



THE MAGNOLIA KNIGHT



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—MISSISSIPPI

From the State Deputy's Pen...

Thomas F. (Tom) Chady

The last two years have been very successful. Mississippi returned to the Circle of Honor and reinstated our only suspended council, Indianola. We established two Squires circles at Columbia-Tylertown and Natchez. Our New Council Development (NCD) efforts are beginning to bear fruit with growing interest in Batesville, New Albany and Yazoo City. Also underway are efforts in Olive Branch and Philadelphia.

For the second consecutive year, we submitted 100% of our forms, and we were the only new jurisdiction to have 100% submission of Annual Fraternal Surveys on time and one of ten jurisdictions in the Order recognized for this achievement. We also exceeded Roundtable goals for the second year in a row. I commend all for their hard work in these areas.

I would be remiss to overlook our improvements in the pro-life and vocations areas. Our dioceses received more than \$65,000 for seminarian education, a 34% improvement over last year. Contributions to mentally challenged programs exceeded \$75,000 statewide, making this another record year.



As my term ends, I would like to thank God for His guidance and grace; Carol and Carrie, for the loving support; Fr. Robert, for his spiritual guidance; and all my Brother Knights for their true "Mississippi hospitality." As we conclude two successful, exciting years, no doubt, you are proud to be a KC and even prouder to be a Mississippi KC. To Rich and

his administration, I wish the best of luck and offer total support. I will remain involved at state level in several areas, assisting with Squires and Mental Retardation and serving as NCD chairman.

I look forward to maintaining the great relationships we have forged over the years, including playing golf and visiting our friends throughout this state. God bless you for all you have done.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom

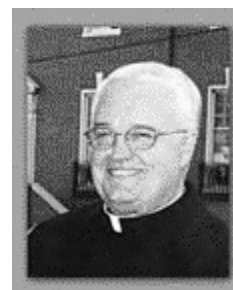
Tom Chady

State Deputy

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BISHOP LATINO



A native of New Orleans and Vicar-General of the Houma-Thibodaux, Msgr. Joseph Nunzio Latino was ordained and installed as the tenth bishop of the Jackson Diocese on March 3, 2003, by Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb of Mobile at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle in Jackson. He succeeds Bishop William Houck, who moved to Chicago to assume full-time responsibility for the Extension Society.

Bishop Latino became a priest on May 25, 1963, in New Orleans. He served in educational, parish, and administrative posts in in both Houma-Thibodaux and the New Orleans archdiocese. When he learned of his appointment, he stated, "I accept this appointment with a grateful heart but also with mixed feelings and a bit of trepidation. I say that I am grateful because of the confidence and trust that Pope John Paul II has placed in me" He selected as his motto, "*Ut unum sint*" (All may be one), taken from John 17:11. His remarks at the ordination/installation focused on this theme. Many dignitaries, including Most Rev. Gabriel Montalvo, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, were present.

From the Chaplain's Point of View...

Rev. Robert Dore

For the last two years, it has been my privilege and my pleasure to serve as your State Chaplain. As my term of service comes to a close, I take this opportunity to express my thanks to all of you. Your faith has inspired me. I am impressed with your generous and joyful service to your parishes and councils. It has been a real treat to celebrate with you at our conventions and other gatherings. I have been deeply touched by the way you have supported the Church and the Priesthood of Jesus Christ, especially during the past two trying years. Let us all continue to love and support one another despite our pain and sinfulness. Please continue to stand unswervingly for the

right to life, and let us uplift the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves.

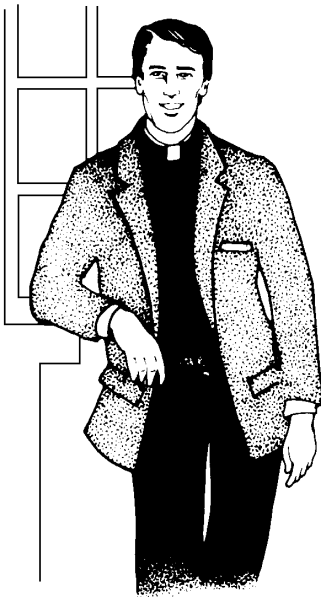
As you pray, I ask that remember the need for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Again, I thank each of you for the honor of serving you. Let us pray for each other. May God bless you!

