funeral. The funeral is when folks reflect on their own mortality and see how insignificant that offense really was. Pope Francis has declared this to be a Year of Mercy. How fitting that we are able to condense his powerful message in that announcement to two words: Forgiveness and Confession.

Both are good for your health.

As we begin this wonderful New Year, it's important to set goals.

Mine are simple: Welcome 225 good Catholic men into the Knights. Establish 50 Roundtables. Bring the Holy Family icon to 125 churches. Attend mass with our Mississippi Knights on Bikes at a mission church.

Let us celebrate the servant's heart of so many brother knights and their families who have volunteered to help the tornado victims in Holly Springs. Special thanks to our Disaster Response team!

Remember... you are important. You have the opportunity to make a difference. Whenever the congregation sings "Here I Am Lord" They are singing it for and to you. Listen with your heart.

Vivat Jesus!

Jim

Congratulations to Fr. Martin Gillespie, Holy Trinity Church, Columbia upon his appointment as State Father Prior for the Columbian Squires in Mississippi.

Congratulations to Former District Deputy Joe Suhanin upon his appointment as Star Council Director. Joe will coordinate with State Program Director Guy Heying, local councils and district deputies to help them achieve Star Council. His goal is 25.

Knight-Day Program Rolled Out In Meridian

Meridian MS Knights of Columbus Council 802 has introduced an innovative new program called – “Knight-Day”. The goals of the “Knight-Day” program are to increase fellowship throughout the Meridian Catholic Community; increase devotion to the Rosary; and increase the awareness and understanding of our Catholic faith, the Order of the Knights of Columbus as well as the history and good works associated with Council 802.

“Knight-Days” are celebrated in months with a 5th Saturday, a 5th Sunday and/or a 5th Tuesday. On a 5th Saturday, we celebrate Family and Church together by sponsoring a meal for the Meridian Catholic Community in the St. Patrick Family Life Center immediately following the 5pm mass. On 5th Sundays, Knights lead the Rosary before our weekend masses and; on 5th Tuesdays, we focus on continuing education through our Lecturer Program with topics focusing on our Catholic faith, our Order and our Council as a whole!

5th Saturday “Knight-Day” at St. Patrick’s Family Life Center



Church Program Director and Event Chairman, Brother Sal Moreno, does a “taste test” of the sauce- Yummy!



Brother Sal Moreno, giving some “direction” to Brothers Larry Ritzer, Tom Zettler (PSD), Bob Connor!



Members of the Meridian Catholic Community enjoying a wonderful evening filled with fellowship and pasta!

Holy Savior Council 7854 In Clinton Provides Parish Support



Holy Savior Council 7854 member Arnie Senger completing a council project by repairing the benches at both entrances to the church with new lumber.

State Fr. Prior Gets Surprise Visit

Newly appointed State Father Prior, Father Martin Gillespie welcomed State Deputy Jim McCraw and Jay Gamble, State President of the Mississippi Knights on Bikes to Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Columbia. The purpose of the visit was to discuss the future of the Columbian Squires in Mississippi and challenges in small parishes with changing demographics. Jay is also Chief Counselor of the Father Peter Mockler Circle in Waveland.

As a passionate Harley owner/rider himself, Father G, was very interested hear plans for a Knights on Bikes Ride to St. Michael Catholic Church in Paulding. Established in 1843, it is the second oldest in the state and played a significant role in the growth of the Church in Mississippi. The ride would include a mass and meal provided by area councils.



For more information on Mississippi Knights on Bikes, Contact: Jay Gamble at jay.gamble@bellsouth.net or their website: www.knightsonbikesms.com.

State Warden Council Position To Be Filled At State Convention

The position of State Warden will vacant on July 1, 2016. If you are interested, plan to have your name nominated during the Sunday Session at the State Convention to be held in Natchez April 22 – 24, 2016.

Responsibilities are as follows;

- Responsible for the up keep and yearly inventory of all state property
- Assist the State Deputy in selecting and securing council halls or parish halls to hold the meeting.

