



*"Strengthening  
Catholic Families."*

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**From the desk of the State Deputy, Noel Aucoin**



Brothers,  
Greetings to you all. Patty and I were privileged, this past month, to be a part of the Mississippi contingent to the Supreme Convention in Toronto Canada. We, along with, State Chaplain Fr. Scott Thomas, State Secretary Philip Jabour and his wife Linda, State Treasurer Ben Mokry, Immediate Past State Deputy Jim McCraw and his wife Barbara and State Program Director Guy Heying and his wife Kari really enjoyed the experience. We, as delegates, were also joined by Sir Knight

Bob Theriot from Wiggins. Bob has joined us on several convention trips and I would like for all to consider attending, if and when the opportunity presents itself. Next year's event will be held in St. Louis, Missouri. Please consider attending. The messages from Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, covered three main topics. First of which was the continuation of the Building the Domestic Church initiative. If not already, our focus should be on more family orientated projects. This doesn't necessarily mean scrapping the projects we currently sponsor each year but more of a restructure of the projects to include the entire family. We should also transition some of our traditional, Knights only, projects to more of Church sponsored, Parish events. Including the Parish in these efforts will also aid in growing your council and in turn growing our order. We should also be active in reinforcing the idea that the church is not limited to a building on Sunday morning but continues in our homes with our families.

The second topic broached by the Supreme Knight was the continued plight of the Christians in the Middle East. Although our order has fought to bring the genocide to the focus of the government and donated millions to aid the refugees, there is still much to be done. The solidarity crosses are still available and I encourage all councils and assemblies to continue that effort. I also ask you to organize a prayer event in your council, assembly and/or parish to offer prayers for all those who are suffering in that region.

The third main topic cover by Brother Anderson was the upcoming US elections. He was very passionate in his plea for Knights and all Catholic to vote their "Catholic Conscience". Knights and all Catholics, should not be supporting any candidate, regardless of party affiliation, that support pro-choice or assisted suicide. Life begins at conception and ends at natural death. We, as Catholics, should vote with this principle in mind. I encourage all councils and especially assemblies to organize a "Vote your Catholic Conscience Campaign" in your parishes and communities.

God bless and Vivat Jesus,

Noel

## World Youth Day Thank You

The Knights Of Columbus, Diocese of Biloxi, Thanks to Bishop Moran, Father Adam and Others.

Fifty our youth, from 17 parishes within the Diocese of Biloxi and the State of Mississippi attended multiple event and personally prayed with Pope Francis, Cardinals, Bishops, Priest, Nuns and lay people from 187 countries all over the world, while at the World Youth Conference, in Poland. The first event the group attended in Krakow, was the Catechism & Mass at, the Mercy Center, Krakow, Poland. This event was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. This event, in the Year Of Mercy's Jubilee, brought young people from the ages of 17 to 35 years old together. Both male and female gathered for one purpose, to be with the Holy Father and to celebrate their Catholic Faith. This and other events attended included catechesis, faith testimonies from past WYD attendees, a witnesses to the persecuted Church, daily Mass, Eucharistic adoration, Confession and multiple presentations. It was the first time all of us attending were astonished when we participated and watched over 70,000 Catholic Youth received communion in the Mercy Center Arena.



Different than any article you have read in the Magnolia Knight, as you read this article, it would be appreciated if you at a moment and say a private prayer, of thanksgiving, since all attendees came home safe. Also, please pray for the special intentions of our youth and others who attended the WYC. Especially, say a prayer for Bishop Moran the greatest supporter of this event, Father Adam Urbaniak, Father Mark Ropel, Deacon Colten Symmes and the Kavanagh family who gave hours of time and support to all attendees, including the chaperons and Knights, over the past several months.

The Youth Director for The State Of Mississippi Knights of Columbus, with other Knights of Columbus Councils, who also contributed to this event and attended the pilgrimage, have set aside a Special Intention Mass, at the Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral Parish, for Father Adam Urbaniak, Father Mark Ropel, Deacon Colten Symmes and the Kavanagh Family @ 11:00AM Sunday, September 4th., 11th. 18th and the 25th. Respectfully, it is hopeful we will fill this mass with Knights of Columbus from all parishes as well as those who participated in the wonderful Pilgrimage, promoted by the Bishop and Championed by Father Adam..