Most sincerely,

Fr. Robert



IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS ...

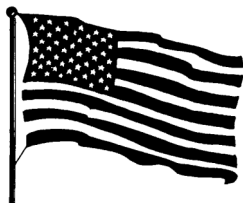


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- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
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**SIGN UP A
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Deceased

Bro. Tommie Anderson, Council 898, Vicksburg

Fern E. Banks, mother of Bro. Randy Banks, State Church/Vocations Dir.

Bro. Larry Bileski, Council 8038, Pearl

Bro. Brad Burden, Council 5267, Greenwood

Dorothy Chandler, mother of Bro. Maynard Chandler, Council 2134, Greenville

Robert "Bob" Clark, father of Bro. Gerry Clark, Council 8285, Jackson

Sandra Croisdale, wife of Bro. Robert Croisdale, Council 898, Vicksburg

Bro. Donald Dauphin, Council 11956, Columbia-Tylertown

Bro. Theo J. Delahousey, Council 1244, Biloxi

Bro. Eugene Dixon, Council 2134, Greenville

Betty Dredge, aunt of Bro. Dan Garriagan, Council 7120, Southaven

Father William A. Englehart, McComb

Msgr. Noel Foley, Council 848, Jackson

Bro. Jerry Graham, Council 848, Jackson

Bro. Ronald Hagensee, Council 1583, Gulfport

Lawrence T. Heinz, Jr., father of Bro. L. Ted Heinz, III, Council 1908, Hattiesburg

Bro. Tom Hogan, Council 898, Vicksburg

Mother of Bro. Hilton Kalusche, Council 898, Vicksburg

Bro. Bill Lauderdale, Council 898, Vicksburg

Bro. Veen V. Lee, Council 1244, Biloxi

Father John Leonard, Vicksburg

Father Walter L. Maloney, Jackson

Bro. Nicholas A. Mayer, Sr., Council 1244, Biloxi

Margaret McGing, Mother of Father Thomas McGing, Council 7854, Clinton

Bro. Fred Morgan, Council 11956, Columbia-Tylertown

David Murk, brother-in-law of Bro. Dan Garrigan, Council 7120, Southaven

Bro. Edward J. "E.J." Murray, Council 1605, Pascagoula

Vicky Nahlen, wife of Bro. Leonard Nahlen, Council 12271 Gulfport CB Base

Bro. Willie Noble, Jr., Council 9234, Indianola

Bro. Walter Noonan, brother of Bro. Robert Noonan, Council 1605, Pascagoula

Bro. Willbert "Pop" Rigby, Council 9409, West Biloxi

Rose Robertson, mother-in-law of Bro. Ricky Warren, DD7

Elizabeth M. See, mother of Bro. Jim Corrula, Council 898, Vicksburg

Bro. Corbalee Slusher, Council 8038, Pearl

Emma Lee Smith, aunt of deceased Bro. Charles Davenport, Council 898, Vicksburg

Norbert Sonnek, father of Bro. Chad Sonnek, Council 898, Vicksburg

Clayton Strong, brother-in-law of Bro. George Romano Council 898, Vicksburg

Clayton Taylor, infant son of Bro. John Taylor, Council 9543, Madison

Martin MacHale Theobald, brother of Bros. Bernard and Louis Theobald, Council 898, Vicksburg

Tony Thomas, sister-in-law of Bro. Jimmy Searcy, Council 1034, Natchez

Annie F. Tuminello, mother of Bro. Frank T. Tuminello, Council 8285, Jackson

Joe Valencio, Jr., father of Bro. Joe Valencio, III, Council 848, Jackson

Father of Bro. Randy Verret, Council 2180, Laurel

Bro. Dennis Volk, Council 8038, Pearl

Jerry Wojtala, father of Bro. Jim Wojtala, Council 898, Vicksburg

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Bro. Joseph Adoue (New Orleans), father-in-law of Bro. Jim Wojtala, Council 898, Vicksburg

Bro. Bob Alvarado, Council 898, Vicksburg

Florence Bori, wid. of Bro. O.J. Bori, Council 898, Vicksburg

Elizabeth Brister, wife of Bro. Jerry Brister, Council 12166, Pascagoula

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Bro. John Broggi, Council 848, Jackson

