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Brothers,
Greetings to you all. We have moved out of summer and as we look forward to cooler weather recruiting new Brother Knights should be heating up. But, in Mississippi, the cooler weather is slow coming and the same is going for our recruitment. After hitting the ground running, in July, we have slowed a bit in August and September. Many councils, however, pick up the efforts toward the end of the month. I thank those that have held membership drives

and Admission Degrees in the last few weeks. You helped us finish the month in respectable fashion. With that, there are several councils that have a real chance of winning Steak Dinners for the entire councils and wives. Here's a reminder on what must be accomplished to win the Steak Dinners. Councils must reach STAR COUNCIL status (Supreme membership and insurance quota) by December 31st 2016. Councils like Natchez – 1034, Bay St. Louis – 1522, Starkville – 6765 and Vanleave – 15155 are getting close to that goal. Push on Brothers, push on!!

October is traditionally known (to most Knights) for two major efforts. The first and most important is Right-to-Life month. Many of you do Cross Displays, Baby Bottle Drives, Pre-mass Rosaries, Life Chains, Billboards and many other activities to raise the awareness of the plight of our most innocent citizens. I ask you to carry this effort through the entire month and towards the end of the month, I urge you to support a "VOTE YOUR CATHOLIC CONSCIENCE" drive. There is more than the White House at stake. Supreme Court Justice Seats are also in play. Voting our conscience will help our voices be heard.

October is also the month we celebrate Columbus Day. Because of this, it is the month of Parish Membership Drives. Many councils have already hosted their fall membership drive and if you have, THANK YOU. I know many of you are planning drives for October. We, the State Officers, District Deputies, Program Director and Membership Director, would like to avail ourselves for your events. For your convenience, I have assigned certain State Officers to each district and they will be glad to speak or just be a part of your drive. Those assignments are: State Secretary Philip Jabour – Districts 3 and 5, State Treasurer Ben Mokry – Districts 2 and 6, State Advocate Mike Kassouf – Districts 1 and 4, State Warden, Roy Gamez – Districts 9 and 10, Immediate Past State Deputy Jim McCraw – Districts 7 and 8, State Membership Director Bryan Cassagne – Districts 11, 12 and 13. State Program Director Guy Heying and I will also be available to all districts (schedule permitting). These Brothers will be working with you and your District Deputies to insure you get the most out of your events.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO WIN THAT STEAK DINNER!! Go for it BROTHERS.....

God bless and Vivat Jesus,

Noel

Healthy Families, Healthy Society
9/1/2016
Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori



Our own small decisions and especially the way we form our families have a profound impact on others

GROWING UP, I would sometimes throw stones into a nearby pond and watch the ripples. Whenever a stone hit the water, a series of rings radiated from the point of contact. The ripples flowed outward from the center, ring after ring.

This widely observable phenomenon helps us understand the wide-ranging impact of decisions. Newly enacted laws, for example, often have far-reaching consequences unintended by those who crafted the legislation. In our own lives, when we give good example, our actions have a positive “ripple effect” on others, including people we may not even know. Conversely, when we behave scandalously, our behavior can tear down the faith and undermine the virtue of others. Our personal lives, even our private thoughts, attitudes and decisions, can have an impact on those closest to us – family members, friends and co-workers – but also on the common good of our communities, our countries and even the world.

WORKING FOR THE COMMON GOOD

History and experience suggest that our private thoughts, attitudes and decisions are like rivulets, very small streams that come together to form the flowing river that we call a society. The goodness of that massive river will depend on the goodness of the little streams that flow into it. Thus the truth and goodness of our personal lives have a lot to do with the common good of any society we are a part of.

At times, though, some people do not stop to consider the broader impact of their lives; others do not care, because they are focused only on what they see as their personal fulfillment in terms of money, power and pleasure. When challenged about the consequences of their decisions, they may say, “It’s none of your business!” or “What’s the problem? What difference does it make?”

