



# The Magnolia Knight

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*"Strengthening  
Catholic Families."*

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Brothers,

Greetings to you all. IT'S CONVENTION TIME and we are busy down here on the coast preparing to host all of you for, what we hope, is an enjoyable time for all. There are a couple of things that all Councils should be aware of. The first is that any Council that has not paid their State Per Capita is subject to having their delegates **not** seated at the convention. We will be excepting checks the day of registration. Please keep this in mind. The other is that all Councils must have their Supreme Reports up to date to be eligible for

State Awards. So get those reports completed and submitted.

Just a few notes about the States drive towards our 3rd Circle of Honor Award in a row. As of the day this article was written we were ranked 25 order wide in total intake at 63.71% and we need 127 new members. We are way behind on our Net Gain goal and ranked 49 at only 53.06%. What does this mean? It means that we're suspending Brother Knights almost as quick as we're bringing them in. My most worthy Brothers, I am hoping that this trend is about over and we will start turning this around. We are a bit better in the Net/Net (intake less suspensions and deaths) category. The State is ranked 36 overall and we only need another 38 new Knights to reach that goal. On the Star Council front, we have five Councils currently qualified. Our goal is 15. We have an additional five Councils that are membership qualified but need insurance help. We have another four Councils that are insurance qualified but need membership help. Remember, you have until April 15 to reach Star Council status to receive a steak dinner (for the entire Council and families) prepared and pay for by the State. I think we are going to be fine on our Roundtable goal, if all the forms are turned in. We have our new Council development goal with the establishment of a new Council in Biloxi at St. Michael's Parish. The new Fr. Herbert Mullin Council should be set up in enough time to get delegates seated at this year's convention. We are also working on a College Council at Ole Miss, one in the Amory area and will be in discussion, this month, with the Pastor of Vietnamese Martyr's Parish also in Biloxi in hopes of establishing a Vietnamese speaking Council there. Bottom line, my Brothers, we can make it a threepeat as a Circle of Honor Jurisdiction. Never done before in the State of Mississippi. As Coach Jim Valvano once said "don't give up don't ever give up".

For your convenience, by Brothers, I have include an abbreviated convention agenda in this issue of the Magnolia Knight. I look forward to seeing many of you, in Biloxi, on the weekend of April 27-29. Come down and enjoy the fellowship.

God Bless,

Vivat Jesus,

Noel



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Mississippi State Council  
111<sup>th</sup> Annual State Meeting  
26, 27, 28 & 29 April 2018  
Biloxi, Mississippi



### Thursday, 26 April 2018

6:00 – 9:00 p.m. State Officers Social – Sponsored by the State Deputy – **State Deputy's Suite**

### Friday, 27 April 2018

8:00 a.m. Mass for the Cause of Father Michael J. McGivney– State Chaplain, **Fr. Scott Thomas, St. Michael's**  
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. State Officers Meeting – **State Deputies Suite**  
1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Convention Registration – **Pre-Function Area**  
1:00 – 5:30 p.m. Delegate Registration – **Grand Ballroom A**  
2:30 – 3:30 p.m. District Deputies Meeting – **State Deputies Suite**  
4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Mississippi District, Fourth Degree Meeting – **Ship Island B (4<sup>th</sup> Degree Members ONLY)**

**NOTE:** *Upon arrival, banners and stands are to be placed in Ballroom D, E, F, & G.*

5:30 – 6:15 p.m. **FIRST BUSINESS SESSION – Grand Ballroom A, B & C (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Members ONLY)**

#### **FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SOCIAL**

7:45 – 10:00 p.m. Music (Live Band)  
6:15 p.m. Donation Bar Opens – **Waterfront Pavilion, Point Cadet**  
6:45 p.m. Friday Night Dinner Social-Honoring Clergy and Religious – **Waterfront Pavilion, Point Cadet**  
9:00 – p.m. Hospitality Rooms Open/After Banquet Entertainment

### Saturday, 28 April 2018

8:00 – a.m. Memorial Mass w/Necrology of Deceased Members and Wives – **St. Michael's.**