Bro. Thomas "Doc" Brown, Council 7120, Southaven

Bro. Pete Burns, Council 1034, Natchez

Lynn Cappaert, widow of Bro. F.L. Cappaert, and grandmother of Bro. Brent Cappaert, Council 898, Vicksburg

Bro. Gerry Clark, Council 8285, Jackson

Mavis Clark, wife of Bro. Fred Clark, Council 1605, Pascagoula

Mary Ford Crowder, daughter of Bro. Buster Ford and sister of Bro. Bill Ford, Council 898, Vicksburg

Bro. Louis DeFillipo, Council 7974, Columbus

Bro. Joe Dicks, Council 802, Meridian

Bro. Rob Eddy, Council 1908, Hattiesburg

Bro. John Ennis, Council 848, Jackson

Christina Foley, daughter of Bro. Robert Foley, Council 898, Vicksburg

Brenda Gordon, niece of Bro. Tony Dardeau, Ed. MK

Father-in-law of Bro. Paul Gospordaski, DD5

Bro. George Guerieri, Council 7120, Southaven

Bro. Tom Halstead, Council 898, Vicksburg

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Holly Halstead Harris, sister of Bro. Tom Halstead, Council 898, Vicksburg

Jean Higgins, widow of Bro. Jim Higgins, Council 7120, Southaven

Ginger Johnson, wife of Bro. John Johnson, Council 12166, Pascagoula

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Bro. Bill Knox, Council 9094, D'Iberville

Mary Lamparty, wife of Bro. Chester Lamparty, Council 848, Jackson

Bro. Fred Lamprecht, Council 1908, Hattiesburg

Bro. Wayne Lovett, Council 7120, Southaven

Father Charles Loyacano, Vicksburg

Bro. Charles Malone, Council 1908, Hattiesburg

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Rita McCraw, mother of Bro. Jim McCraw, State Council/Marian Hour of Prayer Director

Pat McDonald, wife of Bro. James McDonald, Council 848, Jackson

Bro. James McGuire, Council 848, Jackson

Bro. Eddie Merriman, Council 10433, Grenada

Bro. Phil Messer, Council 10499, Ocean Springs

Jane Mosco, wife of Bro. Henry Mosco, former General Agent

Bro. Louis Navarro, Council 848, Jackson

Christian Noeske, son of Bro. Chris Noeske, Council 10216, Brandon

Bro. Bob Noonan, Council 1605, Pascagoula

Father Peter Quinn, Biloxi

Lucille Rains, mother of Bro. Kenn Rains, Field Agent

Bro. Elvin Raymond, Council 9094, D'Iberville

Betty Renz, wife of Bro. Eddie Renz, Jr., Council 1522, Bay St. Louis

Mona Riecke, mother of Bro. Dennis Riecke, Central Region Membership Coordinator

Barbara Rossetto, wife of Bro. Thomas J. Rossetto, Field Agent

Bro. Jerry Simmons, Council 8285, Jackson

Bro. Bill Sonneman, Council 7120, Southaven

Bro. John Szymonik, Council 1605, Pascagoula

Wife of Bro. John Szymonik, Council 1605, Pascagoula

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

Joseph Valencino, father of Bro. Joe Valencino, Council 848, Jackson

Bro. Duwayne Weber, Council 1605, Pascagoula

Bro. Henry Wilson, Council 848, Jackson

Bro. Jim Woods, Council 8285, Jackson

Sister-in-law of Bro. Philip Wright, Council 1908, Hattiesburg

Bro. Dale Young, Council 8038, Pearl



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
August 17	Biloxi 1244
August 24	Vicksburg 898

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.

50-YEAR MEMBERS

Several Brother Knights reach 50-year milestones in their Knights of Columbus membership in the year 2003. Following are the names, Council, and 1953 date of membership:

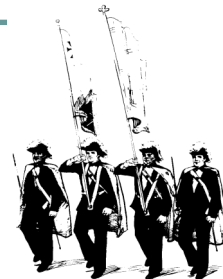
Name	Council	Date
Earl J. Babst	1583, Gulfport	05-01
Reno Borgognoni	2969 Clarksdale	05-01
Victor Cefalu	2945 Leland	06-01
Everett Q. Freeman	7910 Gulfport	10-01
Lee C. Morris, Jr.	1244 Biloxi	10-11
Joseph Wesley Toche	1244 Biloxi	10-11
Clarence F. Tripp, Jr.	1034 Natchez	05-01
Arthur W. Weed	1034 Natchez	11-01
Anthony M. Weisenberger	7854 Clinton	06-01

Congratulations to these Brothers!

