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Special Note Congratulations to our new State Deputy Rich Leiding.

From the Desk of the Grand Knight Mike Mitchell

From the Desk of the Grand Knight The 99th Annual Knights of Columbus Convention was held in Vicksburg on April 25-27, 2003. For those of you who were unable to attend it was a really great meeting with ideas being exchanged, information being shared and good fellowship all around. The 106 delegates who were seated addressed the issues placed before them in the four general business sessions without problems or concerns thanks largely to the efforts of the host Council 898 of Vicksburg. The delegates were also broken up into smaller committee groups to decide issues like Knight and Family of the Year, best Projects and other things of this nature. The committee groups also made recommendations on issues like mileage and per diem payments for state officers and committee persons, ways to improve recognition of the Order and other house keeping type functions. The delegates were also responsible for taking action on nine resolutions sent to the convention by state officers and other councils in the jurisdiction. These resolutions were: Resolution 1 was in appreciation for the excellent manner in which Council 898 hosted the 99th Convention. Resolution 2 was in appreciation for Brother Leo Segalla, the Supreme Representative, and his wife Mary Lynn for their attendance and an invitation for them to return to the Mississippi Jurisdiction whenever they are able. Resolution 3 dealt with the annual Handicap Bowling Tournament. Resolution 4 dealt with the annual Golf Tournament (not the Convention Golf Tournament). Resolution 5 is a petition to the Supreme

Council for the election of Brother Guy S. Todaro to the Supreme Board of Directors or to the position of Supreme Warden. Through its 100 year history there has never been a representative elected to Supreme Office or the Supreme Board of Directors from the Mississippi Jurisdiction. Those of you who have had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Brother Guy Todaro know that we could ask for no better person to represent us at the Supreme level. Resolution 6 dealt with the increase of mileage from 0.20 to 0.25 per mile one way for state officers, committee persons and delegates. Resolution 7 again stated the solidarity of the Knights of Columbus, in particular the Mississippi Jurisdiction, with our priests in light of the recent allegations being raised in the by the media. Resolution 8 petitions the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus to recognize and endorse, within the next two years, a national/international Columbian Squires Convention. This has not happened in the 75 year history of the Squires. Resolution 9 states the Mississippi Jurisdiction's support of President George W. Bush and the brave men and women of our Armed Forces. We also resolved to continue to pray for the repose of the souls of all persons who have lost their lives during the war in Iraq and to pray for their families. These resolutions were passed with no dissenting votes. The most important task set for the delegates was the election of the state officers for the coming year. This duty was discharged in the same efficient manner that all other tasks were handled. As your Grand Knight I had the distinct pleasure of nominating for the office of State Advocate our own Peter Sukanek. The new officers for the 2003-2004 Fraternal year are as follows: State Deputy Rich Leiding State Secretary Larry Tabor State Treasurer Danny Lechner State Advocate Peter Sukanek State Warden Jerry Schmuck The 100th Annual Convention will be in Jackson and will be based in the Crowne Plaza Hotel. No other details are available at this time but I am sure it will be a very memorable convention. We will also be having the convention back in the north of the state in 2008. Council 8848 of Tupelo will be hosting this convention and will need our assistance and support with this endeavor. My only regret from this convention is that there were not more of my Brother Knights from across the jurisdiction present to witness the interaction of so many and to share in the fellowship and spirit of being a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Grand Knights' State Convention Report

After our quarterly Corporate Communion in June of 2002 District Deputy Dennis Louis installed the duly elected officers of Council 10901 for the 2002-2003 Fraternal year as follows:

Chaplain Father Joseph Dyer Warden Walt Turnbull Grand Knight Mike Mitchell Advocate Jacob Eftink Deputy Grand Knight Mark Shows Inside Guard Tom Taylor Chancellor Joe Tull Outside Guard Scott Shows Financial Secretary Joe Supple, Sr Three Year Trustee James Reid Recorder Jeffrey Hooper Two Year Trustee Duane Andrews Treasurer Eddie Metrejean One Year Trustee Paul Patak

The Officer Installation was followed by our annual awards banquet that was also a celebration of 10 years of Columbianism for our council.

This auspicious beginning, however, fell somewhat short as the year progressed. Our projects have continued to grow and bring much satisfaction to our council, parish and community. The Knights are an integral part of all activities in the parish. We attended the School of Columbianism and the Mid Winter meetings. We have however had to suspend several members for non-payment of dues and are working to try and prevent this from happening in the future.

A list of our most fulfilling and successful events follows: Cook for the Total Youth Ministry once a month Lead the Rosary each Sunday Support our Seminarian, Lenin Vargas Set up and break down booths for Annual Parish Oktoberfest Sponsor and man booths at the Oktoberfest Park cars at Ole Miss home games Sponsor and cook at October Hay Ride Sponsor and cook at Family Splash Party Sponsor and cook at Family Fun Day at Wall-Doxey State Park Sponsor four tables and annual Save A Life Banquet Provide Catechisms to new RCIA graduates Provide Rosaries to First Communicants Annual Lenten Fish Fry that benefits St. John's Building Fund Adoption of families for Christmas (provide gift cards to grocery store and presents for children) Annual Christmas Gathering preceded by Corporate Communion Annual Tootsie Roll Drive Provide Babysitting for Christmas shoppers Organize, supervise and work with renovation of Collegiate Student Center Replace tables in Parish Center Assist with maintenance of Parish buildings and lawn care We will endeavor to provide greater service to our Brother Knights, our Parish and our community in the future. It is hoped that our recruiting/retention problems can be corrected and we can again post gains

in membership.

