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State Deputy Message

Welcome Brother Knights, August is traditionally dedicated

to the Immaculate Heart of Mary because of her love for God the Father, her maternal love for her

son Jesus Christ, and her motherly and compassionate love for all mankind. As we leave July, your draft Council program planning should be completed, and your council officers should be installed.

This month we continue programs that embody Christ's message of love and charity through Faith, Family, Life, and Community actions. On August 13th we will celebrate the Feast of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney and on the 15th the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Since August also includes "Family Week," why not consider conducting a family-oriented program that encompasses as many of the seven pillar principles as possible.

- Pilar 1 Prayerful
- Pilar 2 Invitational
- Pilar 3 Hospitality
- Pilar 4 Inspirational
- Pilar 5 Sacramental
- Pilar 6 Formational
- Pilar 7 Missionful

One idea that has come to mind is an Ice Crean Social. To increase its evangelization properties, maybe add a multiple-choice question and answer sheet dealing with church items, services, etc. This will allow the family to work together on church doctrine and education. You could even consider awarding a prize for the winners, and if you have a church religious store, the prize could be for gift certificates to that store. Win, win all the way around. Remember to work with your local Pastor to get his approval and buy-in on the date and time for the program.

In closing, I look forward to seeing picture and hearing about all the ideas that each comes up with for their Family Day Event. 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

PS: Please ensure that you pay your Per Capita taxes to the state by August 31 and submit your completed council audit by August 15th.





Congratulations to Our Award-Winning Councils

WINNERS OF THE 2021-2022 STAR COUNCIL, COLUMBIAN, FATHER MCGIVNEY AND FOUNDERS' AWARDS

The Supreme Council office has announced the winners of the 2021-2022 Star Council, Columbian, Father McGivney and Founders' awards.

As of the date of this publication, councils winning the Star Council Award numbered 1,736. Texas led with 171 councils, Luzon South with 167, and Luzon North with 156 councils. The totals for the other awards were 3,601 Columbian Award winners; 3,759 Father McGivney Award winners; and 3,120 Founders' Award winners.

Awards are now being engraved and will be sent to district deputies. If a council wins only a Founders' Award, it will be sent to the council's general agent. Councils who earned the Columbian, Father McGivney and Founders' Awards but did not meet all requirements towards Star Council are noted below with the abbreviation CFM.

Questions concerning any of these awards should be forwarded to the Fraternal Mission Department – fraternalmission@kofc.org.

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August 2022

State Deputy Calendar

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Fraternal Benefits Advisors

Worthy Brothers

Welcome to the middle of summer! July means most are in full summer vacation mode. Kids are out of school (And parents are already counting down the days till they return!) and family vacations are planned or maybe already taken. For many it's the time to get outdoors and enjoy some good weather. The temperature, much like Goldilocks and the Three Bears, for some will be too hot, for some too cool and for others...just right.

I hope you get to spend some quality time with your family as the summer moves on. A shady spot in the yard or on the porch may be all you want or need. You might just get away all by yourself for some quality rest and relaxation. For some that might mean the family road trip, kids and parents driving to that favorite vacation spot. For some that are older it might mean the trip to see the grandkids. Whatever it is that recharges your battery and strengthens the family bonds, I hope you get to do it.

Speaking of driving, it isn't prudent to drive without proper auto insurance. Anyone who does could be in a bad spot should the unexpected happen. The same is true for the insurance coverages that the Order has available. The Knights of Columbus has the products to protect you and your family as you drive down the road of life.

I appreciate the opportunity to meet with brother Knights and their spouses and continue the Tradition of protection that Blessed Michael McGivney envisioned. Although I've met with many members of the council, my goal is meet with each of you so you can take advantage of the free service I provide. The financial needs analysis tool that the Order has provided will take a snapshot of where you stand today, what your goals and objectives are and help identify any gaps in your coverage.

Let's get together. I'll give you a call soon. This drive through life has many unexpected sharp turns, speed bumps and blind spots!

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Blessed Michael J. McGivney



Father Michael J. McGivney, 1880 / Charcoal drawing by John J. Tierney / Knights of Columbus Museum Collection

August is a special time to remember the life and legacy of our Order's Founder

On August 12, 1852, Blessed Michael J. McGivney was born into such a family. He was the oldest in a family of thirteen, of which only seven would survive their childhood. He completed his primary education at thirteen and then worked in factories for a few years to help his family before he pursued his calling to the priesthood. Unfortunately, Father McGivney's father passed away while he was in the seminary, and he had to return home to support his family once again.

Now Father McGivney's story could have ended when he returned to help support his family, but his calling was strong and with the help of the Bishop of Hartford, Connecticut he returned to complete his studies and was ordained on December 2, 1877. Once a Priest, Father McGivney realized that there were many in his congregation who had similar problems to what he experienced during his youth. Asking a group of men in his parish to step out of their

comfort zones he helped found the Widows and Orphans Fund that would later become the insurance program the Knights of Columbus enjoys today.

