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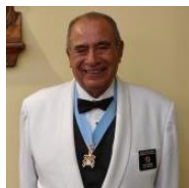
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## State Deputy Message

Hello Brother



Knights,

First of all, on behalf of my family, I would like to wish you and your family a Merry & Holy Christmas and a Happy & Joyous New Year.

November was a month of change. We moved back to standard time, winter started, and moved into the Advent season in preparations for the coming celebration of Christ's birth. However, let's not lose sight of what we need to prepare by the end of December. We all live in the world of three calendars.

The first is the January to December calendar which will conclude with the submission of the Annual Fraternal Activities "1728" Report by all Councils to Supreme and the State. This report covers all the time and moneys spent on programs during the 2021 calendar year by the council. It is the report that allows the KCs to retain its tax free status with the government.

The second in the State calendar year, April – March. As of December, we are  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way through the year and are on the downhill slide to our annual convention, which is in Tunica this year. I hope that you have been documenting your council programs in the state's directory. Program numbers listed in the state directory are used to determine convention awards.

The third calendar is Supreme's Fraternal Year, July – June. Programs completed during that timeframe are the ones used to complete your Columbian Award submissions each year.

Please work with your DDs if you have questions. They will assist you

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 Merry & Holy Christmas and a Happy & Joyous New Year.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus,

Roy Gamez  
State Deputy Mississippi Jurisdiction  
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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Grand Knights  
Financial Secretaries

FROM: Patrick T. Mason  
Supreme Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick T. Mason".

DATE: November 24, 2021

SUBJECT: January 1, 2022, Assessments

Given the gradual return to normalcy in council operations, the Board of Directors voted to reinstate the assessment process beginning January 1, 2022, which had until now been waived during the COVID-19 pandemic. The standard assessments are as follows:

- **Per Capita** assessment in the amount of \$1.75 will be levied on the membership of record as of January 1, 2022 (excluding honorary and exempt members).
- **Catholic Advertising** assessment in the amount of \$0.50 will be levied on the membership of record as of January 1, 2022 (excluding honorary and exempt members).
- **Culture of Life** assessment in the amount of \$1.00 will be levied on the membership of record in the United States and Canada as of January 1, 2022 (excluding honorary, honorary life, exempt and inactive insurance members).

Thank you.

cc. Board of Directors  
State Deputies  
District Deputies



December 2021

*State Deputy Calendar*

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## **Fraternal Benefits Advisors**

With holidays approaching we get busier and busier...right through to the end of the year. It seems nearly non-stop with family gatherings, holiday shopping, special programs at the parish and at schools. Everyone gets busier, but as busy as we are, here is one item that needs your attention: If you have not yet completed the Annual Survey, please take just a few minutes and respond. It's easier than ever and it can be done online at [www.KofCSurvey2021.org](http://www.KofCSurvey2021.org).

Your responses help us understand your current situation better. That in turn allows us to better serve you. For some that means referring you or a family member to one of our many fraternal benefits; for others it may mean updating important contact or family information; and still others may benefit from a comprehensive look at their current insurance plans. With our new financial needs analysis tool and a few minutes together we can give you an accurate picture of where you stand when it comes to your family's protection. With our full suite of products, life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities, we can help in most any situation.

Now, before things get too busy, let's meet and take a look at where you stand. Maybe you're in good shape in one area, but could use some shoring up in another. Those blind spots can be problematic, but once identified you can take the necessary steps to address them.

Thank you to the many brothers who have taken the time to meet with a Field Agent so far this year. It has been a pleasure to be of service to you and your families. On behalf of the MS Field Agents of Mississippi, I hope that you and yours have a Merry & Holy Christmas and a Happy & Joyous New Year.

Luke McClure, Asst. General Manager  
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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>

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### **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**

Reports coming up:

- Free Throw Score Sheet (1598) – January 31<sup>st</sup>
- Soccer Challenge Score Sheet (4578) – January 31<sup>st</sup>
- Christ in Christmas Contest (10784) – January 31<sup>st</sup>
- Fraternal Activities Reporting – (1728) – January 31<sup>st</sup>
- Special Olympics Report (10784) – January 31<sup>st</sup>
- Semi-Annual Survey (1295-2) – February 15<sup>th</sup>



## **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](mailto: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](mailto:leonard.temple@gmail.com)



## Look ahead

January 2022

### State Deputy Calendar

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## **Knights in Action**



State Deputy and Council 6872 members presented a check for \$11,700 to Bishop Kihneman to help with Hurricane Ida repairs to St. Charles Borromeo church



Council 6872 also made a \$2,000 donation to their Elementary School



Council 802 held an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity at St. Patrick Church in Meridian. They welcomed four new members into the Knights.



Veterans Day Luncheon at the YMCA in Olive Branch. Lead by Sir Knights Sgt David Szymanski USMC ret. and LT. Col William J. Horne USMC ret.

## **Knights in Action (continued)**



St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Pike County held an All Soul's Day Memorial Mass in Hollywood Cemetery.



Members from Bishop R. O Gerow Assembly 554, Holy Savior Council 7854, Fr. Emil J Kapaun Assembly 3826 and Bishop Brunini Assembly 2269 assisted in the presentation of Colors ceremony and the placement of American flags on Veteran grave sites in both the Clinton Cemetery and Cedar Grove Cemetery in observance of Veterans Day.

This project is an annual program activity for the Bishop R.O. Gerow Assembly and Holy Savior Council.

## **Knights in Action (continued)**

Tupelo Council 8848/Assembly 2131 have been busy. Check out some of their activities.



On October 24, they hosted their first new Exemplification Ceremony.



