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EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

Full Knighthood Degree

- ONLINE

- Sep 26 - 3:00pm (English)
- Sep 26 - 4:00pm (Spanish)
- Sep 29 - 7:00pm (English)
- Oct 4 - Flowood

Patriotic Degree

- Oct 4 - online

TRAINING SCHEDULE

MORE DETAILS TO COME

REPORTS/ORDERS DUE

- Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Kit Nov 1
- Free Throw Championship Kit Nov 1
- Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest - Participation Form Dec 31
- Order Essay Kit Sep 1



Brother Knights,

In looking over some of the submission to this month's MK, I read over the article by State Training Director, Charles Hahn and found it appropriate for front page status. Please read on below.

Training Webinars Charles Hahn State Training Director

How many of our members watched this month's Supreme webinar on Extending Father McGivney's Invitation? If a council officer did not watch it, why? Did he not know about it? Did he not have time to watch it Thursday night? Did he not think it would present anything he could use in their council? Did he think it was

a colossal waste of time because Supreme does not know how things work in Mississippi?

Every month, Supreme offers a training webinar to help fraternal leaders learn new ways to grow their council and their council's influence on the community. Each begins with a short story about how one council thought outside the box and did something to make sure that they left no neighbor behind. This is to inspire council leaders to think outside the box and continue to grow their council. While most of our councils have continued to operate during this pandemic, they have encountered difficulties planning their programs in a time where limited social activities and social distancing dictate the rules of operation. While it may not be possible to hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser in the parish hall after the Vigil Mass, it may be possible to sell takeout plates, after the Vigil Mass and the Sunday Mass, taking the food to the people in their cars. Yes, that is more work, and it takes more planning, but it may be more successful because some people who would not wait around for a meal in the parish hall, might pick up 3-4 plates to take home. This is an example of thinking outside the box.

This month's webinar first reminds us of why Father McGivney founded the order, and how in this time of pandemic, those founding ideas are even more important. When the faith is attacked, councils should work to strengthen the men of the church to support and defend the faith. When some of our members are isolated to protect themselves from the COVID virus, councils need to reach out and promote necessary social interaction and support for our brother knights. Councils can continue the work of our founder, by meeting people where they are, serving the vulnerable, and connecting with the work of our parishes.

The upcoming Beatification of Father McGivney can be used to promote our order and extend membership to all men in our parishes. Are there men in the parish, who are on the fence about joining the Knights? The code MCGIVNEY2020 allows them to test drive their membership, by allowing them to join online and receiving their first year's membership free. The council can then reach out to these men and involve them in council activities before bringing them fully into the council. How many council officers have thought about using that approach with their friends who are on the fence? How many of you knew about the free membership

offer to share it potential new members to encourage them to join now?

Finally, celebrate Father McGivney's Beatification in our councils and in our parishes. www.kofc.org/ beatification has many useful links to celebrate this historic event. Councils should plan events to share and promote this.

The next webinar will be November 19th and the topic is "Cultivating Parish Success: Investing in Key Relationships." You can register at:

https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1389319&tp_key=c8b3996098&sti=octoberfollowup

Vivat Jesus,

Mike

Mike Kassouf
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FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

Joseph Haaf, Family Director

I would like to congratulate Joseph Haaf Family Council 11934 for being picked by Supreme for the Month of July 2020.

THANKS TO THE COUNCILS THAT TOOK THE TIME TO TURN IN A FAMILY

Council 802, 848, 1583, 5654, 7915, 9124, 11934

PURPOSE OF FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Stimulate and support the development of strong vibrant families. Local councils will establish a committee to recognize a deserving Family of the Month and Family of the Year with potential for recognition on the international level.

Thanks to the Councils that took the time to pick a Family. Like I say every month if your Council needs help filling out the form you can call me **228-327-0066** or **Joe Haaf** (haafusn25@yahoo.com) and we'll be glad to help, it only takes about 5 to 10 minutes to fill out the form. If you have turned in a Family and they are not listed please send me the name and Council no.



