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From the desk of the State Deputy, Philip Jabour

*"Strengthening
Catholic Families."*

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Brother Knights,
We are just a short time from Christmas. I wish all of you and your family a very Blessed and safe holiday.

We are about to go into a new year and we have our Midwinter meetings coming up in early January. Ben has put up a registration on our State website. Please register and attend. If you register it helps with planning for food and the table and chair setup.

There have been a lot of changes over the last year at our Supreme headquarters, and there are more to come. We will try to share with you what we have learned. It would be good if the GK, FS, Treasurer, Membership and Programs people could attend. We have information that will help all of them. I know there will be conflicts and everyone of those mentioned will not be able to attend. But, please try to get as many of your key people there as possible.

I spoke with Bishop Kopacz this week. We were discussing him sending us a letter to support our Church membership drive this spring. He has agreed to do a letter for us.

While talking to him, I discussed the problem the Church has had in Starkville and other areas of the State with Priests and Deacons. I told the Bishop the Knights would not get involved in what has transpired up until now. I feel like that is something for the Diocese and the Authorities to handle. Besides that, I do not know all the facts of the matter. I told the Bishop that we would be there to support him and all the Priests and Deacons that have worked hard to serve our Parishes in the Jackson Diocese. These men, and also the Nuns in our Diocese, serve us well and do the right thing. I feel our emphasis should be helping those who are doing the work of God for us and they have done things the right way. We cannot let what a few do affect our support of the many that serve us well and take care of our spiritual needs. We have not had any problems recently in the Biloxi Diocese, but if something happens, we will do the same thing for them. If someone from the media approaches you for a statement about this, refer them to the Diocese or me. I will not make a comment in the name of the Knights in the Mississippi Jurisdiction, nor do I want anyone else to speak in the name of the Knights. You are welcome to do anything you want as an individual, but do not bring up the fact that you are a Knight or Council officer if you choose to comment publicly as an individual Catholic. Remember during our degrees, we take an oath to obey and support our Officers, Bishops and Priests.

We are running a little behind in our membership numbers. Please keep working on bringing in new member. If we do not bring new Brothers in, we cannot continue to do the good things that we do for the Church and the community. Some Knights, like me, are getting too old to work as hard as we once did.

I look forward to seeing every one at our Midwinter meetings.

Vivat Jesus

Philip Jabour

State Deputy

Mississippi Jurisdiction

Knights of Columbus

Worthy State and District Deputies,

We're pleased to let you know about a special campaign we'll be running for new members who join the Order online. During the first week of January (1-7), 2019, any eligible Catholic man who becomes a Knight online with the promo code NEWYEARKNIGHT will be given a discount of \$5 off their first year of membership.

To promote this offer, we will be advertising on social media, search platforms, and through targeted email marketing. In order to be most effective in our marketing effort, we have excluded current members from our targeting, so you should not see any of these ads.

Of course, nothing we do at the Supreme Office reaches its full potential without the collaboration and effort of all of you: please feel free to share this promo code with any eligible prospective Knight and encourage him to join during the first week of January in order to take advantage of this discount!

The Christmas season can be a difficult time to recruit new members, but this New Year campaign can give men who have been on the fence about joining the Order the push they've been waiting for!

Let's all find one man who should be a brother Knight and share with him the NEWYEARKNIGHT discount code and the link to join online: kofc.org/joinus.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

In Fraternity,

John Grogan
Sr. Director, Marketing and Membership Growth
Knights of Columbus | www.kofc.org/joinus
Facebook Twitter Instagram

State Secertary

First it was GREAT seeing all ya'll this past weekend!
Brothers – per our discussion – SP7 and our State Donation Form
SP7 – The new Sp7/Columbia award is on the Supreme Website and is a fillable PDF form.

Choose  icon and it brings up the NEW SP7 as a fillable NEW doc that can be emailed to fraternalmission@kofc.org, reports@kofc-ms.org and to your District Deputy.

If you choose the  icon it will bring up the old version, Chris has been emailed as a reminder to check on this for us. Our State Donation form is a pdf fillable document that allows a Council, Assembly or Ladies Auxiliary to write one check if they wish and designate amount to each found, instructions are on form.

Choose this. 