Today, many people aren’t sure what to make of the phrase “the common good.” For some, sadly, it is a foreign term. Others think that the idea of the common good has outlived its usefulness. They fear that too much emphasis on the common good will spell the loss of personal freedom and autonomy.

However, the common good is not the enemy of legitimate autonomy; it is in fact very much connected to the good of individuals. The Church’s social teaching speaks of the common good as “the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily.” Bringing about such conditions requires respect for the dignity, rights and freedoms of the human person. There also has to be a concern on the part of all to see to the well-being and development of others, including access to the necessities of life and a good education. Lastly, the common good requires that society be just, stable and secure (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1906-1909).

ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

So, how does our society measure up? The answer to that question hinges on answers to questions like these: Does the culture value life itself? Are fundamental freedoms protected? Do conditions favor the search for truth and openness to God? Can individuals develop their talents and lead a productive life that contributes to the overall good of society? Do individuals have access to life’s necessities, such as housing and health care? Is there concern for the poor, the stranger and the outcast? And what is the state of the family in society?

These are important questions, and some societies answer them better than others. Each of us should ask how well they are answered in our own communities.

Many institutions contribute to the common good of society. We naturally think of churches, schools, hospitals and social service agencies. Yet the greatest contributor to the common good is the family, in which children are brought into the world by the faithful and lasting love of a man and a woman. In a loving and stable home, built on faith and virtue, parents model for their children how to love, how to seek the truth, how to be considerate and forgiving, how to work together, how to grow in virtue and the right use of freedom, and how to be generous to those in need. In such homes, young people have the greatest opportunity to become those men and women God is calling them to be.

Indeed, the family is the glue that holds our culture and our society together. It's where patriots, public servants, social workers, teachers, scientists, skilled workers and ethical businesspersons come from. It's where future priests, sisters and spouses are first formed. It's where young people first acquire the knowledge and skill needed for a happy and productive life. It's also where young people learn how to handle disagreements, disappointment and even tragedy. It is the first and indispensable school of love, and when a majority of its citizens are deprived of it, society itself becomes chaotic and angry.

The more good families a society has, the better suited it will be to help all its citizens attain their potential. This is how a civilization of truth and love is created: one family at a time.

The Knights of Columbus' Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish initiative is well suited not only to help strengthen parishes, but also to contribute to the development of all. If this program is wisely and vigorously implemented, it has the potential to create powerful ripples in our society.

Knightline **SEPTEMBER 2016 , Volume 33 , Number 9 , www.kofc.org** **Social Media 101: Why Follow #KofC?**

At the end of this last fraternal year, the Knights of Columbus social media team asked our 135,000 followers on Facebook — many of whom are brother Knights — what they gain from following the Order on social media and what they hope to accomplish online and in their parish communities in the coming year. We received hundreds of responses and found that our brother Knights follow us on social media because it inspires them and helps them reach their council goals.

"I find my daily motivation in Knights in Action stories."

By following Knights of Columbus on social media, you'll have access to stories of Knights living out our call to engage in charity that evangelizes. You will also find resources to strengthen your prayer life and ideas for making faith the center of your family.

"I keep up to date and informed on all things affecting us Knights."

Sixty-two percent of Americans now get at least some of their news from social media sources. By following the Knights of Columbus social media pages, you can stay informed about the news most important to you and your family. K of C social media allows you to quickly learn about Supreme Council news, programs and charitable initiatives; the latest news about the Church worldwide; and other Catholic news.

How to Keep in Touch

Staying in touch with us online is easy! You can find Knights of Columbus on Facebook (facebook.com/KnightsofColumbus), Twitter (@KofC), Instagram (@kofc_official), YouTube (/KnightsOfColumbusSupremeCouncil) and LinkedIn (/knights-of-columbus). Search for the Order's official hashtag, #KofC, on any of these platforms and join the conversation today.

GOOD FOR MOTHERS

From the web site FATHERS for GOOD.org

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Making Marriage Work by Ken Clayton Barbeau

The indissolubility of marriage and the intimate union that exists in a sacramental marriage do not, of course, mean that marriage dissolves the personal identities of husband and wife. Their marriage vow is not a magic formula that wipes away all that marks them as unique persons. It does not replace their separate personalities with a neuter “we” that is neither the husband’s nor the wife’s personality.