CURRENT eMEMBERS

CONTACT STATE eMEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR, GUY HEYING FOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Name	Member #	City	Date Assigned	Assigned Council #
Cody J Smith	5163673	Pearlington	7/27/2020	16433
James R Lee	5168209	Pascagoula	8/30/2020	12166
Marco A Izquierdo	5110038	Greenwood	9/20/2019	5267
Martin Krecker	5086218	Ocean Springs	10/15/2020	16992
Michael L Barner	5032604	Greenwood	9/20/2018	5267
Mr Al Eiselen	5166061	Gulfport	8/11/2020	1522
Mr Chris Spear	5122957	Gulfport	11/16/2019	11541
Mr David E Donovan	5169915	Olive Branch	9/22/2020	14051
Mr Derrick Fauchaux	5164416	Clarksdale	7/27/2020	2969
Mr Emmeett A Holder	5083079	Moss Point	7/1/2019	1605
Mr James P Conway	5164404	Utica	7/27/2020	898
Mr Jon Rivera	5170439	Gautier	9/3/2020	10499
Mr Joshua C Martz	5175507	Brandon	10/13/2020	10216
Mr Martin D Ramos	5135943	Olive Branch	8/30/2020	14051
Mr Samuel C Stewart	5026323	Grenada	7/6/2018	10443
Mr William M Drechsel	5172376	Gulfport	9/24/2020	7910
Mr William M Krueger	5170540	Gulfport	9/8/2020	7910
Pete Flood	5135462	Jackson	1/16/2020	15131
Todd E St Mary	5169209	Pass Christian	8/27/2020	4472



Fall Programs Reminder



Greetings State Officers, Worthy District Deputies and Worthy Brothers. Summer is ending and we enter the 2020 Fall season with strong faith and determination to live our Catholic faith and meet the needs of our families, parishes and communities during these challenging times. District Deputies will you please immediately forward this information to your council officers and follow up to support the implementation.

There are many program activities that our councils should be planning and conducting in the upcoming months and these can be conducted safely taking into consideration COVID-19. A few that we spotlighted during the virtual School of Columbianism and are focusing our efforts on now are:

Leave No Neighbor Behind – Contact your members, conduct food drives and distribution, or blood drives.

Into the Breach – read and discuss the exhortation, watch and discuss videos from the Video Series.

Novena for Life in October

Life Chain – due to COVID-19 there are two dates Sundays October 4th and November 1st from 2-3PM.

Our Lady of Guadalupe pledge cards #9754 are available to order on supreme site under the Silver Rose program area.

Celebrate the Beatification of our founder Michael J. McGivney on October 31st.

Coats for Kids fundraiser, coat collection and distribution.

All of the above activities are outreach opportunities to involve our parish families and to invite men to join our order and members to reconnect – invite participation now, don't wait for a membership drive or the end of COVID-19.

Finally, please join us for a 5 week Rosary Prayer Rally – see the attached flyer with the program information and weekly prayer intentions. Let's join together in prayer now for these many intentions. In a recent Sunday Gospel reading we heard "Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name. there am I in the midst of them." (Mat 18:19-20)

For more information on the happenings around the state see our social media sites, our state website kofc.ms.org, our supreme website kofc.org and especially the Faith in action (kofc.org/faithinaction) resources and Into the Breach (kofc.org/intothebreach) sites.

Vivat Jesus!

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MS State Program Director

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Silver Rose Travels Mississippi



From Olive Branch
To Picayune

Olive Branch



Transfer Between Districts



Starkville



Grenada



Pass Christian



Gautier



Picayune





MS Knights in Action

Please submit all MS Knights in action articles to noel.aucoin@gmail.com

**SOUTHERN
REGION**

**St Mary Parishioners and Council 9124
Prayed Rosaries for the Sanctity of Life during
the Hwy-90 Pro-Life Chain Sunday 4 Oct**



**St Mary Parishioners and Council 9124 help
feed the needy at "Our Daily Bread"**



**Crosses for the Unborn, Pro-life
display in Woolmarket**



**On Sunday August Monsignor
Leech Council 4472 sold Bar B Que
Chicken plates to raise
money for Holy Family Parish**



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CENTRAL
REGION



On Thursday October 15, 2020 Council 848 presented Father Matthew Simmons with a \$7,000 check to purchase a new A/C Unit at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle. This commercial A/C unit cools the downstairs basement area where the Knights of Columbus Chamber is located and several other parish classrooms and maintenance office. Pictured are Grand Knight Charlie Sims, Father Matthew Simmons, and Treasurer Noel Machost. Vivat Jesus



On Thursday October 15, 2020 Council 848 donated three cases of prizes to be used at Bingo to The Waterford Senior Independent Living facility in Ridgeland, MS. Pictured are Grand Knight Charlie Sims, Executive Director Victoria Blankenship, and Past Grand Knight and resident Hollis Felts. Vivat Jesus!



Council 1034 held its first, INTO THE BREACH, meeting Oct 6. About 20 men showed up and so far the feedback has been positive.



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**NORTHERN
REGION**



Council 10443, Grenada, help re-stock the local food pantry





Sir Knights in Action

New 4th Degree Assembly Formed at St. Richard, Jackson John Edward Tracy Assembly # 3863

When the Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882, three principles united its members: charity, unity and fraternity. At that time people feared that members of the Catholic faith owed their entire allegiance to the Church and could not be trusted as citizens of their country. Patriotism was added to the Order's principles in 1900, based on the idea that Knights are loyal to both God and country.

