



# The Magnolia Knight

Serving the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

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From the desk of the State Deputy, Noel Aucoin

*"Strengthening  
Catholic Families."*

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Brothers,

Greetings to you all. I pray that you all had a Blessed Christmas Season and are looking forward to a Christ filled New Year. The Mid-winter meetings are through and all Grand Knights should have a plan for the second half of the Fraternal Year.

As reported at the Mid-winter meetings, the State is doing fairly well in our march to reach our Supreme Membership Goals. At the time this was written, we were at 48% of the Intake Goal and was ranked number 13, Order wide. Although we are in pretty good shape,

we are behind where we were this time last year. In order to help boost membership, we have put into place a couple of programs that we hope will aid your council's efforts. First we have reached to both Bishops and they responded to our request. Bishop Kihneman and Bishop Kopacz have agreed to draft letters and send them to every Pastor in their respective Dioceses. The letters will be encouraging the Pastors to promote Knights of Columbus membership, from the pulpit, in each of their Parishes. I urged each Council to touch base with the Pastor of the Parishes they serve and coordinate a membership drive on the same weekend that the Priest plan his pulpit talk. Please take advantage of the Bishops' effort. I personally sent letters to each Grand Knight out lining this effort. Again, please take advantage!!

Secondly, I have approve the "Star Council Steak Dinner" program again this year. The only difference this year is that we extended the time frame to achieve this status. All Councils have until April 15 to gain Star Council status. Upon attaining this goal, your Council will be eligible to receive a Steak Dinner for your entire Council and families prepared by members of the State Family. This was a highly successful program last Fraternal Year and we hope to have even more dinners to cook this year.

Last Fraternal Year we accomplished something unprecedented. We reached back-to-back Circle of Honor Status by two different State Deputies. We had record setting Star Council numbers. Can we achieve another "never been done before". The State has never received three Circle of Honor Awards in a row. Supreme is finally taking notice of our great state. Let's keep it going. Remember if your Council needs State Family help with your membership drives contact State Secretary, Philip Jabour, for scheduling.

Convention time is nearing and will be here before we know it. I have included a "Convention Check List" in this issue of the Magnolia Knight. I hope you will find it helpful while preparing for the event. Hope to see you there.

God Bless,

Vivat Jesus,  
Noel

# Financial Fitness for the New Year

1/3/2018

When a new year begins, we like to look at our lives and assess where we are. Many make resolutions to challenge themselves, improving on health and habits or setting new bars to which they may aspire. These are great practices. After all, no matter how good we're doing, we can always do better. Critical self-reflection and setting goals can help. This is true not only for our physical and spiritual health, but also our financial health.

As we begin 2018, 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 it is 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 your field agent, you can 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 can tell you a lot. The Profiles & Forecaster analysis will help you identify surpluses, shortages, 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 out the guesswork by guaranteeing your principal. It also guarantees 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, home, 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. Contact your field agent for your free needs analysis, and he can walk you through all your options and create a plan that is right for you and your family.

To find an agent, visit [kofc.org/findagent](http://kofc.org/findagent). To learn more about the Knights of Columbus insurance program and product offerings, visit [kofc.org/insurance](http://kofc.org/insurance).



## Knights of Columbus

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO: VICE SUPREME MASTERS  
DISTRICT MASTERS  
FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS**

**FROM: DENNIS STODDARD  
SUPREME MASTER**

**RE: STAR ASSEMBLY AWARD**

**DATE: JANUARY 12, 2018**

Religiously Devoted, Patriotically Proud.

That's how we describe the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus.  
The Fourth Degree instituted the Star Assembly award in 2016 for the 2015-2016 fraternal year.  
62 Assemblies qualified that first year and earned the Star Assembly Award.

Earning the Star Assembly award recognizes your assembly's record of excellence through the many activities and programs the assembly hosts.

