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From the desk of the State Deputy, Philip Jabour



Brother Knights,

As I write this column, Bishop Kopacz has released a list of all the Priests and Religious that have had a credible accusation of abuse. The list goes all the way back to the 1950's for some. Biloxi's list was released earlier. Most on the list are dead. I believe the only one still active is the Priest that went to Peru. Action was taken against him in Miss., but for some reason, a Bishop in Peru gave him Priestly privileges there. I

anything wrong. They deserve our support. To my knowledge nothing has changed with the Councils support of the Priests that have worked so hard for our Church in Mississippi. Please thank them. Let them know we will do everything we can to provide any help we can in our local Parishes and on the State Level. Keep on doing the great work that you do on the Council level.

A lot of Knights are working hard to make our State Convention in Jackson another success. Please consider buying an Adv for your Council or Assembly. The money for those adds usually make the difference of whether the host Councils lose money or not.

We get a lot of donations in for our various charitable funds in, around convention time. Please mail the donations in before the convention if you can. As a former Treasurer, I remember scrambling with Don Cox and Dennis Riecke on Saturday to make sure we wrote the checks for the correct amount.

Kenny asks that you have all program submissions to him by 3/31/19. We are also asking that you submit your SP-7 report before convention. I believe all Councils are current on both their State and Supreme per capita. Thank you. Per the State and Supreme bylaws, a Council in arrears of either, cannot be seated at the convention.

You can sign up online at kofc-ms.org. You can do registration for the banquets, for delegates and alternates, and for the Necrology. Remember when you finish registering your delegates and alternates to choose the option to print the form. You will need to bring that to the convention to register with Richard Greenwold.

I look forward to seeing all of you in about a month. Safe travels.

Vivat Jesus.
Philip

Philip Jabour
State Deputy

The Long Lent
3/1/2019

The Church must address the abuse crisis with a true Lenten spirit of renewal and hope



BACK IN 2010, a newspaper article described the sexual abuse crisis in the Church as “a long Lent.” At the time, I regarded such a description as unfair to the season of Lent. The article chastised the Church’s leaders for their failures but also depicted the Church itself as caught in a sorry and hopeless quagmire. But Lent isn’t about misery and hopelessness. Quite the opposite. The liturgy describes Lent as God’s “gracious gift,” a time when his people prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery “with the joy of minds made pure.” The point of Lent’s chastisements is our inward purification by the Holy Spirit — always the key to authentic renewal and joy. However, the season of Lent, understood correctly, does indeed shed light on the crisis that has plagued victim-survivors of abuse and the Church itself for far too long. If we speak of this crisis as “a long Lent,” we should really mean: Now is the time to address this crisis at its roots by the purification and renewal of the Church. With this in mind, let me suggest three connections between the season of Lent and the sexual abuse crisis.

First, in Lent each of us must acknowledge our sins by which we reject God’s love and inflict pain on others. As we pray in Psalm 51: “Against you, you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your eyes.” During Lent, we should make a complete and unburdening confession of our sins in the sacrament of reconciliation. Similarly, this is a time when the Church’s leaders must fully acknowledge past sins and failures that have inflicted great spiritual, physical and psychological harm on many innocent people. Such an acknowledgment must be coupled with heartfelt resolve to continue helping victim-survivors who struggle with the ongoing impact of past abuse.

Second, the Lenten confession of our sins is more than wiping the slate clean. It must be accompanied by earnest prayer for interior purification. Again, to quote Psalm 51: “A clean heart create for me, God; renew within me a steadfast spirit.” Through prayer, penance and almsgiving, we seek to stand transparent before the God who looks deeply into our hearts. We pray that our external words and actions may flow from a heart and soul cleansed of our sins and impure motives by the refining fire of God’s love. Something similar needs to happen continually in the Church’s life. It is not enough for Church leaders to admit past sins and errors; nor is it enough to strengthen measures to prevent abuse and to attain greater accountability — vitally important as these are. Truthfully, all such efforts aimed at transparency will miss the mark unless they proceed from prayerful and discerning hearts and minds that have been thoroughly purified and renewed by the Holy Spirit.