- Concelebrated Mass with Bishop Kihneman as Principal Celebrant  
- Necrology by State Secretary, Philip Jabour

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Breakfast/Coffee – **On your Own**  
9:00 – 12:00 a.m. Convention Registration – **Pre-Function Area**  
9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Delegate Registration – **Grand Ballroom A**

10:00 – 11:45 a.m. **CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

1. Church Activities – Ted Lander, **Grand Ballroom F, Front**
2. Public Relations – Arthur Dunn, PSD, **Grand Ballroom F, Middle**
3. Council Activities – Robert Leo, **Grand Ballroom F, Back**
4. Community Activities – Nicholas Martino, **Grand Ballroom E, Middle**
5. Youth Activities – Charles Hahn, **Grand Ballroom E, Back**

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6. Pro-Life Activities – Mark Fontenot, **Grand Ballroom D, Front**
7. Family Life Activities – Carl Brochard, **Grand Ballroom D, Middle**
8. Vocation Activities – Robert Frey, **Grand Ballroom D, Back**
9. Credentials Committee (10:00-10:30) – State Secretary, Philip Jabour, **Round Island A**
10. Convention Committee (10:30-11:45) – Larry Tabor, PSD/Richard Greenwold, **Round Island A**
11. Mileage and Per Diem (10:00-11:00) – State Treasurer, Michael Kassouf, **Ship Island C**
12. K of C Audit (11:00-11:45) – Danny Lechner, PSD, **Ship Island C**
13. Resolutions Committee – State Advocate – Raul Gamez, **Horn Island**
14. Ceremonials – Dr. Peter Sukanek, PSD, **Cat Island**
15. Disaster Relief – Jerry Schmuck, PSD, **Ship Island A**

- 10:00 – 12:00p.m. State Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting – **Grand Ballroom A, B & C**  
12:00 – 1:00p.m. Past State Deputies Luncheon – **Round Island B**  
12:00 – 1:00p.m. District Deputies and Former District Deputies Luncheon – **Ship Island B**  
12:00 – 1:00p.m. Ladies Luncheon – **Deer Island**  
12:00 – 1:00p.m. Lunch – **On your Own**
- 1:00 – 2:45 p.m. **SECOND BUSINESS SESSION – Grand Ballroom A, B, & C (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Members ONLY)**
- 3:00 – 4:30p.m. **TRAINING SESSIONS**

1. District Deputy Training– **Michael Kassouf, Ship Island A**
2. How to Hold a Membership Drive – Bryan Cassagne, **Ship Island B**

### SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

- 6:00 – p.m. Cash Bar Open - **Pre-Function Area**  
6:00 – p.m. Dignitaries Assemble for Procession – **Grand Ballroom A & B**  
6:00 – p.m. Color Guard Assembles – **Grand Ballroom C**  
6:30 – p.m. Doors to Banquet room opened – **Grand Ballroom D, E, F, & G**

### Sunday, 29 April 2018

- 8:00 – a.m. Concelebrated Convention Mass with Bishop Kopacz as Principal Celebrant – **St. Michaels**
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Credentials Committee – State Secretary, Philip Jabour, **Round Island A**
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **OPEN AWARDS SESSION– Ballroom A, B, & C**
- 11:00 – am. **THIRD BUSINESS SESSION – Ballroom A, B, & C (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Members ONLY)**

## Family of the Month

I want to congratulate the (3) Families that were picked by Supreme for February 2018.

Council 802, Salvador Moreno

Council 2134, Guy Mandolini

council 9124, Lofton Cox

And thanks for the following councils that took the time to turn in a Family.

802\*, 848, 898, 1034, 1244, 1583, 1908, 2134\*, 4472, 4898, 5654, 6765, 8038, 8054, 9094, 9124\*, 9543, 11995, 12271, 15382, 15155.

If your council is not listed and you turned in a Family, please let me know.

