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Brother Knights. We have lost two policemen in Brookhaven and a State Trooper over the last few days. Please keep their families in your prayers. Let's pray and be thankful for all the people that put their lives in harms way to keep us safe. That would include, police, fire fighters, and all branches of our military. This would be a good time to think about an appreciation meal for them or a Blue Mass. We can never adequately thank these brave men and women for what they do for us.

We have just completed the first quarter, so it is a good time to evaluate where your council and the State Jurisdiction stands. Membership is doing good, but we did not reach

Supremes goal of 25% of our yearly quota in the first quarter. Our neighbors in Louisiana did. Geaux Louisiana. We need to work on doing 25% in this quarter. I wish to avoid rushing to meet goals at the last minute, both for the councils and the State. I do not have as much hair as Noel, so I do not want to be pulling it out in June. Look at your council quota and decide how many you need to reach 50% by the end of the year. It is better to bring in a few every month, than trying to bring a bunch in at one time. But, whatever works for you is fine with me.

The online e enrollment is rocking along. If you get a notice that someone has joined online, please follow it up. Your chances of getting a member to join your council is greatly improved if they are already an online member. Supreme constantly sends online members information about the Knights.

The Bienville Province meeting was last weekend and we did well. Congratulations to SM and PSD Jerry Schmuck. He personally won an award and brought back some more. Jerry has done a great job as SM. Thank you Jerry. He has also done a great job with disaster relief. I appreciate all that you do for the Knights, Jerry.

If you are doing Coats for Kids, now is the time to order them so they can be in before it gets too cold. It is also time to order your Keep Christ in Christmas cards if you have not already done that. We are transferring the Silver Rose to Louisiana this Sunday at Picayune. Thanks to all that arranged a Silver Rose service. My home council, 10216, did one that I attended and it was moving. We have gotten in two new Marion Icons. If you have not already signed up, get in touch with Bob Leo he is in charge of it this year.

We recently sent out some discount drug cards to the DD's to distribute. They should be getting to you soon. There should also be a letter that explains how they work. The big drug stores like Kroger, Walmart, and Walgreens work best with them. The small independent drug stores do not have the volume to make them profitable. The State will get paid for every prescription filled with the drug card, except the flat rate 90-day refills that Walmart and other drug stores do. This is a chance for us to earn money without a lot of work and without having to ask the councils for more money. The cards can go to anyone, not just Knights. So, if your friends can be helped, give them one. We have plenty more, so if you need more, let State Secretary, Mike Kassouf know and he will get them to you. We will go over this at our Midwinter meetings in January.

We need you to fill out your Round Table forms if you have not already done so.

I am trying to get around the State as much as I can to visit my Brother Knights. I enjoy visiting with you. Unfortunately, I cannot attend every function that I am invited to, but I try to make as many as I can. Keep inviting me, if I do not make it the first time, I will try to make the next invite.

My paying job sometimes gets in the way of my work with the Knights.

Thanks to all of you that do so much for the Knights.

**Vivat Jesus
Philip**

**Philip Jabour
State Deputy**

A PRIESTLY HEART

9/1/2018

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

THE WITNESS OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY ENCOURAGES US TO GROW IN HOLINESS, FIDELITY AND LOVE



THE ANNUAL Supreme Convention always concludes with the holy sacrifice of the Mass offered for fellow Knights, families and loved ones who died during the past fraternal year. Present at that Mass are relics of saints who are near and dear to the Knights of Columbus. This year, for example, we venerated St. John Paul II, our beloved K of C Mexican Martyrs and St. Edith Stein. We also venerated the relics of two saints who are part of the history of the Archdiocese of Baltimore: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first native born citizen of the United States to be canonized; and St. John Neumann, who was ordained a bishop in 1852 at St. Alphonsus Church in downtown Baltimore.

Relics are precious and holy reminders of our closeness to the saints. They tell us that saints were flesh-and-blood persons, unique individuals, in whom and through whom God's holiness shone forth.

They spur us to strive, in God's grace, to lead lives of integrity, virtue and charity.

One particular relic we venerated during this year's convention touched me very deeply. It was the heart of St. John Vianney, the patron of priests. Vianney was born in 1786 in Dardilly, France, to parents who were poor but devout. In their home, the seeds of a priestly vocation were planted in their son's heart, but his path to the priesthood was arduous as he struggled with his studies. Ordained to the priesthood in 1815, Vianney was soon appointed pastor of a parish in the remote village of Ars. Arriving there, he found that the faith was all but dead among the villagers.