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The “we” must indeed be created out of the love of each for the other, but the man and the woman must both work to create this we.” They must labor to bring into being this new personality, a personality that expresses their oneness, a personality that is larger and richer than that which either could know alone.

For men and women help – by their complete dedication to the marriage and by their love – to bring each other to maturity; This is something that may be accomplished consciously or unconsciously, although too much self-consciousness about the transformation that is being worked out can be as harmful as being totally unaware that such a transformation is meant to come about.

What both husband and wife must know is that their life together will be one long creative endeavor to fulfill the other, to unfold tenderly in the other all of the good that the lover has seen there, to let it nourish in an atmosphere of love and appreciation.

What too often happens is quite the reverse. Each party comes to the marriage radiant with the belief that this other person is going to heal all of his physical and mental aches and pains and is quite surprised to discover, not too much later, that the other has aches and pains of his own. This leads to disillusionment, to bitterness, the feeling that one has been unfairly trapped by sexual desire or the wiles of the other person, often followed by recriminations, arguments, or embittered silence and the bearing of a sometimes lifelong grudge.

Love is Creative

How different is the marriage that is founded upon a true love for the other, a constant desire to protect and feed and keep healthy the happiness of the other. Such a marriage cannot become the vicious snake of disillusion eating its own bitter tail of dissatisfaction. Such a marriage, rooted in mutual love, becomes a creation of marvelous beauty, with each party seeking new ways of expressing the love and happiness he or she knows.

Every sort of symbolism comes into play here, and the world becomes rich with unexpected surprises. The canvas of marriage becomes glorious with one shared experience following another; each tries to outdo the other in finding new ways to express love. The early verbalizing, the magic and romantic lyricism of love letters, and long, late-night telephone conversations – all of these are left behind. Even the constant repetition of the words of love finds husband and wife admitting to each other that words do not express what they wish them to express.

Silver Rose service at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle



GK Charlie Sims brings the Rose to the Cathedral.



PSD Rich Lieding leads the prayer service.



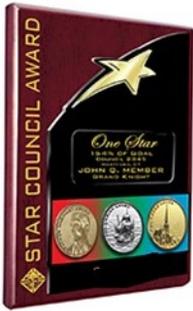
PSD Rich Lieding and GK Charlie Sims stand by as Fr. Anthony Quyet (848's chaplain and Rector of the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle) kneels before the rose and Our Lady of Guadalupe



PSD Rich Lieding and GK Charlie Sims stand by as members of the Hispanic community of St. Peters approach the Rose and Our Lady of Guadalupe.



L to R= DGK Michael Gill, Treasurer Noel Machost, GK Charlie Sims, Fr. Anthony Quyet, Orlando Marin, Bayo Marin, PSD Rich Lieding, Dave Scott.



2015- 2016 Star Council Credit

Congratulations to the following Councils that received a credit on their September 1 Council Statement against their forward Supreme Per Capita. Each amount is equal to \$4.50 times their billable members as of July 1, 2016.

District	Council	Location	Credit Amount
5	848	Jackson	\$544.50
7	1034	Natchez	\$472.50
9	1522	Bay St Louis	\$288.00
8	2180	Laurel	\$364.50
10	4472	Pass Christian	\$481.50
4	6765	Starkville	\$693.00
9	7087	Kiln	\$355.50
5	7854	Clinton	\$355.50
6	8038	Pearl	\$346.50
5	8285	Jackson	\$270.00
1	8848	Tupelo	\$490.50
1	8912	Corinth	\$324.00
12	10499	Ocean Springs	\$463.50
9	11995	Pass Christian	\$418.50
2	13502	Batesville	\$211.50
2	14051	Olive Branch	\$234.00
5	15131	Jackson	\$414.00
8	15382	Hattiesburg	\$603.00

The requirements to achieve the Star Council Award are as follows:

- 1) Achieve the **Father McGivney Award** requirements
Form 100's may be emailed to: membership@kofc.org
- 2) Achieve the **Founders' Award** requirements
- 3) Achieve the **Columbian Award** requirements and form must be received in Supreme Office by June 30th.
- 4) In order to qualify for any awards, Councils must not be suspended by the Supreme Council office for nonpayment of per capita, Catholic Advertising, or supply charges.