Third, during Lent we acknowledge our sins and repent of them so that we might embrace our faith more boldly and live it with greater courage and love. Lent is also a time of growth in the Church’s life — interior growth and the joy of welcoming new members at Easter. So too, even in this most challenging time in the Church’s life, we must not lose heart. We must continue to proclaim and live the Gospel with confidence and love. We must continue to be people of charity and compassion. We must be people open to the Holy Spirit, by whom we are joined to Christ and to one another in the Church.

May this long Lent lead to an Easter of renewed hope and joy — for ourselves, for the Church and for those who have been harmed.

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

4th Master Jerry Schmuck, Worthy Marshalls

Please remind the assemblies in your district that the submission deadline for the 2019 Sir Knight of the Year, Family of the Year, Assembly of the Year and Priest of the Year is rapidly approaching. I need all submissions in no later than 31 March; that's only 13 days from now. So far I have award packages from only one assembly. The winners of the Sir Knight of the Year, Family of the Year and Assembly of the Year will be recognized at this year's State Convention and will be forwarded on to compete at the Provincial level. We have done very well the last two years at the Provincial level. In 2017 we won the Sir Knight of the Year and Assembly of the Year awards. Last year we won the Sir Knight of the Year award for the second year along with the Family of the year. Our Sir Knights are doing excellent for our Order and our State. Let's encourage the FNs in our assemblies to get that excellent work recognized.

We also need to make another push for the To be a Patriot Award packages. I realize that the form says that assemblies have until need them in no later than 31 May, but that is Supreme's deadline. Before Supreme gets them, they have to be processed through the District Master and Vice Supreme Master for review and recommendations. That's why I have been telling everyone that they must be in my hands no later than 30 April. Hopefully I will get the majority of them in on or before the State convention. Also, remind all that while winning the To be a Patriot Award is not a requirement for Star Assembly Award, they must submit a package to be in consideration.

I know that it may appear as if we are struggling a little more this year, but we are still doing extremely well. In January we lost our Provincial first place standing in percent membership gain for the first time in over two years. However, we got it back by a slim margin in February. As of February 1st we have brought in 67 new Sir Knights. That's 52% of our membership goal. We have 60 more new Sir Knights to bring in to achieve our goal. With three exemplifications left in this Fraternal Year, we can do it. Our next exemplification will be held on Saturday 13 April in Ocean Springs. From there we are headed North to Southaven for an exemplification on Saturday 1 June followed by an exemplification in Pearl on Saturday 22 June. Let's get our FNs working on getting an invitation to every 3rd degree Knight in Mississippi.

As I said, we are doing extremely well membership wise. Congratulations to assemblies 559 Natchez, 2131 Tupelo, 2269 Madison, 2734 Starkville, 2969 McComb, 3081 Olive Branch and 3625 Pass Christian for making or exceeding your membership goals. With a little more we also have eight assemblies who are close to achieving their membership goals. Thanks to all for their hard work.

Speaking of exemplifications, we also need to start working on our 2020 Fraternal Year schedule. So far we have an exemplification scheduled for Saturday 12 October in Tupelo. We also usually have exemplifications planned for Jackson early in the Fraternal Year, D'Iberville in October and Southaven or Olive Branch in January. We need to get those dates locked in and set on the schedule. We also need to look at the months after January. I need to dates locked in for the September Provincial Meeting.

OK. One last thing then I'm shutting this down. There appears to be a rumor going around, at least in the Southern area, that Supreme will be extending the deadline for wearing the old Regalia for another year. All I can say is "Don't believe everything you see on Facebook or social media." June 30th of this year is the last day that wearing the old Regalia will be authorized. EVERYONE who participates in an Honor Guard or Color Guard will need to be in the new uniform as of July 1st. I know that upsets a lot of our Sir Knights, but that is the way it is.

Thanks to all of you for your support and hard work. You are my eyes and ears throughout the state. The successes we have achieved over the last couple of years have happened because of the hard work you and your Faithful Navigators have done in your areas. I sincerely thank you and ask that you keep up the good work.

Jerry

Thanks.

Jerry

State Convention Chairman

The silent auction items tables (convention committee raffle) will be covered under the convention budget as well as the tables needed for the collection of State Funds.

Any council, assembly, or auxiliary that wish to display and or raffle any item off during the convention must reserve and pay \$35 in advance. The number of tables are limited and will be on a first paid, first serve basis.

