



THE MAGNOLIA KNIGHT



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—MISSISSIPPI

From the State Deputy's Pen...

Thomas F. (Tom) Chady

As our State year begins its third quarter and our Supreme year heads enters its second quarter, enthusiasm remains high, although membership is lagging. We currently stand at +7 statewide for our fraternal year and +4 at quarter's end for Supreme. Council activities seem to be steady. By the end of August, over 90 percent of councils had submitted Form 185s, and we now have more than fifty roundtables. I encourage all councils to continue your reporting efforts so that Mississippi will again reach the 100-percent submission plateau.

Representing Mississippi at the Supreme convention was a real honor. Our state was recognized as one of fourteen Circle of Honor recipients by our Supreme Knight.



Natchez is nearing completion of Mississippi's newest Squires circle, and momentum is growing in Olive Branch, Philadelphia, and Vancleave as possible new council sites.

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Car tag applications have bogged down. We currently have only 60+ applications with money, a long way from our goal of 200. (*Ed. Note: We have included an application form with this issue, or see <http://www.ms-kofc.org/kctags.pdf>.*)

As we head into the festive part of the year, I wish everyone a safe and wonderful Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas season and look forward to seeing everyone again at the upcoming winter meetings.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom
Tom Chady



From the Chaplain's Point of View...

Rev. Robert Dore

In his remarks to those gathered for the 120th annual Supreme Convention Bishop Wilton Gregory, President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, offered the following about the Knights of Columbus: "You enrich the life of the Church in the United States in many and varied ways through your outstanding works of charity known generously in all of the dioceses of the United States, in your unabashed defense of human life, in your generous promotion of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, in your cooperation with local, diocesan, and national episcopal initiatives of all sorts, and

in your dedication to Newman and college Catholic pastoral life."

Bishop Gregory's remarks reveal an important truth about our great fraternity. We are able to touch the Church on every level with a special depth of faith and generosity of spirit.

As we begin this busy time of the year, let us renew ourselves in that faith and recommit ourselves generously to the great work of our Order, which is so important to not only our Church but to our world by way of witness.

In these days, which are less than ordinary for our Church, let us seize every opportunity to affirm and build up each other, remembering the importance of the unity that comes from being rooted in the Lord Jesus, who prayed to the Father "that all may be one as you, Father, are in me and I in you. I pray that they may one in us that the world may believe that you sent me."

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS ...

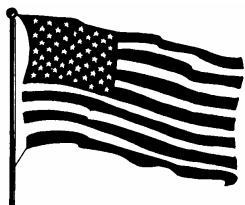


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Bro. Edmond Burke, Council 1034, Natchez

Pauline Cowie, wife of Bro. Gordon Cowie, Council 8038, Pearl

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Bro. William T. Ewell, Council 898, Vicksburg

Cecilia Fiester, mother of Bro. John Fiester, Council 120, Southaven

Mrs. Lillian Franck, widow of Bro. Charles Franck, Council 898, Vicksburg

Sophie Rhodes Johnston, mother of Bro. Syd Johnston., Council 898, Vicksburg

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Bro. Bobby Weldon, Council 9409, West Biloxi

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Bro. Jerry Brister, Council 12166, Pascagoula

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Bro. Brad Burden, State Mental Retardation Chairman

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Bro. Jesse J. Quinn, Jr., PSD

Father Peter Quinn, Biloxi

Bro. Melvin Ray, Council 1583, Gulfport

Bro. Elvin Raymond, Council 9094, D'Iberville

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Bro. Walter Reynolds, Council 898, Vicksburg

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Bro. Bill Rigby, Council 9409, West Biloxi

Sandra Roberts, wife of Bro. Kerry Roberts, DD#12

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Bro. Jerry Simmons, Council 8285, Jackson

Wife of Bro. George Steinspring, Council 898, Vicksburg

Toni Thomas, sister of Bro. Jimmy Searcy, Council 1034, Natchez

Matt Thornton, son of Bro. Tom Thornton, Council 898, Vicksburg

Angelina Tomaso, wife of Bro. Bud Tomaso, Jackson Diocese Vocations Director

Dr. Jamie Warnick, wife of Bro. Bill Querrey, Council 7120, Southaven

Bro. Duwayne Weber, Council 1605, Pascagoula

Bro. Henry Wilson, Council 848, Jackson

Bro. Jim Woods, Council 8285, Jackson

Special Intentions

Victims of terror, especially the acts of November 11, 2001

Mary Engelland, daughter of Bro. Brian Engelland, Council 6765, Starkville, who recently entered the Carmelite order

