

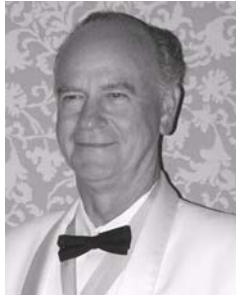


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Upcoming Events

◆ Exemplifications

Saturday 26 Jan 1, 2 & 3rd Degree
Council 9094 D'Iberville

Saturday 9 Feb 1, 2 & 3rd Degree
Council 7854 Clinton

Saturday 23 Feb 1, 2 & 3rd
Degree Council 6765 Starkville

◆ Noteworthy Dates

Christmas Day 25 Dec

Feast of Mary the Mother of God
1 Jan

New Years Day 1 Jan

Southern Region Mid-Winter 6
Jan. Council 1244, Biloxi

Northern Region Mid-Winter 12
Jan. Council 10443, Grenada

Central Region Mid-Winter 13
Jan. Council 10216 Brandon

Suspension for Non-payment of
Catholic Advertisement 10 Jan

December Family of the Month
Due to Supreme 15 Jan

Survey of Fraternal Activity
(#1728) 31 Jan

A WORD FROM OUR STATE DEPUTY

Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and fellow Knights of the Mississippi Jurisdiction:

I thought a long time as to what meaningful message could I give for this joyous Season of Christmas. While reflecting, it suddenly came to me.

**Jesus is the reason for the season
God gave Him to us as our Savior
What better present could he have given us**

I think that he showed us that giving is much more important than receiving. It is now our responsibility to pass on His message. What better way to do this than offering membership in the Knights of Columbus to all Catholic gentlemen in our parishes.

On behalf of the State Council, its officers, and Chairmen, I would like to extend to you and your families our wishes for a Holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

We have now completed our schedule of Regional Mid-Winter meetings and they will be held as follows:

Southern Regional

January 6, 2008 at council 1244 in Biloxi, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

North Regional

January 12, 2008 at council 10443 in Grenada, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

Central Regional

January 13, 2008 at council 10216 in Brandon, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Attendees should be council Grand Knights, Program Directors, Membership Directors, Financial secretaries, and Treasurers. This meeting is extremely important as we will be giving out information and required forms for the State convention. Per Capita notices, info and forms for the State Bowling Tournament, and other vital information.

Note: All meetings are from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm except the Central Regional in Brandon, which will be from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm due to conflict with a scheduled church function.

**VIVAT JESUS!
Danny Lechner
State Deputy**



SQUIRES NEWS

2007-2008 Columbian Squires Officers -
Father Mullin Circle 81 Vicksburg, Mississippi



(front l-r) Notary-Patrick Coccaro, Bursar-Steven Cialone,
Marshall-Steven Busma (back l-r) Chief Squire- Robert
Villagomez, II, Deputy Chief Squire-Travis Thornell

Jackson St. Therese Council
8285 is home to Mississippi's
newest Squire Circle.

Paperwork was submitted to
Supreme on Nov. 15th. The 19
new Squires were invested by
Circle 81 in Vicksburg.

IN HONOR OF BISHOP CHANCHE

With the re-inurnment of Bishop Chanche, (the first
Bishop of Mississippi) in the upcoming year, here is
the list of churches started by him.

"11 Churches - 13 Priests"

The Eleven Churches Founded by Bishop Chanche.