Top Gun Councils



848, Jackson; 898, Vicksburg; 1908, Hattiesburg; 4472, Pass Christian; 5654, Ocean Springs; 6765, Starkville; 7087, Kiln; 7854, Clinton; 7974, Columbus; 8285, Jackson; 8912, Corinth; 9409, West Biloxi; 10216, Brandon; 11904, Lucedale; 11956, Columbia-Tylertown



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

Priest Education Fund

Biloxi Diocese Total - \$28,194.27

Highest donation - Long Beach 4898 - \$4000

Jackson Diocese Total - \$36,687.96

Highest donation - Madison 9543 - \$7500



Mississippi Pro-Life Memorial Fund

Biloxi Diocese Total - \$1,450.00

Highest donation - Pascagoula 12166 - \$750

Jackson Diocese Total - \$1,834.40

Highest donation - Madison 9543 - \$1000



CONVENTION AWARDS

HONOR COUNCILS

802, Meridian; 1583, Gulfport; 2180, Laurel; 5267, Greenwood; 6592, Bassfield; 8054, McComb; 8760, Holly Springs; 8848, Tupelo; 9958, Lizana; 10901, Oxford; 11541, Gulfport; and 11956, W. Harrison

COUNCILS OF EXCELLENCE

1034, Natchez; 1244, Biloxi; 5556, Cleveland; 7910, Orange Grove; 7974, Columbus; 9094, D'Iberville; and 9124, Gautier

DISTINGUISHED COUNCILS

848, Jackson; 898, Vicksburg; 2969, Clarksdale; 4472, Pass Christian; 6765, Starkville; 6872, Picayune; 7087, Kiln; 7120, Southaven; 7854, Clinton; 7915, Brookhaven; 8285, Jackson; 8912, Corinth; 9409, W. Biloxi; 8543, Madison; 11934, Gluckstadt; 12166, Pascagoula; 12271, CB Base; and 12331, Pass Christian

STELLAR COUNCILS

1908, Hattiesburg; 5654, Ocean Springs; 10216, Brandon; 11904, Lucedale; and 11956, Columbia-Tylertown

CHURCH ACTIVITY

1st - 10216, Brandon; 2nd - 12271, CB Base; 3rd - 9543, Madison

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

1st - 12271, CB Base; 2nd - 848, Jackson; 3rd - 898, Vicksburg

COUNCIL ACTIVITY

1st - 12166, Pascagoula; 2nd - 6872, Picayune; 3rd - 9543, Madison



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SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS - 2003

David Scott, State Program Director

CHURCH ACTIVITY

COUNCIL 10216, BRANDON

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

During the spring of last year, our pastor expressed his desire for our parish to have continuous adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The council Church Activities director met with Father, who is also a Knight, to discuss how the Knights might help in this regard. Father wisely stated that we must crawl before we walk, and suggested our parish begin by holding 4 hours of adoration each weekday morning. Over the course of several months the Knights have played a substantive role in this project.

Knights spend time each week praying for vocations, our parish, and other intentions before the Blessed Sacrament in a small chapel located adjacent to the main chapel. The tabernacle, which is approximately 20 years old, was tarnished and corroded in places. Beginning at 8:30 a.m. on a Saturday, the Knights removed the tabernacle from the chapel, disassembled, stripped and refinished it. This part of the project concluded at 6:30 p.m. One prospective member was invited to take part and was inducted a few months later. The council has received good recognition for this project and the tabernacle looks great. The linens the tabernacle rested on were in need of cleaning, so the council also cleaned and ironed and returned them the same day. The carpeting in the small chapel was wrinkled and stained. Our Church Activities Director recognized the chapel which contains the Body of Our Savior should be well-maintained in a manner appropriate to this function. So a carpet specialist was called in to make repairs to the threshold, re-stretch the carpet and clean it. Knights participated in removing the altar, chairs, and other furniture so the cleaning could take place. Then the Knights replaced these items the next day after the carpet had dried. Individual Knights paid for the supplies necessary as well as the carpet repairs and cleaning.