Michael Lucas, stepson of Bro. Darnell Lepre, Council 9094, D'Iberville, in "harm's way" overseas



Historical Day in Vicksburg

September 8, 2002, was indeed a historical day in Vicksburg - and in the Mississippi jurisdiction, for that matter. Present were Supreme Ceremonials Director, Sam D'Ambrocia, two Supreme Directors, Louis Mautino and Jim Murphy, and eight additional representatives from Alberta, Saskatchewan, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, and Texas. They observed all three degrees and certified a new central Mississippi degree team. This was the first new team certified in ten years and the first to be certified by regional ceremonial directors, who were trained while observing the Vicksburg degree work. Mississippi was commended on the quality of its ceremonials. For the new Knights and members observing the degrees, this was a truly enlightening day. State Secretary Rich Lieding coordinated team formation, and State Program Director David Scott is team captain.



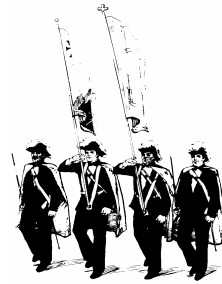
EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

The State Deputy, Membership Director, and Ceremonials Chairman have selected the following upcoming dates and locations for second and third degree exemplifications in our jurisdiction:

Date	Location
October 19	Bay St. Louis
November 3	Cleveland

Honorees at each will be Pope John Paul II and a local Knight or member of the clergy. Contact the host Grand Knight to make arrangements.

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SK Jim Lambert, Master, Mississippi District, Fourth Degree, asks that all assemblies coordinate Honor Guard activities or other Fourth Degree programs with the him. He can be reached at 601-798-1915.

VETERANS DAY PARADE IN MERIDIAN

Bro. Bob Leo, DD#4, announces that there will be a Veteran's Day parade, November 11, 2002, in Meridian. He invites all Knights to participate, reminding us that our Order was instrumental in placing "Under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. His can be reached by phone: 601-737-5253 or e-mail: Hatchettman2@aol.com.

Supreme Award Winners, 2001-2002

Supreme recently announced the 2001-2002 winners of the Star Council (S), Columbian (C), Father McGivney (M), and Founders' Awards (F) in the Mississippi Jurisdiction. They include Meridian 802 - C; Jackson 848 - C/M, Vicksburg 898 - S, Natchez 1034 - C, Biloxi 1244 - C/M, Greenville 2134 - C/F, Laurel 2180 - C/M, Clarksdale 2969 - M/F, Pass Christian 4472 - C/M, Cleveland 5556 - S, Ocean Springs 5654 - S, Bassfield 6592 - C/M, Starkville 6765 - F, Picayune 6872 - C/M, Kiln 7087 - C/M, Southaven 7120 - S, Lumberton 7211 - C, Orange Grove 7910 - C, Brook-

haven 7915 - C/M, Columbus 7974 - M, Pearl 8038 - C, McComb 8054 - C, Jackson 8285 - C, Tupelo 8848 - C/F, Corinth 8912 - C/F, D'Iberville 9094 - S, Gautier 9124 - C/M, West Biloxi 9409 - S, Madison 9543 - C/M, Brandon 10216 - S, Ocean Springs 10499 - C/M, Lucedale 11904 - C, Columbia-Tylertown 11956 - C/M, Pascagoula 12166 - C, Gulfport 12271 - C/M. Our



SUPREME CONVENTION, August 2002

JOE GOELLNER, DELEGATE, AND TOM CHADY, SD

The Knights of Columbus held its 120th Supreme Convention at Anaheim, California, from August 6-8, 2002, at the Anaheim Convention Center. More than 8000 Knights and spouses were registered. In addition, there were 16 cardinals, 32 archbishops, 59 bishops, and 187 priests in attendance. Our Mississippi jurisdiction was well represented, and Bro. Joe Goellner managed to get a few action shots. The delegates heard messages from both the Holy Father and President Bush.



