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GRAND KNIGHTS CORNER

Greetings Brother Knights...

Next week we elect the officers. Please give careful consideration of who you want to lead this council for the next year. Do not hesitate to run for office and/or nominate those who you think will do the best job. Tube steaks will be served following the election as is our custom.

The centennial committee is planning our 100th birthday party, Knight-of-the-quarter, celebration in the June 21-23 time frame. The exact date will be decided very soon. Please plan to attend and encourage your fellow knight and their ladies to celebrate with us.

Dick 😊

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE!

Yes, it's that time of year again! Actually we are running a little late this year as the State Convention too every bit if concentration the council had to make it the resounding success it was. And, the State Newsletter, The Magnolia Knight reiterated that in it's letter from the State Deputy printed in the latest issue. But enough of that and on with the Drive. As you all know the proceeds gathered by the KC Members through the donations from the Tootsie Roll Drive goes directly to the State Mental Institutions for the Special Olympics events conducted around Mississippi throughout the year. This year we hope to pick up substantial speed on donations through the Parishes and through the Winn Dixie Store in D'Iberville. This is the call for this very worthy project. We need your time and expertise in gathering donations from shoppers and Parishners at the end of the Masses scheduled. We have to wrap up the collections early in June, so check out the Activities

page on the website to find out which church and at which mass. Please help. Don't rely on the "other guy" to do it all. It takes everyone to make a Council work. Thank You. 😊

Special BBQ Sausages

Speaking of Special Olympics, the Keesler AFB held the Special Olympic Games on 19 May 2007 which also happens to be Armed Forces Day. What better way to show the might of the Armed Forces? The Biloxi Council 1244 held it's version of the K.C. Forces Day (or so to speak) by selling BBQ sausages to those who would buy along the Walk of Life in the Triangle area of the base. Brother Clarence Guillory (also a Major in the US Air Force) Chaired the event in a way most couldn't complain. It was a smashing success! [Pictures](#) were taken throughout the course of the day's events and when it was over, the BBQ Staff handed over \$250 samolies to the Special Olympics Committee on the Base. They were astounded since the Knights donated over 50% of the total amount collected at days end. Did I mention that there were somewhere in the neighborhood of 25 "vendors". We are very proud of Brother Clarence Guillory. Hats off to you

Clarence, a job well done!!! 😊

Corporate Communion At St. Mike's

While we haven't had a Corporate Communion at St Michael's for a some time, I hesitated going in the Church for Mass as I was taking pictures a mere four months after Katrina re-decorated the interior. I still have

those pictures and [when I see them](#), I wonder how the building was still standing. With the casino barge sitting just a 100 feet from the Church, one wonders how the massive steel structure missed St. Mike's! Well, to look at the Church now you would be amazed at the transformation of the building. With the exception of the chairs donated by the casino which still stands across the street and the lack of mud and dirt and the presence of the man-lift at the back of the Church, it doesn't appear to be much different. Oh, yes...the air conditioning is now working, but it's the resilience of the people and the Priest that makes it a Church. Father Greg Barras has inspired the parishners and they have worked extremely hard to achieve what they have now. When I first walked into the Church back in January 2006, I didn't think the building salvageable, but now I believe! I believe the will of God can make it happen and so do the people if this Parish. Congratulations to you all. By the way, about 30 Knights and their family members were present during the Mass and announced they were serving coffee and doughnuts after Mass. See the pictures [here](#). The pictures are worse than the Church, but they do show how much the parish members appreciated the morning amenities. God Bless you St Michael's. You are in our hearts and our prayers. 😊

4th Degree Initiation

A 4th Degree Initiation is being held this weekend in Long Beach at the Espy Civic Center. This council will have several of it's members attending the event on June 3rd starting at 11:30 a Mass at St. Thomas's Church, then registration from 1 to 2 PM. A two hour training class will be held starting at 2PM. Then at 4PM there will be a social hour with a banquet at 5PM. Scheduled to attend is Greg 'Steve' Crapo, Ernest 'Sonny' 'Steve' Ross and Mike 'Steve' Kessler, Brian Lloyd, Lee Hilton. There may have been a last minute addition, so if I have forgotten someone, please forgive me. To those going... VIVAT JESUS

C'mon Over...

And Bring The Kids - God

Birthdays

There are 30 birthday boys this month, one for each day of the month although we won't celebrate one every day. Click [here](#) to see them. If you are reading the hard copy version then you'll have to go to the last page of the newsletter to see the birthdays for June...Oh, yeah!!!, Happy Birthday to all of you!!!

June Activities

Once again May has flown by and here we are at the halfway point and it doesn't seem like we've done anything yet! Ha Ha. [June](#) is just full of events, like the Blessing of the Fleet this weekend June 2/3rd. Festivities start at St. Michael's Church for Mass then back to Nativity BVM Grade School for a banquet feast, then Sunday for the actual Blessing. The 4th Degree Initiation also on the 3rd in Long Beach, and the rest of the month will be used to solicit donations for the Tootsie Roll Drive, June 14th Flag Day. Remember your Flag etiquette! Also, don't let us forget our roots this June 2nd when a few good men started this Council! Who could forget Father's Day on the 17th. The 19th of June will have a 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification at Sacred Heart. And put this on your calendar! A birthday celebration in conjunction with a Knight of the Quarter on the evening of the 21st!!! Bring along a prospective Knight to let them see what we are about. Then sign them up! Get someone interested in joining the KC's. I'm sure your wondering why I left off the most important event until last. Because it deserves the most attention. On June 7th, we will vote in a new Grand Knight whether it be the current one or a different one, vote in we will! Make your vote count. You can nominate someone else who you feel may do a great job in leading the Council forward or for that matter any other office as well! Come out and help vote in the new Grand Knight this year. It may surprise you who is nominated this year. Don't know??? Come on and find out. If for no other reason than to have a traditional tube steak after the vote!!! 😊

Happy June 2007 Birthday

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