



# The Magnolia Knight

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*"Strengthening  
Catholic Families."*

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Brothers,

Greetings to you all. I hope the summer has been an enjoyable one for you and your families. I know that the State Family has had a great summer. We have enjoyed the Steak and Hamburger dinners throughout the state. I myself have not been able to attend as many as I had planned to, but the rest of the State Officers, Directors and District Deputies have a great time helping provide these deserving Councils what they have earned. Thanks to all that have helped with the dinners and hopefully we can do something similar the second half of the Fraternal

Year. For the first half of the Fraternal Year however, we have a new incentive. Any Council that reaches their Star Council goals and complete all the required forms, by January 15<sup>th</sup>, will be exempt from the January 2018 **State** Per Capita. This could mean hundreds of dollars staying in your Council treasury. What about the Councils that are membership active but cannot reach their Star Council goals? Well, **ANY** new member brought in between now and January 15<sup>th</sup> will **NOT** be added to your **State** Per Capita role. In other words, if your Councils was billed for 100 members in July 2017 and you bring in 20 new members (between now and January 15<sup>th</sup>) you will only be billed for 100 members on the January **State** Per Capita invoice.

July and August has traditionally been slow recruiting months and this year has been no different. We are currently in the bottom half of two out of the three Supreme membership tracking list. In speaking with the District Deputies this week, they assure me that many of you have Admission Degrees scheduled for September and October. It is every Council's responsibility to evangelize to every eighteen year old, Catholic male in the parish. Growing the order and the good works of the order is paramount to the life of the order. Circle of Honor three years in a row. Never been done in Mississippi!! We have had many first in our jurisdiction in the past couple of years and we can do this too. You, my brothers, have help Mississippi shine in the eyes of the Order. Supreme has taken notice and it is because of the hard work of ALL Mississippi Knights. Remember, the State Officers, Directors, Chairmen and District Deputies stand ready to assist you with your recruiting and membership efforts.

I would like to take a minute to offer prayers to our Brothers in Texas. I know many of you would like to help. Please contact our State Disaster Relief Chairman, Jerry Schmuck before heading to the devastated areas with relief supplies or workers. He has been contacted by Supreme and they have asked him for suggestions to help in the relief efforts in Texas. He will have an inside track on where to concentrate our efforts and possible contact information. His contact information is in the State Directory.

God Bless,

Vivat Jesus,

Noel



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

Worthy State Deputy,

The devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey to the Texas Gulf Coast has affected tens of thousands of people. The response of the Knights of Columbus has been tremendous, with more than half a million dollars raised to date. But the need for support continues and will carry into the months and possibly years ahead.

I ask that you encourage the councils in your jurisdiction to continue to support the relief efforts in Texas by holding fundraisers and contributing to the Knights of Columbus Charities Inc.'s [United States Disaster Relief](#).

Currently, local councils in the area are involved in efforts to provide food and shelter to those people displaced by the flooding and destructive winds.

Right now the Texas Knights are still assessing the situation to see what types of supplies and volunteer support will be needed. At this point, I ask that you not send actual supplies or volunteers to the area until the Texas Knights better understand the situation. Once the situation has stabilized, they will have a better idea of what supplies and volunteers are needed. They will update the [Texas State Council website](#) as soon as they have this information.

Thank you again for your support and please pray for your brother Knights in Texas and all the victims of this disaster.

Fraternally,  
Ronald Schwarz

Supreme Treasurer

Knights of Columbus

1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510

# KNIGHTS TO THE RESCUE

8/29/2017

Local Knights are working to provide food, shelter and other immediate relief to Hurricane Harvey victims.

Since Hurricane Harvey hit the Gulf Coast of Texas on August 25, local Knights have been at the forefront of bringing assistance to victims of the disaster, especially those displaced by destructive winds and flooding.

Some of the extraordinary work councils there have been doing since Saturday when the storm hit include:



Father Crann Council 3313 in Sealy has been serving food and providing clean water and shelter for nearly 100 evacuees with that number growing daily as the local rivers continue to over flow.

Richmond (Texas) Council 7445 set up to assist displaced people at their local parish by providing meals and drinking water until they were flooded out of the facility.

Rev. John T. Weyer Council 11343 in Sugar Land helped home owners in Sienna make repairs to roofs damaged by tornadoes.

Father Roach Council 3217 in Dickinson used boats to help stranded individuals evacuate their homes and also helped evacuate a priest from Shrine of the True Cross in Dickinson.

Father Nemec Council 3793 in Wallis has been providing meals and shelter to storm victims.

Rev. Arthur N. Kaler Council 8142 in Carrizo Springs provided meals to 300 families.

Father James Charles Erving Council 2543 in Eagle Pass, Sacred Heart Council 13941 in Cotulla, Rev. Jose A. Prieto Council 8368 in Crystal City, and Antonio Martinez Council 8312 in Asherton are all providing meals to those displaced by the flooding.

