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Brothers,

Greetings to you all. As we move into the second half of the Fraternal Year, we must push past the hangover of a really productive first half. It's time now to start gearing up for Lenten Fish Fries, March Membership Drives, Easter and State Convention preparation. We had a record setting six months of growth in the State of Mississippi. When the smoke cleared, at the end of December, we were ranked number ten Order wide and over 50% of our membership quota. Even after a slow January and (so far) a mediocre February, we are still

ranked number fifteen Order wide. We are at 60.6% of our Supreme Quota. WE CAN MAKE IT!!! Mississippi only needs 138 new or re-instated members to reach our goal. We still have eighteen councils who have not yet recruited one member. Surely there is one Catholic man, in these parishes, that can be convinced, by your works, to join our ranks. We only need average thirty-five per month to reach our goal. Less than one member per month, per council. NO PROBLEM!! Remember March is traditionally membership drive month. Contact State Secretary Philip Jabour at [philipjabour@bellsouth.net](mailto:philipjabour@bellsouth.net) to schedule a State Officer to appear and assist you at your drive. For the coastal Councils, we are planning a membership push at this year's Biloxi Diocese Youth Conference. This could bring members your way. Please be ready to welcome these young men. The month of March is the time to solidify your Councils position of honor at this year's convention. Get those new members in and get those activity reports written.

As many of you know, the State Convention will be held April 28, 29 and 30, in Tupelo. Registration forms can be found on the State website. Along with the registration forms, there are forms for your delegates and for Necrology. Please don't forget the Brother Knights we've lost this past year. The memorial mass will be held Saturday morning, April 29. The names should be submitted no later than April 15. Delegate forms should be filled out and the names submitted by April 15. Hard copies must be stamped by the Council's Financial Secretary and hand carried by the delegate to be turned in at registration. If your Council has not yet purchased a Convention book ad, please consider doing so. Forms for the ads are also on the State website. These ads could be the difference between a Convention Committee breaking even or losing money. One other form is available and must be turned in by April 15. If you are considering submitting a resolution, you may find the form on the site. I look forward to seeing you all in Tupelo.

During the first half of the fraternal year, many Councils earned either Steak or Hamburger dinners. We will start paying off these incentives immediately after the State Convention. Again, contact State Secretary Philip Jabour, [philipjabour@bellsouth.net](mailto:philipjabour@bellsouth.net), to schedule your dinner. We would like to get these done by the end of the Fraternal year. For the Councils that barely missed, there is still plenty of time to earn Star Council Status. Be looking for incentives for this half of the year.

Vivat Jesus,

Noel

## Pope Francis Meets with Supreme Knight

2/16/2017

Pope Francis received Supreme Knight Carl Anderson in audience at the Vatican on Feb. 16.

At that audience, Supreme Knight Anderson discussed with the Holy Father the Knights of Columbus' many initiatives, especially its work on behalf of persecuted Christians in the Middle East. He also presented the earnings from the Knights' Vicarius Christi Fund, in the amount of \$1.6 million.

The proceeds are given annually to the pope for his personal charities. Since the fund's inception in 1981, more than \$57 million in earnings has been donated.



Pope Francis examines a copy of *La Madonna del Soccorso nella Basilica Vaticana* (Our Lady of Help in Saint Peter's Basilica) a new book documenting the restoration of an ancient and highly venerated image of the Blessed Mother, carried out during the Year of Faith by the Fabbrica di San Pietro with the sponsorship of the Knights of Columbus. It was the first such restoration undertaken during the pontificate of Pope Francis, and the book is dedicated in the Holy Father's honor.

# History of Lent

## FR. WILLIAM SAUNDERS

### What are the origins of Lent? Did the Church always have this time before Easter?

Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation of the celebration of Easter. In the desire to renew the liturgical practices of the Church, The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican Council II stated, "The two elements which are especially characteristic of Lent -- the recalling of baptism or the preparation for it, and penance -- should be given greater emphasis in the liturgy and in liturgical catechesis. It is by means of them that the Church prepares the faithful for the celebration of Easter, while they hear God's word more frequently and devote more time to prayer" (no. 109). The word Lent itself is derived from the Anglo-Saxon words *lencten*, meaning "Spring," and *lenctentid*, which literally means not only "Springtide" but also was the word for "March," the month in which the majority of Lent falls.