Guy J. Heying
State Convention Chairman
Mississippi Jurisdiction

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The Convention host committee is pleased to let you know there is an informative and fun tour of Jackson available on Saturday April 27 offered by experienced tour guide Jane Halbert Jones. Arrangements can be made directly with (More than a Tourist) using the links below. Happy exploring!

Ben Mokry
Registration Committee
2019 KC State Convention

More Than a Tourist

I just put it out on Facebook as well so I wanted to share that link with you as well. Sometimes people like Facebook and sometimes they link the website.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I am happy to help.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/556964631475685/>
and website

<https://www.morethanatourist.net/mississippi-tours.html>

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Carl Brochard
Mississippi KC Family Director

I would like to Thank and congratulate the (18) Councils that had 100% submission of a Family for 2019.

802,848,898,1244,1583,2180,4472,
4898,5654,7974, 8054, 9094,9124,
10443,11995,14051,15155, 15382.

I also would like to congratulate the (4) Families that were picked by Supreme for the Month of February 2019.

John Kasper Council 802
Jerry Jewett, Council 7120
Glen Wilson, Council 11934
Richard Maneri Sr. Council 16433

Thank you for taking the time to turn in a Family.

802*,848,898,1034,1244,1583,2180,
4472,4898,5654,7120*,7974, 8054,9094,
9543, 10443, 11934*, 11995,14051, 15155,
15382, 16433*

As I always say if you don't see your council number for turning in a Family for February please send me the name of the Family and council, before March 30, so Kenny can get the awards ready for the Convention.

Carl Brochard

Mississippi KC Family Director

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St. John the Evangelist

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM) celebrated the beginning of Lent by sponsoring a Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras Celebration in the Church Hall, on Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The Church Hall which was brightly decorated in the gold, purple and green of Mardi Gras greeted about 100 parents, friends and parishioners who enjoyed a meal of traditional pancakes and sausage or red beans and rice, complete with desserts of home-made King Cakes. Proceeds from the dinner help provide funds for CYM members to attend their annual Steubenville Summer Youth Retreat held in Springfield, Missouri, in July.

Both pancakes and sausage, and red beans and rice were prepared by the St. John the Evangelist Knights of Columbus Council 10901. King Cakes were baked by Michele Zerangue, a baker and member of St. John, and also happens to be from New Orleans. Needless to say, the King Cakes disappeared before the night was over.

CYM Directors, Mary and Scott Leary, wish to thank all who assisted in hosting the event, and especially those who attended and enjoyed the food and fellowship.



PHOTO 1. Pounds and pounds of rice were prepared to serve with the traditional red beans and rice for the Fat Tuesday/Mardi Gras Celebration held by the Catholic Youth Ministry on Tuesday evening before Ash Wednesday at St. John the Evangelist Church. Albert Ruiz, Grand Knight of Council 10901 (left), and Jim Wilkinson (right) prepare a pan of hot rice to serve with the red beans and sausage gravy which was prepared by Basil Richmond, Community Chairman for the Knights of Columbus Council 10901. (Photo, Gene Buglewicz)

PHOTO 2. Jack Koban, member of the Knights of Columbus Council 10901, and a "master flipper" is shown preparing the pan cakes for the Fat Tuesday/Mardi Gras Celebration sponsored by the Catholic Youth Ministry of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. (Photo, Gene Buglewicz)

PHOTO 3. A very nice smile can be seen by this guest at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church who is receiving her traditional bowl of red beans and rice to celebrate Fat Tuesday. The celebration is sponsored by the Catholic Youth Ministry at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church with proceeds going to help defray costs for members of the CYM to attend their summer retreat in Springfield, Missouri. (Photo, Gene Buglewicz)

Council 8285, Jackson

Officers with Council 8285, Jackson, visited the offices of Birthright of Jackson to deliver \$2,210 in proceeds from the Council's 2019 Baby Bottle Boomerang drive. The drive netted almost \$3,000 with outstanding support from the three parishes served by the Council, St. Therese Jackson, St. John, Crystal Springs, and St. Martin, Hazlehurst. The balance of proceeds was contributed to the KC Ultrasound and Mississippi Pro-Life funds. .