Holy Family Council 7728 in Missouri City helped unload trucks of donated clothing and assisted senior citizens off buses at a parish in Sugar Land.

Members of St. Basil Council 4204 in Sugar Land served meals to 100 evacuees from the area at St. Theresa Parish.

Ingleside Council 11570 opened its facilities to house first responders. Emergency personnel camped at the council hall and utilized its bathrooms and kitchen, and utility crews used the parking lot as a staging area for their trucks and equipment. The council also fed about 1,000 people, including the first responders, Knights and their families, and other people involved in helping with the cleanup.

The New York State Council held a drive throughout the jurisdiction to collect money for the disaster victims in parish.

San Juan Diego Primero Council 13563 in Lakeland (Florida) held a drive with other area councils to collect items for infants and toddlers (such as clothing, diapers, baby bottles, etc.).



Members of Richmond Council 7445 and Rev. John T. Weyer Council 11343 in Sugar Land worked together serving breakfast at shelter in Rosenberg.



Chromcik Council 2574 in La Grange set up and provided meals for the evacuees on the road from the Victoria Diocese until rising waters from the Colorado River flooded the council home.

These are just some of the many good works being done by Knights in response to the disaster in Texas. You can help these relief efforts. Please [DONATE TODAY](#) to help those suffering such devastation. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go directly to relief efforts. This includes providing immediate needs such as food, clean water, shelter and other necessities.

### **For Donations by Check**

Make Checks Payable To: "Knights of Columbus Charities"  
Kindly specify "United Disaster Relief" on the memo line of your check.

For Donations by Check in USD:

Send To:

Knights of Columbus Charities  
One Columbus Plaza  
PO Box 1966  
New Haven, CT 06509-1966

Brothers,

Worthy State Deputy Noel wanted me to let you know that we are in the early planning stages for the Mid-Winter Meetings and the Mid- Year State Organizational Meeting, and wanted to get dates out to you so that you can reserve them on your calendars.

Dec 8-9 Mid-Year State Organizational Meeting- On the Coast- We are still working out the details, but will either have a social on Friday or a dinner on Saturday.

Jan 6 Southern Regional Mid- Winter Meeting  
Jan 7 Central Regional Mid- Winter Meeting  
Jan 13 Northern Regional Mid- Winter Meeting

Although the locations of the meetings are still being ironed out these are the dates we are targeting.

Please make note of each and keep the dates cleared for your attendance.

Vivat Jesus,

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## ***Knights of Columbus***

Mississippi Knights of Columbus 2018 State Convention Committee  
P.O. Box 6891  
D'Iberville, Mississippi 39540

### **Convention Ads**

#### **Deadline for ad submissions is March 31, 2018**

Please consider submitting your ads and checks as soon as possible.

All checks and hard copy of ads should be mailed to:

**David Seymour  
3192 St. Charles St.  
D'Iberville MS 39540**

Please make all checks payable to: 2018 State Convention Committee

Prices: Full Page ad: \$125.00 Margins will be set at one half inch

Half Page ad: \$75.00 on each side, top and bottom.

Send art work and hard copy of your ad to DD David Seymour.

Send electronic (soft copy) to DD David Seymour at: [davidasey@cablone.net](mailto:davidasey@cablone.net)

Additional ad order forms can be obtained from the Knights of Columbus State webpage  
2018 State Convention at [www.kofc-ms.org](http://www.kofc-ms.org).

### **The 2018 State Convention Committee**

Welcomes the Mississippi Jurisdictions of the

## ***Knights of Columbus***

To the 2018 Annual Meeting held in Biloxi at the

### **Golden Nugget**

Make your reservations by calling 1-800-777-7568

***Use reservation code: SI87109***



## Bishop Houck Fund

My name is Fred Ward and I am the Bishop Houck Religious Retirement Fund State Chairman:

Last year a little over \$5,000 was brought in to fund the Bishop Houck Religious Retirement Fund. I know that this year we can do much better. We need to raise at least \$10,000, and this can be accomplished by each council, assembly, ladies auxiliary donating the proceeds from one activity. What kind of activity – how about a Spaghetti Dinner, or maybe a pancake breakfast, or maybe a raffle, anything that you can do to raise funds.

We need to show that we are concerned about the retirement of our future priests and younger current ones. So please have a fundraiser just for the Bishop Houck Retirement Fund. The forms for this fund are on the State Website - remember we need two, one to the State Secretary with the money and one to me. If you have any questions regarding this fund please e-mail me at ward.fred@att.net

## Family of the Month

We would like to thank all of the (21) Councils that turned in a Family for the Month for July. We also want to congratulate the (3) families that were picked by Supreme.