A total of at least seven council members participated and at least 42 service hours were expended to make Jesus' room a nicer and more fitting place. We plan in the future for our council to take a continuing role as the time for adoration is expanded.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

COUNCIL 12271, CB BASE, GULFPORT

Veterans' Day Ceremonies

What better way for a Knights of Columbus Council on a military installation to celebrate than to honor our veterans and fallen comrades on Veterans' Day. We decided to invite the residents of the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport to celebrate Mass with us at the Naval Base Chapel on Sunday the day before Veterans' Day. After making initial contact with the Commanding Officer of the home, the invitation was extended and accepted. We wanted to honor our veterans and at the same time make it

a memorable event for them.

We requested a 4th Degree honor guard during Mass. We had 12 Knights ready to dress out and others to serve as ushers, lectors and Eucharistic ministers. Flags from each branch of the Armed Forces were obtained and set up at the front of the chapel. Contact was made with active duty members of each branch of the service, Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard and a volunteer from each branch agreed to participate. They would process up the aisle in full dress uniform following the priest, servers and honored veterans carrying a folded American flag with the respective cover (hat) of each service on top. They marched up and placed the flags with the cover on top of the altar rail symbolizing our fallen comrades. As the mass was concluding, a professional bugler played taps softly from the rear of the chapel; there was not a dry eye in the place, especially those who had served so gallantly during wartime. If you have never been there, you cannot savor the true feeling of the sound of taps softly sounding in the background. We had succeeded; our veterans had been properly honored for the many sacrifices they gave in the service of their country.

Our council also prepared and served a fitting breakfast for them. The parishioners mingled with our guests, listening to stories and giving them a feeling of belonging and that just maybe, the many sacrifices they gave in the service of their country was after all, not forgotten. I received a phone call later that week from the Public Affairs Officer at the Armed Forces Retirement Home. He was expressing the gratitude of the residents who attended Mass that Sunday. He stated that they had not stopped talking about the event and how happy and pleased they were that someone had taken the time and effort to make them feel wanted and valued.

COUNCIL ACTIVITY

COUNCIL 12166, PASCAGOULA

John Johnson Fund

This project benefited a single Brother Knight within our Council. Participants included our Council, the Parish and other Councils and Brother Knights from around the State. Our membership director had undergone surgery necessary to reduce the strain on his heart and his legs. While in ICU, he experienced kidney failure and was on the verge of death. However, thanks to the grace of God, he survived. He was forced to spend almost 5 months in the hospital and physical therapy to learn how to walk and feed himself again.

During his stay in the hospital and the subsequent months after, he was unable to work and was turned down for disability. He and his wife got farther and farther behind in their bills and were in danger of losing both their car and their home. She was able

to continue to work during this time, and her income was not adequate to cover the mounting bills.

Our Council had given them some money from the Council before, but we all knew that it just wasn't enough. A campaign was started to bring this Brother's plight to the attention of the rest of our Parish and the Mississippi Jurisdiction. Letters were sent out to all of the members of our Council. Details of the fundraiser were placed in the Council newsletter and then by word of mouth it spread throughout the Parish. Letters were then sent to the Grand Knights of all the Councils within the Mississippi Jurisdiction, telling of this Brother in need.

The response we received was far beyond what any of us could have imagined. We would have felt lucky to have raised \$1500 in our efforts, but because of the generosity of the Parish members, the St. Vincent DePaul Society, Council members and Brother Knights from across the State we were able to raise approximately \$3800 for our Brother in need. When he and his wife were given the money they could not believe we had raised that much money. They were able to pay some bills that had been unpaid for almost a year.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

COUNCIL 9543, MADISON

Widows and Orphans

Our Order was founded to protect widows and orphans. Although not widowed, one of our most active and loved members was one of the first to be deployed to Afghanistan. When we got the news of the deployment, the Brothers of our council banded together and made it a mission that his family would not want nor need anything in his absence. Not one day went by that a brother or brothers did not make contact with his wife to be sure she and her children did not need anything. We cut grass, grocery shopped, babysat, ran errands and worked on automobiles. We even installed a video camera on her computer so she could video conference with her husband overseas and he could see her and his children. And during this time, the Knight's spirits were lifted and awed by the faith and love exhibited by our Brother's wife. She never seemed to let her faith in God waiver. She would keep us all informed about our Brother's status by e-mail and telephone. We even received an e-mail from him letting us know he was fine and all was well. Our brother was gone for over nine months but now has returned safely. And we thank God each day for that and as well pray for the men and women who are still fighting for our freedom.

