



2021/2022 State Officers

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State Deputy Message



Happy Spring Brother Knights,

Traditionally, April showers bring May flowers, but as we come to the end of another State Fraternal Year, I hope that your preparations for our State Convention are nearly complete. There are a couple of items that all Councils should keep in mind. The first is that any Council that is not current with its State Per Capita is subject to having its delegates not seated at the convention. As a result we will be excepting checks the day of registration, but please try to submit your payments before their arrival. Secondly, each Council should have all their State Programs documented and Supreme Reports up to date to be eligible for State Awards. So get your activities documented and those reports completed and submitted.

On the following page is another copy of the Convention checkoff sheet for your information and use. I am also attaching an abbreviated convention agenda in this issue for your information. I look forward to seeing many of you at the convention in Tunica, April 22-24. Come down and enjoy the fellowship.

April is also the start of a new State Fraternal Year. Please take some time to pull a report of what you accomplished last year from the State Directory to help with your planning for your next year. Ben Morky, our Webmaster, has developed several very useful reports for our use.

In closing, I know that this has been a tough year for many of councils. Coming back alive after the COVID-19 Shutdowns has not been an easy task, but we have come through the storm and we will hopefully have a smoother time during the 2022-2023 timeframe. Please keep in mind that we need everyone's strength and input to make things work. It is only through participation that we can feel true fraternity with our fellow Knights.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus,

Roy Gamez
State Deputy Mississippi Jurisdiction



Convention check list

- ☐ All form 100's submitted to Supreme
- ☐ All Per Capita Payments for State and Supreme are current
- ☐ Submit the SP-7 report

Convention Registration Site:

- ☐ 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

Council Programs and Necrology Reporting:

- ☐ All programs recorded in the State Programs Report Database
- ☐ Necrology form filled out and submitted

Convention Officer Reports

- ☐ GK, DD, State Chairman and State Officer reports submitted to State Secretary
stsecretary@kofc-ms.org



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Mississippi State Council
118th Annual State Meeting
21, 22 23 & 24 April 2022
Tunica, Mississippi



Friday, 22 April 2022

- a.m. Mass for the Cause of Father Michael J. McGivney– State Chaplain, Father Mike Austin, **Good Shepherd**
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. State Officers Meeting – **Cypress Board Room**
- 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Convention Registration – **Convention Lobby**
- 1:00 – 5:30 p.m. Delegate Registration – **Live Oak A**
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. District Deputies Meeting – **Dogwood**
- 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Mississippi District, Fourth Degree Meeting – **Magnolia (4th Degree Members)**
- 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Banner procession rehearsal
- NOTE: Upon arrival, banners and stands are to be placed in the “Cypress Board Room”.***
- 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. **FIRST BUSINESS SESSION – Live Oak A (3rd Degree Members ONLY)**
- FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SOCIAL**
- 6:45 p.m. Friday Night Dinner Social-Honoring Clergy and Religious – **Live Oak B/C**
- 9:00 – p.m. Hospitality Rooms Open/After Banquet Entertainment

Saturday, 23 April 2022

- a.m. Memorial Mass – Bishop **Kopacz** as Principal Celebrant – Necrology of Deceased Members and Wives – **Good Shepherd**
- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Convention Registration – **Convention Lobby**
- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Delegate Registration – **Live Oak B**
- 10:00 – 11:45 a.m. **CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
- 10:00 – 12:00 p.m. State Ladies Auxiliary Business Meeting – **Live Oak A**
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Past State Deputies Luncheon – **Tupelo**
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. District Deputies and Former District Deputies Luncheon – **Magnolia**
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Ladies Luncheon – **Dogwood**
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch – **On your own**
- 1:00 – 2:45 p.m. **SECOND BUSINESS SESSION – Live Oak A (3rd Degree Members ONLY)**
- 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. **TRAINING SESSIONS**
- SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET**
- 6:00 – p.m. Dignitaries Assemble for Procession – **Live Oak A**
- 6:00 – p.m. Color Guard Assembles – **Magnolia & Dogwood**
- 6:30 – p.m. Doors to Banquet room opened – **Live Oak B/C**

Sunday, 24 April 2022

- a.m. Concelebrated Convention Mass – Bishop **Kihneman** as Principal Celebrant – **Good Shepherd**
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Credentials Committee – State Secretary, **Guy Heying**, **Cypress Board Room**
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **OPEN AWARDS SESSION – Live Oak A**
- 11:00 – a.m. **THIRD BUSINESS SESSION – Live Oak A (3rd Degree Members ONLY)**

‘In Solidarity with our Church’



April 2022

State Deputy Calendar

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Fraternal Benefits Advisors

Worthy Brothers

April is Tax time, but it is also a time to consider what you may need to help Navigate Your Future requirements. Please review the questions below and contact one of the KC Fraternal Advisors below for assistance in helping you navigate the financial issues that may come up in planning your future.

- Assistance in providing information on alternative strategies for low interest-earning saving accounts.
- Provide information on tax-efficient savings for retirement.
- Provide information on Long Term Care coverage and costs.
- Provide information on Disability Income protection form myself and spouse in the event of a prolonged injury or illness.
- Provide information on additional, affordable life insurance protection for my family in the event of my death.

