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From the Desk of the Grand Knight

Once again Lent is here and the Fish Fry season has begun. The first Fish Fry was moderately successful with just over eighty plates being served. The fellowship was outstanding and everyone had a great time. I encourage all my brother Knights to go ahead and contact their committee chairman and volunteer to work a fish fry, dont wait for your committee chairman to contact you.

We are also approaching a very serious deadline for several brother Knights. If you have not paid your annual dues as of yet you are about to receive notification of the intent to suspend. Sadly this happens far to many times each year and causes needless hardship on the brother Knights and officers of this council. If your annual dues are in arrears I encourage you to contact the Financial Secretary (Dr. Joe Supple) at your earliest convenience and make any necessary arrangements to correct this situation.

We are once again coming up on Convention time. This year the Mississippi Jurisdiction Convention will be in Vicksburg. It is a wonderful and wondrous thing to see so many brother Knights gathered together in one place working towards common goals for the good of all Knights in the Jurisdiction. I strongly urge you to attend the convention, if only for a single day, if you are able.

Vivat Jesus - Mike Mitchell

From Your DGK

We are working with the CSA on improvements to the building on 5th St. If you are interested in helping, please contact myself or Dennis Ott. Your help is greatly needed. It will be an ongoing project. We are hoping to complete the project by the start of the fall semester. I feel that everyone will be able to help in one way or another, even if it is providing food and drinks to the workers.

Springtime is just around the corner. We need volunteers to help with the mowing of the lawn. If you are unable to do it yourselves, donations to help pay someone to do it for you will do. Please at least sign up for one weekend during the summer. Contact myself if you are able to work.

Birthdays for March

Tony Grant	2nd	Mike Mitchell	3rd
Greg White	3rd	Jacob Eftink	3rd
Guy Turnbow	7th	John Minor	8th
Joe Tull	16th	Tim Walsh	21st
Edward Messal	23rd	Ted Smith	28th
Pascual Cruz	30th		

Family of the Month Jim and Dorothy Pratt

Knight of the Month Jeff Hooper

Remember the Rosary is prayed at 8:00am every Sunday

From Your Membership Director

Congratulations are in order for two new brothers who became members of the Knights of Columbus on February 13th. They are Gray Buchanan and Stephen Bertucci. Gray is a student at Ole Miss and was proposed by Mike Mitchell. Stephen is also a student at Ole Miss and was proposed by Mark Shows. Thanks to Mike and Mark for their recruiting efforts and welcome to Gray and Stephen. Please welcome these two new brothers at your first opportunity. We have just completed eight months, July 1 through February 28, of our Fraternal Year. As I noted previously, our goal is six new members before June 30th. With the exemplification of our new brothers we now have two new members towards our goal.

Believe it or not, there are men in our Parish who are not members of the Knights of Columbus. The only reason is that no one has asked them to join the Knights.

We have to continue adding new membership to reach our councils goal and your Membership Committee needs your help. A First Degree Exemplification is planned for all of our monthly council meetings. Our next meeting is Thursday, March 13th at 7:00 pm. Please contact any potential new members as soon as possible.

Membership is a never ending need for every council and ours is no exception. So as I always say, Ask a man to become a Knight of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus - Bob Hudson

Church Committee Report Jacob Eftink

Community Committee Report David DiCarlo

Council Committee Report Jeff Hooper

These words come from Francis Fernandez, author of In Conversation with God. Francis was born in Grenada in 1938, a graduate in History from the University of Navarre, he also holds a doctorate in Canon Law from Angelicum in Rome. He is a priest of the Opus Dei Prelature. Since his ordination in 1964

much of his pastoral ministry has been with University students. Among his published works are an Anthology of texts with more than 6000 quotes from spiritual writers throughout the ages, "Lukewarmness-The Devil In Disguise" and Commentaries on the Gospels of Matthew and St. Luke. The following comes from "In Conversation with God"