At his first council meeting after his return home, he

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Our Squires



Squires circles in the Mississippi jurisdiction continue to grow. We congratulate Natchez on its recent charter. Ocean Springs Circle was also top circle in the Mississippi jurisdiction for the period, July 1 through February 28, 2003, with 11 new members. Their Chief Counselor, Joseph Niezgoda, was named Counselor of the Year at the recent State Convention. Squire of the Year was Gregory P. Moore of Columbia-Tylertown. We salute these fine young men, our future Knights, and their leaders.

Supreme Families of the Month, December-April

Congratulations to Ennis and Yvonne Grady, Council 11904, Lucedale, for being chosen Supreme Family of the Month for December. January honorees were David and Rose Mary Hughes, Council 2969, Clarksdale, John and Dorothy O'Dwyer, Council 9124, Gautier, and Nick and Evelyn, Council 8285, Jackson. For November and December, the winners were Steven and Betsy Simmoneaux, Council 9543, Madison, and Robert and Carolyn Frey, Council 11956, Columbia-Tylertown, respectively. Our April families were Donald and Shana Gloidden, Council 1034, Natchez, and the David Rocconi family, Council 5556, Cleveland. We are certainly proud of these fine Catholic families.



MORE CONVENTION AWARDS

FAMILY ACTIVITY

1st - 9543, Madison; 12166, 2nd - Pascagoula; 3rd - 10216, Brandon

YOUTH ACTIVITY

1st - 1908, Hattiesburg; 2nd - 898, Vicksburg; 10216, Brandon

VOCATIONS - BILOXI DIOCESE

1st - 1908, Hattiesburg; 2nd - 12166, Pascagoula

VOCATIONS - JACKSON DIOCESE

1st - 848, Jackson; 2nd - 9543, Madison

PRO-LIFE - BILOXI DIOCESE

1st - 5654, Ocean Springs; 2nd - 12166, Pascagoula

PRO-LIFE - JACKSON DIOCESE

1st - 848, Jackson; 2nd - 1034, Natchez

BEST NEWSLETTER

SMALL/MEDIUM COUNCILS

1st - 11956, Columbia-Tylertown; 2nd - 12166, Pascagoula

LARGE/EXTRA LARGE COUNCILS

1st - 9543, Madison; 2nd - 802, Meridian

BEST SCRAPBOOK

SMALL/MEDIUM COUNCILS

1st - 4472, Pass Christian; 11956, 2nd - Columbia-Tylertown

LARGE/EXTRA LARGE COUNCILS

1st - 1244, Biloxi; 2nd - 1034, Natchez

BEST COUNCIL AWARDS

SMALL COUNCIL

11956, Columbia-Tylertown

MEDIUM COUNCIL

10216, Brandon

LARGE COUNCIL

848, Jackson

EXTRA LARGE COUNCIL

9543, Madison

TOP PROPOSERS, 2002-2003

SOUTH DISTRICT

Richard Hoda, 7087, Kiln

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Ron Barry, 10216, Brandon

NORTH DISTRICT

Raymond Cole, 2969, Clarksdale

MISSISSIPPI JURISDICTION

Tom Chady, 898, Vicksburg

MISSISSIPPI STATE KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

JOSEPH NIEZGODA, COUNCIL 5654, OCEAN SPRINGS

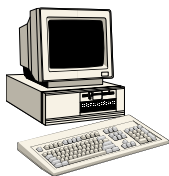
MISSISSIPPI STATE FAMILY OF THE YEAR

THE ALBERT AND CAROL KAIS FAMILY, COUNCIL 9409, W. BILOXI



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Abortion



Mississippi KofC Websites

The State Council website can be seen at <http://www.ms-kofc.org/>. 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 to the State Council Webmaster, Brother Greg Rottman, rottang@vicksburg.com, or to 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/кетags.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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SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS - CONT.