In either case if form does not show up as a fillable form – then your probably need to clear your browser cache.
Let me know if you have any questions or need clarification.

Mike
Merry Christmas
Mike Kassouf
State Secertary
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Knights of Columbus Program Manager

Dear Worthy Sirs,

This December we have an amazing opportunity to entrust thousands of families to the patronage of the Holy Family. Our hope and goal is for as many families as possible to begin preparations this Advent for a consecration to the Holy Family to take place on Dec. 30th, the Feast of the Holy Family. As you may know, the 30th is a Sunday. Because it falls on a Sunday, we were hoping the consecration could take place at the end of each Mass. This way it would require minimal effort on the part of the council and parish, and give that many more families the opportunity to participate in the Consecration. Of course this is at the discretion of the pastor, but something I am hoping you will discuss with him and your council.

Any consecration requires adequate spiritual preparation. I would like to direct you to the resources we have to help guide and prepare families at www.kofc.org/consecration. In addition to these resources you could also direct them to the Keep Christ in Christmas prayer materials and Building the Domestic Church kiosk booklets, "A Scriptural Rosary for the Family" and/or the booklets on Mary and Joseph.

Again, we encourage you to advertise this to your council families and fellow parishioners soon so they can prepare and dive more deeply into the season of Advent and the Incarnation. You will also want to order the prayer cards for the day of the consecration. These and other program materials can be ordered through Officers Online under Family Programs.

If you have any questions please contact your state Family Directors. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your council brothers.

Call to action:

Discuss as a council and with your pastor about coupling the Consecration to the Holy Family with Mass on Dec. 30th.

Advertise this to the parish to provide adequate time to prepare for Consecration throughout Advent.

Direct parishioners to printable support documents or order more online.

Order Prayer Cards for the day of the consecration.

Thank you for your time, and I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely in Christ,
Sean Pott
Program Manager, Faith Initiatives
Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc



Brother Knight,

Thanks to the generous support of our members and friends, we raised more than \$47,000 during our K of C #GivingTuesday campaign to help those most in need.

One hundred percent of your charitable contribution will help those affected by natural disasters, feed families and keep children warm.

There is also a simple and automatic way you can support those in need, at no cost to you. Simply go to smile.amazon.com and select "Knights of Columbus Charities Inc." as your charitable organization.

Thank you again for your support. Your donation has made a difference to someone in need.

[LEARN MORE](#)

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Family of the month

I would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years.

Thanks to all of the Councils that took the time to turn in a Family of the month during the year.

Remember when you turn in a Family of the Year at the Convention it is suppose to be a Family that was turned in during the year to Supreme.

Congratulation to these Families that were picked by Supreme.

Council 802 Danilo Santiago

Council 9094 mark Fontenot

Council 10901 James Wilkinson

Thanks for the following Councils that turned in a Family. As always if your council turned in a Family and it is not listed please let me know the names.

802*, 848, 1244, 1583, 2134, 2180, 4472, 5654, 7120, 7974, 8054, 9094*,9124, 9543, 10443,10901* 15155

Note: If you turned in a family and it is not listed above send me the council and the Family name.

Carl Brochard

KC State Family Director

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Southaven, MS December 8th 2018

Ten members of the Knights of Columbus from all over North Mississippi completed their journey to full Knighthood today at Christ the King Catholic Church in Southaven; hosted by GK Greg Henry and his crew from Council #7120. . They are Matthew Bell, Richard Sojourner Charles "Chuck" Quill and Robert "Bob Stamm" from council #14051, David Coleman from Council #13502, Rogelio A. Vazquez from Council #10901 and Paul Reyes, Troy Reyes and Thomas Reyes, Jr from Council #7120. Congratulations to these newly Fully Knighted members of the Knights of Columbus!



These men and all other Third-Degree Knights are invited to step up to the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus at our next 4th Degree Exemplification hosted by Our Lady Queen of Peace Assembly #3081 in Olive Branch on January 26th. Contact FN Bill Horne (WJHorne45@gmail.com) for more details.