St. John the Evangelists Catholic Church Total Youth Program (TYP) Council 10901, Oxford, Ms.

TYM provides Catholic religious instruction for 6th through 12th grade teenagers held at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Attending Mass, receiving the Sacraments, prayer, caring for others and participating in charitable works is emphasized.

It was an enthusiastic and high-spirited first night at the St. John Total Youth Ministry meeting for 6th through 12th graders last Wednesday evening. Scott and Mary Leary introduced some 60 TYM members and their parents to the TYM program for 2016-2017. The Learys, veteran sponsors of the very active and successful youth program at St. John, briefed parents on everything from programs to pizza for the next school year.

The meeting began with a Blessing by Scott Leary, member of Knights of Columbus Council 10901, then all participated in a hearty meal prepared by the Knights. Scott Leary then led the students into the Sanctuary where Fr. Joe Tonos, Pastor of St. John, challenged TYM members to continue to learn about their Catholic faith. Scott Leary emphasized parents have an obligation to pass religious traditions and beliefs to their children. The process begins at home and continues through programs such as TYM. Mary Leary talked about the critical support and active participation parents provide in making the TYM program a success.

The TYM year concludes with TYM members attending a Conference at Missouri State University provided by the Jesuit community from Steubenville College in Ohio. The annual conference is the highlight of the TYM calendar which is typically held in July.

The TYM meeting ended with a prayer, with the reminder that all TYM members are encouraged to attend First Friday Masses held at 7:00

Gene Buglewicz
Council 10901, Oxford, Ms.



Former TYM members enthusiastically welcome new members and their instructors to the first meeting of the Total Youth Ministry for the 2016/2017 scholastic year.



Fr. Joe Tonos, Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church is a strong proponent of Total Youth Ministry activities at St. John. Here he encourages TYM members, using the example and assistance of their parents, to continue to learn about and live their Catholic faith.



The 60 TYM members and their parents enjoyed pulled pork sandwiches and heard their sponsors, Mary and Scott Leary, talk about the coming year's activities. The meal was provided by K C Council 10901, Oxford, Ms.

**St. Mary Council 9124 in Gautier
Prison Ministry Team Feeding activities**



**St. Mary Council 9124 in Gautier
Our Daily Bread Outreach Feeding**



Knights of Columbus , Oxford



Once a year the Knights of Columbus in Oxford hold a People With Intellectual Disabilities Drive, the proceeds going to an Oxford School called the Scott Center. Students attending the Scott Center are mentally and physically challenged. The Oxford Knights Council has supported this special school for many years and has been instrumental in building a playground for the children as well as additional monetary support using gaudy yellow vests and Tootsie Rolls.

Knights of Columbus Council 9094,



On September 13, 2016 the Knights of Columbus Council 9094 in D'Iberville gave a check in the amount of \$1,500, which was raised from the People With Intellectual Disabilities Drive, to the Life Skills classroom at St. Martin Upper Elementary School. The money will be used to purchase needed materials to aid in the instruction of the students in the class. Pictured are (From L.to R.): Stephen Dunn Council 9094 Youth Director, Mrs. Val Martino, Principal St. Martin Upper, Mrs. Karen Heirs, Life Skills Teacher, Mrs. Olivia Wieniewitz, Assistant Teacher Life Skill, and Mrs. Diane Ferrer, Assistant Principal St. Martin Upper