- Responsible for setting up all meeting rooms per protocol

- Ensure host Council serves a meal.

- Flags are in place in correct line up.

- Head table and name plates are set as per protocol

- Work with District Deputies to act as inside and outside guards when needed.

- Audio and video equipment needs are met

- Balloting materials are available, when needed.

- If new State Council Jewels are required, make sure that the State Secretary has ordered them and are available for the installation.

- And other as assigned.

If you have and questions, please call any State Officer or the current Warden Mike Kassouf.



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Dear Brother Knight,

Your action is needed to urge Congress to protect the rights of conscientious objectors to abortion, sterilization, and contraception.

Real protection is possible, but Congress needs to hear from you today as they consider a measure that could become law before the end of the year.

The Abortion Non-Discrimination Act (ANDA) provides conscientious objectors a means for protecting their conscience rights through legal action. [Contact your members of Congress to support ANDA](#).

Immediate action is necessary. Right now, Catholic schools and institutions are being forced to cover abortion—even late-term abortion—in their health plans. Right now, Catholic health professionals are being coerced into participation in abortion, sterilization, and contraception in violation of federal law.

Contact your elected representatives today and ask them to support ANDA. Thank you for doing your part to protect conscience rights and to build a Culture of Life.

Fraternally,

Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

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Prayer For Persecuted Christians

Christians in the Middle East face persecution simply for their belief in the one who taught us to love one another. Despite the genocidal persecution against them, they continue to be an inspiration as they remain true to their faith and bear witness to the love of God and neighbor. Yet, regardless of their great witness, they need solidarity and support.

One way we are helping is through the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund, which has contributed more than \$4.5 million. These contributions have provided food, clothing, shelter and medical care to refugees. Individuals can contribute to this fund by visiting christiansatrisk.org and making a direct contribution.

Along with financial support, Knights and their families are encouraged to pray for persecuted Christians. To aid in this, the new [Prayer for Persecuted Christians prayer card \(#10340\)](#) is now available. This prayer card is available in packs of 100 cards for \$3 per order, shipping charges included, and can be obtained by sending a completed **Form #1** to the Supply Dept. via mail, fax (800-266-6340), or email to supply@kofc.org. You may also order the cards by mailing a check, payable to the Knights of Columbus and addressed to: Knights of Columbus, Supply Department, 78 Meadow Street, New Haven, CT 06519.

Holy Savior Clinton Council And Ladies Auxiliary Hold Christmas Social

Holy Savior KC Annual Christmas Social was held Dec 9th at the parish hall and great fun was enjoyed by all. Jim Sharp added a touch of festive seasonal decor to the hall. Everyone brought a covered dish which complimented a variety of meats such as pulled pork, chicken and pork loin that were cooked by DGK Steve Miller. A variety of desserts were also shared.



“It is our duty to help every mother in need.”

Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight

Santa & Mrs. Claus Visits Parish Christmas Pageant



Santa and Mrs. Claus made a surprise visit to the Holy Spirit Christmas Pageant. Knights from Council 7120 have formed a Round Table at the church in Hernando.

Council 7120 member, Jimmy Terry donned the suit of the jolly old fellow and his wife, Susan played to role of Mrs. Claus.



Baby Bottle Boomerang Overview

A Culture of Life Fund Raising Program

It's really simple...it's called a Baby Bottle Boomerang because you distribute empty baby bottles to church and council members, and just like a well-tossed boomerang, they come back to you full of coins, currency and checks. And, the bottles can be used over and over again, creating an ongoing fundraising and promotional program within your church community. Try to make it an at least an annual activity and involve different church groups.

The Baby Bottle Boomerang will help your Council to:

- Increase the numbers that hear your pro-life message.
- Elevate the awareness level of your ministry in the community.
- Raise significant funds with relatively low up-front costs.

What is it?

The Baby Bottle Boomerang is one of the most effective fundraisers for pro-life ministries in use today. It is easy to do and it is a great way to involve all members of your council and parish.