St. John Vianney's Incorrupt Heart U.S. Tour



While enroute from New Orleans LA. to Pensacola FL., St. Alphonsus Church, Ocean Springs, Ms. Council [5654](#) and Fr. Francis Deignan Assembly 2059 were able to host this great relic. A special thanks goes to Bishop [Kihneman](#), Fr. Mike [Snyder](#), [Terry Dickson](#), and Steven Eckert for getting Ocean Springs added at the last minute to the schedule.

Thanks also to District Master Jerry Schmuck and those Southern Mississippi 4th Degree assemblies who provided an Honor Guard to this Sacred Relic.



Pictures provided by Dennis (PFN) & Rosemary Van Acker (Ladies KC Aux).

We had approximate 200 to 300 people that came out to pray and view the relic. Pastor Fr. Mike Snyder, Associate Pastor Fr. Mark [Chinnappa](#), and Fr. Ryan McCoy, Pastor of St. John's in Gulfport MS. were also in attendance and heard confession during the two hours of visitation.

Council 10443 Grenada

Fr Clifford Meador Council 10443 Grenada recently held a Mass of Necrology for deceased members. District Deputy Buddy Honeycutt presided over the reading of the names of deceased members while member Pat Mardis lit each memorial candle. Afterwards the council sponsored a parish meal.



Assembly 3081 in Olive Branch collecting items for deployed service personnel!



Queen of Peace 4th Degree Assembly 3081 sponsored a food and donation drive in support of deployed servicemen. The drive spanned two weekends culminating on November 11th Veterans Day. The donated food and money for postage was presented to Mr. Ricky Parks Director of Mid-South Project Package, by Bill Horne the Assembly's Faithful Navigator, an organization which sends approximately 700 packages per month to deployed overseas military members. The organization is a totally volunteer organization and was a good fit to partner with in the Assembly's project. Assembly members donate their time and work with MS Project Package preparing the packages for shipment weekly. Additionally, your Kroger Card can be linked to Project Package and Kroger will donate money for postage depending on your purchases.



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Next Exemplifications:

November 10, 2018 Clarksville, TN

Bienville Province Newsletter

REPORT FROM VICE SUPREME MASTER MICHAEL J. PORTER November 2018
VOLUME 12

Dear Worthy District Masters,

June 30, 2019 is coming quicker than you think. Please encourage those members who have not placed their orders for the new uniform to do so as soon as possible.

We have a new order website. Please see the information below regarding the 4th Degree uniform and pass it on to all your Faithful Navigators and Assemblies. The 4th Degree uniform website is officially live and functional, and ready to accept orders! It can be found at www.kofcuniform.com. Any questions regarding uniform orders, exchanges, etc. please call 1-833-562-4327 or e-mail support@kofcuniform.com. There is also a slider on Knightsgear.com that will lead you to the website to place an order. This will also allow you to order your colored patch for your beret.

On July 1, 2019 our new uniform will be the only regalia and uniform the Order will recognize. If your members want to participate in the Color Guards and Honor Guards, they must wear our new uniform. Period. If some were waiting for Supreme to change their mind, please let them know that we are moving forward and not looking back, and encourage them to order soon.

I expect each of you to lead by example and set the tone for this change in all your interactions with members.

If you have any questions or problems, please call me to discuss.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Fraternally,

Mike

Michael J. Porter
Vice Supreme Master
Bienville Province

Effective Communication:

**“We are stronger when
we listen, and smarter
when we share.”**



What's Happening Around the Province

Arkansas District - Assembly 2642 Red Mass

Jeff Priore, District Master

On Friday, October 5, at 11:00 AM, a **Red Mass** was celebrated by Bishop Anthony Taylor at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Little Rock, AR. Assembly 2642 was well represented with four of its Honor Guard members in attendance. What is a **Red Mass**? A **Red Mass** is a Mass celebrated annually in the Roman Catholic Church for all members of the legal profession, regardless of religious affiliation. Judges, lawyers, law school professors, law students and government officials are all invited to attend. It marks the opening of the judicial year. Through prayerful petition and thanksgiving, the **Red Mass** requests guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice.



It offers the legal community an opportunity to reflect on what Catholics believe is the God given power and responsibility of all in the legal profession.

Originating in Europe during the High Middle Ages, the **Red Mass** is so-called from the **red** vestments traditionally worn in symbolism of the tongues of fire (the Holy Spirit) that descended on the Apostles at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4). Its name also exemplifies the scarlet robes worn by royal judges that attended the Mass centuries ago.