As Bill Haas indicated the numbers clearly show, under The Order of Building the Domestic Church Program, all Knights councils, throughout the United States, should think outside the box, but within their parish and consider how they can shift their councils focus and attention by spending just 10% of their focus in order to generate and guide Young Catholic Men, especially High School, High School Graduates and students about to attend Colleges and Universities, into their Knights of Columbus Council. In most cases, our councils and parish activities focus on our parishes who may also include an elementary school. We support multiple events but miss the youth who are the Knights we need to continue this tradition, founded by Father Michael McGivney at the age of 30, not 40, 50, 60, 70 or 80.

This in itself does not take away from your parish council activities. However, it will insure our parishes will have strong councils to fall back on in the future. As many parishes and councils respectfully "snicker", Knights are now noted for the 5 C's, we are great Cooks, we play great Cards, we smoke good Cigars / Cigarettes and Champion great raffles and draw-downs.

The real question to all councils and parishes, is when is the last time a youth 17 1/2 plus was initiated into your council as a 1st. Degree Knight? Do you as a council work within your parish, the CYO and Youth to develop young men preparing for college or the next stages in manhood in order to support your parish?

Pictured left to right are Knights of Columbus and Squires who attended the World Youth Conference: Richard Alarcon, Holy Family Parish, Matt Johnson, St. Alphonsus, Bill Haas, State Youth Director Knights of Columbus, St. Francis Xavier Parish, Michael Pleasant, St. Alphonsus, James Sharp, Our Lady of the Gulf, and Jeremy Trippe, Our Lady of Fatima.



The group had a chance encounter with Pope Francis, whose motorcade passed by as we were walking to our Adoration and Mass the next morning with the Pope, in Krakow. This is an actual picture taken from one of our participants.



Mass and the rosary was a daily celebration with the youth and other participants from 17 parishes. The pictures below are Father Adam Urbaniak's home parish and rectory at the St. John the Baptist Parish, in Szymanowice, Poland. This gives you an idea of the age, culture and beautiful detail work that is in the beautiful churches in Poland, who for many years were the world leaders in fighting off communism, until the fall of the Berlin Wall that was constructed August 13, 1961 and came down on November 9, 1989.

Fr. Adam, our Auxiliary State Chaplain and Fr. Mark Ropel counseled, worked, said mass and heard confessions of many our future and targeted Knights of Columbus.



Father Adam you speak fluent Polish and based on how you are dressed, we believe you are who you say you are. However, please present your Knights of Columbus identification card and your rosary!

Vivat Jesus!!





## **Bryan V. Cassagne Membership Director**

Brothers,

I have to admit; never did I think I'd end up in a position like this. I've had a passion for fundraising, working with agencies and people in need for many years. I even had hopes of rolling my passion into a profession one day.

I believe God has a great sense of humor. I'd bet he sometimes fills the halls of heaven with bellowing laughter at seeing us caught in unexpected places and circumstances. Then he watches our expressions change as we realize we are right where we are supposed to be! Does that happen to you? It has happened to me several times over just the last few years.

Brothers, there are few other organizations where we can help others live out God's greatest commandment, "As I have loved you, so you should love one another" (Jn 13:34) and someone has your back! If I can recruit more people (MORE Knights bring MORE hands, to raise MORE funds (& to evangelize), doing God's good works helping MORE people in need) then collectively, we can do far more than I could have ever done by myself.

When I pester you to recruit over the coming year, don't do it for me. You don't even have to do it for your council or yourself. You could recruit members to help your Parish, or your community, or your God, but all will benefit.

Bryan V. Cassagne  
State Membership Dir.

### **Membership 365 State Membership Contest**

#### **Council Incentive 1**

Hamburger Dinner, (hamburgers paid for by State Council) cooked and served by State Officers

\*Make these Star Council metrics by December 31, 2016

- Membership Quota
- form 185 submitted through member management
- form 365 submitted through member management
- form 1295-1 Semi Annual Council Audit
- update State Directory
- maintain all metrics through June 30, 2017
- Current with all Supreme & State Assessments

\*Reports must be submitted to Supreme, Sdreports & DD

#### **Council Incentive 2**

Steak Dinner, (steaks paid for by State Council) cooked and served by State Officers

\*Make above Star Council metrics plus Insurance Quota by December 31, 2016

\*Reports must be submitted to Supreme, Sdreports & DD

#### **Top Recruiter Contest**

- Monthly Cash Prize
- First Place \$100 -Second Place \$65

Eligibility- Must be at least a First Degree Knight in good standing. Top recruiter must recruit at least 3 new members or re-instated members in a calendar month.