Pictured (L-R) Monica Walton, Executive Director Birthright of Jackson, Ben Mokry, Treasurer, Scott Waller, Deputy Grand Knight, and Bill Addie, Grand Knight

Knights of Columbus Council 10901

Knights of Columbus Council 10901, St. John the Evangelist, Oxford, sponsored a Bar-B-Q to benefit the Oxford Pregnancy Center on February 9. Matt Farrell, Life Committee Chairman, coordinated the successful benefit. The menu included pulled pork sandwiches, beans and coleslaw. The benefit was so popular, pre-sale of tickets sold out two weeks before the benefit. Additional tickets were ordered, resulting in 350 total Bar-B-Q plates sold. To handle the large number of orders, a special "go-plate" station was set up in the St. John parking lot to allow those just picking up to-go orders could simply drive through, speeding up the serving lines.

Rogelio Vazquez, owner of the Mariachi Mexican Bar and Grill in Oxford, provided invaluable assistance with the ordering and preparation of the meal. Hal Jennings and Matt Farrell supervised the preparation and cooking the pork. Many Knights from Council 10901 and their spouses, as well as volunteers from the Pregnancy Center, assisted in preparing St. John the Evangelists' Community



Photograph 1. Nine pork (Boston butt) roasts are shown prepared for slow roasting in a bar-b-q cooker the day prior to serving at the Pregnancy Center Bar-B-Q benefit. Matt Farrell, coordinator for the Pregnancy Center Bar-B-Q Benefit and Hal Jennings, member of the Knights of Columbus, cooked the pork roasts. (Photo, Summer Farrell)

Photograph 2. Shown are Knights of Columbus members of Council 10901, St. John the Evangelist, Oxford, preparing pulled pork sandwiches for go-boxes at the Pregnancy Center Bar-B-Q benefit held on February 9th. The benefit sold 350 bar-b-q plates and served them from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St. John. Many Knights from Council 10901 as well as spouses and volunteers from the Oxford Pregnancy Center assisted in the setup, plate preparation, serving, and ticket selling at the benefit. (Photo, Summer Farrell)

Photograph 3. A "quick pick" station was set up in the St. John the Evangelist parking lot to facilitate the large number of those who purchased tickets for the Pregnancy Center Bar-B-Q held on February 9th. 350 plates were prepared and served by the Knights of Columbus Council 10901, Oxford. The "quick pick" station allowed those who preferred to simply pick up their plates of bar-b-q to drive into the parking lot and pick up their meals and leave without parking and entering the Church to claim their plates. Shown, left to right, are: Michael Ruiz, Matt Farrell (Coordinator for the benefit), Buddy Seely, Albert Ruiz (Knights of Columbus Grand Knight), and Jorge Torres. (Photo, Summer Farrell)

Biloxi Council 1224

On February 21, Biloxi Council 1224 hosted a 2nd Degree for 21 Knights.



Congratulations to these Knights on their continued journey to full Knighthood.

St. Alphonsus Council 5654

On February 24, St. Alphonsus Ocean Springs Council 5654 hosted a 3rd Degree for 15 new Knights.



Congratulations to all of these new Knights.

Fr. Patrick McAlpine Council 9094

Members of the Fr. Patrick McAlpine Council 9094 in D'Iberville hold their annual Lenten fish fry to raise money for the Priest Education Fund.



Pictured: Ed Creech, Mark Fontenot, Louie Atchison, and Ike Kincke.

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

April 13, 2019

HONORING:

SIR KNIGHT Carney "Skip" Murphy

HOSTED BY

Fr. Francis Deignan Assembly 2059
St. Alphonsus Catholic Church
(School Cafeteria)
502 Jackson Ave.
Ocean Springs, MS 39564



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11:40 AM – 12:45 PM—Registration
12:45 PM—Lunch
1:30 PM—Candidate preparation
1:45 – 3:00 P.M.—Exemplification
3:15 PM Assembly for Mass
6:00 P.M.—Mass



Important
Information

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATE

* Candidate fee to participate is \$50.00

Cost includes:

- 4th Degree Social Ballad
- 4th Degree Membership Pin
- Certificate suitable for framing

PLEASE NOTE:

IN ORDER TO INSURE CERTIFICATES AND PROGRAMS ARE CORRECT, A COMPLETED FORM 4 AND ALL FUNDS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN TUESDAY APRIL 9, 2019.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DISTRICT MASTER, GERALD SCHMUCK
AND MAIL TO 12191 CHARLOTTE DRIVE, GULFPORT, MS 39503

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