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## Title: Donate to the Mississippi Memorial Prolife Fund and the Ultrasound Fund

As your Council, Assembly or Ladies Auxiliary prepares for our 2018 State Convention, please consider making donations to the Mississippi Memorial Prolife Fund and the Ultrasound Fund. In 2017, 24 Councils, 5 Assemblies and 3 Ladies Auxiliaries donated to the Mississippi Memorial Prolife Fund. Total contributions were \$2,785 from councils in the Diocese of Biloxi and \$5,446 from councils in the Diocese of Jackson. We can certainly donate more than that in 2018. You can bring your donation to the State Convention or submit it to our State Treasurer. A donation form is located on the Culture of Life page of our state website and at: [http://www.kofc-ms.org/programs/MS\\_MEMORIAL\\_PROLIFE\\_FUND\\_DONATION\\_FORM\\_2018\\_website.pdf](http://www.kofc-ms.org/programs/MS_MEMORIAL_PROLIFE_FUND_DONATION_FORM_2018_website.pdf). This form should be used when sending your donation to our State Treasurer.

Donations to the Ultrasound Fund count for 2 points and donations of \$100.00 or more count for 1 point under the Culture of Life Activity part of our State Program Area.

All donations to the Mississippi Memorial Prolife Fund will be given to our Bishops at our 2018 Convention banquet. Awards will given at our Convention banquet for the highest donation per council, assembly and ladies auxiliary in each Diocese and for the highest per capita donation by a council in each Diocese.

If you have any questions, Contact Dennis Riecke at 601-405-2234 or [dennisr@mdwfp.state.ms.us](mailto:dennisr@mdwfp.state.ms.us)



Diocese of Biloxi Youth Convention was supported by 467 students, 30 Parishes, Parish Ministries, The Diocese of Biloxi Knights of Columbus Councils and his Most Reverend Louis F. Kihneman III, Bishop of Biloxi. Both Bishop Kihneman and our Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson support the growth of our younger Knights.



To All District Deputies, Grand Knights, Youth Directors and Brothers, Thank you for your assistance and support of the 41st. Annual Diocesan Youth Celebration. If you have talked to your Youth Director, Parish Priest, Minister or Youth you already are aware of the tremendous success and impact this convention has had on our High School Juniors and Seniors.

"Recruiting Young Knights" As you read in last month's Magnolia Knight Supplement and the Colombia Magazine, The Knights of Columbus High School and College Councils continue to grow because they are "An Amazing Opportunity" featuring "Choose Life" and a Knights of Columbus logo. Please also notice the young women holding "Choose Life" and "Defend Life" Knight logo signs walking with and holding a Knights of Columbus banners and signs.

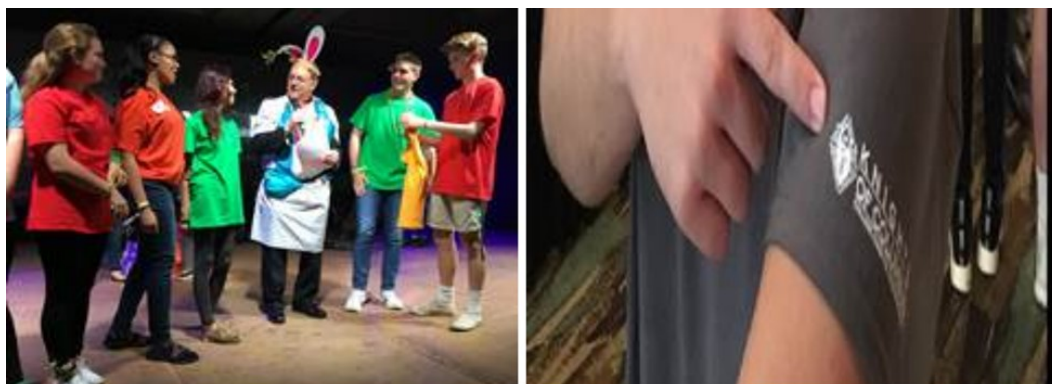




Because of the assistance of the supporting Knights of Columbus Councils, Honor Guard and others we were able to build an image similar to that which the Young Knights presented in Washington during the Pro-Life Walk. As noted below, quality time was spent with the Bishop, Priest, Parish Ministry and Students, equaling approximately 500 people.



