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State Deputy Message



Hello Brother Knights,

As we enter the Thanksgiving Holiday Season, I want to thank all those that helped to make our state programs year a success thus far, but as we look towards Thanksgiving and Christmas, we should ask ourselves “What Would Jesus Do?” Instead of sitting on our laurels, we enter into a new phase of our faith based programs plan for the current fraternal year.

The KCs has been called the right arm of the church, but what is an arm without the muscle and sinew to provide it motion and strength. Through the unique gifts, abilities, and fresh ideas, each member makes us stronger. Program growth and performance along with membership growth and management are two peas in the same pod. We need both working in harmony to continue the growth of our jurisdiction wide charitable works.

As we approach of the halfway point of the current fraternal year, reports will be pulled from our State directory to see the progress each council has made in performing programs, attending state meetings, and performing audits. I hope that each council will take the time to keep your records up to date.

In closing, I hope that you and yours have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving Holiday, and I hope you find time to participate in local charitable programs and that you ask a friend to join the knights. It is only through participating in council programs that we can feel true fraternity with your fellow members.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus,
Roy Gamez
State Deputy
Mississippi Jurisdiction



November 2021

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Fraternal Benefits Advisors

Is your family prepared for the loss of a bread winner or a family member? Do you know who to notify or call for assistance? What about understanding the benefits that may apply to your survivors?

Your KC Fraternal Benefit advisors stand ready to assist you in developing a plan that will assist you in your time of need. They are also stand ready to help when the need arises. Call and set up an appointment to discuss your current or changing need. They are there to assist all of us.

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Blessed Michael J. McGivney Guild

Are you a member of the McGivney Guild? If you are I say thank you for your membership. If you are not I can't help but wonder why. There is no cost to become a member and the sole function of the Guild is to serve as a source of information about the life, works and spirituality of our Founder.

Pope Francis approved a decree for a miracle attributed to his intercession, opening the way for Father McGivney beatification on Oct. 31, 2020. A second miracle, after the date of his Beatification, must be approved before he can be canonized as a saint of the Catholic Church.

Father McGivney died of pneumonia at the age of 38 during an outbreak of the Russian flu. So today, as you pray a rosary for your family or friends, consider inviting Blessed Father McGivney to pray the rosary with you. This method of praying is based on our Lady's promise that devotees of the Rosary will have for its intercessor the entire heavenly court.

Please consider becoming a member of the Blessed Michael McGivney guild and pray for a second miracle for use in his canonization as a saint. This is the link for joining the guild

<https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/ssl-join-the-guild.html>

Family of the Month



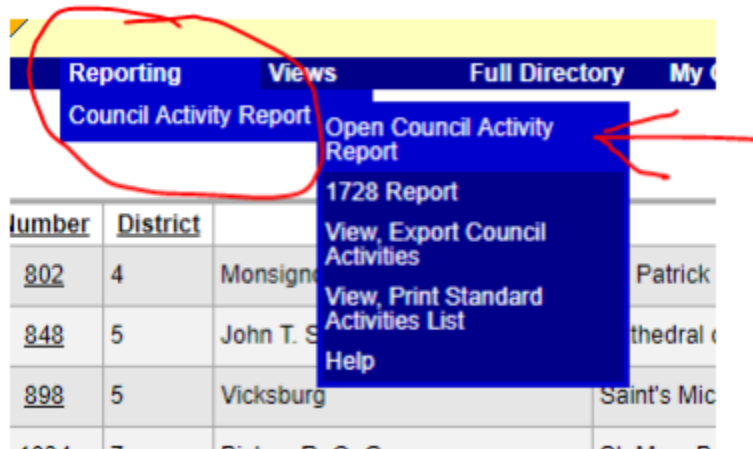
All FOM reports to Supreme must be submitted by the 15th of each month to be eligible for their monthly drawings. Please remember that all Family of the Month submissions will only be accepted through online submissions made through the **Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784)** beginning this fraternal year ([Tutorial video](#) link for training).

What to consider in the search for the "Family of the Month"?

