

# *The Knights Herald*

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## *From the desk of the Grand Knight*

Halloween, All Saints Day and All Souls Day have come and gone. Thanksgiving is quickly approaching and then we will be deep into the holiday season once again. As this blessed (and hectic) time approaches we should reflect and take stock while the opportunity is available. Shopping, social gatherings, time off from work, visiting relative and other tasks and obligations will push us to the limits of our time and patience (as usual). Lest we forget, the reason for the season is not food, drink and the single handed attempt to correct any slumps in retail sales. We are giving thanks for two different and important events. The first is the successful colonization of this great land of ours. So amid the turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce and football overdose on the 27th let us also recall the settlers of this country and the Native Americans, without whose aid they would not have survived the first winter in the new world. The second event, and more important of the

two is the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. As we enjoy friends, family and the trappings of "traditional" Christmas celebrations we must remember that the real reason for the joy is the birth of Jesus Christ. Keep Christ in Christmas, remember those who serve this country in foreign lands, help the needy and less fortunate and it should be a Happy New Year for all. On a lighter note, the parking has gone really well this year, to date. We have made approximately \$6,000.00 and should do very well, weather permitting, with our last game on November 22, 2003. Kick off is scheduled for 2:30 PM so we will need bodies at the church at 10:30 AM to keep the LSU and Ole Miss faithful in line in the parking area. Mark Shows has done a marvelous job with feeding the workers so far and I know he will do so again. This game is the responsibility of the Family and Executive Committees so please everyone call your chairmen and volunteer, don't wait to be asked to work. Finally, I am saddened to report that Mark Shows is stepping down as Deputy Grand Knight. As most of you know Mark and Debbie are moving back west to be near their family (grandchildren). We will miss them both and will never be able to replace them. Debbie and Mark both hit the ground running here in Oxford and have been on the run ever since. It will be very difficult to find two people who bring such determination and enthusiasm to anything they do. Good luck and God bless you both.

Vivat Jesus: Mike Mitchell



## *From your Deputy Grand Knight*

As of November the 13th I will be stepping down as your Deputy Grand Knight. I have enjoyed my time in serving your council. Thank you all for supporting me as your DGK. I will still be here until January, at which time I will be moving to Arizona. I hope all will support Jacob in his new position as your Deputy Grand Knight. The work that needs to be done in our council is ongoing and needs the support of all. Especially all of the Knights with children need to get more involved, this is a way to help guide the council in helping your child grow more fully in Christ. The gift of your time is so much needed to make this council run, as well as the youth programs that teach our children. Please take the time to get involved in your parish, your support is needed in these trying times.

Vivat Jesus, Mark Shows

## *Chancellor's Report*

Vivat Jesus: Jacob Eftink

## *2nd and 3rd Degree*

There will be a second and third degree in Tupelo on Sunday, Nov 16. We will leave from the parking lot across from St. Johns around 10:30. Please contact Peter Sukanek 236-6971 (H), 915-7024 (O), cmpcs@olemiss.edu to let him know that you will attend.

## *Knight of the Month*

*Jeya Suppiah*

## *Family of the Month*

*Steven and Holly Jubera*



## *Birthdays for November*

<i>Joe Supple Jr.</i>	<i>2nd</i>
<i>James Reid</i>	<i>4th</i>
<i>Tom Levidiotis</i>	<i>4th</i>
<i>Paul Cowart</i>	<i>16th</i>
<i>Paul Cassisa</i>	<i>17th</i>
<i>Carl Lindgren</i>	<i>20th</i>
<i>Mark Hodge</i>	<i>25th</i>
<i>David Stengel</i>	<i>25th</i>

*Rosary every Sunday at 8:00 a.m.*



*From Your Membership Director*

The past few months I have focused this column on our Fall Membership Drive and this drive is a very important time for recruitment.

You have often heard me say that your Membership Committee can lead the way, but they can't increase membership alone. Your Membership Committee needs your ongoing support to meet our membership goals. Each of our brothers Knights should be reaching out to any potential candidates. Remember, none of us is as strong as all of us.

As you know we plan a First-Degree Exemplification at each of our regular monthly council meetings. This schedule makes it easy to plan for any new Knights to join the order.

Since the beginning of our Fraternal Year, on July 1st, we have recruited three new brother Knights. Our goal is six new members before June 30th of 2004. We are half way there, but we must continue to add to our membership totals.

We must continue to recruit new membership to keep our council strong. Increasing membership is the key to the success or failure of any councils pro-

grams. Membership is never ending need for every council and ours is no exception. We need your individual on-going help to make this happen. Recruitment is important and you must do your part. Remember what I said several months ago There are men at St. Johns that deserve the opportunity to become members of the Knights of Columbus. So "ask a man to become a Knight of Columbus".

Vivat Jesus: Bob Hudson  
Membership Director

## Important Dates

November 1 *Car Parking Fund Raiser*  
November 16 *2nd/3rd in Tupelo*  
November 22 *Car Parking Fund Raiser*

## 2003/2004 Officers

Grand Knight	<i>Michael F. Mitchell</i>
Financial Secretary	<i>Dr Joseph L. Supple</i>
Deputy Grand Knight	<i>Mark A. Shows</i>
Chancellor	<i>Jacob J Eftink</i>
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Trustee For 3 Years	<i>Walter N Turnbull</i>
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## Good News

Miriam and Michelle joined our family recently. They are ages 4 and 5 from Bangalore India. The orphanage there cares for a number of children that will be adopted. Vathsalya Charitable Trust also cares for a number of premature infants. This Christian organization is saving lives every day. Miracles abound in this world of which we aren't aware. My mother Margaret and I returned from India on November 5 with the girls. Bonnie and Dottie were waiting at the airport. Everyone is doing well. We are all extremely happy and content. Thanks for your prayers.

Vivat Jesus: James Reid

## The Family Corner

The hayride and bonfire October 25 was a success. The hayride and bonfire were rained out but the food and company were excellent. A good time was had by all.

A big thank you to our worthy Family Chair and Jan for organizing this event.

## *For the Good of the Order*

Please Pray for Everette Jean White - Greg White's Father. Greg has been a mainstay of our council and our prayers go out to his family for his father's recovery.

Please also Pray for Carrie Ott. Our love and respect go out to her and Dennis.

Please Pray for all those mentioned in the Good of the Order at the meeting.

## *Church Committee Report*

The Corporate Communion on October 12 was well attended. Another corporate communion in December will be announced soon. Thanks to Bill Panlener for conducting the Columbus Essay and Picture contest. Bill's phone is 234-8090 and email is panlener@bellsouth.net if you have items for the church committee to consider.

## *Youth Report*

Thanks to those who worked on the Halloween Carnival with Vickie Minor. The next big youth event is the free throw contest. We'll try to work in with the Park Commission and upward bound basketball to host the event at a good time. Please forward any thoughts you have on scheduling the free throw contest to mmreid@olemiss.edu

Vivat Jesus: James Reid

## *Editorial Corner*

The November newsletter was delayed due to my trip to India. We'll get the December newsletter out on time - before the business meeting. I'll be contacting officers and committee chairs soon to ask for articles.

Mark Shows will be stepping down soon as the executive editor of the newsletter in charge of mailings. We need a volunteer for this important post. We'll be contacting someone soon to let them know that they have volunteered. Congratulations to Mark and Debbie for the good work that they have done and are continuing to do in the Parish. We are all better Christians for having known them.

Vivat Jesus: James Reid

*The Fourth Degree Meets the third Thursday of every month at 7 pm*



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