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*"Strengthening
Catholic Families."*

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Brothers,
Greetings to you all. As I'm writing this commentary, we have three days left in the Fraternal Year. We currently have eleven Councils that have 100% qualified for Star Councils. We have another twelve Councils that have submitted their Form SP-7's and are waiting for either insurance or membership numbers to show up on Supreme's list. We need fifteen Councils to qualify for Star Council to reach Circle of Honor for the second year in a row. At this point, we have reached our New Council, Intake, Net and Net/Net goals. The Star Council goal is the last remaining factor. Although this has been an outstanding

year and I feel extremely confident that we will pull it out in the final couple of day, I'm anxiously watching the numbers and constantly checking with Supreme on the status of these Councils. You have all worked very hard to get us to this point. State Officers, District Deputies, Directors, Chairmen and Council Leaders have all worked together to bring us to this point. Thank you all and I'm sure when the dust settles Mississippi will be Circle of Honor winners for the 2nd year in a row.

I mentioned that we have met our New Council goal. So, please, join me in welcoming our newest Council. Fr. Peter Quinn, Council 16763, Holy Rosary Parish, Hattiesburg. Thanks goes out to Immediate Past State Deputy, Jim McCraw, District Deputy, Bill Jarrett, newly appointed Financial Secretary Collins Barnes and everyone else involve this process. Congratulations to all the newly elected officers and I look forward to working with you all.

We had our first two Steak Dinners this month. Congratulations to Council 4472, Pass Christian and 7087, Kiln. Thank you to State Warden Elect, Guy Heying and State Membership Director, Bryan Cassagne for heading up the grilling team. We're looking forward to the upcoming dinners.

I wish we could sit back on our laurels and take a break. But, here it is the beginning of a new fraternal year and there's no time to rest. We have new officers taking over and installations all over the State. Time to go to work. The State July Calendar is as follow

July 9th

Northern School of Columbianism – Clarksdale

July 14th

State Family Reception – Bay Saint Louis

July 15th

State Officer's Installation – Biloxi

State Officer's Installation Banquet – Ocean Springs

July 16th

State Organizational Meeting - Hattiesburg

Southern/Central School of Columbianism – Hattiesburg

July 30th

Supreme Convention – St. Louis, MO

Vivat Jesus,

Noel

THE FOREST AND THE TREES

7/1/2017

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

It is sometimes easy to overlook the scope of our Order's charitable support throughout the



SOMETIMES, as the saying goes, we can't see the forest for the trees. It's all too easy to become so involved in our own projects, plans and points of view that we fail to see the larger picture. The Church is much bigger than our experience or knowledge of it. The same is also true of the Knights of Columbus.

Let me offer a personal example. Since 2012, I have served as archbishop of Baltimore. It is a wonderful archdiocese, the oldest in the United States, replete with projects and challenges. It would be very easy for me to focus merely on one or two areas or initiatives. In a similar way, it is tempting to become so immersed in archdiocesan work as to lose sight of the larger Church.

Truth to tell, until I began serving as supreme chaplain in 2005 I did not fully appreciate all the ways the Knights of Columbus serves both Church and society, nationally and internationally. In a phrase, I saw some trees but not the forest. I had known of the work of my local council, and it was that spirit of charity that first attracted me to the Knights. But my new role opened my eyes to the depth of the Order's charitable outreach in many parts of the world.

IN TIMES OF NEED

When I was a young priest serving in Prince George's County, Md., a devastating fire struck a family home. Lives were lost, and the house was destroyed. I saw how quickly the Knights responded, ready to provide comfort, shelter and assistance. Similarly, I would see local Knights conducting fund drives in support of Special Olympics and those with intellectual disabilities.

Over the last 13 years as supreme chaplain, my comprehension of the social and charitable works of the Knights of Columbus has expanded. In 2015- 16, I watched as the Order worked with members of the U.S. Congress from both sides of the aisle and the Obama administration to secure an official declaration that the persecution of Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East is in fact genocide. Not content with that, the Knights of Columbus has provided millions of dollars to alleviate the sufferings of those persecuted. For example, the Order supported a project that offers mental health programs in northern Iraq for those traumatized at the hands of ISIS. It supported housing for refugees who fled to Lebanon from Syria and helped to fund a film that will explore the response of many faiths to the plight of refugees and immigrants. And it has offered assistance to Coptic Christians in Egypt who have been targeted by ISIS.