Since the earliest times of the Church, there is evidence of some kind of Lenten preparation for Easter. For instance, St. Irenaeus (d. 203) wrote to Pope St. Victor I, commenting on the celebration of Easter and the differences between practices in the East and the West: "The dispute is not only about the day, but also about the actual character of the fast. Some think that they ought to fast for one day, some for two, others for still more; some make their 'day' last 40 hours on end. Such variation in the observance did not originate in our own day, but very much earlier, in the time of our forefathers" (Eusebius, *History of the Church*, V, 24). When Rufinus translated this passage from Greek into Latin, the punctuation made between "40" and "hours" made the meaning to appear to be "40 days, twenty-four hours a day." The importance of the passage, nevertheless, remains that since the time of "our forefathers" -- always an expression for the apostles -- a 40-day period of Lenten preparation existed. However, the actual practices and duration of Lent were still not homogenous throughout the Church.

Lent becomes more regularized after the legalization of Christianity in A.D. 313. The Council of Nicea (325), in its disciplinary canons, noted that two provincial synods should be held each year, "one before the 40 days of Lent." St. Athanasius (d. 373) in his "Festal Letters" implored his congregation to make a 40-day fast prior to the more intense fasting of Holy Week. St. Cyril of Jerusalem (d. 386) in his Catechetical Lectures, which are the paradigm for our current RCIA programs, had 18 pre-baptismal instructions given to the catechumens during Lent. St. Cyril of Alexandria (d. 444) in his series of "Festal Letters" also noted the practices and duration of Lent, emphasizing the 40-day period of fasting. Finally, Pope St. Leo (d. 461) preached that the faithful must "fulfill with their fasts the Apostolic institution of the 40 days," again noting the apostolic origins of Lent. One can safely conclude that by the end of the fourth century, the 40-day period of Easter preparation known as Lent existed, and that prayer and fasting constituted its primary spiritual exercises.

Of course, the number "40" has always had special spiritual significance regarding preparation. On Mount Sinai, preparing to receive the Ten Commandments, "Moses stayed there with the Lord for 40 days and 40 nights, without eating any food or drinking any water" (Ex 34:28). Elijah walked "40 days and 40 nights" to the mountain of the Lord, Mount Horeb (another name for Sinai) (1 Kgs 19:8). Most importantly, Jesus fasted and prayed for "40 days and 40 nights" in the desert before He began His public ministry (Mt 4:2).

Once the 40 days of Lent were established, the next development concerned how much fasting was to be done. In Jerusalem, for instance, people fasted for 40 days, Monday through Friday, but not on Saturday or Sunday, thereby making Lent last for eight weeks. In Rome and in the West, people fasted for six weeks, Monday through Saturday, thereby making Lent last for six weeks. Eventually, the practice prevailed of fasting for six days a week over the course of six weeks, and Ash Wednesday was instituted to bring the number of fast days before Easter to 40. The rules of fasting varied. First, some areas of the Church abstained from all forms of meat and animal products, while others made exceptions for food like fish. For example, Pope St. Gregory (d. 604), writing to St. Augustine of Canterbury, issued the following rule: "We abstain from flesh, meat, and from all things that come from flesh, as milk, cheese and eggs."

Nevertheless, I was always taught, "If you gave something up for the Lord, tough it out. Don't act like a Pharisee looking for a loophole."

Second, the general rule was for a person to have one meal a day, in the evening or at 3 p.m.

These Lenten fasting rules also evolved. Eventually, a smaller repast was allowed during the day to keep up one's strength from manual labor. Eating fish was allowed, and later eating meat was also allowed through the week except on Ash Wednesday and Friday. Dispensations were given for eating dairy products if a pious work was performed, and eventually this rule was relaxed totally. (However, the abstinence from even dairy products led to the practice of blessing Easter eggs and eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday.)

Over the years, modifications have been made to the Lenten observances, making our practices not only simple but also easy. Ash Wednesday still marks the beginning of Lent, which lasts for 40 days, not including Sundays. The present fasting and abstinence laws are very simple: On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, the faithful fast (having only one full meal a day and smaller snacks to keep up one's strength) and abstain from meat; on the other Fridays of Lent, the faithful abstain from meat. People are still encouraged "to give up something" for Lent as a sacrifice. (An interesting note is that technically on Sundays and solemnities like St. Joseph's Day (March 19) and the Annunciation (March 25), one is exempt and can partake of whatever has been offered up for Lent.