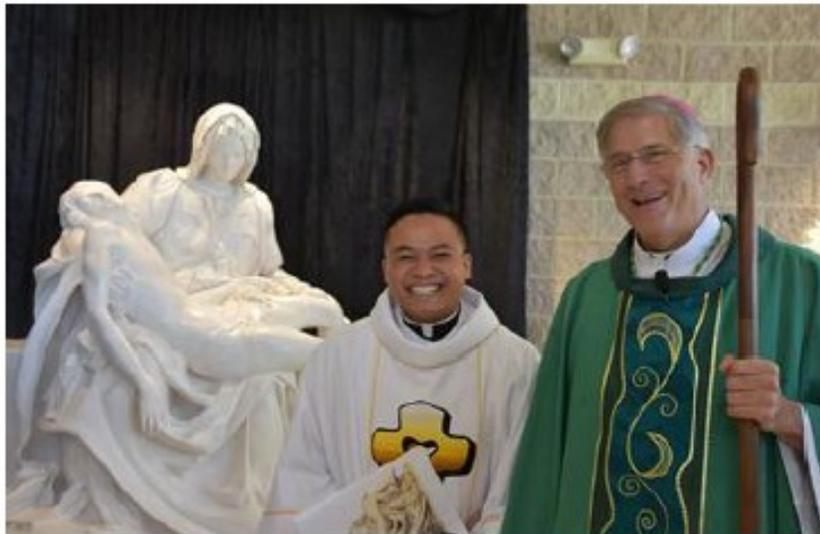
(Pictured are (left to right): John Lett, Assembly 0024; Mike Kieffer, Bob Borst, Mark Cuneo, and Greg Deen all of Assembly 2642.)

Mississippi District - Assembly #2195 Pieta Tour

Jerry Schmuck, District Master

A life-size marble casting of Michelangelo's 'Pietà' was placed at Christ the King Church, 785 Church Road West, Southaven, Mississippi on October 21, 2018 as part of Arte Divine's Michelangelo Pieta Legacy Tour. Arte Divine was given permission by the Vatican Museum to create 100 copies of the masterpiece to tour around the world, enabling those who have not had the opportunity to travel to St. Peter's Basilica to experience the masterpiece. The sculpture will be on display at Christ the King through January 2019.

The Most Reverend Joseph R. Kopacz, Bishop of the Diocese of Jackson, celebrated the dedication at the official unveiling and blessing at the 11:00 Mass on October 21, 2018. This was a six-Parish-wide event with an Honor Guard provided by Fr. Gregory Bezy Assembly 2195, Southaven.



The Most Reverend Joseph R. Kopacz, Bishop of the Diocese of Jackson, and Fr. Thi Pham, Pastor of Christ the King Church in Southaven.

This famous work of art depicts the body of Jesus on the lap of his mother Mary after the crucifixion. The Pieta is the only piece of art Michelangelo ever signed. Arte Divine has recreated Michelangelo's masterpiece, Pieta in cast marble using a mold derived from the original Pieta c1498-99, St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City. This posthumous Pieta is a precise "1 to 1" casting that is faithful in every detail to Michelangelo's original.



Faithful Navigator Ted Lander and District Marshall Lonnie Treadaway stand guard by the Pieta Replica at Christ the King Church in Southaven, MS.



Star Assembly Award 2018-2019

Make sure your Assemblies plan to earn the Star Assembly Award for this fraternal year. As a reminder, here are the requirements for this Award.

- Publish and distribute to the Assembly membership a minimum of six Assembly Newsletters during the 2018-2019 fraternal year. A copy of each newsletter must also be sent (either in print or electronically) to the Vice Supreme Master at MJPKNIGHT9282@AOL.COM.
- Meet the Assembly's membership goal with a net gain of 10% additions over deletions.
- Complete and submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728), which is due January 31, 2019.
- Complete and submit to your District Master by April 30, 2019 the "To Be a Patriot Award" application.
- Earn the Civic Award by conducting a minimum of four patriotic programs during the 2018-2019 fraternal year and reporting those programs to the Supreme Master by June 30, 2019 on the "Civic Award" application.
- Complete and submit the "Report of Officers Chosen for the Term" (#186).