Your Assembly can earn the Star Assembly Award by completing the following:

- Earn the Fourth Degree Civic Award by conducting just four patriotic programs during the fraternal year.
- Enter the "To Be A Patriot" competition. Submit a report on the single most patriotic activity of the assembly.
- Meet the assembly new member goal of 7%
- Submit the Report of Officers - #186 (due July 1)
- Submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity - #1728 (due January 31)
- Submit the Annual Assembly Audit Report - #1315 (due June 30)
- Publish a monthly newsletter or bulletin for assembly members.

Assemblies that excel in membership recruitment, sponsoring patriotic programs in their communities, report to the Supreme Council office and keep their members and others informed of assembly activities are eligible to earn the Star Assembly Award.

### MEMORANDUM

**TO: VICE SUPREME MASTERS  
DISTRICT MASTERS**

**FROM: DENNIS J. STODDARD  
SUPREME MASTER**

**RE: COLOR PATCH FOR BERET - NEW UNIFORM**

Please take a minute to pass on this information to all Faithful Navigators regarding the proper procedures for ordering the Color Patch for Beret. We are receiving lots of orders for the Colored patches and without the proper information it's slowing down the process.

All orders need to be sent to [Suprememaster@kofc.org](mailto:Suprememaster@kofc.org). Also include Name, Member number, current mailing address, Patch color needed/position. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Have a Wonderful Holiday

Worthy Marshalls,

Please get the attached information update about the new uniform out to all as quickly as possible.

Also, we have no more exemplifications scheduled for MS after the one in Southaven on January 20th. We really need to get moving on updating the schedule. I'm looking at the following as possibilities:

February – Somewhere in the Delta area (Greenwood?)

May – Somewhere in the Central area (Brandon?)

May – Southern region (Ocean Springs?)

June – Natchez?

The cities are suggestion only. However, I would like each of you Marshalls to look at where and when you can get another exemplification scheduled.

Linda and I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy new Year. I look forward to seeing each of you at the mid-year meetings.  
Jerry



**BIENVILLE PROVINCE**  
Michael J. Porter, PSD, FM, Vice Supreme Master



12/03/2017

Dear Worthy District Masters,

We have two additional items on the new uniform that will need to be sent to all your assembly Faithful Navigators and Marshal's as soon as possible. Please remember to keep your State Deputy in the loop on all that's new.

#1 The 25% discount expired on Nov. 30, 2017 and will not be extended.

#2 When ordering the new uniform if a member needs an extra long necktie, Knights Gear has just received them and they can be ordered with the uniform at no extra charge.

For those who have placed orders or received a uniform and now need a long necktie. Please let them know that they can do the following:

A. If the member placed a pre-order they can email [regaliacredit@kofc.org](mailto:regaliacredit@kofc.org) and they can update their pre-order.

B. For the members that have already paid and are awaiting a uniform they can exchange the standard tie if they do not feel it is long enough. We cannot modify orders that have already been placed. For the members that have already received their uniforms Knights Gear will be making this available for purchase once they receive adequate inventory.

I'll send a separate email this week to discuss our quarterly phone conference. Please consider the following dates: December 6, 11, 13, or 18th. Please send me a note back as to the dates that you can do a 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM conference call.

Fraternally,

Michael J. Porter, PSD, FM  
Vice Supreme Master  
Bienville Province

We welcome you to place your order now, knowing that most likely we will not be able to ship your uniform until 2018. Your order will ship as soon as it is available.

The [KnightsGear.org](http://KnightsGear.org) website has been updated to allow users to choose the following options. If you would like us to notify you when your sizes are in, please click this link: "[Notify Me](#)" and provide us with your information so we can reach out to you when inventory is available.

If you would like to cancel your order and get a refund, please email [knightsgear@kofc.org](mailto:knightsgear@kofc.org) with your name and order number and the request to cancel. We will refund your money as soon as possible.

Thank you again for your patience.

From the Knights Gear website



**Knights of Columbus**  
**Mississippi State Council**  
Noel Aucoin  
State Deputy

Brothers and fellow convention goers,

There are specific activities that should be completed prior to and included in your convention agenda, when preparing for the event. To assist you, I've created a Convention Check List. I'm looking forward to seeing you all down on the coast.