The foundation of the domestic church is the sacrament of marriage. It is therefore important to reflect often on the mystery and calling of this sacrament. Also, our children may be called to become spouses and parents, so it is important to help them understand the type of love that is necessary in marriage and family life.

### **Meditation**

From a homily by St. John Chrysostom on Marriage and Family Life

How is marriage a mystery? The two have become one. This is not an empty symbol. They have not become the image of anything on earth, but of God Himself. ... They come to be made into one body. See the mystery of love! If the two do not become one, they cannot increase; they can increase only by decreasing! How great is the strength of unity!

### **From Pope John Paul II's Familiaris Consortio**

The Spirit which the Lord pours forth [in the sacrament of marriage] gives a new heart, and renders man and woman capable of loving one another as Christ has loved us. Conjugal love reaches that fullness to which it is interiorly ordained, conjugal charity, which is the proper and specific way in which the spouses participate in and are called to live the very charity of Christ who gave Himself on the Cross. ... Spouses are therefore the permanent reminder to the Church of what happened on the Cross; they are for one another and for the children witnesses to the salvation in which the sacrament makes them sharers.

1. Do we think of marriage differently when we remember that Christ is present in the sacrament of marriage? How does this change or challenge our personal views of love?
2. What do we think of St. John Chrysostom's principle of Christian married love — that spouses and family "increase" by "decreasing"? How does this principle relate to the words that we hear from John the Baptist: "He must increase; I must decrease" (Jn 3:30)?
3. Have we loved each family member by sacrificing for them as Christ has done for each of us? In what ways do each of us do this? In what ways could we be better at this?

### **Scripture Reading - Psalm 128**

A prayer of the happy home that follows the Lord

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and who walk in his ways.

What your hands provide you will enjoy; you will be blessed and prosper:

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your home,

Your children like young olive plants around your table.

Just so will the man be blessed who fears the LORD.

May the LORD bless you from Zion; may you see Jerusalem's prosperity all the days of your life,  
and live to see your children's children.

Peace upon Israel!

### **Family Project**

Read the below nuptial prayer from the Order of Celebrating Matrimony. Share memories about your wedding day with your family over a nice family meal. At this meal, have each child share one thing they appreciate about their parents' marriage. Then, each spouse should share one reason why they are grateful for their marriage and how each one sees Christ as present in their marriage.

### **Nuptial Blessing**

Holy Father, who formed man in your image, male and female you created them, so that as husband and wife, united in body and heart, they might fulfill their calling in the world; O God, who, to reveal the great design you formed in your love, willed that the love of spouses for each other should foreshadow the covenant you graciously made with your people, so that, by fulfillment of the sacramental sign, the mystical marriage of Christ with his Church might become manifest in the union of husband and wife among your faithful. ... May they also sustain, O Lord, by their deeds the home they are forming and prepare their children to become members of your heavenly household by raising them in the way of the Gospel. ... Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Nevertheless, I was always taught, "If you gave something up for the Lord, tough it out."

Don't act like a Pharisee looking for a loophole." Moreover, an emphasis must be placed on performing spiritual works, like attending the Stations of the Cross, attending Mass, making a weekly holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament, taking time for personal prayer and spiritual reading and most especially making a good confession and receiving sacramental absolution. Although the practices may have evolved over the centuries, the focus remains the same: to repent of sin, to renew our faith and to prepare to celebrate joyfully the mysteries of our salvation.

Acknowledgement: Rev. William Saunders, "History of Lent." Arlington Catholic Herald.

## Supporting The Diocese Of Biloxi Youth Convention

The Knights of Columbus in support of the Diocese of Biloxi Ministry will be a key note speakers at the Biloxi Coliseum, Saturday, March 18, 2017.

In the past 300 to 500 young men and women have attended this 3 day event.

Our State Deputy in working with the Diocese will address the Diocese Convention theme "Thirsty - Building the Universal Domestic Church. It is designed to help our youth and their families to reflect the holiness of the universal Church. In promoting each family as a domestic church, we mean that each family is an assembly of believers that together participate in the work of God. By using the Scripture term "domestic church," we emphasize that family is not simply a social concept, but rather a state of life established by God".

The official convention shirt will feature the Knights of Columbus logo, as shown, on the shirt sleeve of every attendee.

All Councils in the southern region have been asked to support this Biloxi Diocesan initiative both financially and attendance.