1. **Natchez (1842-1843)** "Our Lady of Sorrows", Bishop John J. Chanche 1841-1852;
Fr. John S. Francois, First Pastor after Fr. Brogard departed in Jan. 1842
Mathurin Francis Grignon, pastor 1851-1887
2. **Paulding (1843)** "St. Michael's Church", Rev. A. Desgaultiers
Fr. Ghislain J. Boheme, pastor 1843-1861
3. **Biloxi (1843)** "Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary", Rev. Labbe'
Rev. Symphorian Guinand, pastor 1846-1856
4. **Pass Christian (1843-1844)** St. Paul's Church, Rev. Guillaume Labbe
Rev. Symphorian Guinand from 1844-1847
5. **Jackson (1846)** "St. Peter the Apostle", Fr. S. H. Montgomery
Rev. W. Blenkinsop 1848-1850, Rev. Babonneau 1850-1853
6. **Bay St. Louis (1848)** "Our Lady of the Gulf Church", Fr. Louis Stanislaus Buteux
1847-1859. The church "was a brick structure of Gothic style, 165' x 46'. It was the
largest church in the diocese at the time." (Catholicity in Mississippi, p.154)
7. **Vicksburg (1849)** "St. Paul", Fr. Stephen H. Montgomery 1849-1852
[Rev. M. D. O'Reilly 1839-1841 resident pastor of Vicksburg as missionary by Bishop
Blanc of N.O. - he had "erected a frame church"]
8. **Sulphur Springs (1850)** "Immaculate Conception Church" known as "Our Lady of
the Springs", [The church was built in Camden in 1847, moved to Sulphur Springs in
1850]. Fr. John Babonneau 1850-1853
9. **Pearlington (1850)** (p. xi "Christ The Living Water--The C.C. in Mississippi
(No commentary in "Catholicity in Mississippi" by Bishop Gerow)
10. **Port Gibson (1850)** "St. Joseph", Fr. Andrew Fierabras
11. **Yazoo City (1851)** "St. Mary Church", Fr. Julian Guillou 1851-1856

Research sources: "Catholicity of Mississippi", by Bishop Gerow, 1939
"Cradle Days at St. Mary's at Natchez.", p.109, by Bishop Gerow, 1941
"Christ the Living Water--Catholic Church in Mississippi", p. ix, by Cleta Ellington, 1989

SOUTHAVEN RECEIVES COLUMBIAN AND McGIVNEY AWARDS

The Council's development of programs across five major
areas - church, community, family, youth and council - and its
increase in membership were recognized with awards from
Supreme for the 2006-07 fraternal year.

District Deputy and Past Grand Knight Bill Sonnemann
announced the recognition, which included; the
Columbian Award for the development of effective service
programs and the Father McGivney Award for membership
development. "This recognition says a lot for the
membership," Sonnemann said. "It rewards the hard work that
goes into the pancake breakfasts that support the priest
education program, the lighting of the manger that,
strengthens the Keep Christ in Christmas message, activities
that support the pro-life message and all the many other
activities that make the Knights so visible in our community.
These programs are important to our Parish and to our
community.

This recognition speaks loudly to the commitment this Council
made when a small band of 32 men secured its charter almost
30 years ago."

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO SEMINARIANS

850 men helped since funds' establishment in 1992

The Knights of Columbus has awarded 45 new \$2,500
scholarships to seminarians for the current academic
year and renewed an additional 81 grants. The
scholarships are for men studying for the priesthood for
dioceses or religious institutes in the United States and
Canada and are renewable for up to four years.

The grants are made from the Father Michael J.
McGivney and Thomas V. Daily scholarship funds, which
were established in 1992. Since the funds were
established 850 seminarians have been helped.
Preference in awarding the grants is given to men who
are Knights or who are the sons of Knights. This year,
approximately half of new awards went to Knights or
sons of Knights.

DISTRICT 12 1ST DEGREE TEAM HARD AT WORK

The 1st degree team from District 12 have put 76 KC members through the 1st degree from January 2007, through October 28th, 2007.

On October 28th, I was told by numerous members that attended the 1st degree at Council 5654 home that this was the best 1st degree they have been to. I was not at the 1st degree because I was cooking for the rest of the members that went through the 2nd and 3rd that day. I know that DD #12 George (Flitter) Roberts was very proud of them.

The Team was at it's absolute best and did an outstanding job. They've been together for a varying number of years and have jelled into one of the "top" 1st Degree teams in the entire State if not the best.

They spearheaded the very 1st "major degree" to be held in the 12th District in 3 or more years and set the stage for a very successful "exemplification" that followed.

Carl Brochard
Grand Knight 5654



*From left to right front row Joe McCormick---
Warden 10499, Frank Hilt--Music Man 10499, Jim
Morris-- Financial Secretary, 5654, Frank Catchot--
Chancellor 5654,*

CASH RAFFLE UPDATE

Good Day, My Friends,

Greetings! I hope you are having and will have a wonderful Christmas Season and that together, we will have a marvelous New Year. On January 1st, 2008, our Knights of Columbus Cash Raffle will have less than 4 months to go until the drawing at the Banquet at our Annual State Convention. It is extremely important that each of you does your part to help make this raffle as successful as last year's Automobile Raffle. Starting in January, you must push, push, push. Last year, we netted approximately \$32,000 in the Jackson Diocese alone for seminarian education. We must strive to surpass that \$32,000 level. This means (with the \$17,500 cash gift we are giving away, \$8,750 from Jackson and \$8,750 from Biloxi) we must gross over \$40,000. This is a big step. We Knights, though, are big steppers. Let's get behind this raffle. I would urge each District Deputy to stay in frequent contact with the Grand Knights within your district. You Grand Knights must likewise do your part in selling the tickets assigned to your council.