The Baby Bottle Boomerang is simple to conduct, effective in communicating your message, and very productive in raising much-needed funds, regardless of the size of your church or council. It is an easy, convenient way to involve families and individuals in your parish. No extra meetings or time commitments are required of the participants.

How does it work?

You announce the Baby Bottle Boomerang in your church bulletin for two weeks and distribute the bottles after mass or any other function on the announced date. You ask everyone to take home a baby bottle, fill it with spare change or any size donation, and return the filled bottle after mass in a two or three weeks at the date you announce. It is best to collect the bottles on two dates because some people will forget to return them on the first collection date. Then your Council, Ladies Auxiliary or Youth Group counts the money and decides what prolife organization or crisis pregnancy center will receive your donations.





Distributing and tracking the bottles

You should write a number on the bottom of each bottle so you can track the bottles that have been returned.

It is best to have a sign-up sheet to record the bottle number with name, phone number and Email of the person who took that bottle so you can remind them to return their bottle and donations on the designated date and time.

Where to buy the bottles

You can buy them locally or purchase bottles with special prolife messages and images on them from Heritage House 76 at:

<http://www.heritagehouse76.com/default.aspx?GroupID=201> or call them at 1-800-858-3040. The bottles cost about \$1.00 if you order 120 of them.

You can also order bottles and get fundraising help from "Plans For You"

<http://www.plansforyou.com/BabyBottleBoomerang.aspx>

They are ready to help ensure you have a successful Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraising campaign. Please contact them for a free consultation today.

For information on the Baby Bottle Boomerang program and any Baby Bottle Boomerang products, contact: **Tom Ham** at 864-350-2081 or

tom@plansforyou.org

Results

Since its inception in 2001, over 1,400 pro-life organizations have used the Baby Bottle Boomerang to raise over \$70,000,000. The normal return for one carton of bottles (200) the first time the program is done is approximately \$2,100 based the experience 1,400 pro-life organizations. The average amount raised from one box of 200 bottles, when used repeatedly until all bottles are depleted, is generally about \$5,100.

This is Mississippi State Council Focus Project and counts as 2 point in the State Culture of Life Activity Program Area.



Knights Of Columbus Leadership Webinar

You have been selected to participate in this webinar due to your important leadership position in the Knights of Columbus. This session will be geared toward **Earning the Star Council Award** and will focus on the following:

- Planning and Conducting Charitable Service Outreach Programs
- Implementing Effective Recruitment/Retention Strategies and Welcoming New Members
- Keeping Current with Administrative and Financial Obligations

This training session will take place on **Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time**. Please click [here](#) to register for this event.

We encourage you to register for this webinar even if you cannot view the entire presentation.

If you have questions regarding this event, please call Gary Nolan, vice president for Fraternal Training and Ceremonials, at 203-752-4347.

Fraternally yours,

Gary R. Nolan
Vice President for Fraternal Training and Ceremonials

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State Mid-Year Leadership Meeting Held in Jackson

Mississippi was honored to have Vice President of Training and Ceremonials, Gary Nolan, and our Membership and Program Consultant, Joe Ramirez attend this meeting. Much of our focus was on training, Building the Domestic Church: Strengthening the Parish and the Holy Family icon and inviting good Catholic men to become members of the Knights of Columbus. Bishop Joseph Kopacz addressed the attendees at lunch, praising the KCs for their many good works and stressed the importance of being even more involved within the parish.

Brother Nolan played a major role in producing the latest Success Planner which all agreed is very useful. When asked how many DDs brought their planner... the response was outstanding. A special photo was taken with Gary demonstrating the commitment of Mississippi's district deputies.

At the conclusion on Sunday, the District Deputies gave updates on their districts and talked about how we will grow the state through increased first degrees, more opportunities for members to advance through the Second and Third degrees within the first year of membership. All agreed it is important for each council to establish and rely on an effective retention committee.