Members, who hold a 3rd degree and are in good standing in their Council and wish to live out patriotism together can join "the Fourth Degree." Members of this degree have the special honor of holding the title "Sir Knight," participating in color and honor guards and organizing programs that promote Catholic citizenship. They also become part of a Fourth Degree Assembly in their area.

For approximately the past 10 years, the Sir Knights of St Richard Council #15131 have belonged to the Bishop R.O. Gerow Assembly # 554. This Assembly consists of 5 Councils from the general area.

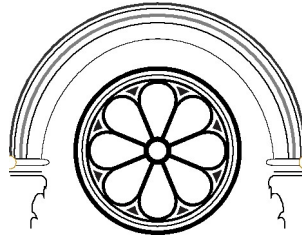
Through constant and creative recruiting, #15131 experienced above average growth while maintaining a strong officer corps and the support of Pastor Fr. John Bohn. The Council leaders are always looking beyond the current year in their strategic planning so as to ensure manpower and financing of Parish and Program needs.

It was this history of success, consistency, and routinely advancing members to the 4th degree that, in late July 2020, the Faithful State Master, SK Jerry Schmuck, and his Marshal, SK Craig Harrell, offered the Sir Knights of #15131 the opportunity to form their own Assembly. The Sir Knight membership overwhelmingly accepted the opportunity. The State Master requested SK David Fisher, Past Faithful Navigator of #554, to run the project and act as Faithful Navigator for the "new Assembly". One of the initial requirements is to obtain the pastor's approval. Fr. John Bohn agreed as long as it did not interfere with the workings of #15131. He was then asked to suggest a name for the "new Assembly". He came up with Mr. John Edward Tracy. Mr. Tracy, along with Msgr Farrell started the Special Kids Program at STR 41 years ago, and then along with Msgr Chatham Mr. Tracy was also instrumental in securing permission and financing from Bishop Gerow to build the present-day St. Richard Church.

St Joseph Abbey

Recently, State Advocate, Bryan Cassagne visited St Joseph Abbey in St. Benedict, LA. Brother Bryan was extremely impressed with its President Rector Father Gregory Boquet. He interviewed one of the seminarians and put together a brief write-up for may publishing in our State Newsletter. Below is that write-up.

Any Council or Assembly interested assisting the Abbey can contact Brother Bryan or Fr. Gregory directly.



SAINT JOSEPH SEMINARY COLLEGE

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Brothers this is another in a series of interviews and write-ups provided by State Advocate, Bryan Cassagne from the seminarians of St Joseph

Brother knights,

My name is Andrew Bowden. I am a third degree member of Council 8038 at St. Jude parish in Pearl, MS. I am also in my third year studying theology as a seminarian for the Diocese of Jackson.

I was born and raised in central Mississippi. My parents still live in Brandon. I graduated from Brandon high school in 2014, then I immediately applied to be a seminarian for the diocese. I began studying philosophy at St. Joseph Seminary College in St. Benedict, LA. I graduated after four years there with my undergrad degree in philosophy and the liberal arts. I am now in my third year of theological studies at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans.

I have been considering the priesthood since I was very young, about four years old. I remember my childhood pastor, Fr. Martin Ruane, encouraging me to prayerfully consider the vocation even at so young of an age. At one of his last Masses at St. Jude before he was assigned to a new parish, I was able to be an altar server for the first time. Over time, as I grew, my deep love for God, His Church and my respect for the priesthood grew as well.

During high school I had the privilege of getting to serve at an ordination. I remember a deacon from another diocese asking me if I was at "St. Bens". I thought he was asking what parish I'm from and was very confused that he would assume it was this parish I'd never heard of. I only realized much later he was referring to the minor seminary in St. Benedict, Louisiana which we affectionately call "St. Ben's". During the spring of my junior and senior years of high school I was able to attend two "Come and See" retreats at St. Ben's. These retreats are designed for young men who may be hearing the Lord's call to come and experience a taste of what it's like at the seminary. I was attracted to the prominence of the liturgy and the natural beauty of the grounds. I also read the books To Save a Thousand Souls, by Fr. Brett Brannen, and The Priest is Not His Own by Venerable Fulton Sheen. These experiences led me to my application.

Since being in seminary I have experienced great growth particularly under the guidance of a variety of spiritual directors. Seminarians are expected to meet regularly with a priest from a designated group of priests associated with the seminary. There is a difference between priests that function in the external forum (who give official reports and such about the seminarian) and priests that function in the internal forum (these priests do not give these reports and are therefore eligible for spiritual direction and confession) to prevent a conflict of interests. In my time in seminary formation I have had a Benedictine monk, both a Dominican and a Franciscan friar, and an archbishop emeritus as spiritual directors. Each in their unique way these priests have walked with me in my formation. I greatly look forward to being able to serve the people of my diocese in the near future!

Andrew Bowden



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