Unfortunately, at the age of 38, Father McGivney died of pneumonia during an outbreak of the Russian flu, but the knights he helped found continued and has become a worldwide movement in the Catholic Church. On 31 Oct 2020 the Venerable Fether Michael J. McGivney was beatified and became Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney. Every year on 13 August we celebrate and honor Blessed Father McGivney. If you aren't a member of the Blessed Michael McGivney guild, please consider becoming one, 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. Please continue to pray for our Founder's elevation to sainthood so that in the near future, we might offer our prayers to Saint Michael J. McGivney.



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 (<u>Tutorial video</u> 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.



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



September 2022

State Deputy Calendar

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Knights in Action

Three School of Columbianism events were held this July.

South Mississippi









North Mississippi





Central Mississippi







Honor Guard at Kessler Air Force Base









Meridian Council 802 held a Recognition Banquet.

Thanks to Scout Troop 7 for all the help (right)!



During a prayer service this month in the chapel at Holy Spirit church in Hernando, MS, 32 lay people made their one-year commitment as Dehonian Associates. Fr. Vien Nguyen, provincial superior, led the service.

Two of them were Leonard Temple from Council 14051 and David Daleke from Council 7120.











Various activities from Southaven Council 7120/Assembly 2195









Knights cooking breakfast for Confirmation retreat



Assembly 2195's Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser is back!







Council 7120 participating in the Adopt-A-Highway program, in which they clean up part of a local highway to help the community.



Waveland Council 16433 held an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Congratulations to our new brothers!





















Presentation of Christopher Fund check for \$1,611.19 to Diocese of Jackson



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 8 2022 General Business Mtg KC Hall 6:30 pm
- August 22, 2022, Pot-Luck, Family Life Center, Officer installation 6:30pm
- August 28, 2022, Family Rosary KC Hall 5 pm
- Sept 12, 2022 General Business Mtg KC Hall 6:30 pm
- Sept 25, 2022, Family Rosary Online 5 pm
- Sept 26, 2022 Pot-Luck, Family Life Center, 6:30pm
- Ocl 10, 2022 General Business Mtg KC Hall 6:30 pm
- Oct 24, 2022, Family Rosary Online 5 pm
- Oct 30, 2022 Family Rosary Online 5 pm

Bishop R. O. Gerow Council 1034 August J. Stone Assembly 559

AUGUST 2022





Notes from your Grand Knight

Greetings, Brothers!

Officer installation is set for August 22 at the family life Center Bring your families. We are in the midst of making plans for our annual Spaghetti and Meatball Lunch. Get your hands ready to roll. We also still have the rifle raffle going on. The winner is to be drawn at the Spaghetti lunch so finalize up your sales pitches and get the monies into Darren.

Vivat Jesus Jim Maier Grand Knight

Faithful Navigator Log

Happy August fellow Sir Knights. It has been a busy summer so far. We had the In Their Boots program for the Assembly as well as the our Council activities of Feeding the Choir, Biking for Babies, and the Miss-Lou Pregnancy center. Coming up is the Spaghetti and Meatball Lunch. We will also have the Officer Installation August 22 at the Family Life Center. There will be an exemplification for the Patriotic degree on Sept 17 in Brookhaven. Details attached



If you have a business, email me a image of your business card and I will include it in the newsletter

Vivat Jesus

Steve Nielsen

Faithful Navigator August Stone Assembly 559

In Action



Miss-Lou Pregnancy director Kimberly Deloche shows Sir Knight Steve Nielsen the new Ultrasound Machine funded by the Knights of Columbus



Brother Knight Mark LaFrancis leads the program In Their Boots: Voices of Our Soldiers. A program available through the Mississippi Humanities Council.



The Miss-Lou Pregnancy Center held it's grand openinh July 18. The event was well attended with local dignitaries, and supportors.





Graduating sons and daughters of KC members joined us at the July pot luck and received graduation scholarships from the Council Maria Verucchi and Joseph Garrity are both headed off to college later this month causing grief and anguish for their parents.



Good of the Order

- Please pray for the family of Council 7120's Grand Knight DJ Godwin. His mother has to get rescanned to check the status of 2 aneurysms. Also, his sister just gave birth to her first child. Pray that everything goes ok on both fronts.
- Your prayers are requested for Harvey Caldwell, PGK, FDD, of Council 10443 in Grenada. Harvey was taken to St Dominic's Hospital last night with Covid. He was severely dehydrated.
- Update from Danny Lechner: By the grace of God and your prayers, Roberta is now home and resting. She is doing a lot better. In 4 weeks, a decision whether or not to do a second stint. (They were only able to do one of the 3 that she needed) My family and I would like to thank you for your prayers and well wishes.