Volunteer Reception Center Called Into Action

Wednesday, December 23, 2015 a strong line of storms raced across several states leaving a path of destruction that resulted in several deaths as well as a wide track of homes damaged, some even completely destroyed. One of the areas that received a great deal of damage is Holly Springs, MS. A reported EF-4 tornado with multiple vortices swept through the area in the late afternoon devastating multiple areas of Holly Springs and surrounding Marshall County.

After the storm passed and dawn broke families, first responders, and other law enforcement agencies began to understand the enormity of the situation at hand. The local Emergency Management Agency (EMA) was quick to respond by signaling for help for the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) as well as other state-wide agencies.

On Christmas Day, realizing the need for manpower, Kathryn Replogle, Disaster Services Coordinator with Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service/ Volunteer Mississippi contacted Knights of Columbus Past State Deputy Jerry Schmuck, who is also the K of C State Disaster Response Director, and asked if the Knights would be able to establish a Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) in Holly Springs to support the relief effort.

The purpose of the VRC is to document unaffiliated volunteers who want to lend their time and skills to disaster relief needs but are not a member of any specific group. MCVS and other state and federal agencies require that the unaffiliated volunteers be registered to track man hours worked, where volunteers are working, what type of work they are doing, what type of equipment is being used, etc. It also mandates that the volunteers go through safety training to help prevent injury in the field.

Once properly registered, the VRC deploys the volunteers to different areas of need based on their skill sets. The VRC tracks the progress of all ongoing work that it has set in motion. The VRC also will provide daily statistics to government agencies for their tracking purposes.

PSD Schmuck set the ball in motion and on Saturday, December 26 the VRC was up and running. Knights from several districts and many more councils have stepped up to staff the VRC as well as volunteer in the field helping residents remove debris, place tarps on roofs, and more.

The VRC is expected to operate for 1-2 weeks and more volunteers are needed daily to help staff the VRC located at the First Baptist Church Activity Center at 190 E. College Ave. located 2 blocks east of the square in Holly Springs. No particular skills or tools are needed for the office work and training will be done as needed and the volunteers matched to duties they are able to perform. Work crews will also be dispatched as additional homes are assessed and identified along the path of the tornado damage on the south and east sides of Holly Springs.

For additional information contact Jerry Schmuck at (228)861-3459.



Volunteer Reception Center Called Into Action



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State Deputy Jim McCraw and Council 7120 GK Ted Lander met up with a couple from B'nai B'rith's Disaster Response team and shot a few photos. One ended up on their national blog today. <http://www.bnaibrith.org/press-releases/archives/12-2015>

Lander explains how assignments are made and the importance of having a signed agreement allowing Volunteer Mississippi to remove debris & tarp a roof before volunteers can assist.

L/R Jim McCraw, State Deputy; Harold Steinberg, B'nai B'rith Disaster Response and Ted Lander, Grand Knight, Council 7120 in Southaven. Lander was Field Coordinator over multiple crews of volunteers.



2015 – 2016 State Membership and Insurance Quotas

Our State Year is 75% complete, below are your Membership and Insurance results for these first 9 months. Councils are separated in to four different size groups based on the total Membership as of July 1, 2015. Small = 0 to 61, Medium = 62 to 90, Large = 91 to 132 and 133 and up. Your TOP GUN goal is same as previous years, double your goal or plus 10 whichever is lower.