The Knights, in fact, support a host of humanitarian relief efforts throughout the world. When Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines in 2013, the local Knights sprang into action. Knights from Cebu City traveled to a devastated area to distribute sacks of rice and canned goods, while the Supreme Council authorized substantial funds to support humanitarian efforts. The Order also launched the Livelihood Project to help fishermen, farmers and craftsmen, who had lost everything in the typhoon, get back to work and to rebuild their lives.

Similar efforts of humanitarian relief have been provided in places like Pakistan and Kenya. The Order has supported efforts to assist children with AIDS in Uganda, and it has helped to drill wells and provide clean water for residents in Guatemala and Ethiopia.

A CULTURE OF LIFE AND LIBERTY

Last year, when Pope Francis visited Ciudad Juárez, just across the U.S.- Mexican border from El Paso, Texas, the Knights provided funding to dioceses on both sides of the border. This papal visit helped to highlight the plight of migrants and the determination of the Church in the United States and Mexico to work together to help these individuals and families, and to work for just immigration laws.

When unprecedented flooding struck Louisiana last year, the Knights provided disaster relief funding to the Diocese of Baton Rouge. In places like Magog, Québec, the Order has helped offer low-cost housing to pregnant women and single mothers in need. After the 2015 racial unrest in Baltimore, the Order, at my request, provided assistance to Catholic inner-city schools that offer the hope of a better life to many in our poorest neighborhoods.

In addition to its many humanitarian efforts, the Order also supports a variety of ecumenical and interreligious projects, including those that foster dialogue with Islam.

Perhaps better known are the efforts of the Knights of Columbus to protect and promote the dignity of unborn human life — such as providing more than 800 ultrasound machines that enable women to see their unborn children in the womb. I am continuously impressed by how the Order responds to the Church's call to build a culture of life with great respect for both mother and child.

Finally, I would also note with deep gratitude the support of the Knights in helping the efforts of the Church in the United States to preserve and defend the religious liberty both of individuals and religious institutions and ministries.

All this is but a sampling of how robustly the Order is living out its Gospel principles of charity, unity and fraternity, bequeathed to us by Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. With his help and prayers, let us see both the trees and the forest!



Fr. Adam Urbaniak, pastor of Biloxi Holy Spirit Parish, Vancleave and Christ the King Mission, Latimer is the Associate State Chaplain of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus. We want to give him an awesome KC experience by paying his way to the Supreme Convention in St. Louis in August. The State budget only has funds to cover the State Chaplain, Fr. Scott Thomas, Pastor of St. Elizabeth, Clarksdale

Can your Council contribute \$100 (or more) to help Fr. Adam attend the Supreme Convention?

Send check to:
State Secretary, Philip Jabour
P.O. Box 5489
Brandon, MS 39047

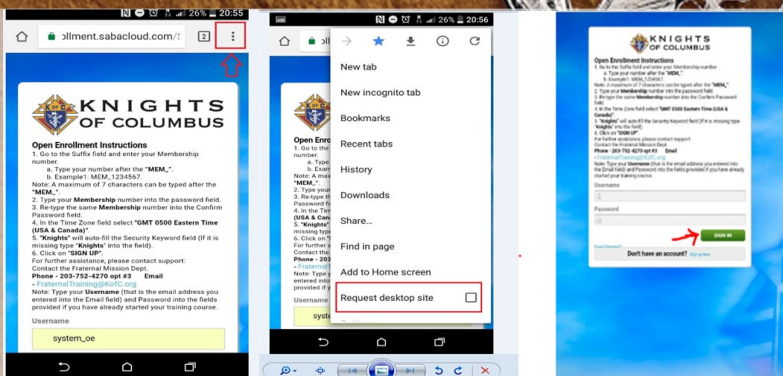
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Knights of Columbus Fraternal Officer Training

Effectively Spanning Fraternal Years

Let us help your council or assembly build momentum throughout the summer months. Join your brother knights as they find value by participating in our Fraternal Mission Webinars. Our upcoming webinar, will be conducted on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 8 p.m. Eastern time. In this webinar we will focus on:

- Effective Change-over Meetings Creates Continuity
- Striving for the Star Council Award Builds member momentum
- Conducting Charitable Outreach Programs Attracts Silent members and New ones
- Providing Fun Family Programs Strengthens Faith, Family and Fraternity

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Family of the Month Form 1993A

Family of the Month Form 1993A should be submitted by the 15th of each month. The new 1993a is an online report that can also be submitted from your smart phone. We have provided a link to the report as well as email addresses that it needs to be emailed to.