YOUTHCTIVITY

COUNCIL 1908, HATTIESBURG

Organ Donation Fundraiser

During the past year, a local youth who is well known in our community, was struck with a rare disease that requires a major organ transplant. The medical expenses involved understandably exceeds his family's limited insurance coverage. The Knights and the youth of our parish decided to raise funds to contribute to this effort. It was decided that two of the most successful fund-raising projects, a raffle and a Friday fish fry during Lent, would be combined into one project to earn the funds.

A project committee, consisting of Knights and members of the parish youth group, was organized to plan and implement the project. It was decided that the project date would be scheduled at the same time as a local sports event to take advantage of the expected large crowd of local fans and visitors. Committees were formed to advertise and promote the event, seek donations and secure supplies, meal and raffle ticket sales, prepare the food, set-up, serve and clean-up after the dinners.

To promote the event, multi-media advertising was planned. Brother Knights appeared on a local television show to promote the event. Several articles and committee member interviews were printed in the local newspapers. Also, radio stations announced and promoted the event to the local area. Press releases were issued to all press outlets. Committee members announced the fish fry at local organization luncheons. Finally, advertising was posted on two major organization web-sites to promote the event.

The project was a huge success. More than 85 Knights, youth and adult volunteers worked more than 325 hours in support of the various activities on the date of the event. The Knights and adult volunteers cooked the fish and supervised the youth in preparing other food items and serving the food. Other adult volunteers and the youth conducted the raffle. Representatives from several community organizations, including sports coaches, service organizations and the local police department were among the adult volunteers. More than 800 fish dinners were served. The raffles yielded additional income for a net profit of \$3200.00. Because of the community recognition for the good works of the youth group afforded by this project, we are confident that it is indeed the Best Youth Program Activity in Mississippi.

Swan song

I have enjoyed serving as your Editor these past two years. Please give your support to my successor, Bro. Paul Gospordarski. Remember that the *Magnolia Knight* is your State Council newsletter. You are encouraged to report on your activities so that the rest of us will know about them and profit from what you have accomplished. *Tony*

AND EVEN MORE AWARDS



VOCATIONS ACTIVITY - BILOXI DIOCESE

COUNCIL 1908, HATTIESBURG

Lenten Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Frys have become a much-anticipated tradition in our parish each Friday of Lent. The scope of this project was originally designed to increase awareness for vocations and to generate funds for the Diocesan Priest Education Fund. Since the project was originally begun, the objectives have been expanded to include the following: 1) to encourage Catholics to attend Stations of the Cross by scheduling the fish fry immediately after the Stations; 2) to provide an opportunity for Catholics of the different local parishes to work together on a church-focused project and, in doing so, grow in their sense of a unified Catholic community in our city; 3) to expand the awareness and support for Vocations by involving more parishioners in a project dedicated to Vocations; 4) to provide funds for the Council's annual donation to the Diocesan Priest Education Fund; and 5) to provide a seminarian for the local area with a monthly stipend for his personal expenses.

To accomplish these objectives, the council recruited the various adult and youth groups from area parishes to participate by providing the staffing for set up, serving, and clean-up for each Fish Fry. The Knights planned the project, coordinated the purchase of the supplies, directed the activities during the fish frys, and cooked the fish. The project was very successful and accomplished all of our objectives. Participation of the various parish groups each Friday increased overall attendance and provided an opportunity for others to share and contribute to the project which was easily sensed in the excitement of the workers each Friday. We are very thankful for the outstanding support of the groups in the parishes who contributed more than 225 hours of their time. Response of the membership who contributed another 260 man-hours was also noteworthy. Clearly, many hands make light work. Net income raised through this project allows our Catholic community, through the Knights of Columbus, to contribute annually over \$1,000 to the Diocesan Priest Education Fund, \$500 to the Christopher Fund and \$600 to support a seminarian from a local parish. Because of this project's focus on involving the whole Catholic community in the support of vocations, we are confident that it is the Best Vocations Activity in Mississippi.



VOCATIONS ACTIVITY - JACKSON DIOCESE

COUNCIL 848, JACKSON

Priest Education Spaghetti Dinner

Our best Vocations Project is actually two events that were done concurrently at different parishes. Our Priest Education Spaghetti Dinner is a favorite and always draws a nice crowd. Last year, it was moved to a different parish because of facility conflicts. The results were increased

sales. Having gotten comfortable in our ability to handle multiple projects on the same day, the Council decided to try it at both locations.