If your District or Council is interested in supporting this Youth Convention financially please forward you District, Council or Council Members check payable to the Knights of Columbus Mississippi Jurisdiction to Bill Haas, 129 Gavin Road, Wiggins, Mississippi 39577 before March 13, 2017. For more information on recruiting high school and college age Catholic Men in your Parish, High School, College or University contact Bill Haas at [wdhaasbellsouth.net](mailto:wdhaasbellsouth.net).

Below is a picture of Bill Haas, Youth Director, Mississippi Jurisdiction, Bill is receiving a generous check from Dr. Cristopher P. Karcher, MD of Neuroscience, DABSM, Ocean Springs. The doctor personally is a 1st. or Admissions Degree Knight. Dr. Karcher not only supports this youth initiative financially but he will be joining our youth who will be receiving their 2nd., or Formation Degree, with the Youth Minister from the Diocese of Biloxi. It is exciting that this exemplification will be held in recognition of Bishop Roger Morin, stated our State Deputy Noel Aucoin.

Your Brother in Christ,

Bill Haas





## **The Diocese Of Biloxi Youth Convention March 17, 18 and 19th - Biloxi Coliseum**

300 to 500 Students from High School, CYO and other youth groups.

The Knights of Columbus, Will Be A Key Note Speaker At Convention, on  
Saturday, March 18th from 10:00 AM until 11:00AM

The Theme Of The Convention is "Thirsty - Building the Universal Domestic Church. It is designed to help our youth and their families to reflect the holiness of the universal Church. In promoting each family as a domestic church, we mean that each family is an assembly of believers that together participate in the work of God. By using the Scripture term "domestic church," we emphasize that family is not simply a social concept, but rather a state of life established by God".

### **The Diocese of Biloxi has asked if we would help them defray or offset the cost of the luncheon for the youth attendees on Saturday.**

During this time we have also been given the approval by the Diocese to have a Knights of Columbus March Membership Drive.

Any financial assistance your council can give the Dioceses of Biloxi Youth, to pay for the youths luncheon, would be sincerely appreciated.

Please make your council check for any amount payable to Mississippi Knights of Columbus. In turn, Noel will write a check and personally present on your behalf it to the Diocese.

Mail these checks, prior to March 10, 2017 to Bill Haas, 129 Gavin Road, Wiggins, Mississippi 39577 or call Bill and he will personally visit your council, if desired.

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# **Knights of Columbus Sets Insurance Record for 16th Consecutive Year**

## **1/6/2017**

### **\$8.54 billion in new insurance sold**

The Knights of Columbus recorded its 16th consecutive year of growth in insurance sales in 2016 with \$8.54 billion in new life insurance sold — an increase of more than \$125 million. The K of C now has more than \$105 billion of life insurance in force — a \$50 billion increase in the last decade due to the record sales.

“More and more Catholic families are turning to the Knights of Columbus for their insurance needs,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “By leveraging our fraternal network of professional field agents and remaining faithful to our Catholic roots, we offer something unique to members and their families: top-quality financial protection provided by professionals who are brother Knights, and who share our values — and act on them.”

This new sales record caps a year of milestones for the Knights, the largest Catholic fraternal order in the world. In March, the organization was named a 2016 World's Most Ethical Company by the Ethisphere Institute, an independent center for research promoting best practices in corporate ethics and governance. It was the third consecutive year that the Knights earned the honor. The Knights was one of two companies named in the life insurance category.

In September, the Knights was again listed on the Fortune 1000 list, and for the 41st consecutive year, earned the highest possible rating for financial strength, A++ (Superior), from AM Best.

## **Financial Fitness for the New Year**

When a new year begins, we like to look at our lives and take stock of where we are. Many make resolutions to challenge themselves to be better. Many focus on their health and well-being. These are great practices. No matter how good we're doing, we can always be doing better, and critical self-reflection and setting goals can help.

This is true not only for our physical and spiritual health, but also our financial health. So, as we begin 2017, here are a few suggestions to help you look at your financial situation and find opportunities for improvement.

### **Start With a Comprehensive Review**

Take stock of your entire situation. Look at your assets and liabilities, as well as the plans and protection that you already have in place. Try to anticipate the future. Are you hoping to have more children? Do you want to help pay for your children's education? Are you nearing retirement?

This is a valuable and revealing process — and one that you don't have to do alone. As a Knight of Columbus, you can work with a dedicated, well-trained professional brother Knight field agent who can help you identify what you need to adequately protect your family.