Verification of recruitment- The FS must submit form 100 to [membership@kofc-ms.org](mailto:membership@kofc-ms.org) & the Field Agent assigned to his council.

-MPC will send monthly report of recruiters for each month to SMD.

-SMD will verify that Supreme has received form 100 in the month specified to be counted as a new member for that given month.

-If no one proposer recruits 3 or more members in a one-month period, then the money is carried over to the next month and added to the pot.

-There will be no drawings! If there is a tie the money will be split.

## **Family of the Month for the Mississippi Knights.**

Hello Brother Knights I just wanted to tell you that I have been appointed by our State Deputy Noel, as the State Family Director again this year.

I would like to know what I or the state KC council can do to get more of the councils to take the 5 minutes it takes to fill out a family report each month. I know for a fact every council should have a family that does something together, because if your council is anything like my own council, you ask for a member to help you out with a project a lot of them will tell you that they can't because they are already committed to do something with their family, which is great. This tells me that there are a lot of families that should be turned in. I know my council has no trouble turning a family each month.

There are many things on the State and Supreme web sites that also give you things that the councils and members should be doing with the Families.

The Family should be the most important thing in a Knight's life. Therefore we should recognize a Family each month. I find it very rewarding to get with the Pastor and give out the certificate at the mass that the family goes to on Sundays.

I also notice that a lot of councils that were turning in a family each month when I had this job before are not turning in a family like they use to do, again please let me know what I or the State Council can do to get you to recognize a family again.

Thanks  
Carl Brochard  
Mississippi State Family Director  
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**If any council needs help filling out the form I would be glad to assist, after 6pm until 9pm daily. 228-327-0066 or e-mail me at [Broch57@bellsouth.net](mailto:Broch57@bellsouth.net) .**

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**GOOD FOR MOTHERS**  
**From the web site FATHERS for GOOD.org**  
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**Renew Your Vows and Your Marriage**  
**by Carey Casey**

Men, are you taking your wife for granted? Let me take care of that nonsense right now. I have buddies whose brides died of cancer. A while back I received a call from my friend Billy about his wife, whom he has loved since they met back in college. He said, "Carey, she's sick. She's really in trouble." And he broke down and cried.

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Men who have lost their wives would give anything to go back and do things just a little better. Maybe they'd change their priorities, or make better use of the time they do have. Men who have been through a divorce often have similar feelings.

Sometimes you hear about couples renewing their marriage vows, and I think that's a useful idea whether it's a formal ceremony or just an inner recommitment "from this day forward, 'til death do us part."

And what about that line, "in sickness and in health"? I don't think the bride and groom fully appreciate what they're saying. What if the marriage ceremony actually listed some of the possible challenges, sicknesses and tragedies? What if one of the spouses will get cancer, be paralyzed, or have mental problems? Maybe they'll have a miscarriage or two. Tragedy almost always takes us by surprise. And suddenly we've forgotten the vows made many years ago, or we never realized what the vows mean in the first place.

I think about these kinds of challenges, and I thank God for my bride, Melanie. She's such a blessing to me, and I try to serve her in small ways every day —getting her something from the kitchen, or washing the dishes, or carrying dirty clothes down the stairs, or just making the bed. You could probably list a hundred ways to serve your bride — from arranging a second honeymoon to just putting down the toilet seat. It all adds up.

Let me confess, when I invest in Melanie, I'm getting something in return. She's an extension of me wherever I go. She gives me great feedback and encouragement on all the things I do. She makes me a better dad. She loves me through my brokenness and weaknesses. And that makes me love her even more.

Dad, even if it doesn't always feel like it, your marriage is a great gift from God. I hope you'll renew your commitment to those vows you made to your bride.

