



GRAND KNIGHTS CORNER

Brother Knights:

Brothers, Please accept my thanks for all the help you have provided to our council. Without your help, we would still be out in the cold so to speak. Thanks again.

HALL TO BE OPEN ON SUNDAYS 1:00 TO 6:00 PM

Starting this Sunday, the KC hall will be open for your entertainment on Sunday afternoons on a trial basis. Jerry will not keep it open unless you come and support this effort. Come and fellowship with your brothers on Sunday afternoons.

STATE CONVENTION IN LESS THAN TWO MONTHS

Our convention committee will be meeting on a regular basis to insure that all goes well as 1244 host this convention. We have about two weeks left for ad sales and we desperately need the money to offset our convention expenses. Please try to sell or buy at least \$100 in ads. That's just one page.

Dick ☺

Birthdays

March birthdays are available if you click [here](#) while your viewing the web site newsletter. 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 March...Oh, yes!!!, Top o' the Big Day to ya...Happy Birthday to all of you young'uns!!!



Knights of Columbus Council Holds Awards Banquet

On February 15, 2007 the Knights of Columbus council held it's first Annual Awards Banquet in their hall since Hurricane Katrina. The evening was highlighted by a dinner being prepared by the Knights of Columbus Council 1244 Ladies Auxiliary. Also, the Mississippi State Deputy for the Knights of Columbus, Brother Larry Tabor, stated that "...Council 1244 is back, bigger and better!" (See pictures by clicking [here](#) or if you only receive a hard copy go on line to http://www.kofc1244.com/annual_awards.html)

The evenings highest award went to Brother Randy Trahan, "Mr. Biloxi" for epitomizing the champion of a good Christian and a great Knights of Columbus member devoting his extra time and efforts where needed at all hours and at all jobs. "It was difficult to select just one outstanding person when the field is so full of qualified candidates." said Grand Knight, Dick Benton,. The requirement to receive the Knights of Columbus, Council 1244's highest award, "Mr. Biloxi", is achieved only after a member has reached the highest standards of commitment, achievements and dedication to the council and have had at least 20 years in the Knights of Columbus Fraternal Organization. While "Mr. Biloxi" may be the highest award, it's far from the only prestigious one. The Knight of the Year Award was awarded to Brother Tom Easter who a few years ago transferred from a Pascagoula council and has been excelling not only in his construction business but with the Knights renovation of their hall. Tom Easter has been in the past and continues to be among the most active council members. His dedication and commitment is by far exemplary.

The Knights of the Quarter are awarded to members who demonstrate the similar qualities as the Knight

of the Year but awarded on a quarterly basis. Other Knight of the Quarter recipients for 2006 were Robert "Bob" Fell; and Charles T. Harrison for their outstanding contributions to the council..

Although the Family of the Month selection was continued during 2006, none of these awards were presented until this evening. The twelve winners for the past year are: March 2006: George and Georgia Lawrence; April 2006: Roy and Carol Andrews; May 2006: John (Jack) M. and Arleen Schaefer; June 2006: John W. Higginbotham; July 2006: Paul J. and Karen Arguelles; August 2006: Deacon Ben F. and Mary Wimberly, Jr; September 2006: James J. Higginbotham; October 2006: Henry Albert and Joan Llado; November 2006: Harry L. Steinwinder; December 2006: Charles T. and Kay Harrison, Sr.; January 2007: Bell and Michael Kessler; February 2007: Mary and David Ford.

Additionally, special thanks were directed to: Joe Rivata, J. W. Higginbotham, Pete Hebert, Randy Trahan, Albert Llado, Gerard Darnell, Sonny Ross and Tom Easter for their unselfish dedication to various projects throughout the year. It was reported that well over 100 friends, family and members attended the awards dinner.

Have You Forgotten Something?

Past dues are being paid at a great rate, but we have a long way to go. Please, if you haven't paid your dues, do so as soon as you can. This always helps the council meet it's financial commitments. ☺

Council 1244 is 100 Years Old

Congratulations to Knights of Columbus, Council 1244 for reaching 100 years old this year. There will be many events surrounding this occasion. For example, we are holding the 103 year State Convention (to see State Convention information [click here](#)) at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi with tours and events scheduled for the ladies attending and the Ladies Auxiliary luncheon and along with the usual scheduling of meetings throughout the convention. There is a need for helpers during the convention and you may be called upon to assist. Please help us out if at all possible during the convention to make it run smoothly as we

are counting that the Supreme Knight Carl Anderson may attend. This will be a BIG event!!!

March Activities

The month of February is gone and March is blowin' through and also filled with things to do. (Hmm...a poet emerging?) The District Free Throw started in February and is has now in the next stage in March with the Southern State Free Throw being held on March 3rd, 9AM at St Alphonsus in Ocean Springs. March 10th is the Northern Free Throw Championship. If you get a chance, come out and support the kids Free Throw Championship. Also on March 3rd, Council 1244's Bowling Team will travel to Natchez for the State Bowling Championship.

A most memorable Annual Awards Banquet was held on Feb 15th (see story in this edition). I'm proud to say that it was a smashing success with well over 100 Knights, friends and family attending. Please click [here](#) to see the pictures and events that took place that evening. March 11 is a 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree in the Kiln. And of course who can forget the St. Patrick's Day on Saturday the 17th? The 24th of March will be busy as the Best Project and Knight of the Year, Family of the Year nominations are due in to the State Program Directors hands! Sunday, March 25th is the Knight's of Columbus, **Day of The Unborn Child**. The 29th of March is a very important day to us all as... Founder's Day - March 29th 1882. And last but not least is the Final State Program Report and Best District Deputy's Award. Please check out the other three months of [Activities](#) also scheduled there as well.



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Where is your Form # 100 right now?

Happy March 2007 Birthday

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