Send me pictures as soon as you can of your Assemblies Veteran's Day parades. Next month we will feature all the pictures that I receive.

Please keep our Veterans in your daily prayers, especially on November 11 and 12th.

If you have children and/or grandchildren who are currently serving in the military or are first responders, please send me their names and branch of service. We will post those next month as well.



4th-Degree Training Module #11 – Manual of the Sword Pt.#2

Draw Sword

1. The command to draw the sword from the scabbard is *“Draw, Sword.”* At the preparatory command, *“Draw,”* grasp the upper band of the scabbard with the entire left hand and tilt the scabbard mouth forward until the scabbard is at an angle of 45 degrees with the ground. Simultaneously press the left hand lightly against the left hip.
2. With the right hand, reach across the body and grasp the grip of the sword and withdraw the sword completely from the scabbard. Keep the head erect and the eyes forward throughout the draw movement.
3. As the point clears the mouth of the scabbard, release the scabbard with the left hand and with the thumb, forefinger and second finger grasp the point of the sword.
4. At the command of execution, *“Sword,”* lower the right hand down across the body, firmly holding the grip of the sword. With the left hand still holding the point of the sword, raise the sword upward and across the body, guiding the sword to the center of the shoulder, *guard flange to the right side.*
5. When the maneuver is complete the right arm should be as nearly extended as possible, elbow back, the grip of the sword clasped easily between the thumb and forefinger. The third and fourth fingers will be back of the grip. The flange will rest on the top of the thumb and forefinger.
6. At the same time allow the scabbard to return its normal vertical position and resume the light grip with the left fingers as in the position of *Attention.* This is the position of *“Carry Sword”* and is reached automatically without further command. (See Figures.)





Provincial Membership Goals

Here are the current membership numbers from Supreme as of November 1, 2018.

District	Membership Goal	YTD new members
Alabama	164 (164) 0%	0
Arkansas	133 (118) 11%	15
Louisiana	369 (325) 11%	44
Mississippi	127 (118) 7%	9
Tennessee	231 (227) 1%	4
Totals	1,024 (952) 11%	72

Percentage of Provincial Goal reached: **11%**

Remember to work with your State Deputy and Ceremonials Chair to make it easy and seamless for members to move through our Degrees and Exemplifications.

Our goal by December 1st is to be over 15% of our quota.



Assemblies with 100%⁺ In Membership This Year

Alabama -

Arkansas -

Louisiana - #328 Alexandria -100%
#2333 Marksville - 100%
#2975 Leesville -100%

Mississippi - #2734 Starkville -120%
#3081 Olive Branch - 100%

Tennessee -

Please consider adding 1-2 Exemplifications to grow your numbers. Work each and every Knighthood Degree to recruit new members. Make sure every Assembly has a completed Civic Award with programs that attract new members.

**Find out what these Assemblies
are doing to succeed!
Then share it with all the
Assemblies in your District.**



FORMS PAGE

Here is a list of the Supreme- and Province-required forms, and when they are due. When completed, check the box so you know you're on track. Please send all forms to your District Master and copy me at MJPKNIGHT9282@AOL.COM.

FORM Supreme Form - Province Form	DUE DATE	COMPLETED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Monthly Newsletter (Star Assembly Award)	Monthly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
#1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity	January 31	<input type="checkbox"/>
#TBP-1 To Be a Patriot Award	April 30	<input type="checkbox"/>
#990 Tax Report EZ - Due Date depends on Year End	May 15 -- November 15	<input type="checkbox"/>
#2321 Civic Award	June 30	<input type="checkbox"/>
#186 Report of Chosen Officers	June 30	<input type="checkbox"/>
#1315 Annual Assembly Audit Report	August 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sir Knight of the Year Award	July 15	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family of the Year Award	July 15	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assembly of the Year Award	July 15	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clergy of the Year Award	July 15	<input type="checkbox"/>



Upcoming Bienville Province Exemplifications

Here is a list of the Exemplifications in the Province coming up for November of this fraternal year.

November 10, 2018	Clarksville, TN

Fraternally,

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