Link – <http://www.kofc.org/un/cm/html/1993A/index.html>

Email addresses to be sent;

family@kofc-ms.org

ddx@kofc-ms.org (x = your district number)

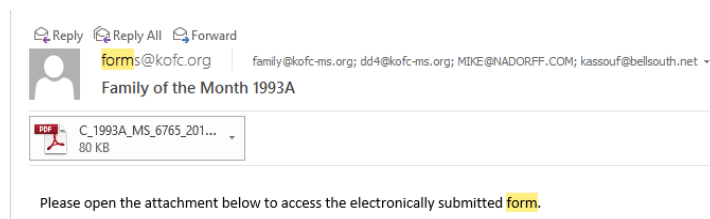
You no longer need send to sdreport@bellsouth.net or fraternalservices@kofc.org **if you use the online version**. When you submit online it automatically goes to correct department at Supreme. See example below for correct way to email. After entering your email, you can add a second email **separated by a comma with no spaces**.

The screenshot shows a web form with three input fields for email addresses: "State Deputy:", "District Deputy:", and "Yourself (Council Copy)". Below these fields are "Submit" and "Reset" buttons. Three callout boxes provide instructions:

- Callout 1 (pointing to the State Deputy field): "Using this email address sends report directory to our State Family Director" (referring to `family@kofc-ms.org`).
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- Callout 3 (pointing to the Yourself field): "Place your email in this box along with another email address only separated by a comma." (referring to the instruction to separate emails with a comma).

When you add your email, you get a bounce back copy from Supreme Reports acknowledging that its been received. If you don't get a copy back within just a minute or two, then it probably did not go through.

The email that you get back will look like this if you follow the above instructions.



Summer Family & Friends Knights of Columbus Baseball Outing



Summer Family & Friends Knight Baseball

Gulf Coast / Biloxi - The Annual End of Summer Family and Friends Knight for All Parishes and Councils is Sunday, July 30th. at the MGM Stadium at 5:05 p.m. Tickets are only \$7.00 vs. \$13.00, section 111, the day of the game, while supplies last.

The Biloxi Shuckers [Brewers] face the Jackson Jumbo Shrimp [Marlins]. **Everyone is invited from all parishes, parish councils, parish youth groups, parish men's groups, ladies auxiliary, young and old Knights of Columbus, High Schools, Fr. Adam's Reunion of The Diocese of Biloxi Alumni Trip to Poland Group and all your other friends are also invited.**

This evening of fun, is a part of building the Universal Domestic Church. It is designed to help your family; our youth, parishes and parish councils to all 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" - **Pope Francis**

1. For this incredible Knight event, the Shuckers will have Paw Patrol characters in attendance this game. The Paw Patrol characters are a big hit for the younger children. Last year it was a great crowd when the Paw Patrol characters joined us, so it should be another great time.
2. The Knights of Columbus Color Guard will present the color, during the national anthem, just before the game.
3. Pre-game autographs will be from 4:15pm - 4:45pm. There will be two Shuckers player signing autographs in front of the Shuckers shop for 30 minutes before the game starts.
4. A dignitary from the Diocese will throw out the first pitch.
5. After the game the kids will be able to run the bases. Also, after the game we will have catch on the field which is open to everyone. Adults and kids are welcome to play catch in the outfield. Participants will need to bring their own gloves and baseballs. Post-game catch on the field will be for a 20 minute duration. Kids fun run will take place first, and then the catch in the outfield will be directly after.

If your council would like to make an additional donation to this event please make your check out to the Knights of Columbus Mississippi Jurisdiction and mail it to William J. Haas, Knights of Columbus, 129 Gavin Road, Wiggins, MS 39577.

For tickets, all parishes will be reaching out to your Knights of Columbus Council Members, so please be prepared.

For additional ticket information call or email Bill Haas at wdhaas@bellsouth.net or Nick Martino, nixter@cableone.net . Cell 228-860-5423, prior to July 12th, 2017.

REMEMBER THESE KNIGHTS TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS SO ACT NOW SO WE CAN ALL SIT TOGETHER AT THE GREAT \$7.00 PRICE PER TICKET.

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Honor Guard for Bishop Kihneman at St. Fabian Mass (Held at Benedict Day School)



An Honor Guard was provided for Bishop Kihneman as he celebrated Mass for the St. Fabian community in Bellevue, outside Hattiesburg. This was the Bishop's first visit to one of the newest parishes in the state. District Marshal Bill Jarrett, Color Corp Commander Terry McGee, assistant Color Corp Commander Drew Poirrier, Faithful Captain Frank Holifield, and Sir Knights Robert Lawson, Chuck Junek, Robert Hall, Joseph Parker, and Robert Maynard participated, making an impressive showing for Fr. Tommy and his congregation.