Bishop R. O. Gerow Assembly 554 Officer Installation



Bishop R. O. Gerow Assembly 554 Officer installation was held on Sept 17th during the Vigil Mass at St. Richard Church, Jackson. Conferring Officer was Former State Master, Bill O'Connor, assisted by State Marshall Craig Harrell. 3rd Degree Knight, Fr. John Bohn, Pastor, was Celebrant. The wives presented the Officers with their jewels of office and, at the end of the ceremony, the Officers in turn, presented their wives with a single red rose.
L to R: Mr. & Mrs. Craig Harrell (FC), Mr. & Mrs. Bill O'Connor (FT), Fr. John Bohn, Mr. & Mrs. Dave Fisher (FN), Mr. & Mrs. Ed Jones (FA) and Mr. & Mrs. Bill Addie (FS).

Fr. Adam Urbaniak Installed as new Pastor



On September 18, 2016, Fr. Adam Urbaniak was installed as the new pastor of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Vancleave and Christ the King Mission in Latimer. A reception followed in the Parish Hall. 6 Sir Knights dressed in Regalia and 2 Sir Knights served as ushers for the mass.

L to R Bob Davis, Mike Rosas, Jarrod Fetters, Stephen Dunn, Fr. Adam Urbaniak, Mark Fontenot, Roger Fetters, Chris Fetters, Mark Hopkins.

Knights and Auxiliary to the Aid and Support of Neighbors.

The massive flooding in August 2016 has been declared by the American Red Cross as the worst U. S. Natural Disaster since Hurricane Sandy. Tens of thousands of Louisiana residents were gravely affected. With or without Flood Insurance, there were immediate needs that needed to be addressed before the officials could deliver what everyone needed. Many evacuated with only the clothes on their backs. They all needed clothing, shoes, cleaning supplies, toiletries, sundries, non-perishable foods, pet foods, and practically all products of the textile industry. So the Gulf Coast Area Knights of Columbus Councils, Assemblies, and Auxiliaries from Texas to Florida went into action.

In Picayune, Mississippi, Council 6872, under the authority of current Grand Knight Ted Barze', past Grand Knight Brian Casagne rented a truck and started the effort to help our neighbors. Announcements were made at every Mass through the week and the following weekend. The St. Charles Borromeo Parish went into action in support of the Knights.

This council collects donations throughout the year to hold a large garage sale in their fundraising efforts to give to their charities. But in the face of such a disaster and suffering in Southern Louisiana, the goods donations storage unit was emptied by volunteers and loaded onto that truck along with the parish's additional donations of supplies and money.

The Council 6872 Ladies Auxiliary, under the presidency of Cindy Failla, made a substantial monetary donation to purchase a significant amount of cleaning supplies to send along.

Brother Knight Mike Radzyniak, of the KOC Council 7087 of Kiln, Mississippi, joined the effort and transported their collected donations from parishioners and businesses by trailer to join the Council 6872 truckload caravan headed to a Knights of Columbus distribution center in LaPlace, Louisiana.

Thank you Knights. As usual you have stepped forward, in Fr. Michael J. McGivney footsteps, without even being asked.

Lynne Adams Barze', Past President 6872 Ladies Auxiliary

Joining Hands to Help the Helpless

Brother Knight Mike Radzyniak of the Kiln Council 7087 joined with the GFWC-MFWC Civic Women's Club of Picayune to help generate funds for the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. On August 20, 2016, members and family members from both benevolent organizations culminated their first drive to collect pull tabs. They successfully filled more than seven milk gallon jugs full.

The jugs of aluminum tabs were taken to the recycling center and the funds earned were sent to St. Jude's which is a partner with the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

CWC and The Knights of Columbus challenge other organizations to save pop tabs for the cause throughout the state.

In Pearl River County, containers of tabs can be dropped off at The Senior Center of Pearl River County, 45 El Patch Parkway, Picayune, Mississippi between 9am-3pm, Monday through Friday. The Civic Women's Club members will collect the containers and handle the recycling.

These tabs can come from beverages, canned foods, animal food cans and snacks. So let's shop, pop, and drop them off to help those who can't help themselves.

Thank You,

Lynne Adams Barze, Past 6872 Ladies Auxiliary President