Noel Aucoin  
State Deputy

All form 100's submitted to Supreme  
All programs recorded in the State Programs Report Database  
Best Activity forms completed and submitted to [programs@kofc-ms.org](mailto:programs@kofc-ms.org)  
Best Vocations Project Form submitted to [programs@kofc-ms.org](mailto:programs@kofc-ms.org)  
Best Council write-up completed and submitted to [programs@kofc-ms.org](mailto:programs@kofc-ms.org)  
Family of the Year form completed and submitted to [programs@kofc-ms.org](mailto:programs@kofc-ms.org)  
Knight of the Year form completed and submitted to [programs@kofc-ms.org](mailto:programs@kofc-ms.org)  
Convention registration complete (including the Ladies' Luncheon!!)  
Convention Ad placed by Council/Assembly/Ladies Auxiliary/Squires Circle  
Delegate slips filled out, printed and sealed by the Financial Secretary  
Necrology form filled out and submitted

GK, DD, State Chairman and State Officer reports submitted to: philipjabour@bellsouth.net or Philip Jabour, P.O. Box 5489  
Brandon, MS 39047

### **Attention All:**

The 2018 Annual State meeting of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus is only two months away! Have you reregistered yet? If not, please do so at your earliest convenience, deadline is March 31st. There is additional costs after the deadline. Has your council, assembly, or ladies auxiliary purchased an ad for the convention booklet? If not, please do so as soon as possible but not later than March 31<sup>st</sup>. Money raised through convention booklet ads help pay for incidentals' conventioners expect and deserve. Have you ordered your convention golf shirt yet? Again, deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Have you made your hotel reservations yet? If not, please so as soon as possible.

An important note that everyone has concern about. Yes, the room rate is relatively high (\$179 plus taxes). Consider this---the convention space, room setup fees, and amenities provided by the Golden Nugget are NOT FREE!! The Golden Nugget has included a "shared cost" the room rate. Everyone who uses the Golden Nugget hotel contributes to the cost of the convention. Even if a delegate spends on night in the host hotel, they will contribute to the total cost of the convention. The convention committee has a target goal of securing 125 rooms for Friday and Saturday nights ensuring no additional costs are charged to the committee. . If the committee falls short of this goal, expenditures in other areas of the convention will be cut. Sorry, but it is a fact.

All registration forms, ad forms, and golf shirt order forms can be found on the State website. Information regarding room registration can also be found there.

See MS Knights of Columbus website at: [kofc-ms.org](http://kofc-ms.org)

Larry Tabor, PSD, FM  
Convention Co-Chair

## Family of the month for December 2017.

I would like to thank the 17 councils that turned in a family of the month for December 2017.  
Congratulation to the three families that were picked by Supreme.

Council 848 J Noel Machost  
Council 2180 Tyler Miller  
Council 11995 Timothy Anderson

Councils that turned in a Family:  
802, 848, 1244, 1583, 2134, 2180, 4472, 4898, 5654, 7974, 8038, 8054, 9094, 9124, 10443, 11995, 15155.

Carl Brochard

KC State Family Director

broch57@bellsouth.net



Worthy Grand Knights and District Deputies,

This March, Knights of Columbus councils around the world will band together to grow the membership of our Order by holding Membership Recruitment Drives within our parishes and communities. This is your council's best opportunity to reach out to Catholic men and their families and extend the gift of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

Council leaders should order the FREE\* membership recruitment drive kit TODAY to allow time for processing and shipping. Here are a few more tips to make sure that your council's drive is successful:

Discuss your council's membership recruitment goals and objectives with your parish priest.

All membership recruitment drives are NOT created equal! Consult our on-demand webinar on "Conducting Effective Church Recruitment Drives" to learn best practices on conducting membership drives that can be tailored to your parish or community, how to train your recruiters, and how to promote your membership recruitment drive ahead of time!

More information on how to conduct successful membership recruitment drives is available on our website at [kofc.org/drive](http://kofc.org/drive). Please feel free to contact your state officers or the Knights of Columbus Membership Growth & Development team at [membershipgrowth@kofc.org](mailto:membershipgrowth@kofc.org) if you have any questions.