I would like to receive all monies and tickets raised and sold during 2007 by January 15, 2008. Please remember to use the proper reporting forms as found on the State web site. I also ask that when you report by district or by council, that all cash and checks be deposited into a council's checking account and a check drawn upon that account and forwarded to me along with the appropriate reports and all the raffle tickets sold. In this way, we will have a better audit trail. As some of you may know, all books and records are subject to audit by the IRS at the completion or closing of this fundraising raffle. Please call me, e-mail me, or write me if you have any questions.

May God bless you and your family during this Holy Season.

Vivat Jesus!
Deacon Larry



'MILLION DOLLAR' SERVICE

Every month Columbia magazine features an advertisement for the order's top-rated insurance program. Normally the ad spotlights one of our outstanding products or highlights the financial and personal value of owning Knights of Columbus life insurance.

Every October, however, we do something a little different. Since that issue features coverage of the Supreme Convention and the text of our Supreme Knight's Annual Report, it is one of the most highly anticipated issues of the year. That's why we choose that issue to spotlight the very best agents in our field force--those who have attained membership in the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT).

MDRT is the premier association of financial professionals, and only about 3 percent of life insurance agents worldwide qualify for membership. The Knights of Columbus proudly claims 96 MDRT members, or a little more than 7 percent of our field force. We choose the October issue of Columbia to spotlight and congratulate those 96 professionals. If your agent's name appeared, why not call and congratulate him for being among the best in the business?

The MDRT Code of Ethics calls for member agents to "always place the interests of their clients above their own interests," and to "give the best possible advice to clients by seeking to maintain and improve professional knowledge, skills and competence."

What does this mean for you and your family? It means that your professional Knights of Columbus agent won't simply try to push a policy on you. He'll ask questions about your needs, goals and budget. He'll recommend a plan to help meet your needs and move toward accomplishing your goals. Most importantly, he'll answer your questions. He wants your purchase to be an informed one. Exemplary sales practices.

Whether or not you purchase life insurance coverage during your visit (and if you need it, we hope that you do!), your relationship with your agent won't end. He'll meet with you annually to make sure you remain adequately protected. Outstanding service.

As a brother Knight, he has your best interests at heart. He will render that service, which, under the same circumstances, he would apply to himself. High ethical standards.

To identify your professional K of C agent, visit "Find an Agent" at www.kofc.org.

INSURANCE TOPS \$65 BILLION IN FORCE

Amount has doubled in past decade

On Oct. 30, the Order's insurance program exceeded \$65 billion in force for the first time. Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said the milestone is "evidence of our faithfulness to the vision of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney." He also gave credit to the Order's 1,300 field agents who help members build a rock-solid foundation on which to provide financial protection for their families."

The amount of Knights of Columbus life insurance in force has doubled in the past decade from \$32.9 billion in 1997 to \$65 billion.

The Knights of Columbus is ranked among the Fortune 1000 list of America's largest companies.

MUZZI COMPLETES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FIELD AGENT SCHOOL

John Muzzi of Shaw, a field agent in the Woods Agency, completed an intensive week-long training school November 5-9 at the organization's international office in New Haven, Conn. He is shown here with Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson.

Muzzi qualified to attend the school based on successful completion of an eight-week self-study program and by achieving sales and production goals during his first 90 days as an agent. He received instruction from the Order's home office staff in such areas as understanding clients' life insurance needs, recommending appropriate products to address those needs, and providing quality post-sale customer service, while maintaining the high ethical standards of the life insurance industry and the Knights of Columbus.

With more than \$65 billion of life insurance in force, the Order annually earns the highest ratings from both A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's, and has received multiple "Best Practices" citations from the Insurance Marketplace Standard's Association. For more information on the Knights of Columbus, visit the Order's Web site at www.kofc.org