As of 1/1/2016					Membership			Top Gun			Insurance		
Dist.	Council	Size	Location	Membership 7/1/15	Quota	Ytd Net	Ytd Net %	Quota	Ytd Net	Ytd Net %	Quota	Ytd Net	Ytd Net %
3	2945	1	Leland	35	4	2	50%	8	2	25%	3	0	0%
3	5267	1	Greenwood	61	4	0	0%	8	0	0%	3	0	0%
13	7211	1	Lumberton	46	4	0	0%	8	0	0%	3	0	0%
1	8760	1	Holly Springs	40	4	0	0%	8	0	0%	3	0	0%
3	9234	1	Indianola	13	4	0	0%	8	0	0%	3	0	0%
9	9958	1	Lizana	50	4	0	0%	8	0	0%	3	-1	-33%
8	11904	1	Lucedale	59	4	0	0%	8	0	0%	3	0	0%
7	11956	1	Tylertown	26	4	-5	-125%	8	-5	-63%	3	-2	-67%
12	12166	1	Pascagoula	52	4	0	0%	8	0	0%	3	0	0%
10	12271	1	Gulfport	45	4	-19	-475%	8	-19	-238%	3	-4	-133%
4	13471	1	Philadelphia	58	4	2	50%	8	2	25%	3	2	67%
2	13502	1	Batesville	39	4	5	125%	8	5	63%	3	0	0%
2	14051	1	Olive Branch	49	4	2	50%	8	2	25%	3	3	100%
8	6592	2	Bassfield	73	5	0	0%	10	0	0%	3	0	0%
9	7087	2	Kiln	90	6	8	133%	12	8	67%	3	2	67%
5	7854	2	Clinton	80	5	5	100%	10	5	50%	3	6	200%
7	7915	2	Brookhaven	72	5	0	0%	10	0	0%	3	0	0%
4	7974	2	Columbus	85	6	6	100%	12	6	50%	3	0	0%
6	8038	2	Pearl	71	5	9	180%	10	9	90%	3	3	100%
5	8285	2	Jackson	64	4	6	150%	8	6	75%	3	5	167%
1	8912	2	Corinth	78	5	3	60%	10	3	30%	3	4	133%
3	10443	2	Grenada	70	5	0	0%	10	0	0%	3	1	33%
10	11541	2	Gulfport	72	5	-2	-40%	10	-2	-20%	3	0	0%
8	11654	2	Wiggins	70	5	-1	-20%	10	-1	-10%	3	-1	-33%
9	11995	2	Pass Christian	85	6	4	67%	12	4	33%	3	3	100%
13	12331	2	Dedeaux	74	5	0	0%	10	0	0%	3	1	33%
13	15121	2	Poplarville	62	4	2	50%	8	2	25%	3	2	67%
5	15131	2	Jackson	85	6	5	83%	12	5	42%	3	8	267%

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Dist.	Council	Size	Location	Membership 7/1/15	Quota	Ytd Net	Ytd Net %	Quota	Ytd Net	Ytd Net %	Quota	Ytd Net	Ytd Net %
12	15155	2	Vancleave	67	5	3	60%	10	3	30%	3	0	0%
5	848	3	Jackson	128	9	4	44%	18	4	22%	3	3	100%
7	1034	3	Natchez	131	8	6	75%	16	6	38%	6	0	0%
9	1522	3	Bay St Louis	129	8	3	38%	16	3	19%	3	-3	-100%
12	1605	3	Pascagoula	118	7	0	0%	14	0	0%	3	0	0%
8	1908	3	Hattiesburg	105	7	4	57%	14	4	29%	3	1	33%
3	2134	3	Greenville	123	8	4	50%	16	4	25%	3	-1	-33%
8	2180	3	Laurel	94	6	0	0%	12	0	0%	3	-1	-33%
2	2969	3	Clarksdale	110	7	4	57%	14	4	29%	3	0	0%
10	4472	3	Pass Christian	110	8	6	75%	16	6	38%	3	1	33%
10	7910	3	Gulfport	106	7	5	71%	14	5	36%	3	5	167%
7	8054	3	Mc Comb	97	7	5	71%	14	5	36%	3	1	33%
1	8848	3	Tupelo	121	7	4	57%	14	4	29%	3	5	167%
12	9124	3	Gautier	96	6	1	17%	12	1	8%	3	-1	-33%
11	9673	3	Woolmarket	97	6	1	17%	12	1	8%	3	1	33%
12	10499	3	Ocean Springs	115	8	-19	-238%	16	-19	-119%	3	-3	-100%
1	10901	3	Oxford	109	7	7	100%	14	7	50%	3	5	167%
6	11934	3	Gluckstadt	132	9	1	11%	18	1	6%	3	1	33%
8	15382	3	Hattiesburg	127	9	17	189%	18	17	94%	3	7	233%
4	802	4	Meridian	235	16	0	0%	26	0	0%	6	1	17%
5	898	4	Vicksburg	348	23	4	17%	33	4	12%	8	1	13%
11	1244	4	Biloxi	331	22	16	73%	32	16	50%	8	16	200%
10	1583	4	Gulfport	152	10	-8	-80%	20	-8	-40%	3	1	33%
10	4898	4	Long Beach	177	12	4	33%	22	4	18%	4	1	25%
3	5556	4	Cleveland	195	13	-1	-8%	23	-1	-4%	5	1	20%
12	5654	4	Ocean Springs	155	10	2	20%	20	2	10%	4	0	0%
4	6765	4	Starkville	157	11	4	36%	20	4	20%	4	2	50%
9	6872	4	Picayune	162	11	6	55%	20	6	30%	4	1	25%
2	7120	4	Southaven	171	11	10	91%	20	10	50%	4	7	175%
11	9094	4	North Biloxi	160	11	8	73%	20	8	40%	4	8	200%
11	9409	4	West Biloxi	160	11	7	64%	20	7	35%	4	5	125%
6	9543	4	Madison	250	17	-2	-12%	27	-2	-7%	6	6	100%
6	10216	4	Flowood	229	16	7	44%	26	7	27%	6	7	117%