**Carey Casey is CEO of the National Center for Fathering.**

## **Donations for Louisiana flood victims District Deputy District 7**



Loading up of supplies to take to Louisiana. Grandson and Father Henry with DGK Bo Allen assisting. 22 foot trailer of donations from McComb and Brookhaven. We also have received over 8000.00 in cash donations to be used.  
Aaron Achord

District Deputy

District 7

## **Council 6872 & Council 9623 Donations for Louisiana flood victims**







#### Brothers & Sisters

Today was a good day. After you helped us load the truck and trailer (**Heck family, Frank West, Sylvia North, John Woods, Bryan Cassagne, Ed Rhode and 15 other members of Council 6872 not pictured came to help. Also shown, Mike Abbat, GK Council 9623 and members from Ascension of Our Lord Parish**) Perret and I drove to Laplace, La. Several brothers from the KofC Council based at Ascension of Our Lord helped us unload and were awaiting a truck from the LA State Police. The Police bring the goods into neighborhoods in need and distribute with the help of Pokémon for Progress Group. We had some very generous donations, including cash, cleaning supplies, food, clothing, 2 dryers, 2 microwave ovens, crock pots and the furniture donated for our garage sale. The truck and trailer were packed!

AL PERRET

AKA- THE TURTLE MAN

### **Council 15155 Vancleave , Council 9124 Gautier Donations for Louisiana flood victims**



Appliances being delivered and donated by Brother Pete Dias of the Vancleave Council. Gautier Council standing by to unload the goods. Mississippi delegation leaving with much needed supplies in the KC trailer.



Many Knights of Columbus gathered in solidarity to help flood victims in Denham Springs La., August 27, 2016. Not only did the local councils in the surrounding areas participate, we also had a council from Chalmette La. Our MS delegation came from Vancleave Ms Council 15155 and Gautier MS Council 9124. Some La. KC state officers were in attendance such as the State Deputy along with his State Secretary.

The visit to Denham Springs was a very humbling experience and the MS delegation was very grateful to have helped out with this very important event.....!!

### **Council 1605; 9124; and 10499 Installation of Council Officers.**



The State Deputy and DD-12 (Joseph Furlan) presided over the installation of Council 1605; 9124; and 10499 Council Officers. The social and installation occurred 13 August at St. Mary's Gautier.



## Recipients of the 2016 K of C Ronald J. Cassagne Memorial Scholarship



Council 6872 has awarded two scholarships each year since 2007 to students of the Greater Picayune Area. Recipients of the 2016 KofC Ronald J. Cassagne Memorial Scholarship. (L to R) Kayla Stein, Bryan Cassagne, Hannah Weir

## Fr. Korstenbroek Council 2134 Pro Life activities.



On Sunday August 14th, Greenville Council 2134 Grand Knight, Guy Mandolini, presented checks for Five Hundred Dollars each to Sandra Cirilli (St. Monica Prison Ministry) and Julice Curry (St. Vincent DePaul Society). The Funds were made possible as a result of the KC Baby Bottle Drive held between Mother's Day and Father's Day to promote Culture of Life initiatives. The Council will also be sending contributions to the state KC Pro-Life Memorial Fund and the Ultra-Sound Fund. This was the Council's first Baby Bottle Drive and was quite successful and well received within the church community. This project is part of the Fr. Korstenbroek Council Pro Life activities.

## **Congratulations to Father Binh Nguyen, Marvin Edwards, Richard Getts and Marty Markowsky**



On Saturday August 13th, Four Knights from Greenville and Greenwood continued on their journey to full Knighthood completing their second step with the Formation Degree.

## **Blue Mass Council 9124, Gautier, MS.**



On Sunday 21 August Council 9124 Celebrated Blue Mass for the Police, firemen, and other 1st Responder in Gautier, MS.



## Father Paul Gillis Council # 11654 Wiggins MS. Community Blood Drive



On Sunday, August 28th. the Knights of Columbus, Father Paul Gillis Council # 11654 Wiggins MS, sponsored its annual American Red Cross Blood Drive, in conjunction with its Knights of Columbus monthly breakfast for the parish. This blood drive combined with our monthly Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast was a huge success. Our chairman, Ted Ren's blood goal was 26 units and we achieved a total of 35 units. At the same time the parish enjoyed socializing after mass with a good sausage and pancake breakfast.