The 41st. Alive Diocesan Youth Convention is held every year, during March. All 467 students, parish ministers and staff wore Alive Convention Shirts with the Knights of Columbus logo on the sleeve of all shirts. In order to recruit young men, we need to listen and try to understand them at their as indicated in the picture of the Bishop.



Two of the St. Timothy Award Winner High School Seniors will join other young Knights, prior to graduation. Congratulations to these young men and their families.



At times the Knights of Columbus recruiting area was almost overwhelmed: recruiting, answering questions and actually meeting 3rd. Degree Knights and others who started their introduction into the Knights of Columbus through this Diocesan Youth Convention. This included Youth Ministers, Students and their peers as shown in the action pictures that follow:



Congratulations to all 30 Parishes attending. A special note of thanks to the Bishop, the supportive Knights Councils, Parish Ministers and your Parish Priest. It is suggested that all Grand Knights reach out or have the Parish Ministers give your council their own overview of this Diocesan Youth Celebration and the Knights of Columbus Participation.

In closing and as shown in one of the most recent KNIGHTS LINE news, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, renewed a call to recent young members to become Knights of Columbus, saying "The Order's Future Is At Stake".

For further information related to the completed form 100's and the students collective forthcoming 1st. Degrees, please contact Bill Haas, at [wdhaas@bellsouth.net](mailto:wdhaas@bellsouth.net). Our pledge is to assist your councils in recruiting and at the same time begin to form a bond and Fraternity of Men who will spend time together while at college, since it is a fact of life they will be away from their independent parishes.



**Young Men Our Future Leaders For Life**



On March 17, the Lizana Assembly hosted a 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification at their assembly home. There were 12 candidates brought into full knighthood. Congratulations to all of the new Sir Knights



## Natchez Hosts 53rd Annual Mississippi Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament.

A great time was had by the teams that showed up for the KC bowling tournament held here in Natchez at Bluff City Bowl Feb 24-25th. Council #802 from Meridian won in both the Doubles and Team events. Darren Cowart of Council #1034 won the singles event. Council #1034 of Natchez, the host Team came in second place.

Left: **Darren Cowart** shows his form enroute to winning the Singles event at the 53rd Annual State KC Bowling Tournament.

Right: **Meridian Council #802** team members celebrate their victory Members are **Larry, Brizen, John, Kasper, Mouise Richards,** and **Bob Leo**



Lower Left: **John Kasper, Darren Cowart, Ginger Cowart, Steve Nielsen, Mouise Richards, Larry Brizen, Kenney Decareaux,** and **Bob Leo**

Lower Right: Doubles champs, **John Kasper and Mouise Richards**



## Bishop R. O. Gerow Council #1034 – Natchez



February Family of the Month, the **Cowart** family, Receives their award from **Grand Knight Steve Nielsen** at



**Ron Brumfield** receives a plaque thanking him for 17+ years as Council 1034 Financial Secretary. Ron retired as our



**Brother Cavin Woodfork** received his Clothing by the Postulancy of Discalced Carmelite Seculars on Feb 11, 2018



Picture of the newest seminarian Ryan Stoer from New Mexico. Picture (L-R): Lewis Clifford DGK, Ryan Stoer, Robert Munroe GK, Deacon Nick Adams. Members of St. Richard Council 15131.

## St. Richard Council 15131



Guy Heying State Warden, with Rusty Haydel discussing the sales of our annual raffle to assist funding of our seminarians.



Harold Hardin and Ed Jones waiting on parishioners to purchase their Lenten dinner tickets.



Winner of St. Richard Council 15131 raffle for 5 days and 4 nights at Ocean's Edge on St. Simons Island, George. All proceeds from the raffle goes to assist funding of our seminarians. Picture (L-R) Louis Clifford DGK, Robert Munroe GK, Donna Knight (Winner), and Mike Hart Treasurer.

Members of St. Richard Council 15131 preparing a Friday Lenten meal after the Stations of the Cross.



Parishioners enjoying one of Friday night Lenten meal.