"There are many reasons for doing penance during this Lent, and we must seek out specific little ways of practising it: mortification at meals - such as the abstinence commanded by the Church; living punctuality; keeping guard over our imagination.....and also, with the advice of our spiritual director, of our confessor, other bigger mortifications, which can help us to purify our soul and to make amends for our own sins and for those of others. For good or for evil we constantly influence the people around us, people in the Church and in the world. We influence them not only by the good or bad example that we give, but by the direct results of our actions. God ask us to be a cause of joy and light for the whole church. It will be a great help to us if we go about our work and our other daily occupations with the knowledge that we are helping other people, and indeed the whole Mystical Body of Christ, through our penance. A Christian life can be filled with this penance that God sees. It could be the offering up of an illness or just tiredness; giving way and surrendering our own opinion; putting everything into our work, which we do well and finish off for love of God, imposing order on our effects and personal things. The type of penance that is particularly pleasing to God is that which brings together many little acts of charity and which tends to make the way towards God easier and more pleasant for others. When we approach the altar of our God, let us make sure we are not weighed down even slightly by sentiments of resentment or enmity or hard feelings. On the contrary let us endeavour to carry with us many deeds of understanding for others, courtesy, generosity and mercy. Our Mother, Mary, will help us to discover many opportunities in our everyday occupations of giving ourselves generously to the people around us." God Bless all of you during this Lent Season. May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

Family Committee Report Bill Reynolds

Youth Committee Report Jeff Hallam

From your state warden Peter Sukanek

From Fr. Joe

What being a Knight means to me James Reid This section of the newsletter rotates between the members of the council. Each member should submit an article to this section of the newsletter at least every two years. Jeff Hooper coordinates getting articles for this section of the newsletter. His email can be found below under the Council committee. I will work on editing the newsletter in order to streamline the processes of both producing the newsletter and updating the web site. Mark Shows will continue to mail the newsletter to the membership. A big thank you is due to Tony Grant, Duane Andrews, and

Mark Shows. All have done an outstanding job producing the newsletter and the council owes them a debt of gratitude. I particularly appreciate Marks help in producing this March 2003 issue. In order to keep future issues on time it will be crucial that submissions to the newsletter be promptly made by email to mmreid@olemiss.edu on or before the first Tuesday of each month. Stay up late after the planning meetings if you have to but we need to receive the articles by then. Just type them into an email. Even if your report for the month is only God bless my brother Knights then send that, each Knight who has a section in the newsletter needs to submit an article every month. A special thank you goes out to Bob for his faithfulness in contributing to the newsletter in a timely and consistent manner. Well done.

My family recently received some exciting news. We had shown interest in adopting two sisters from India through the same adoption agency that we used for getting Dottie. The agency, Holt International, selected our family to adopt these girls - Miriam and Michelle. Our paperwork is moving along and they will join our family in about 6 to 10 months. Miriam and Michelle will turn 4 and 5 years old in the fall. They are healthy beautiful children whose pictures were in the Holt Family magazines waiting children section. We knew there would be plenty of interest in families interested in adopting these girls and there was. We were shocked and grateful when we were selected as the girls adoptive parents. I didnt believe such a wonderful thing could happen to me or that I even deserved to be selected as these girls father. After we were selected I had the feeling that God reached down from Heaven above to touch me on the shoulder and tell me that he loved me by giving me these two girls to raise. Miriam and Michelle's father dying wish is that his children be raised by Christians. May we and our parish be worthy of this wish. Gods grace is free and unearned. His love is unconditional. Miracles happen. This is one.

The Holt international adoption agency was founded by a couple, Harry and Dorothy Holt. They were touched by the plight of orphans during and after the Korean war. The Holts worked with Korean friends to found orphanages there and ultimately throughout the world. As reported by a longtime Korean collaborator, Harry Holt made the comment after burying two Korean orphans "When we see God, who will answer for these children?". Harry died young in the 1960s while his wife Dorothy only recently died at the age of 99. One couple changed the world significantly for many children and their families. It is not that God can work miracles it is that he does work miracles every day for every one of us.

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