To accomplish this, we advertised the event as separate for that particular parish and did advance ticket sales. Tickets were mailed to members and they sold quite a few. At first, many of our members did not understand that listing both locations was not a mistake.

On the Saturday, we cooked all the sauce in one parish, cooling it and shipping a set amount to the other. On Sunday, two crews arrived for work at different locations. They both prepared the pasta, bread and warmed the meat sauce. By 11 a.m. both kitchens were buzzing with activity, the crowds began to arrive delighted the Spaghetti Dinner was back in their parish. It did get hectic and at one point we had to send more sauce back to the original parish because their sales were up and the other was slow. As luck has it, the call soon went out to ship some back. That's part of the learning curve related with something new.

In all, 55 men, (52 % of the total membership) worked 600 hours. Much of that was in advance ticket sales and planning, which was critical. It was clear two locations would have an unknown effect on sales. Overall, it went well and we plan to do it again. Sales were up about 25%, and we got more members involved. One final note, confidence in our abilities took a huge leap after this event.



PRO-LIFE ACTIVITY - BILOXI DIOCESE

COUNCIL 5654, OCEAN SPRINGS

Saved by a Rose

The rose is a symbol of peace, security and love. When Our Blessed Mother appears, it is often said that the smell of roses lingers in the air. Our Blessed Mother loves us and wants to help save us from evil that is in our world today.

Many times one good deed creates a chain of multiple good deeds. So it happened with our Council's Best Pro-Life Project. On Mother's Day, May 12, 2002, our Council stood outside of our parish church after all of the masses and sold roses. It was truly a delightful idea. The widows of our parish bought a rose to remind them of their deceased husbands who when living would never forget such an important day. They remembered the warm feeling of how they felt on receiving roses. For some husbands, it was a moment of salvation. Often you would hear comments, "I'm so glad you're



here. I did not have a chance to stop at the florist." Coming home with a rose for his wife to express his love for her is truly a positive when so much of today's society is trying to tear down good marriages. And finally, for Morning Star Pregnancy Center, the recipients of the proceeds of the rose sale, it signifies the love the Knights of Columbus has for the unborn child. Morning Star Pregnancy Center helps pregnant women through counseling and medical care to carry their pregnancy to term. Adoption is available to those who can not raise the child. This is truly a KC example of putting into practice what we proclaim in speech.

The event was planned and executed by three Knights with the help of sixteen Knights and four Columbian Squires in the sale of the Roses—a perfect project beginning and a perfect project ending.



PRO-LIFE ACTIVITY - JACKSON

COUNCIL 848, JACKSON

Pro-Life Crosses at the State Capitol

The Council has a passionate member responsible for pro-life initiatives. This year he convinced the local Right to Life office that the time had come to set up 4,000 crosses on the grounds of the Mississippi State Capitol. Council members and their wives are involved with this group as volunteers, board members or officers. The committee assigned to coordinate the Roe v. Wade 30th Anniversary Candle Light Vigil liked the idea of symbolic crosses.

The member had been involved with a similar display in other parts of the state and drove into the night to have them loaded in a trailer while waiting for a call to confirm permission had been given. The call came late Friday afternoon. While he was on the way back, he called numerous knights and pro-lifer volunteers. By the next morning a crew of 30 were at work measuring, boring and mounting 1,700 small white crosses.

Once the crosses were in place, a massive billboard constructed with two 4x8 sheets of plywood, painted and adorned with a simple pro-life message was erected. While work continued, women came out to pay homage to the symbolic crosses in memory of their aborted children. The atmosphere was quite moving.

The crosses and sign remained up for over a week. They were in place when the Candle Light Vigil took place. Over 1,000 people gathered for messages, song and prayer. They then were asked to go to a cross and pray for that baby. The Knights of Columbus were thanked repeatedly for their role in this event and for the strong stand for the protection of human life.

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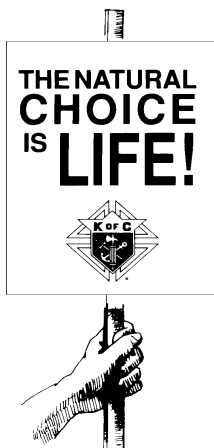
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