Vivat Jesus!

Knights of Columbus Fraternal Mission Department  
Membership Development Team

\* Shipping is free for one (1) kit. Councils will be charged shipping costs when ordering more than one kit. Kit orders on a Requisition Form #1 will also be charged for shipping.



Sir Knights,

At our (Assembly 3007) business meeting last night, we discussed a car giveaway which will benefit the Programs of Catholic Charities. You can purchase your \$100.00 ticket on-line at the web site below. I believe tickets may also be available at the State Convention. Please consider supporting - Thank you.

<http://www.catholiccharitiesjackson.org/>

**What could be better than winning a new car?**

# 2018 Nissan Rogue GIVEAWAY



*to Benefit the Programs  
of Catholic Charities*



## April 19, 2018

**at RUN, FOSTER, RUN**  
Madison Healthplex Performance Center

Tickets \$100

**Answer: Helping the families that Catholic Charities serves everyday!**

We are excited to offer you the chance to win a 2018 Nissan Rogue from Cannon Motors of Mississippi. On April 19, 2018 at the Run Foster Run 5k at the Madison Healthplex in Madison, MS we are going to draw one lucky winner. You do not have to be present to win. Don't miss this opportunity to drive away in a brand new car!

## Mid Winter Meeting ST. Alphonsus, Jan. 6, 2018



## C. Mark Landry Assembly 3007

The C. Mark Landry Assembly 3007 was awarded the prestigious Bishop Ott award from Vice Supreme Master Russell J. Ruh, Jr. of the Bienville Province. The Bienville Province is comprised of Assemblies in five states: Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. The award is a direct result of our hard work and continued dedication to patriotic activities. When I first learned of our selection for the award, Worthy District Master Jerry Schmuck wrote "It was well deserved. This award reinforces what we already know; your Assembly is setting the example for all the others in our State and the Province to emulate. Congratulations on a job well done."



Accepting the award for Assembly 3007  
Mark Fontenot



L to R Faithful Navigator Walt Miller,  
Color Corps Commander Stephen  
Dunn



## St Richard Council 15131

St Richard Council 15131 held their annual Free Throw Contest on Saturday Jan 20th. We had over 40 participants from our parish and the surrounding community. Knights sitting at the registration table: Louis Clifford DGK, Robert Munroe GK, Victor Grey-Lewis, John Wren. Standing Rusty Haydel (Chairman), Vernon German, Scott Stephen, Bobby Moorehead, Chris Burke, Robert Steadman, Raymond Spratley, and Andre DeGruy.



Front Row: Anthony McCloud, II, Ava Stephen, Ryleigh Deer, Branden Brukes, Nicholas Burger, Logan Burger, Bralen Parker

Second Row: Robert Archer, Sully Moorehead, Farrell Moorehead, Michael Doherty

Knights: Rusty Haydel, Raymond Spatley, Vernon German, Chico Udemgba, John Wren, Bobby Moorehead, Chris Burke, Robert Munroe, Andre Depruy, Robert Stedman

## Council 9673

Council 9673 recently led a St. Mary, Woolmarket, parish-wide drive to supply household paper goods (toilet paper and paper towels) to the emergency pantry of our Harrison County Senior Resources Agency. The Agency screens applicants for "Meals on Wheels" and, when visiting the senior, may find appalling conditions like a lack of food, cleaning supplies, cooking supplies and such. If the senior is receiving assistance on the SNAP, formerly "Food Stamps," they cannot use that for paper products, so there is a general need for toilet tissue and other disposable paper goods. The Agency was overwhelmed with this supply and predicts it will last one year. We plan to have this event annually.





# **K of C Council 9673 Seafood Gumbo Dinner**

Sunday, February 25, 2018  
9:30 AM – 2PM

**Dine in or carry out**

**1 bowl of seafood gumbo & rice,  
potato salad, French bread, dessert,  
and iced tea - \$10.00**

**child's plate \$7.00**

**also available**

**1 quart of seafood gumbo - \$15.00**