Council 1583 Andrew Hurst  
Council 5654 Skip Murphy  
Council 9124 Ralph Spratley

Councils that turned a Family for July, 2017.

802, 848, 1244, 1583, 1908, 2134, 2180, 4472, 4898, 5654, 6765, 6872, 7854, 7915, 8054, 9094, 9124, 9543, 10443, 11995, 11155.

If you have turned in a Family and your Council is not listed please let me know. Remember if you picked a non KC Family for July you need to send me the name of the Family, because it won't show up on the list above from Supreme.

If you need help showing someone in your Council how to fill out the form for Family of Month, I volunteer at our church Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8am till 3pm and I sit in front of my Computer most of the day so I can go over the process with you.

Thanks again  
Carl Brochard  
KC State Family Director  
[broch57@bellsouth.net](mailto:broch57@bellsouth.net)  
228-327-0066

## Admission Degree's

Worthy GK's,

Please get your Admission Degree's scheduled and placed on the website so we can all see them and make a plan. We may have another council near-by needing to get a member, or two through a degree. This could be a big help to someone.

Remember to order your October membership drive kits today so you will be ready to roll.

We have 32 new members to date with 90 being our 1st Quarter Goal. We are a bit behind but I know you can fix this in a hurry.

I've been all over the state in the last weeks delivering on our Steak & Hamburger Dinner promise from last year and have had a blast spending time with our members. We have one more to go in September. Many thanks to our cooking team!

Never stop evangelizing our Catholic population. Let's go get some more members!

Bryan Cassagne  
Knights of Columbus  
Membership Director  
MS Jurisdiction



## From Your State Youth Director



### Worthy Grand Knights and Council Youth Directors,

I hope planning is underway for your 2017 Soccer Challenge. You only need three things to have a successful challenge – 1) a soccer goal and a place to put it, 2) some soccer balls, and 3) kids and not necessarily Catholic kids. You say, “We don’t have a school” – You don’t need one. Is there a local soccer organization in your area? Are there council members or parish members who are involved with that organization? If so then you have all three requirements at your disposal. Coordinate with them for a goal on a big game day. Publicize the event a couple of weeks before the challenge. On the day of the event, set up a registration table near the goal, with a council banner and you are set. It takes 1-2 people to run the registration table and 3-4 people to do the challenge. In the challenge part, one person scores the participant while the rest are retrieving balls. You can enlist the help of you parish CYO to get youth to help retrieve balls. Tell everyone that prizes will be awarded the



end of the challenge (set a time). That is all it takes to have a successful soccer challenge. No soccer organization, then see how many parish families you can get to participate. If you do it in conjunction with a fall parish festival, you will still be successful. It isn’t the number of kids who participate that is important but that the one who did had fun and that your council helped them have fun.

**Charles Hahn**

**State Youth Director**  
**601-831-1057**  
**youth@kofc-ms.org**

## **Steak/Hamburger Dinner Incentive**

We began paying up on our dinner incentives from last year on June 23 in Pass Christian (4472). The next day we cooked in Kiln for (7087 & 11995). On July 14, it was Bay St. Louis (1522) who also hosted the State Deputy Reception on that same night. All State Officers were in town for the Installation Mass on July 15. It was a great night! Council 1522 and their Ladies Auxiliary did a wonderful job and got some ink in the local newspaper for their efforts.

On August 8, we cooked a hamburger dinner in McComb (8054) and had a very nice evening with their membership. August 12, we headed up to Southaven (7120) and the next night another steak dinner in Clarksdale (2969). On August 12, Roy Gamez also headed up a hamburger team in Gulfport (11541). Another great weekend!

August 19 saw us in Starkville (6765). Their Ladies Auxiliary also played a big part in making the evening a great experience. We have one more dinner to go in Vancleave (15155) and this will complete our tour of the state.

I want to thank our very talented cooking team. I couldn't have pulled this off without you! Many thanks also to all the councils that worked so hard to achieve these goals, even those of you that didn't quite make it. Your effort made our year. To earn Circle of Honor takes a lot of hard work from a lot of people.

Several councils combined these dinners with their Installation of Officers. Another nice touch that made these gatherings even more special. Most of all, I had a great time visiting with all of you. Thank you for all you do to make our world a better place and to bring the peace of Christ to those all around us.

Bryan V. Cassagne

State Membership Director

## **St. Richard Council 15131**



St. Richard Council 15131 was one of the sponsors for the Meet and Greet Reception for Mrs. Jennifer David new principal of St Richard School. Present was Council members, Mrs. Jennifer David and Rev. John Bohn, Pastor of St Richard Catholic Church.