- Is the family tight-knit? Does the family spend quality time together?
- Does the family attend weekly Mass together? Does the family pray together outside of Mass?
- Has the family made significant contributions to the parish and church community?
- Does the family serve as a model of Catholic family values?
- Does the family spend its time together interacting instead of in front of the television set?
- Six of 12 Families chosen can be non-KC member families. The other six must be KC.
- Family of the Year submission must be a KC Family.

Faith in Action Programs

Is your Council documenting your completed programs in the state Directory in Preparations for the Mid-Year Report? Is your Council on track for reporting to the Supreme your 1728 reports in January? Both issues can be accomplished by documenting your Council's Programs in your Council's unique State Directory Programs folder.





State Convention Minutes Archive

Announcing the creation of the Robert Fratesi State Convention Minutes Archive

Past State Deputy Robert Fratesi, Council 2134 Greenville, faithfully preserved convention minute books over four decades. He transferred them to the State to post on the state website. He passed away in April 2019 so did not see the result of his diligent archival work. The Knights of Columbus of the Mississippi Jurisdiction will be forever grateful to Brother Fratesi for maintaining this record of our work.

The archive can be accessed here: <https://www.kofc-ms.org/convention/minutes.php> Access it from the front page of the state website using the "About Us/Archive" menu path. It currently contains minutes between 1971 and 2017. If you have hard copy or pdf versions of minutes not currently available in the archive that you'd like to donate, please let me know. You can contact me here: webmaster@kofc-ms.org or 601.259.7926

“Knights on Bikes”



CALLING ALL CATHOLIC BIKERS!

We're looking to increase the membership of our new Mississippi Knights on Bikes group! If you ride a motorcycle and are a member in good standing with your council we want you to join us! No annual dues, just a brotherhood of fellow Catholic men who like to ride!

Message me and I'll email a Membership Application!

Leonard Temple
leonard.temple@gmail.com

Adopt-a-Cross

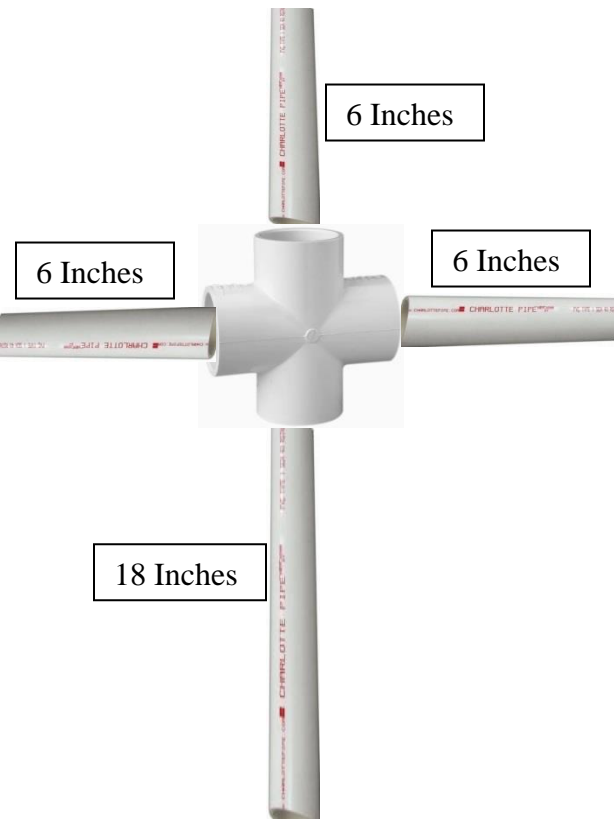
A Pro-Life Program

October is the Pro-Life Month across America. The Knights have always support Pro-Life and the rights for the unborn. With recent events across our nation and the intent of some to make abortion a more socially acceptable moral issue, it is more important than ever to take a stand against those who attack or try to influence our children, who cannot speak for themselves.

This program can be used to support youth or other church youth programs by asking people to donate \$5.00 (or more) per cross. Each cross is easy to assemble and is made from materials easily purchased from a local hardware store. Once your program is completed, the crosses can be disassembled and stored in a plastic covered container for the next time you run your program.

Cross Construction

Each cross is constructed of ½ inch PVC Piping and one ½” 4-Way Connector.