Through their agent, members receive a comprehensive, complimentary financial needs analysis. This analysis, titled “Profiles & Forecaster,” is a proven industry tool that helps you determine your needs. It's a fraternal benefit that costs you nothing but could tell you a lot. The Profiles & Forecaster analysis will help you identify surpluses, short-ages, insurance and income replacement needs, final expenses and more. It's a great way to start.

### **Focus on the Future**

Ask yourself a series of questions: What happens when you die? Will your family be adequately protected? Do you have life insurance? Is it privately owned or tied to your employment? Is it temporary or permanent? As a member, you have exclusive access to our extensive portfolio of permanent and temporary life insurance products that can be customized to fit your needs. What happens if you get injured? If you're disabled and can't work, how long can your family survive without your income? Do you have disability income insurance? How much of your income does it cover? Is it privately owned or tied to your employment? The Knights of Columbus has recently introduced a disability income insurance product that can help provide critical protection for your paycheck. What happens if you get sick? If you need extended care in a nursing facility or at home, will you have money set aside for those needs? Have you looked to see what care like that may cost? Members of the Knights of Columbus have the ability to purchase long-term care insurance that can provide the cash needed to pay for long-term care services while shielding the savings they've set aside for retirement and other purposes.

What happens when you retire? Do you have enough money tucked away? How do you know if it's enough? How will your retirement age and social security affect your financial situation? By working with your brother Knight field agent, you can establish a Knights of Columbus retirement annuity that takes the guesswork out by guaranteeing your principle, guaranteeing growth and — when properly structured — an income stream for life, no matter how long you live.

## Prioritize Protection

Make protecting the most important things a priority. Think of all the things you insure in your life: your car, house, important electronic devices and major appliances. But how much more precious and valuable is your life? Shouldn't this be protected and prioritized as well? Proper protection is much more affordable than you may think. Just how affordable? Contact your field agent for your free needs analysis, and he can walk you through all your options. You just may be surprised.

## Oscar J. Gelpi Council 6872 Blue Mass



Council 6872 of Picayune, MS held it's 16th Annual Blue Mass at 7:00 pm on February 21st, 2017. The Knights arrange this yearly event in order for Father to bless the Police, Sheriff, Fire, and EMT Departments of Pearl River County to ask God to continue their safety. These brave and talented, well trained, individuals and their departments run into danger that most run from to keep our community well and safe. This was originally started by Brian Cassagne in recognition of The Blue Mass originated by Father Rogers in New Orleans many years ago.

After Mass the Tom Wagner Community Spirit Award was given out to a member of the Picayune Police Department, Picayune Fire Dept., AAA Ambulance Service, Pearl River County Sheriffs Dept. and the Pearl River County Volunteer Fire Dept. The award is issued for community service on and off the job and recipients are chosen by their departments.

After Mass dinner is served in our Parish Hall where door prizes are given out collected from area businesses. Boy Scout Troop 2 served as Color Bearers. Assembly 2227 served as Honor Guard accompanied by State Master Jerry Schmuck.

## Holy Family Prayer Program at the Columbus Air Force Base (AFB) Chapel



On February 14th, the Most Reverend Neil Buckon, Bishop for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (center), Reverend Antony Chakkalakal, Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi parish, Aberdeen, Mississippi (left) and Reverend Paul Stewart, Pastor, Prince of Peace parish, Columbus AFB, (right) joined Council 7974 Knights (left to right) Thomas Frederick, Mike Cancellare, Howard Ferguson, Sonic Johnson, Mike Capelle, and Dan Marciel for a photo with the Holy Family image from this year's Holy Family Prayer Program following a Tuesday evening Mass and fellowship at the Columbus Air Force Base (AFB) Chapel. Bishop Buckon was at Columbus AFB from 13-15 February for a base visit. Mike Capelle arranged the inclusion of the Holy Family image and prayers into Prince of Peace parish's 12-15 February services, reaching 114 parishioners.

## St. Charles Borromeo's prolife display KC Council 6872 Picayune



St. Charles Borromeo's prolife display in Picayune was sponsored by KC Council 6872. Over \$800 in materials were used and in excess of 300 man hours exhausted. More than 20 members participated with family to repair and build new crosses. The 3,500 crosses represent the number of abortions each day in the U.S. The large cross in the middle shows the passion of Christ with the passion of the unborn.