2nd Half Council Incentive

From January 1st to June 30th, 2016

Reward your council for its collective hard work and obtain valuable articles to improve Camaraderie & Teamwork!

- Recruit 12 members between January 1st and June 30th, 2016 and your council will receive **20,000 VIP* points**
- Recruit 12 members between January 1st and March 31th, 2016 and your council will receive **30,000 VIP* points**

*VIP points can be redeemed for any article available on Knightsgear.com and by filling out the order form which is available at this link:

<https://www.knightsgear.com/Content/Images/Uploaded/new-vip-order-form.pdf>

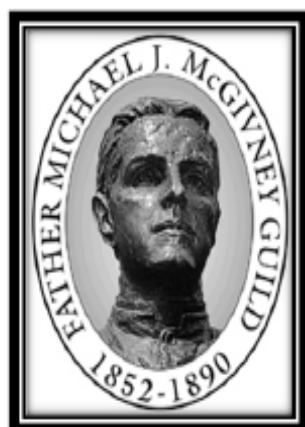
The conversion rate is approximately 1,000 VIP points = \$6.00

MISSISSIPPI'S NEWEST KNIGHTS

JOINING IN DECEMBER 2015

Council		New Knight		Council		New Knight	
802	Meridian	Shane	Brewer	8038	Pearl	Carl	Bryant
1034	Natchez	Craig	Bertelsen	8038	Pearl	Don	Carnevale
1244	Biloxi	Joseph	Goetsehius	8038	Pearl	Jeff	Lowe
1908	Hattiesburg	Thomas	Culpepper	8038	Pearl	Ronald	Stutzman
1908	Hattiesburg	John	Dryman	13502	Batesville	Robert	Traicoff
4898	Long Beach	Millard	Quigley	14051	Olive Branch	Carlos	Seijo
6765	Starkville	Craig	Capano	15131	Jackson	Michael	Hart
7211	Lumberton	Anthony	Fetterolf	15155	Vanceleave	Gerald	Inabinette
7211	Lumberton	James	Bryant	15155	Vanceleave	Kenneth	Newman
8038	Pearl	Andrew	Bowden				

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



The Knights of Columbus is not just a fraternity in name. It is a brotherhood of Catholic men who each play a part in improving the *world around* them, one community at a time. They stand together in faith, dedicated to uphold the principles they cherish while lending their support and strength to parish, home and fellow Knight.

From charity for worldwide causes, to helping closer to home with volunteer activities, to a top-rated insurance program that protects those closest to you, the Knights makes the most of its brotherhood.

Make a stand among them, and you can discover how easy it is to make a difference in your life and that of others.