Dry fit all pieces so that they can be used over again. Store disassembled pieces in a covered plastic container.

One 10' length of PVC piping will provide enough pieces for three crosses.





Look ahead December 2021

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History of the Silver Rose



On December 9, 1531, in Mexico, Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego, a poor humble Aztec Indian who had recently converted to the Catholic faith. She asked him to go to the Bishop and tell him to build a church on that site. Juan Diego did as she asked, but the Bishop requested a sign that the message was really from Our Lady.

Mary granted the Bishop's request by showing Juan a garden of the most beautiful Castilian roses in the midst of frozen earth on the top of the hill. After Juan gathered the roses, Our Lady helped him arrange them in his poncho and said take them to the Bishop.

The Bishop was amazed, but was even more so at what began to happen to Juan Diego's poncho. Right before their very eyes, the image of Our Lady began to form on the cloth. The picture of Mary was beautiful and the Bishop fell to his knees and later had the church built, as she had requested.

Many of the indigenous Aztecs still believed in human sacrifices, which was distasteful to the Spanish. However, after Mary's appearance, everything changed. In the course of the next seven years the Indians embraced Christianity and more than 6,000,000 Indians converted to the Catholic faith, which was the largest conversion in the history of the Church! This is why Our Lady of Guadalupe is referred to as the Patroness of the Americas and the Unborn. As for Juan Diego, the humble man to whom Mary appeared, he was canonized in the summer of 2002 by Pope John Paul II.

Juan's poncho is still intact after 470 years. The colors have not faded and the cloth has not deteriorated. It is on display in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe and a Feast is held in her honor on December 12 in Mexico City.

The Silver Rose Program began in 1960, when the first rose – a real Rose – traveled from Canada to Mexico City for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Today the original real rose has been replaced with Silver Roses. All of the Roses travel from Canada through the US to Texas, where they are transferred to the Mexican Knights. On December 12, The Roses are displayed during the Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

Mississippi's "Running of the Rose"



Transfer to Mississippi Jurisdiction from Alabama at EWTN



Transfer to Louisiana at St. Charles Borromeo, Picayune



Pascagoula - Gautier Silver Rose Mass



Honor Guard at St. Charles Borromeo



Altar at St. Charles Borromeo



Silver Rose Service held by Council 14051 in Olive Branch. Thanks to Fr. Ardi for celebrating this service.

Mississippi's "Running of the Rose" (continued)



St. Joseph was fortunate to have the Silver Rose for Mass.



Presentation of Silver Rose at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Pike County



Knights in Action



Council 6765 cooked hamburgers and hotdogs to serve to all attending the St. Joseph Trunk-Or-Treat! A great parish event and fun was had by all!

Grand Knight Clinton P Hegwood Jr of Council 14051 shares with the P.R.E.P. students at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Olive Branch the importance of the Rosary.



Council 7120 held their annual Charity Pumpkin Patch. Another successful year!



Knights in Action (continued)



Life Prayer Chain today at Christ the King Catholic Church in Southaven. There were 35 that came out. Knights and parishioners taking a stand against abortion and promoting Catholic, Christian values of Pro Life!!



After 2 years, we're back!!

Christ the King had their Fall Fest this past Saturday. Thanks to all the Knights and volunteers who made this event possible.

Food was good as always!!



Council 7854, Clinton held a fishing outing. Catfish were biting, sun was hiding and burgers/hotdogs were delicious! It's wonderful to get outside and enjoy each other's company once again!



PATRIOTIC DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Sunday November 14th, 2021

HONORING:

Sir Knight William J. Horne

Hosted Live:

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Assembly 3081
Queen of Peace Catholic Church
8455 Germantown Road
Olive Branch, MS 38654



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One Nation, Under God

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Registration
2:00 pm - 2:20 pm Candidate Preparation
2:30pm - 4:30 pm Exemplification
5:00 pm - Dinner Banquet and Presentation of Certificates



**Important
Information**

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATE

*** Candidate fee to participate is \$70.00**

Cost includes:

- 4th Degree Social Baldrick
- 4th Degree Membership Pin
- Certificate, suitable for framing
- One Banquet Ticket (additional banquet tickets are \$25)

PLEASE NOTE:

**IN ORDER TO ENSURE CERTIFICATES ARE CORRECT, WE ASK THAT A
COMPLETED FORM 4 AND ALL FUNDS BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1st**

**Make checks payable to
Craig Harrell, District Master**

Mail to: **2677 Wells Rd., Raymond, MS 39154**

For additional information, please contact District Master Craig Harrell,

Phone: 601-720-8303 or Email: stmaster@kojc-ms.org

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

**John Fair
Faithful Navigator
901-604-2838**

OR

**Leonard L. Temple
District Marshal
901-606-1959**



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Dress Code: Candidates as described below:

Dark Blue, Grey or Black business suit, white dress shirt with lay down collar (no collar buttons); tie; dark socks; and dress shoes.



Dress Code Exceptions (for candidates)

Military—Dress Uniform

Police and Firemen—Formal Dress Uniforms

Priests—Regular Clerical Dress

Seminarians—Dark Suit and Tie or Seminarian Collar with Black Suit

Dress Code for Others

4th Degree Members/Observers

- New uniform.
- Black tuxedo with social baldric
- Dark suit with tie and social baldric

Honor Guard

- New uniform.

Color Guard Flag Bears

- New uniform, no Swords

Color Guard Escorts

- New uniform.
- Black tuxedo, social baldric, no gloves, no swords



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JOIN THE COLOR CORPS OF THE 4TH DEGREE. WE NEED YOU!

THE COLOR CORPS CONSISTS OF 2 SUB-GROUPS:
THE HONOR GUARD AND COLOR GUARD.

MEMBERS SERVE THE 4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLIES BY:

- ❖ Presenting & Posting the Flag of our Nation at Knights of Columbus events
- ❖ Participating in an Honor Guard for deceased Brother Knights and their Families
- ❖ Participating in Honor Guards celebrations for Priests (Anniversaries, birthdays, etc.)
- ❖ Participating in Honor Guards at the Bishops request (New church dedications, etc.)
- ❖ Participating in Honor Guard ceremonies for special Mass requests
- ❖ Participating in Honor Guards for Holy Relics
- ❖ Participating in 4th Degree Exemplification's
- ❖ Honoring our Veterans at Memorial Day celebrations

THE 4TH DEGREE UNIFORM COSTS \$449.00

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- ❖ BLAZER/COAT
- ❖ TROUSERS
- ❖ TIE
- ❖ BERET & BADGE

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FOR SIZING, VISIT WEBSITE OR CONTACT A SALES REPRESENTATIVE FOR ASSISTANCE.





Good of the Order

- Shawn Thrower, a longtime member of Council 9094 in D'Iberville, died on Saturday in Gulfport. His service will be held on Friday, October 7, at the Bradford OKeefe Funeral Home on Howard Avenue in Biloxi at 7PM. Visitation will start at 5PM. May he Rest in Peace.
- Please keep R. Lieding (PSD) granddaughter Alesha in your prayers. She was in a serious car accident just days after getting her license.
- Please keep Roseanne Mitchell in your prayers. She is near death. Roseanne is R. Lieding's (PSD) daughter's twin sister's grandmother.
- District Deputy Nick Martino was involved in a Motorcycle Accident. Please keep Nick and his family in your prayers .
- Brother Lonnie White, council 9409, Biloxi, fell and sustained multiple injuries and is awaiting surgery. Please keep Lonnie and his family in your prayers.
- Sir Knight John Barranco, Founding member of St Richard Council 15131 and John E. Tracy Assembly 3863, prior member of Council 848 and Assembly 554 in Jackson, passed away at age 95. Johnny passed away quickly and peacefully on Thursday October 21, 2021 with the family at his side. Please keep his wife Camille and his family in your prayers.
- Requesting prayers for Guy Heying's Second Cousin Sir Knight Terry Heying from Boise, Idaho. Terry was admitted to ICU due to Covid-19 symptoms. His oxygen levels are struggling. Terry is a young father of three. He and his family need the power of prayers from his brother Knights in Mississippi.