SK Mark Dye of Assembly 2131 presented a check to the Gold Star Memorial project for Tupelo Veterans Park.



Council 8848 sponsored its Annual Men's Retreat for the Men of St James and surrounding Parishes at St Bernard Abbey in Cullman, Alabama. This was the 29th year of the Retreat.



At the request of St James Tupelo pastor Tim Murphy, Council 8848 and Assembly 2131 prepares 7 turkeys for a Thanksgiving dinner the Parish provided for migrant workers in Calhoun County.

## **Knights in Action (continued)**

More Tupelo activities.



Cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for the St James Fall Festival



Council 8848/Assembly 2131 held a Memorial Mass for Deceased Brothers.



Council 7120 in Southaven participated in Adopt-A-Highway. We cleaned 1 mile of a local highway.



Council 7120 conducted an Exemplification and brought in 3 more members.

## **Knights in Action (continued)**



Council 4472 in Pass Christian welcomed some new members.



SK with Assembly 3281 in Pass Christian serving at their Mass for deceased members.



Knights with Council 14051 cooked and served dinner to students at the Catholic Student Center at U of M.



## **Knights in Action (continued)**



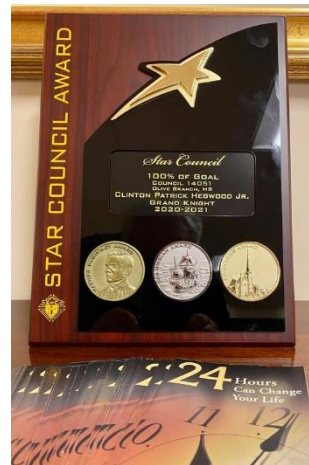
Council 14051 in Olive Branch getting ready for their "Keep Christ in Christmas" Christmas tree lot.



Starkville Council 6765 put out flags for Veteran's Day.



Assembly 558 in Vicksburg help their annual Turkey dinner for Thanksgiving.



Council 14051 presented with Star Council award.



DD Lonnie Treadaway presents McGivney Award to Council 8760.

## Knights in Action (continued)



**Faith in Action**  
**Charity, Unity and Fraternity**  
*Council 7854 - Holy Savior, Clinton Mississippi*  
**Coats for Kids Project**

On Thursday, November 11, 2021, members of Council 7854 presented two dozen winter coats to the sisters at the EXCEL Community and Learning Center, a Catholic-based mission run by the Sisters of St. Francis. The primary mission of the center is to further education, promote community building, encourage community service, and foster healthy lives for families and individuals. The council has been privileged to participate in this program for many years now. The Coats for Kids program is a pillar project in the Knights of Columbus community assistance platform. It is our extreme pleasure to participate in this program! Pictured below with Sister Eileen Hauswald is Bill O'Connor, Steve Miller, Mike Kirby and Craig Harrell.





## Patriotic Degree Exemplification

November 14, 2021

Thanks to Olive Branch Assembly 3081 for hosting the ceremony and the banquet.



Thanks to Leonard Temple for the pictures!



Congratulations to these 11 men who joined the ranks of full Knighthood in the Knights of Columbus by completing the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus!

# PATRIOTIC DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Saturday January 15th, 2022

HONORING:

Sir Knight John Barranco

Hosted Live:

John Edward Tracy, Assembly 3863

St. Richard Catholic Church

1242 Lynwood Dr.

Jackson, MS 39206



Knights of Columbus  
**FOURTH  
DEGREE**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*



One Nation, Under God

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11:00 - 12:15 P.M.— Registration  
12:30 - 12:50 P.M.— Candidate preparation  
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.— Exemplification  
4:00 P.M. — Mass at St. Richard Church  
5:00 P.M. — Social at Foley Hall adjacent to the Church  
5:30 P.M — Banquet and Presentation of Certificates



**Important  
Information**

## Candidate Fee

**\$70** (with banquet ticket) or  
**\$50** (without banquet ticket)

## Candidate Fee includes:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Social Baldric
- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Membership Pin
- Certificate
- One Banquet Ticket (\$20)

## Additional Banquet Tickets

- \$25 for guests and other attendees

## PLEASE NOTE:

**IN ORDER TO ENSURE CERTIFICATES ARE CORRECT, WE ASK THAT A  
COMPLETED FORM 4 AND ALL FUNDS BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 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@kofo-ms.org](mailto:stmaster@kofo-ms.org)

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**Craig Harrell  
District Master  
601-720-8303**

**OR**

**David Fisher  
Faithful Navigator  
601-812-7512**



Knights of Columbus  
**FOURTH  
DEGREE**  
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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

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## **Good of the Order**

- Brother and Sir Knight, Angelo Goundas, council 9409 and Assembly 0557, Biloxi, after having a stroke, has had another set back and is in the Pillars rehabilitation center in Biloxi. Please keep Angelo, his wife Joy, and their family in your prayers.
- Please keep Denny Denmark, council 1605, Pascagoula, in your prayers, he had spinal surgery and had a slight setback.
- Brother and Sir Knight Matt Yapit, council 9409 and Assy 0557, Biloxi, was admitted to the Merit Health Hospital in Biloxi for treatment of a failing kidney and pneumonia. Please keep Matt and his family in your prayers.
- Mr. William Millette passed away at the age of 96 on 11/12/2021. He was a member of council 1605 for 67 years. Please keep his wife Isabelle and their 7 children in your prayers.
- The Son, Jordan Blake Salisbury, of Council member Joe Salisbury has passed away. Please pray for Jordan and the entire Salisbury family.
- Brother Knight and Sir Knight Mr. Cleveland passed away. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.