Bishop Joseph Kopacz



Bishop Joseph Kopacz leads golfers and volunteers in prayer just before the annual Floyd Q. Doolittle Golf Classic at Whisper Lake Golf Club on May 6. The Knights of Columbus 9543 at St. Francis of Assisi in Madison put on the tournament and donated \$15,000 toward seminarian education.

Council 15155 Vancleave Admissions Degree



On Monday, June 26, the Vancleave council 15155 held a Admissions Degree for six new brother knights (Front from L to R: Brandon Moore, Chaise Switzer, Matt Seymour, Dylan Gutierrez, Zachary Wagner, John Wagner Back: Worthy State Deputy Noel Aucoin) Congratulations to those who took the first step to full Knighthood.

KC 9543 at St. Francis of Assisi Madison



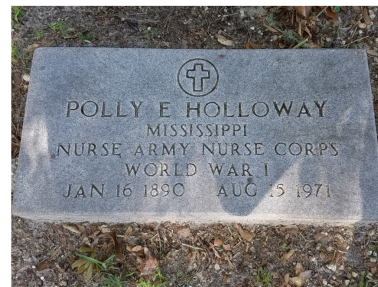
KC 9543 at St. Francis of Assisi in Madison put on their 30th annual Cajun Fest on May 21 and had an especially profitable day selling delicious Cajun delicacies despite rounds of storms that came through the area. For years, Cajun Fest proceeds went toward paying off the building debt at St. Anthony Catholic School, and Fr. Albeenreddy Vatti (pictured with Deacon Denzil Lobo, his wife Gina, and Mary Robinson, wife of KC 9543 Grand Knight Mike Robinson) was proud to announce that the school is completely paid for.

Council #5654 at St. Alphonsus



Each year the Knights of Columbus Council #5654 at St. Alphonsus Parish in Ocean Springs and Mrs Jean Nielson present two scholarship checks, for \$500 each, in honor of her son Chris who died while in the Air Force. Chris Nielson, a member of the Council, was a very active KC Squire and CYO member before becoming a full Knight. He joined the Air Force following high school. The two recipients of the 2017 Scholarship checks are Miss Christine Dalton and Miss Sarah Pleasant. Both are graduating high school seniors with a high GPA, and both are volunteers in church and community. Just by coincidence, this year both have family members who have ties to the St. Alphonsus Knights (though that's not necessary to receive the scholarship). Miss Dalton's father and brother are Knights; her grandfather was a Grand Knight. Miss Pleasant, who is an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister, has a father and uncle who are Knights at St. Alphonsus. All upcoming seniors in the Class of 2018 can feel free to apply for these scholarships next year, they don't need ties to the Knights of Columbus, they just have to be a practicing Catholics in St. Alphonsus Parish.

Assembly 328I



Once again the Sir Knights of Assembly 328I participated with the VFW to honor our fallen service members this Memorial Day weekend. On Friday the Knights met at St. Paul Cemetery and placed flags next to the headstone of the identified servicemen and women there. They then went to Live Oak cemetery, (the largest in the area,) and performed the same honors for the graves of servicemen and women from every war our nation has been involved with: The Civil War, The Spanish American War, World Wars I and II, Korea, Vietnam, and our more recent Middle-East conflicts. The Knights then went to the other smaller cemeteries in the area to perform the same honors.

On Memorial Day, for the seventh year in a row, Assembly 328I presented an honor guard of Knights in full regalia for the ceremony held at War Memorial Park. Honors were rendered for the National Anthem, the playing of "Taps" and the presentation of the wreath on the memorial to our fallen soldiers. My sincerest thanks to the Sir Knights that helped this year. It is always a moving ceremony.

D'Iberville Assembly 3007



June 17, 2017 the D'Iberville 4th Degree Assembly 3007 held their annual "Flag Retirement" ceremony, where they properly disposed of ruined and tattered American Flags by burning them. Over 100 flags were received throughout the year. Along with the assembly, the D'Iberville Fire Department assisted with the ceremony.



On June 23, 2017 the D'Iberville 4th Degree Assembly 3007 helped celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in D'Iberville. They formed an honor guard for Fr. Dominic and escorted the sacred icon from the church to the parish hall.

Frank Holifield of Council 15382 in Hattiesburg is our Top Recruiter for May. He recruited 6 new brother Knights to the Order and receives a check for \$330!

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