MISSISSIPPI STAR RECRUITER DECEMBER

Council	Location	Star Recruiter		Council	Location	Star Recruiter	
802	Meridian	David	Stephens	8038	Pearl	Charles	Meadows
1034	Natchez	Daniel	Miller	8038	Pearl	Daniel	Nelson
1244	Biloxi	Benjamin	Borrelli	13502	Batesville	William	Haire
1908	Hattiesburg	Lawrence	Heintz	14051	Olive Branch	Leonard	Temple
7211	Lumberton	Joseph	McQueen	15131	Jackson	Andre	DeGuy
8038	Pearl	Robert	Ganz	15155	Vancleave	Peter	Dias

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 9th, 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.

First Quarter Winner – Gary Cuevas Council 7087 – Kiln.

Gary and his wife's convention registration and hotel accommodations are also paid in full.

Second Quarter Winner will be drawn Saturday January 9th in Tupelo at the Mid-Winter meeting.



Time and again, I have stressed that we have nothing less than a moral obligation to offer membership in the Knights of Columbus to every eligible Catholic man. To accomplish this, I am asking dedicated brother Knights like you to be ambassadors, to reach out to Catholic men and their families and invite them to become part of our Order.



Recruiters' 2nd Half of the Fraternal Year Incentive

From January 1 through June 30th, 2016

Celebrate by giving the gift of Membership to a fellow
Catholic

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Holy Savior Council From Clinton Leads Christmas Parade

Knights from Holy Savior were asked to lead the Annual Christmas Parade in Clinton on December 5th. This is the third consecutive year to have this honor. Thanks to all the Knights who participated and to the City of Clinton for allowing the Knights to lead the parade.

The Clinton Knights do such a great job that the City of Raymond requested that these men come lead their parade on December 11th as well. This was the first year that the Knights participated in the Raymond parade.



Council Member Adam Martino, Worthy Sir Knights Steve Miller, Allen Scott and Worthy State Master Bill O'Connor



Worthy Sir Knights Bill Hetrick, Chris Callegan and Jim Sharp

Christmas In Holly Springs

The best gifts are often those that are unexpected, unrequested, not able to be exchanged or returned and often those that require some sharing of time and/or energy. These are some of the best gifts I saw given over the past weekend:

- Family of five that travelled from Ohio to assist with disaster cleanup including a teenage daughter who helped while in a walking boot and smiling the entire time.
- Volunteers ranging in age from 7 to 70 and from various Judeo and Christian faith traditions working together and sharing their talents and gifts while giving glory and gratitude to our same heavenly Father.
- BBQ teams and mid-south area restaurants serving 100s of meals to volunteers.
- Volunteers with construction experience meeting homeowners, assessing damage to over 25 homes and assigning follow up work to volunteer teams with chain saws, tractors, ladders to remove downed trees from homes, water damaged house debris, and tarping damaged roofs to protect livable homes from further wind and rain damage.
- Brother Knights coming together from all areas of Mississippi including Gulfport, Tupelo, Corinth, Southaven, Olive Branch, Senatobia, Oxford and Jackson to spread mercy to those in need, work together in the VRC, in the field, celebrating Mass together and sharing Communion on Sunday.

The VRC is expected to operate for 1-2 weeks and more volunteers are needed daily to help staff the VRC located at the First Baptist Church Activity Center at 190 E. College Ave. located 2 blocks east of the square in Holly Springs. No particular skills or tools are needed for the office work and training will be done as needed and the volunteers matched to duties they are able to perform. Work crews will also be dispatched as additional homes are assessed and identified along the path of the tornado damage on the south and east sides of Holly Springs. For additional information contact Jerry Schmuck at (228)861-3459.

Pie Mike



Any Council that recruits 5 new Members in the months of January or February gets a chance for a drawing to throw a pie in the face of State Membership Director at the State Convention in Natchez. If Council brings in 5 new Members in both months Council gets two chances in drawing!

Pie throw to take place Friday after awards ceremony.

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