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## State Deputy Message



Happy New Year  
Jesus Is among us!

Hello Brother Knights,

I hope that you and your family had a Merry & Holy Christmas and a Happy & Joyous New Year, but with the holidays gone, we must turn our attention to the Supreme and State reporting requirements for the end of the 2021 calendar year and what remains of the state program calendar, ending 31 March.

At the December State meeting in Long Beach, Bishop Kihneman blessed our new St. Joseph ICONs, which are now circulating around the state. Please review the schedule on the state website and ask your DD about when you can expect to have the ICON for viewing.

During January we will meet to discuss current standings and plans for the reaching our March objectives. Additional reports due in January include:

- \* Mid-Winter Meetings
- \* Fourth Degree Exemplification in Clinton
- \* Family of the Month Submission
- \* Special Olympics Report 10784 to Supreme
- \* Fraternal Survey Report 1728 to Supreme

In February Councils need to:

- \* Complete Semi-Annual Audit Report 1295
- \* Family of the Month Submission
- \* Consider Submitting the Council's 990\_E-Postcard

In March councils need to complete the following and prepare for the State Convention:

- \* Update Council Programs in the State Directory
- \* Family of the month Submission
- \* Knight of the Year Submission
- \* Family of the Year Submission
- \* SP7 Columbian Award Submission
- \* Update Necrology Database in the State Directory

In closing, I hope that you had a safe and joyous holiday, and I hope that I will see you during one of the upcoming Mid-Winter Meetings.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus,

Roy Gamez  
State Deputy Mississippi Jurisdiction  
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January 2022

State Deputy Calendar

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## **Fraternal Benefits Advisors**

The holidays are behind us. 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 bout understanding the benefits that may apply to your survivors? You have insurance for your home and car, and you should do the same for your income.



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>

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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>



## **Mid-Winter Planning**

Mid-Winter planning meetings are scheduled for all of Mississippi during January. Meeting scheduled are:

- **North Region January 8th St. Mary Church, 120 Hwy 35 North, Batesville**
- **Central Region January 9th Council 802 Home, 2217 Highway 19 North, Meridian**
- **South Region January 22nd Council 1244 Home, 717 Water St, Biloxi**

All meetings are scheduled from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Lunch will be provided by the host council. Donations are encouraged. Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights are encouraged to attend. Other council officers may also attend.

Now is the time to check your preparations for the end of the State Fraternal Year and prepare for the coming State Convention planned for April. Consider the following topics in your planning:

- All programs recorded in the State Programs Report Database
- Necrology form filled out and submitted
- All form 100's submitted to Supreme
- All Per Capita Payments for State and Supreme are current
- SP-7 Report Planning

### **Convention Preparations:**

- Best Activity forms completed and submitted
- Best Vocations Project Form submitted
- Best Council write-up completed and submitted
- Family of the Year form completed and submitted
- Knight of the Year form completed and submitted
- Convention registration complete (including the Ladies' Luncheon!!)
- Convention Ad placed by Council/Assembly/Ladies Auxiliary/Squires Circle
- Delegate slips filled out, printed and sealed by the Financial Secretary
- Charitable Donations Submitted
- GK, DD, State Chairman and State Officer reports submitted

The early bird gets the worm. The rest sit around wondering what they should have had and how big the one was that got away. Prepare and be ready. That is the name of the game.





## **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  
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## Look ahead February 2022

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## **Knights in Action**

The following pictures were taken during the Mass and Mid-Winter Meeting in Long Beach.





## **Knights in Action**



Honor Guard from Assembly 2195 participated in the Lady of Guadalupe celebration with the Spanish Mass at Christ the King Catholic Church.



Council 8848 placed a smaller version of its Crosses for the Innocent project this on the St James Church lawn to bring awareness for the Supreme Court hearing the Mississippi Case.



Council 802 participated in Coats for Kids this year by donating to Care Lodge.



Council 4472 held a Toys for Tots drive.



## **Knights in Action**

Council 14051 in Olive Branch was very festive and active this December!

### Brunch with Santa



Thanks to Fr Ardi for helping out!



### Annual Christmas party



## **Knights in Action**

Olive Branch council assisted Sacred Heart Southern Missions in distributing care packages to the residents of Rolling Hills.



At the same time, Sir Knight Mark Doane took up the challenge of furnishing a new resident's apartment. With the help of his family, neighbors and brother Knights Paul Van Tassell and John Fair and volunteers from Sacred Heart Southern Missions they completed it!



Council 13502 in Batesville had their Christmas Dinner for the Parish and "Keep Christ in Christmas" coloring contest.



## **Knights in Action**

Several of our Assemblies celebrated Wreaths Across America.

### Assembly 554



### Assembly 3081





# 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



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# 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 Baldrick
- 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@kofc-ms.org](mailto:stmaster@kofc-ms.org)

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

**OR**

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



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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 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE. WE NEED YOU!

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

MEMBERS SERVE THE 4<sup>TH</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification's
- ❖ Honoring our Veterans at Memorial Day celebrations

THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE UNIFORM COSTS \$449.00

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## **Good of the Order**

- Please keep Ken Lubbers of Southern Council 7120 and his family in your prayers. He lost his grandson in a car wreck.
- Faithful Navigator Matt Hatch of Assembly 2195 is dealing with some health issues. Please keep his health and family in your prayers.
- Sir Knight Jerry J. Cortez of Picayune Council 6872 passed away yesterday. Jerry was a Past Treasurer of 6872 with 43 years of service. Please keep Jerry and his wife Iva in your prayers.
- SK Mat Yapit, who was a member of Assy 0557 and Council 9409 in Biloxi, passed away. Mat was a PGK of council 9409 and PFN of Assy 0557. Please keep Mat and his family in your prayers. May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- Madeline Rickman, wife of John Rickman, council 9409, Biloxi, lost her younger brother, Joe Durand in Seattle, and her dad, Vern Durand passed away in Montana. They both had liver cancer. Please keep John, Madeline, and Madeline's family in your prayers.
- Brother Knight Eugene Keaney passed away. Eugene is the father-in-law of fellow member Randy Mars. Please keep Eugene's wife Libby in your Prayers along with the rest of the extended Keaney family.
- Martin Bisek's battle with cancer is over. He passed away in his sleep at home. He was a member of St Francis Council 9543. Always the servant, he chose to help others by making an anatomical gift of his Earthly body. Thank you for the continued prayers.
- Brother knights Ed Guardanapo, Council 9094, D'Iberville has passed away. Br. Guardanapo was a regular fixture in the council and faithfully helped at several functions. Unfortunately, for the past few years, he was confined to the VA due to illness. Please be sure to keep him in your prayers, as well as his family. He will be sorely missed.
- Please keep Cara Groves, daughter of Past State Deputy Rich Lieding in your prayers. She has been fighting the lingering effects of Covid-19 for the last 3 months.
- Sir Knight Leonard Nahlen of Council 12271 and Assembly 2759 at the Seabee Base in Gulfport passed away on December 21 after a long illness.
- Brother William "Bill" Hetrick passed away. Bill was a beloved member of Council 7854 in Clinton and Assembly 554 in Jackson. He is survived by his wife Marilyn. He will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege to meet him. Please keep Bill and his family in your prayers.
- Michael "Boo" Hoffaur of Council 6872, Picayune is in the hospital with Covid. His wife, Mary, asks that you lift up Boo to the baby Jesus and request his healing Graces. May God Bless all of our ill and deceased members at this Blessed time!