Father Vianney's priestly heart, however, burned with love for Jesus and for the people he was sent to serve. This priest, whose talents were regarded as mediocre, brought the parish at Ars back to life by bringing many of his parishioners back to the practice of the faith. He did so not by strategic planning, but rather by the force of his integrity and holiness, the fruit of his daily prayer centered on the Blessed Sacrament, his practice of self-mortification, his untiring love for his parishioners, his long hours in the confessional, and his confrontation with evil. Soon, his remote parish began to attract people from all over France and even from other parts of Europe. It was an unlikely place to become a center for reevangelization and renewal, but God, in his providence, raised up a good and holy shepherd to lead the way.

St. John Vianney, who had not been regarded as promising by his superiors, set a very high standard for every bishop and priest. Gazing upon his priestly heart, I was deeply moved. I was filled with gratitude and hope. At the same time, I was struck by my own shortcomings as a person and as a shepherd. I also could not help but think of how the Church's mission of evangelization is harmed when her bishops and priests are mired in infidelity — either personal misconduct or failures of leadership.

By contrast, when in God's grace a shepherd strives, like St. John Vianney, for authentic goodness and holiness, what a difference it makes. The faith is true, good and salvific — but it becomes credible when preached and borne witness to by shepherds whose deeds bear the marks of integrity, by shepherds who are firmly on the road to holiness, by shepherds who are filled with pastoral love.

In these days when the misdeeds of shepherds are so painfully evident, may I say a word of encouragement and thanks to you, the family of the Knights of Columbus? Your love of the faith, your practice of the principle of charity, and your support for the Church's bishops and priests are a great gift. You help us live the vocation God has given us. As supreme chaplain of the Knights, I have experienced this time and again. Thank you. And please do pray for me, for your chaplains, and for all members of the clergy. Pray that we might have in us a priestly heart, like that of St. John Vianney — that is to say, a heart like unto that of Christ.



Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C.

Brother Knights,

I invite you, your family and fellow council members to make a pilgrimage to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. Since 2011, the Knights of Columbus has created a remarkable sanctuary to learn about the life and legacy of this saintly pope, and to prayerfully invoke his powerful intercession. Our catechetical events will help you apply his teachings to your daily life. You can also attend daily Mass or pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Redemptor Hominis Church, and venerate a first-class relic of Saint John Paul II in the Luminous Mysteries Chapel. These chapels are adorned with beautiful mosaics that invite pilgrims to prayerful reflection and give insights into God's mercy and redemptive sacrifice through Christ — the Redeemer of Man and Light of the World.

Tens of thousands of pilgrims have already deepened their faith and rediscovered the world-changing importance of this modern-day saint, with whom the Knights of Columbus had a special and enduring friendship. I invite you to do the same.

I also want to share with you two very important announcements:

A pilgrimage to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine satisfies certain requirements of the new Faith in Action program model. Additionally, Pope Francis grants a Plenary Indulgence to the faithful who make a group pilgrimage to the shrine. Please email visitorservices@jp2shrine.org for more information about the requirements for each.

October 16 marks the 40th anniversary of Saint John Paul II's election to the papacy, beginning a year-long celebration that will feature lectures, prayer services and other activities. Details will be posted at jp2shrine.org and on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

To schedule a pilgrimage, please visit jp2shrine.org/requestform or email visitorservices@jp2shrine.org today.
Fraternally,

Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

Family of the month for July 2018

I would like to congratulate the (2) families that were picked by Supreme for the Month of July 2018.

Council 848 Charles Sims

Council 16433 Robert Fried

Thank the (21) Councils that took the time to turn in a Family.

802, 848*, 898, 1244, 1583, 1908, 2134, 2180, 4472, 4898, 5654, 7120, 7974, 8054, 9094, 9124, 9409, 10443, 11995, 14051, 16433*.

If you don't have your council listed above and you turned in a family please send me a copy and the name of the Family.

Note: the new form 10668 to fill out is a lot simpler just save a blank copy to your folder or desk top and scan after you fill it out and send it to Supreme.

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The Silver Rose Pilgrimage through District 4

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose has been a Knights of Columbus tradition for 58 years. In 1960, groups of Columbian Squires in Mexico, Canada and the United States decided to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe by carrying a rose across North America from Canada to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. In 2001 Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, at the 119th Supreme Council Meeting in Toronto, addressed the effort in culture of life terms, referring to the Our Lady of Guadalupe - One Life, One Rose Program. He urged that it be expanded to every North American jurisdiction.

The Silver Rose arrived in District 4 of the Mississippi Jurisdiction on September 15th and ceremonies were held by Meridian Council 802, Starkville Council 6765 and Columbus Council 7974. Pictures from the ceremonies are provided below.



Meridian Council 802
DGK S. Moreno



Starkville Council 6765
L-R: SK G. Jones, SK M. Hicks, Fr. Rusty Vincent,
PGK R. Coughlin; SK T. Haupt and DN J. McGinley



Columbus Council 7974
L-R: SK/DM C. Bailey, SK G. Jones, SK J. Jones
SK C. Garton and SK H. Ferguson

Family for the Month of August.