Circle of Honor award presentation to the Mississippi jurisdiction. Left to right: Bishop Daily, SD Chady, Carol Chady, Dorian Anderson, and SK Anderson



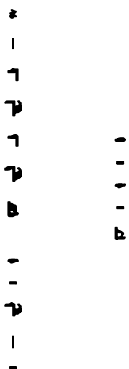
Delegates, left to right, Bros. Chady, Pabon, Lechner, Goellner, and Tabor



Mississippi Table at the States Dinner



A Brother Knight built a replica of the Santa Maria and displayed it at the Convention.



Congratulations to Bro. Bill Renaud, Council 898, Vicksburg, who appears to be the first Mississippian to receive the Shining Armor Award. Bill completed his 2nd/3rd Degrees in Vicksburg on September 8. Requirements for the Shining Armor are within the first year of membership: 1) be involved in at least three council service programs; 2) attend at least three council business meetings;

3) receive the Second and Third Degrees; 4) meet with the council's insurance representative; and 5) recruit at least one new member. Is there a Shining Armor Knight in your council?

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Our Squires

Eighty Columbian Squires circles from twenty-six jurisdictions in our Order have qualified for the 2001-2002 Corps d'Elite Award, the highest honor a circle can attain. The award recognizes outstanding achievement all areas of circle operations, including programs, membership recruitment, and circle administration. Among this number were two Mississippi circles, Vicksburg 81 and Ocean Springs 2852, both of whom were noted as having received this coveted award for at least two consecutive years. In addition, the Vicksburg circle was the jurisdiction's top recruiting circle in the Mississippi jurisdiction with 16 new members for the 2001-2002 fraternal year.



Supreme Families of the Month, June-August



Congratulations to the Joseph Rocconi family, Council 5556, Cleveland, James and Phyllis Farris, Council 7120, Southaven, Jim and Helen Woods, Council 8285, Jackson, and to Thomas and Nicole Battle, Council 10499, Ocean Springs, for being selected Supreme Families of the month for June. The July winners were Marion "Jim" and Barbara McCraw, Council 848, Jackson, Nick and Jean Battatalia, Council 7915, Brookhaven, and Manuel and Ester Mabanta, Council 12271, Gulfport. For August, the Rick Rosonet family, Council 1244, Biloxi, and Jerry and Maryanne Simmons, Council 8285, Jackson were honored. We are proud of these fine Catholic families.

Star District Award

Star District status is bestowed on those DDs attaining a district-wide net gain of 70% of the accumulated council membership quotas and 70% of the accumulated council insurance quotas for the 2001-2002 fraternal year. James W. Farris, DD2, was among those so honored and the only DD in Mississippi to receive this award. Our congratulations to Bro.



Contest of Champions

Contest of Champions award winners have achieved the highest net gain and highest percentage gain in membership in their jurisdiction. In Mississippi, the winners were, respectively, Council 898, Vicksburg, with a gain of 24 members, and Brandon 10216, with a phenomenal growth of 320%! We are very proud of both these councils.





Mississippi KofC Websites

The State Council website can be seen at <http://www.ms-kofc.org/>, while other KofC websites in Mississippi are listed at <http://www.ms-kofc.org/898/counlink.htm#ms>. Councils are encouraged to develop websites, and limited help plus some webspace are available. Please do not hesitate to contact the State Council Webmaster, Brother Greg Rottman, rottang@vicksburg.com, or to the Editor, Brother Tony Dardeau, DARDEAUEA@aol.com, who assists Brother Rottman. Also, we ask that you report any new Mississippi KofC websites or website corrections, so that the directories can be kept current. We plan to continually update the State website, so that it will be useful and user friendly.

Magnolia Knight Online

The *Magnolia Knight* is now online. On the main webpage for the Mississippi State Council: <http://www.ms-kofc.org/>, click on [Magnolia Knight newsletter \(.pdf\)](#). We have done this so that all Brothers with access to the Internet will be able to view the current issue. An Adobe Acrobat Reader is required.