## Council 10901 Lenten Fish Fry



The Knights of Columbus Council 10901 will again hold their annual Lenten Fish Fry beginning Friday, March 3rd continuing every Friday through Lent. This is a major effort and fund raiser for the Knights under the direction of Basil Richmond, Chairman of the Community Committee. The Oxford Eagle newspaper has awarded the Lenten Fish Fry #2 for Best Catfish in Oxford based on polls taken by the paper, "Best of Oxford" on several occasions. The Knights appreciate the honor and are working hard to be #1!!

## St. Patrick High School Forms Knights of Columbus Roundtable



Congratulations to those students who recently have become members of St. Patrick High School, Knights of Columbus Roundtable. On January 19, immediately following mass, Mr. Buckley awarded the new Knights of Columbus their membership Cards. "These Membership Cards are also called travel cards because they allow these young men into any Knights of Columbus Council hall or meeting facility throughout the world. Most important to the group is that this means as they go on to college they already have a Brother Knight on campus who will be their partner as they continue their Catholic Faith, said Mr. Buckley".

"You, my Brother Knights, are our future and the Knights of Columbus and we thank you for embracing that challenge. I am told one of your first endeavors is to walk with Fr. Bended, Ray Lacy, The Diocese of Biloxi, Director of Youth Ministry and many others at the Pro-Life Rally in Biloxi, said Bill Haas", the Knights of Columbus High School and College Youth Director for the State of Mississippi.

Pictured above are School Principal Matt Buckley, Roundtable Coordinator Luke Seicshnaydre, Bill Haas, Father Steve Benden, Tony Zbysinski, Sam Hewes, JR Riojas, Sean McLeod, Evan Smith, Christopher Ladner, Justin Pitts and Eiland Stebly are Fraternal Brothers - Leaders for Life!!

The Knights of Columbus next big youth activity will be to work closely in support of the Diocese of Biloxi, during their Youth Ministry Celebration March 17, 2017, 8:00 PM - March 19, 2017 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, Biloxi, MS. The theme along with the Diocese is Building the Universal Domestic Church. It is designed to help our youth and their families to reflect the holiness of the universal Church. In promoting each family as a domestic church, we mean that each family is an assembly of believers that together participate in the work of God. By using the Scripture term "domestic church," we emphasize that family is not simply a social concept, but rather a state of life established by God.

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## St Patrick High School Host Knights Of Columbus Free Throw Challenge



In conjunction with the Knights of Columbus and several Gulf Coast Councils St. Patrick High School hosted their 3rd. Annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Challenge. Approximately 125 youth participated in this event. It is something we look forward to each year, said Coach Robinson. Hopefully next year St Stanislaus, Resurrection, D'Iberville and other High Schools, in the area, will join in the fun. In this manner, we can take them on in a friendly one on one, best school wins competition, at an intermural level before or after the actual basketball season.

Pictured above are a few of the 125 men and women student participants from the school. Also shown are Fr. Ryan, Chaplin at St. Patrick High School and Brothers David Russell, Anthony Pennington and Michael Buras from Council #11654.

The students who posted the best scores are: Boys Winners Are 12 yr. Old - Phillip Hage, 13 yr. Old - Dominic Patino, 14 yr. Old - Dylan Fontan, 15 yr. Old - Ben Hartery, 16 yr. Old - Seth Allen and 17 yr. Old - Tyler Musial. Girls Winners Are 12 yr. Old - Avery Culbertson, 13 yr. Old - Abigayle Baldwin, 14 yr. Old - Gabriela Patino, 15 yr. Old - Annie Tarp and 16 yr. Old - Beyla Bleichner.

## District Free Throw



The joint District 11 & 12 Free Throw event at St. Mary's this past weekend. Council 9124 played host. In the picture the following names apply from left to right.

Back Row – Roddy Johnson GK Council 9124; Carl Brochard Council 5654 Representative and State Family Director  
Front Row – Sierra Rushing; Olivia Gruel; Shaylan Chandler; Trinity Gruel; Cayden Willis; & Dylan Rushing

## 4th Degree Assembly 561 Gautier



On February 18, 2017, Assembly 561 Gautier hosted a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification at St. Mary's Church in Gautier. Along with the 15 Sir Knights who dressed in regalia, 10 new Sir Knights were welcomed into the ranks of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Congratulations to all those who joined.

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