I would like to thank the (20) councils that turned in a Family for the Month of August.

Congratulation to the (4) Families that were picked by Supreme.

John Maloney Sr. Council 802
Henry Barclay Council 7974
Roy Valenti Council 9094
Christopher Merz Council 14051

Thanks to the Councils that took the couple of minutes to recognize the Families.

802*,848, 898, 1034, 1244, 1583, 1908, 2180, 4472, 5654, 7120, 7974*, 8038, 8054, 9094*, 9124, 9543, 10443, 11995, 14051*.

As always if you don't see your council listed please send me the names of the Family.

I sent out (6) E-Mails to councils that still owe at least (1) Family of the Month for this year so far for the 100% submission, Only one has answered my e-mail.

If you new Councils or any other Council need help filling out the form 10668 for the Family of the month let me know. For the small councils and Parishes You are not required to pick a KC Family for the whole 12 months, but it would be nice to only (6) is required by Supreme. You can have the Pastor pick out (6) non KC Families that meets the requirements of the Faith in Action, just send me the names.

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Meridian's Monsignor John J. Burns Assembly 1251 4th Degree Honor Guard

Meridian's Monsignor John J. Burns Assembly 1251 4th Degree Honor Guard was honored to travel to Philadelphia, MS on Sunday, August 12th to participate in the Installation Mass of Father Darnis Selvanayakam as Pastor of Holy Cross Parish.



Pictured clockwise from bottom left: SK Tom Zettler, PSD, SK Sal Moreno, PFN, SK Dewayne Klutz, SK Richard Moody, SK Doug Prosen, SK Ron DiPalma, SK Larry Birzer, SK Frank Washington, SK David Stephens, SK David Viger, FN and SK Frank Polizzi, PFN. In the center is Honor Guard Commander, SK Bob Leo, PFN, Bishop Kopacz & Fr. Darnis

Council 5654

Picture of the Grand Knight Council 5654 Presenting a check for \$2065.00 from fund raiser from a breakfast for Breanne Dalton's medical expenses. Breann's Father Todd, and twin Brother Bradley belongs to our council 5654.



From left is FS Clay LaGrone, GK Gordon Mathieu, and Breanne.

St. Richard annual Blue Mass

St. Richard annual Blue Mass was held on September 12, celebrated by Fr. Nick Adam honoring our 1st responders. The Knight of Columbus Council 15131 of St. Richard provided a brunch after Mass with the children provided gift bags for all responders.



(L to R) Mike Hart, Louis Clifford GK, John Curley DGK, and Paul Flood members of council 15131.

Feast of San Lorenzo

On September 31, members of multiple 4th Degree Assemblies came together to celebrate the Feast of San Lorenzo at Fatima Church



Knights of Columbus Council 10901

Knights of Columbus Council 10901 provided a Sponsorship and four volunteers to Memory Makers of Lafayette County at a County-wide Tennis Tournament to benefit Memory Makers, a non-profit, local organization that cares for those adults in the County who are affected by memory loss due to dementia and Alzheimer's Disease. Memory Makers offers respite care, socialization, counseling, education and information for families and care-givers.

Memory Makers lost their Federal Funds two years ago and was in danger of closing. However, a young man, Jack Lignon, a student at Oxford High School, saw the need and with the help of fellow students, started a new organization at the school, Students for Alzheimer's. The students, with the assistance of parents and other volunteers from Memory Makers, sponsored a tennis tournament that fall, and raised about \$5000 to help fund the organization.

This year, Jack's organization enlarged the event with a silent auction and twice as many tennis players (26 teams), sought sponsors, and set the goal of \$7,000 for the tournament. Through the generosity of sponsors, donations and silent auction donations, the Students for Alzheimer's raised \$15,000 to assist Memory Makers.

The Council was proud to support this community effort. The Photo below shows the Council volunteers: Left to right, Larry Malatesta, Council 10901 member; Jack Ligon, a student at Oxford High School and organizer of the event; Richard Mueller, Council 10901 member, and Jose Torres, Council 10901 member. Not pictured, Gene Buglewicz, Council 10901 member.



Fr. Patrick McAlpine Council 9094 in D'Iberville

On September 29, members of the Fr. Patrick McAlpine Council 9094 in D'Iberville placed crosses in front of the church in honor of Right to Life month.



Faithful Navigator Bill Fessler

On September 28, Faithful Navigator Bill Fessler presented a Certificate of Merit and pin to Past Faithful Navigator and current Faithful Admiral Walt Miller for his 2 years of service.



L to R Bill Fessler and Walt Miller

St. Alphonsus council 5654

On July 25, officers of St. Alphonsus Council 5654 in Ocean Springs were installed by District Deputy 16 Art Dunn. Congratulations to all the elected offices and best of luck on a new Fraternal Year.