From Your DGK Mark Shows

Summer is almost here and we have several events planned for the summer. I would like to have some support from all, in our ventures this summer. I know that you can not make all events, but please plan to help at least at one during the summer. All of you are needed to make this Knight's council success. I challenge all of you to get more involved with our council. If you have any problems with how things are going, or just want to make a suggestion. Please let me know. All comments are welcomed. If you have a problem, please suggest some kind of solution to the problem. We are all challenged to serve Christ, so let's put our best foot forward.

Birthdays for May

Joe Supple Sr - 5th Fred Carter - 7th Joseph Bontemps - 10th Jason Wiltz - 25th J E Gunn - 26th

Family of the Month Dennis and Carrie Ott

Knight of the Month Jan Reynolds

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

From Your Membership Director Bob Hudson

Usually, when you read my words each month, Im always talking about membership but not this time. This month I want to remind you of a special date and a very special time in the history of Catholicism.

On May 13, 1917, three young shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal were startled at the sight before them. Our Lady appeared to them. This was the first of six apparitions Our Blessed Mother made to these children.

This special date should remind us that each year the months from May thru October are the months that our Lady appeared to these children in 1917. May is the month of Our Blessed Mother and October the month of the Rosary.

Our Lady asked the children to return there on the 13th day of the next five months. She asked them to Pray the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of

the Rosary, in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war.

As you know, the Knights of Columbus leads the Rosary every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. before the 8:30 mass in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary. I am asking each of you to join me and your brother Knights to say the Rosary each Sunday from May thru October. I encourage you to make the daily Rosary a part of your life and join your brother Knights each Sunday. Our Lady will remember you.

Remember, Ask a man to become a Knight of Columbus.

Church Committee Report Jacob Eftink

On the weekend of May 10-11, our council will honor the mothers of St. John's Parish by passing out flowers at all of the masses. If you would like to pass out these flowers, please tell one of the officers.

Community Committee Report David DiCarlo

Council Committee Report Jeff Hooper

THE FAMILY CORNER Bill Reynolds

Would you like to plunge into some cool refreshing water on a hot summer day? Well then, mark your calenders for the K of C splash party at the Oxford municipal pool July 20th starting at 4:45 PM. Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and soft drinks will be served across the street at the pavilion until 5:30 PM Swimming is from 6 to 8 PM. Also mark your calenders for the family picnic at Wal Doxey Park June 22nd

The next Friday family flick is May 16 at 7 PM We plan to show "The Man in the Iron Mask".

The brown pelican is a large north American bird often seen flying along shorelines searching for food. On land however this bird is rather ungainly and is quite awkward. But in the air it is quite graceful as it swoops along the waters surface and dives headfirst catching fish which it takes "home" to feed its mate and young. The male builds a nest in the same spot and lives and raises its young with the same female every year. It is evident to see why the pelican is the symbol of family and the nurturing of young.

May 17th is Mothers Day and the carnations we give to the mothers of our parish

symbolize the love we have for our mothers. The Blessed Mary is the mother of God, but she also gave birth to a man-child. Jesus. She loved, cherished and nurtured Jesus as a baby, as a boy, as a teenager, and as a man. And, one day she watched in agony as her child had the skin flayed from his body, was stripped of his clothing and nailed naked to a cross to die. It is difficult to imagine any mother having to endure that kind of agony. As she gazed upon her son's tortured body dying on the cross she saw him as God. But she must have also seen him as Ray Boltz's song so aptly states, "He was still her little child". When we pass out the carnations on Mothers Day perhaps one should be placed at the feet of the Blessed Virgin, Mother of Jesus.

Youth Committee Report Jeff Hallam

From your state warden Peter Sukanek

The 99th State Convention of the Knights of Mississippi was held in Vicksburg the weekend of the April 25-27. At the Sunday business meeting, I was elected to the position of State Advocate. Thanks to all the members of our Council for sponsoring a resolution to that effect, and to Mike Mitchell for nominating me. There were no surprises in the election: Rich Lieding is the new State Deputy, Larry Tabor, the State Secretary, Danny Lechner, the State Treasurer and Jerry Schmuck, the former membership director, is the new State Warden. The officer installation will be held in Jackson, probably July 12. All are invited to attend.

One of the other issues decided at the Convention is the location of future convention sites. These are chosen 5 years out. Previously selected convention sites are Jackson (2004), Natchez (2005), and Biloxi (2006 and 2007). In 2008, the convention will be held in Tupelo. There has been some talk of our hosting an Oxford convention in the future. Should we decide to do this, we might consider working closely with Tupelo on their convention, perhaps even offering we go as "co-hosts" similar to what the councils in the Jackson area are doing for next year.

From Fr. Joe

What being a Knight means to me Jeff Hooper

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