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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

Reports coming up:

- Family of the Month (10787) – April 15th
- 990 IRS Reporting - April 15th
- State Convention – April 22st – 24rd



Knights Deliver Aid to Ukraine

Everyone is trying to provide assistance to the Ukraine people during this time of trouble. Our State Council has requested that all KC Councils/Assemblies consider approving and submitting funds for forwarding to Supreme in support of the combined KC Ukraine Solidarity Fund. All allocated funds should be submitted to our State Secretary, Guy Heying. Checks should be made out to the State Council with an annotation noting Ukraine Solidarity Fund and mailed to:

Guy Heying

KofC State Secretary

140 Greenway Ct.

Ridgeland, MS 39157



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



Look ahead

May 2022

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Knights in Action



On March 5, 2022, two brothers from Council 7910 spent an afternoon helping a disabled parishioner in their community who had squirrels entering her home. Upon inspection, Brothers Doug LeMere and John Barnes identified a section of the soffit and fascia that was damaged with an open access for the pesky rodents. The brothers removed the damaged material and replaced it with new fascia and soffit boards.



Council 802 in Meridian conducted a food drive. All food and was distributed by MCCSA which does meals on wheels and other programs.

Council 7854 moving in new furniture for the construction of a new Parish Hall.



Knights in Action (continued)

Bishop Joseph Kopacz did 4 PM Saturday Mass at Good Shepherd today. Thanks to these Sir Knights from Southaven Assembly 2195 and Olive Branch Assembly 3081 for serving in the Honor Guard!



These Knights from Council 7120 worked the concession stand for Disney on Ice at Landers Center as a continuing fundraiser for the council. They did around \$3,600 in total sales!



Knights in Action (continued)

Bishop Louis Kihneman gave an interesting and impressive presentation to District 15 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Gulfport. In this cross-collaborative event, he emphasized Intentional Discipleship and the need to evangelize to the people of our parishes to preserve the future of our church.

There were 39 brothers in attendance from St. Joseph, St. James, and St. John parish councils.

The Bishop asked, "Who in here has lost a friend or family member from attending church?" All brothers in attendance raised their hands. "What are we going to do to address these losses?" said Kihneman. The Bishop shared that new RCIA members, our CYO, and even brothers in the councils all need someone to mentor them. "It's a global issue!" stated the Bishop. The Knights are a perfect resource to support this alarming need.

He also shared several points in Missio Nostra "Our Mission", a book about living out the great commission of Jesus Christ. The past four popes all shared the need for evangelization within our churches and the Bishop offered several tools to assist us in this amazing Diocesan Guide for Evangelization.

After his presentation, District Deputy John Barnes gave Bishop Kihneman a book called The Knights of Columbus. After several group photos were taken, the Bishop joined all the brothers in Depew Hall for refreshments and fellowship.





Knights in Action (continued)



Vicksburg Assembly 558 getting ready to roll meatballs for the 4th degree Priest Education Spaghetti Dinner

Vicksburg Council 898 collecting for the Storehouse Food Pantry. Thanks to the Boy Scouts and Cubs Scouts for helping with the collection and giving their time.



Knights in Action (continued)

Several Councils hosted fish fries this Lenten season.



Gulfport Council 7910



Olive Branch Council 14051



Vicksburg Council 898



North Biloxi Council 9094



Bilox1 Council 1244



Knights of Columbus



Bishop R. O. Gerow, Council 1034

Meetings: Second & Fourth Mondays 6:30 p.m.

Archbishop R. O. Gerow Council 1034 & August J. Stone Assembly 559



MARCH 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 4, 2022 Fish Fry Family Life Ctr 5-7pm
- March 11, 2022 Fish Fry Family Life Ctr 5-7pm
- March 14, 2022 Gen Business Mtg KC Hall 630 pm
- March 18, 2022 Fish Fry Family Life Ctr 5-7pm
- March 25, 2022 Fish Fry Family Life Ctr 5-7pm
- March 27, 2022 Family Rosary 5pm online at Council Facebook page
- March 28 2022 Pot Luck KC Hall 6:30 pm
- April 1 2022 Fish Fry Family Life Ctr 5-7pm
- April 2, 2022 Patriotic Degree, Long Beach, MS
- April 8, 2022 Fish Fry Family Life Ctr 5-7pm
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by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.



Knights Paul Burns and Charles Garrity along with Server Kot Morris lead the way through the Stations of the Cross at St. Marys Basilica



Good of the Order

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sir Knight Joe Baker from Southaven Assembly 2195.
- Keep Sir Knight Robert Wilson of Southaven Council 7120 and his family in your prayers; his brother died. Pray for the repose of his soul.
- Please keep the soul and family of Julia Ray mother of Brother David Ray, Deputy Grand Knight of Council 10901, who passed away.
- Please keep the soul and family Nancy Wilkin Mother of Brother Noel Wilkin of Council 10901 who passed away.
- Prayers are requested for Guy Heying's nephew Eddie Beedle who is struggling with the late stages of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and has started home hospice. Please keep Eddie and his family in your prayers as they deal with the late stages of his life.
- Sir Knight Paul Melancon passed away. Paul went to his eternal reward following a lengthy illness. Services were planned for in Diamondhead, MS.

PATRIOTIC DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Saturday April 2nd, 2022

HONORING:

Sir Knight Rodney J. Sandoz

Hosted By:

St. Thomas the Apostle Council 4898/
Fr. John P. O'Conner Assembly 1719
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
720 Beach Blvd E
Long Beach, MS 39560



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
5:15 P.M. — Social
6:00 P.M — Banquet and Presentation of Certificates



**Important
Information**

Candidate Fee

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

Candidate Fee includes:

- 4th Degree Social Baldric
- 4th 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, A
COMPLETED FORM 4 AND ALL FUNDS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN March 27th**



Make Check Payable to:
Craig Harrell, District Master

Mail To:
2677 Wells Rd.
Raymond, MS 39154

Payment thru Venmo: @Craig-Harrell-14

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

Craig Harrell
District Master
601-720-8303

Email: stmaster@kofc-ms.org

OR

Ben DiLorenzo
Faithful Comptroller
228-596-3379

Email: bjd1958@gmail.com

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



Knights of Columbus
**FOURTH
DEGREE**
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