## High School Seniors Hit College Campuses & Attend Starkville Officer Installations



The Starkville Council not only combined their Installation Of Officers with a Mass and Steak Dinner but they also took it to the next level. With the approval of our State Deputy, Noel Aucoin, they invited Freshman College Student Knights who just arrived on the University of Mississippi Campus. Noted are student Knights Tony Zbysinski, Dylan Gutierrez and Zachary Wagner, who became Knights, during their senior year while attending St. Patrick High School. During the time of the dinner, in addition to meeting Brother Knights they were also introduced to Dawn McGinley, Director of Campus Ministry. They all joined this additional peer led ministry "Growing Together In the Body of Christ".

This model is growing and adding to our target market of Millennial Generation [18 -29 years old]. As Tony and his fellow students mentioned, it is like a home away from home, where we can share our daily challenges, and our faith with others, on the Mississippi State Campus.

For more information about these programs contact Bill Haas, Mississippi State College Council Coordinator or your District Deputy.

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State College Coordinator Knight of Columbus, State of Mississippi  
Past Grand Knight Council #11654, Wiggins  
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## Holy Savior Council 7854



Council Officer's were installed by District Deputy Craig Harrell on July 22 at Holy Savior after the 5 pm Vigil Mass. Afterwards the group went out to eat at Cock of the Walk in Pocahontas, MS.

Front L-R: Adam Martino, 2 yr. Trustee Chuck Weiss, Inside Guard Joe Mraz, Lecturer Allen Scott, Chaplain Fr. McGing  
1 yr. Trustee Lloyd Everhardt, Treasurer David Collins, Joe Parsons, Fr. Prendergast,  
Financial Secretary Charles Collins (unavailable for picture)

Back L-R: PGK Rob Smith, George Hoff, Past District Master Bill O'Connor, Outside Guard Henry Williams,  
Warden Mike Kirby, Recorder Mike Weisenberger, Chancellor Jim Sharp, GK Steve Miller,  
DGK Chris Halliwell, DD & 3 yr. Trustee Craig Harrell



After installation, everyone went out to Cock of the Walk to enjoy good food and fellowship

## Holy Savior Council 7854



Mike Kirby presenting a \$1000 check to Bishop Kopacz at Catholic Charities



Mike Kirby presenting a \$1000 check to Center for Pregnancy Choices



GK Steve Miller presenting a \$1000 check to Birthright

July 19th & 20th– Catholic Charities, Birthright of Jackson and Center for Pregnancy Choices were each presented with a check for \$1000 from our 1st ever Baby Bottle fundraising project which was held in May. A total of \$3000 was collected. Thank you to all who participated!

## **Oxford Council #10901 Reaches Out To Catholic Campus Ministry - Student Knights & FOCUS**



With all they have on their plate, as noted in the photo on the left, the Oxford Knights of Columbus Council #10901 took time out to support and prepare the first meal for the Campus Ministry Event, at St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church, August 20th, immediately following the 5:30 mass. "Over 150 students were served by this innovated Knights Council. FOCUS and Campus Ministries leaders also got plenty of new students to sign up for their programs. As noted above, in the photograph on the right, freshman student Knight R. J. Riojas met other fellow Knights and also joined CCM. I personally talked to at least five student Knights. Hopefully, these Knights will attend our councils 2nd and 3rd degree exemplification on September 30, 2017, if they are not already Knighted, said District Deputy, Jacob Eftink."

This was also the message carried over, at the Mississippi State University Council Dinner, in Starkville, to the student Knights, who attended their first Knights Officer Mass, Installation and Dinner. We will be happy to drive these students and others to Oxford, for this 2nd & 3rd. Degree Exemplification, the student Knights were told by Starkville Council members.



In all, this was a very successful event for the parish, the council, CCM, FOCUS and especially the students. FOCUS Director and Knight, Ryan Spor, his daughter Fran sitting on his lap, Bill Haas, State College Coordinator Knight of Columbus, Jacob Eftink, District Deputy, Maia Dooley, an Ole Miss Student, Ryan's wife Kayla and Dianne Haas are shown having dinner and discussing mutual opportunities in growing our Catholic Youth on the campus of Ole Miss and throughout the state of Mississippi and other locations.





As shown above, on the left, again thank you Vidi for all you do for so many students. Also, thank you Fr. Joe Tonos, for allowing us to partner with your CCM and FOCUS teams. Shown on the right is Matthew Moseley, a Knight and also part of the FOCUS Ministry. Matthew is from the Mississippi Gulf Coast, a member of Holy Spirit Parish and a Knight of Columbus. He spent a year at Ole Miss as a campus minister and is now on the campus of the University of Tennessee, serving the same incredible missionary purpose.

**Bill Haas**

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**KC Assembly 557**



**KC Assembly 3007**



On August 19, 2017 the D'Iberville Assembly 557 and C. Mark Landry Assembly 3007 held their officer instillation at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in D'Iberville. The instillation was conducted by State Master Jerry Schmuck. Congrats to all of the newly elected officers