KofC License Plates

We have been given an opportunity to proclaim that we are members of the Knights of Columbus in Mississippi by means of a special vehicle license plate approved by the state legislature. The cost is \$30.00 above the regular tag fee, \$26.00 of which is returned to the State Council to support seminarians. A minimum of 200 tags must be pre-sold before the Mississippi State Tax Commission will begin production. An application form is included with this issue and can also be found on our state website:

<http://www.ms-kofc.org/kctags.pdf>

Please join your brothers, and purchase one or more special KofC tags. Mail the form accompanied by your \$30.00 check (payable to Mississippi State Council) to our State Treasurer:

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Note: Deadline for the January 2003 issue is December 31, 2002

Knights Pray at an Abortion Clinic

Antoine Otto, State Pro-Life Committee



Knights Pray the rosary at the abortion clinic on Briarwood Drive, Jackson

Alleluia! The first visit to inaugurate praying the rosary at Mississippi's two abortion clinics in Jackson was a huge success. Knights from Councils 9543, Madison, and 10216, Brandon, were present, along with the GK Bill O'Connor of Council 7854, Clinton. State Program Director David Scott was part of the delegation from his Madison Council. In

addition to the Knights, there were family members, as well as several non-Catholic church groups, and sidewalk counselors.

During the visit, an expectant mother contemplating abortion changed her mind after visiting with a sidewalk counselor. All the counselors comforted and prayed with the young woman. She stayed the morning with the group and shed tears about the mistake she was about to make. One can only wonder how the rosaries and other prayers for life might have affected her decision.

Please plan a visit with your council to the two Mississippi abortion clinics on the fourth and fifth Saturdays and help make Mississippi "The

First Abortion-Free State." We meet at the clinic on the corner of NorthState and Fondren Streets (off Lakeland Drive) at 6:45 a.m. and at 8:45 a.m. on Briarwood Drive (just east of I-55). This will be an unforgettable experience. Song and prayer sheets and rosaries are available. Our State Deputy has asked that you coordinate your visit with me. I can be reached at 601-853-0227 (home) or 601-613-0440 (cell) or by e-mail: atoineotto@aol.com.



Priest Appreciation Dinner

JOE KALEY

Gulfport Seabee Base Council 12271 held a Priest Appreciation Dinner for all of the Catholic Clergy in the Gulf Coast area on September 28, 2002. There were eleven clergy present, including an eleventh-hour acceptance call from Bishop Rodi. Our State Deputy, Tom Chady, was also a guest. The sixty-five members of our parish also in attendance made this a very successful and enjoyable evening for all. Such a small token of solidarity in no way can completely ex-

press our true heartfelt love and devotion to our priests and our Church. Knowing that we are behind our priests 110 percent, should only increase their determination to serve the church. Mass media campaigns to demoralize our Church have only strengthened our resolve to openly support and defend Her through solidarity and prayer.

Mental Retardation

Former DD Jim Faris, Southaven, has taken over the Mental Retardation program. We have been advised that several checks and backup papers were lost prior to the transfer. Any council still have outstanding problems should contact Bro. Jim at 4235 Chelsea Circle, Nesbit MS 38651-8762; e-mail: jameswf@aol.com. We hope to have all adjustments finalized by December 31.



Bishop Rodi, along with SD Chady, DD 10 Konyn, Bro. Schmuck, State Membership Dir., and others enjoying a delicious dinner

JUST A LITTLE LATE ...

This issue of the *Magnolia Knight* is a little later than usual because your Editor was participating in the wedding of his son, Tony, in Florida. We welcomed a lovely daughter-in-law, Nathalie, to our family. It was a beautiful day for everyone who took part! Hope the delay didn't inconvenience anyone. Our next issue of this newsletter will be around mid-January 2003 instead around the first of the year so that we can report on the mid-winter meetings. We have thus set our deadline for input as December 31, instead of mid-December. Please make an effort to report on what your council is doing, and include an action photo.



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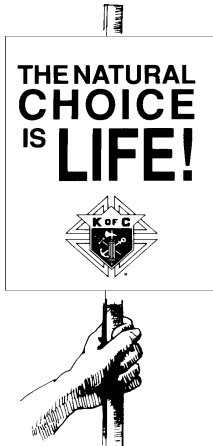
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